



SteepleTalk

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

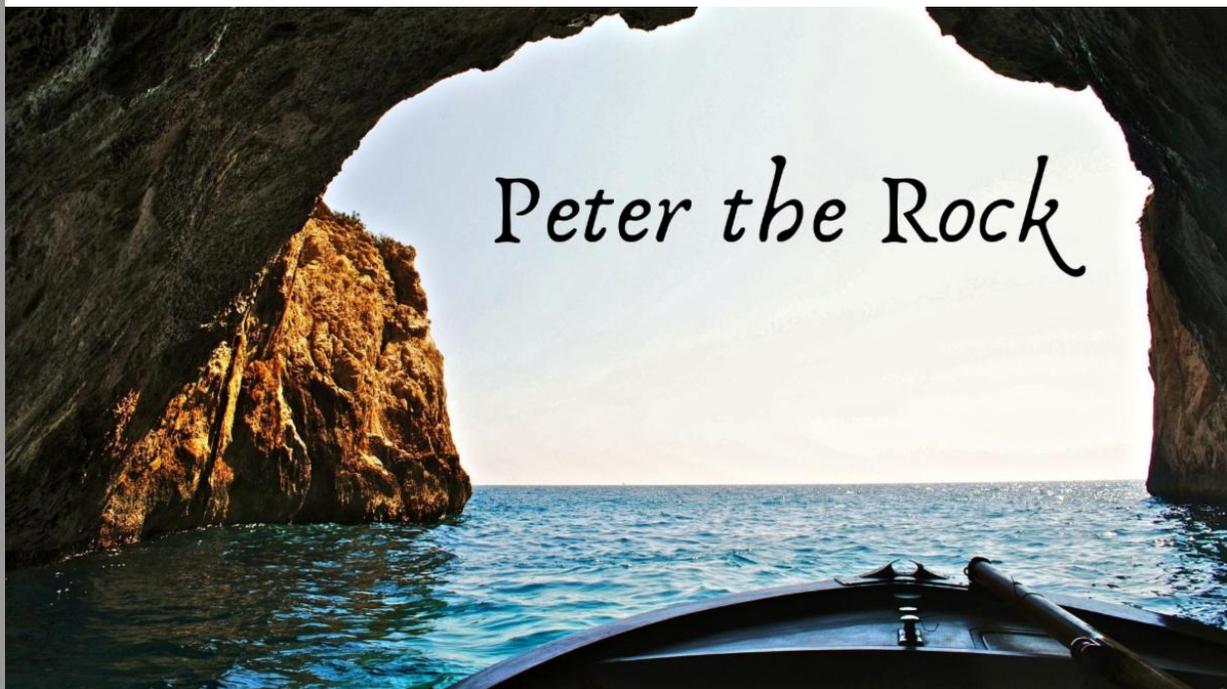
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This Sunday's Worship

Join us this Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 AM

**In person: Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
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"Simon, Called Peter"

[Click here to access the Worship Bulletin.](#)

Worship Series: “Peter the Rock”

Peter is the archetypal disciple of Jesus. A fisherman in Capernaum, he accepts the call to follow Jesus and becomes the leader among the twelve apostles—the Rock upon whom Christ builds the Church. Stories of Peter illustrate the nature and challenge of discipleship for any who dare to drop their nets, take up their cross, and follow Jesus.



It's never been more important for us to recognize the transition you're making and bless you as you go into a new school year. So much is uncertain in this new beginning but one thing we know for sure: "The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Come drop by the portico outside the church office
this Sunday, August 23rd from 5-7 PM
for a drive-through blessing and treat from the JK Staff.

This school year is going to take ALL of us working together (parents, grandparents, siblings, coaches, friends, etc.) so bring the whole family. Anyone is welcome!



AUGUST 2020

Thanks to all who
contributed to our
school supply
drive!



Book Study on

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AUSTIN CHANNING
[REDACTED] BROWN [REDACTED]

To equip us to understand and respond to the concern for racial justice, we invite you to read and discuss the book *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown.

From the publisher:

Austin Channing Brown's first encounter with a racialized America came at age seven, when she discovered her parents named her Austin to deceive future employers into thinking she was a white man. Growing up in majority-white schools and churches, Austin writes, "I had to learn what it means to love blackness," a journey that led to a lifetime spent navigating America's racial divide as a writer, speaker, and expert helping organizations practice genuine inclusion.

In a time when nearly every institution (schools, churches, universities, businesses) claims to value diversity in its mission statement, Austin writes in breathtaking detail about her journey to self-worth and the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice. Her stories bear witness to the complexity of America's social fabric—from Black Cleveland neighborhoods to private schools in the middle-class suburbs, from prison walls to the boardrooms at majority-white organizations.

We plan to offer online discussion via Zoom meetings, to start late August or early September.

To participate, please click on the button to register. We will contact each registrant to schedule the first discussion.

Guatemala Scholarship Drive Now Underway

Through years of mutual service, our friends and mission partners in Cobán, Guatemala have come to count on the commitment of John Knox to their vital educational ministries.

The Covid-19 pandemic has radically altered this year's version of WALC (Women in Agroecology Leadership for Conservation). With considerable effort Rob and Tara Cahill will be leading this program virtually this fall, engaging hundreds of young women in the region in sustainable agriculture, leadership development, women's health, and personal growth. The program encourages its participants' ongoing educational attainment by supports them throughout the school year.



Likewise, most activities at La Patria Norte school in Cobán are currently online. La Patria is a Presbyterian school (grades K-12) that integrates faith formation and excellent secondary education in this underserved region of the country. John Knox and other U.S. congregations constitute an important funding source for La Patria as its dedicated staff continue to seek ways to fulfill their educational mission in these challenging times.

Our Session has authorized this year's special offering for Guatemala scholarships. \$150 funds a WALC student's participation; \$600 will provide full tuition for a student this year at La Patria Norte. We hope to offer spiritual encouragement and material support to our partners in Cobán. You can use the link below to connect with a printable giving page, or find the Guatemala Scholarship option in the Giving tab on the John Knox app. Thanks for your generosity!

[Guatemala Scholarship Giving](#)

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John Knox to continue to serve.**

We can receive your gifts:

- by mail
- through automatic bank draft
- through the John Knox App

In this season of concern, the Church's witness of service and caring is more important than ever. John Knox is doing all we can to continue our ministry in ways that keep us connected to God and to each other. Please continue your offerings so that we can serve fully throughout this time of need.

Ways to give:

- Mail your contributions to the church at 35 Shannon Dr., Greenville, SC 29615
- Set up electronic payments through your financial institution
- Use the John Knox app: click on "Give"

Thank you for prioritizing the ministry of Jesus Christ in your financial life.



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IF YOU ARE IN NEED, WE WANT TO HELP. PLEASE
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW
HOW WE CAN ASSIST YOU IN THIS SEASON.

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Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM, via Zoom Video Conference for their regular monthly meeting. The following are some of the items discussed:

Administrative

- 1) Both expenses and income are still down, but we remain in good shape.
- 2) The Session approved a virtual Congregational Meeting be called for the election of the Congregational Nominating Committee as soon as the Senior Pastor feels practicable. The method will be to use Survey Monkey software for those members whose email addresses are available with mail in ballots sent to any others.

Christian Education

- 1) Carol explained the new 12 week study on the Parables that the staff is putting together.
- 2) Rev. Howell mentioned that Women in Christ will have their September Meeting via Zoom. If other classes or study groups are interested in using Zoom, just contact David.

Christian Mission and Outreach

- 1) The first school supply drop-off was earlier today for Lake Forest Elementary School.
- 2) The Session approved the special offering for the Agroecology School in Guatemala.

Fellowship

- 1) The first event was held on the lawn in front of the Chapel on August 12th. It was attended by about 30 people. Jessica and Laurie led the games.
- 2) They are considering one gathering per month.

Music & Worship

- 1) They are working with Susan Felton to put in place the processes and procedures for restarting the Children's Nursery during Worship.
- 2) Ken offered thanks and praise for this morning's video choir.

Nurture

- 1) Most in-person services are currently on hold.
- 2) The Care Companion program is continuing with the existing Care Groups.
- 3) The Serving Saturday event has been pushed back until late October or November.

Property & Operations

1) All the pandemic related things, approved by last month's special appropriation, have been implemented.

Jessica Meggs:

- 1) The Fellowship event last Wednesday was a joy.
- 2) The whole team is working on the new project that CE mentioned.
- 3) Next Sunday, the 23rd, there will be a drive thru drop-in with treats to hand out.

Rev. David Howell:

- 1) They are all excited about the new educational opportunity and discussion of the Parables.
- 2) Please participate in the Lake Forest Elementary School drive thru collection next Tuesday 11 AM till 1 PM.

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

- 20 - Robert Wilson
- 21 - Bess Smith, Amy Bridwell, Palmer Gailey
- 22 - Craig Rhodes, Melissa Waltman
- 23 - Carol Kendall, Brett Weaver
- 24 - Jan McDonald, Charles Robertson, Lily Pierce
- 25 - Doug McDonald
- 26 - Jennifer Ridilla

By the Numbers

Sunday, August 23
In person: 36
Livestream: 108

Weekly Offering Received: \$16,706.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,060.48
YTD Offering Received: \$593,467.52
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$562,995.87



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