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in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

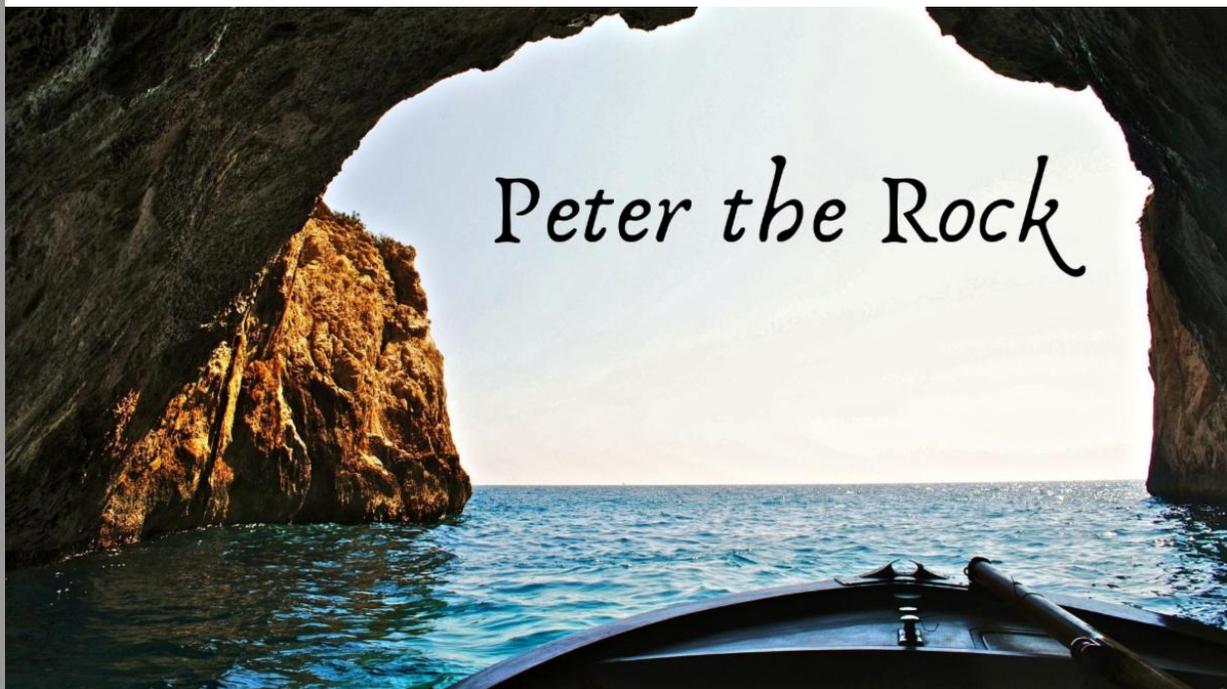
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This Sunday's Worship

Join us this Sunday, August 30 at 10:00 AM

**In person: Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
Digitally: YouTube, Facebook, or John Knox App**



"Abandon and Abundance"

[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.

Electronic Vote for Nominating Committee

A slate of John Knox members has agreed to serve as this year’s Congregational Nominating Committee. In light of the current number of worship attendees, the Session has authorized the congregational election of the CNC to occur through electronic balloting.

On Saturday, August 29, the church will send out an email to our general distribution list with a link by which each active member can vote. Members who receive our newsletter by U.S. mail will be sent a paper version to complete and return. Each individual church member may vote independently, even when one email address covers multiple members in a household.

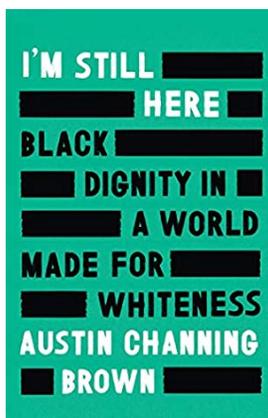
The following members will be placed in nomination to serve as the 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee: **Ken Bell, Sophie deMaine, Kitty Olson, Diane Paul, Danielle Watson, Barry White, and Josh Vickery**. We will announce the results of the voting soon after the conclusion of the voting period (August 29--September 8).

Calling all college students and parents!!

We are still updating our college roster in order to stay in touch during these especially trying times. If you have not responded with your (or your college students) email address and/or phone number, please consider it. Reply to Mandy Scott or Jessica Bixler- jessica_twilley@hotmail.com (864-360-2094)



Book Study on



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.

[Register here!](#)

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 supporting 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](#)



*Thanks for popping
by on Sunday!*

We hope you're having a great
first week of school!

United Ministries Food Drive

You can bring these items with you on Sunday or drop off to the office during the week.
Thanks for your generosity!

Needs of the Week

- Peanut butter (OUT)
- Dried beans (OUT)
- Individual powdered milk packets (OUT)
- Canned soup
- Canned sweet peas
- Canned beef stew
- Individuals ramen noodle packets
- Grits
- Large boxes of cereal





PLEASE GIVE.

**Your ongoing generosity helps
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.



**Please
Let Us Know...**

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.

864-244-0453

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

27 - Jennifer Whatley, Will Sadler, Abby Jackson, Garrett Wright, Weston Parker

- 28 - Mike Kill, Bill Lee, Bill Patterson
29 - Jennifer Nelson, Georgia Cloer, Don Myers
30 - Jennifer Webber
31 - Wendy Frattolin, Victoria Jenkins, Giles Stokes

September

- 1 - Merry Beth Smallridge, Jan Reiter, Betty Williams, Ellie Horton
2 - Sarah Carter

By the Numbers

Sunday, August 23
In person: 42
Livestream: 97

Weekly Offering Received: \$6,290.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,060.48
YTD Offering Received: \$599,757.52
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$580,056.35



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