



SteepleTalk

*Find out what's going on and what's coming up
in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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This Sunday's Worship



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Finishing Strong in 2018

The end of the year is close at hand, and our leaders and staff are working hard to complete our work for the year and plan for the year ahead. As we finish this year, here are things that each of us can do to strengthen the church's ministry.

Fulfill your 2018 commitment

Have you fulfilled your pledge for 2018? If you are not sure, feel free to call Caroline Bishop at the church for an update on your pledge status.

Consider extra giving

Many people choose to remember or honor loved ones with special gifts to the church at Christmas. Others plan significant donations to worthy causes at year's end. Some seek to maximize their tax savings by making sizeable gifts. This kind of giving makes a big difference to our ministry. Please consider John Knox Presbyterian Church with this kind of year-end, "above-and-beyond" giving.

Pledge for 2019

Our budget depends mainly upon *pledged* offerings. We cannot plan responsibly for ministry without these commitments. If you know that you want to support Christ's ministry through our church, please communicate that desire by submitting a pledge toward our work together.

Pray for John Knox

The financial work of our church serves and equips the greater, spiritual work to which we are called. Please join in asking God to enrich our life and direct our work together so that every aspect of our ministry glorifies the Lord we serve.

	Stewardship Progress Report
	2019 Pledge Cards Received: 172 2019 Pledge Card Value: \$756,758

2018 Giving

- DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 31
- POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 31

ALL GIFTS
POSTMARKED OR
HAND DELIVERED
AFTER
DECEMBER 31
WILL BE CREDITED
TO 2019



Offering Envelopes

IF YOU PLEDGED,
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES
OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE YOU ATTEND.



Christmas Eve Fellowship

All are invited to come to the Fellowship hall between the 5:00 and 7:00 Christmas Eve worship services for cookies, hot chocolate, and hot cider. Spread your Christmas cheer and wish all a very merry Christmas as we celebrate our Lord's birth!

Volunteers are needed to bring cookies for our gathering. If you will be here Christmas Eve and can help by bringing 2 dozen cookies, please contact Laurie Davis by email or text so we know how much to purchase. Thanks and Happy Holidays everyone!

Laurie's phone: 430-8341

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Women's Retreat

JOHN KNOX
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Creativity and self-care is important to our spiritual growth. As women, our thoughts and actions are almost solely focused on those around us. We nurture, care take, plan and stress over our loved ones. We are the task master, counselor and rock for which everything and everyone relies on. But without care and attention, even the strongest of foundations will crack.

Join us for our "Faithfully Creative" women's retreat on Saturday, February 23 where we'll connect with our inner artisan as we learn the importance of creativity and self-care as a spiritual discipline. Through breakout sessions and small group discussion you'll have the opportunity to learn new techniques to inspire and feed your soul in ways that bring you closer to God.

Retreat brochures for registration are available in the church office and in the Narthex or you can register online [here](#).

Faithfully Creative

A WOMAN'S RETREAT

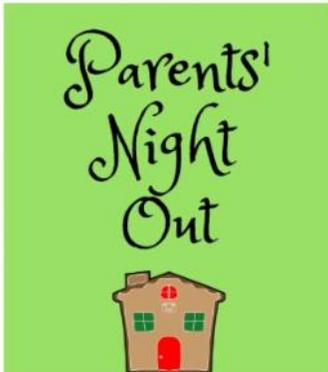
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2019
9 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Children's Ministry News

Carriers of the Light

We are so proud of our children for the beautiful Christmas Pageant they presented on December 16. They did an awesome job! Thank you to everyone who came to see it, and to all the people who helped make it happen: Elizabeth Martin and Betty Ward for their direction and music; our parents who got their children to all of our practices and helped with costumes and speaking parts; Carol Phillips, Betsy Turnbull, and the JK Kindergarten program for the wonderful costumes; and Chris Matthews and Harriette Drescher for the lovely reception. And sincere thanks to our John Knox staff for their help and flexibility in the preparation for the production. We couldn't have done it without you all! Merry Christmas! Remember to be a Carrier of the Light!



We had a great time making gingerbread houses at our Parents' Night Out on Friday, December 14.

Christmas Eve

The children will be singing at the 5:00 Family Christmas Eve service. All children are welcome! Please meet Mrs. Martin in the Sanctuary at 4:45. The children will sing at the beginning of the service and then join their families in the pews.

Mailbox

A special thanks to our church family for the ongoing prayers this year for my daughters, Sabrina and Laura, during their ordeal with breast cancer. Both are doing well after their surgeries and recovery. Everyone has returned to a normal life. Thank you!

Terry Setzer



TOGETHER

MIDWEEK GATHERING

We will not meet in December but look forward to gathering Together again beginning on January 9, 2019!



Good News! Good News!

Frieda Brown

with apologies to Clement Moore

'Twas the week before Christmas
And all through the house,
Everybody was busy
Yes, even the mouse.

For there were presents to wrap
And cookies to bake,
Oh! That long list of chores
Just made my head ache.

But, Today it is Sunday!
The day of the Lord!
The day to remember,
The day to rejoice!
The day to sit back
And forget all those chores.

So, stop hurrying and scurrying
And rushing about,
Just sit back and listen
For without a doubt,
Everywhere Christians have good news to tell
It is not the hoopla,
It's E-MAN-U-EL!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 20 - Mary Stall
- 21 - Kyle Jackson, Carolyn Alexander, Thomas Krumins
- 22 - Beverly Nelson, Ross Miller
- 23 - Anna Cain, Tommy Dowling
- 26 - Isabelle Russell
- 27 - Leigh Ambrose, Ruth Carter
- 28 - Anna White
- 29 - Diane Paul, Ann Rowland, Charlie Dixon, Madeline Reilly
- 30 - Sheen Mitchell
- 31 - Rob Smith, Richard Russell, Mason Kress

January

- 1 - Bob Phillis, Cheryl Popoloski, Olivia Carter
- 2 - Russell Harris, Brett Marton

By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, December 16

8:30 - 102

11:00 - 201

Weekly Offering Received: \$16,181.54

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,211.31
YTD Offering Received: \$780,269.05
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$860,565.50



There will be no Steepletalk publication next week. Look for our next edition on Thursday, January 3.

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