



SteepleTalk

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

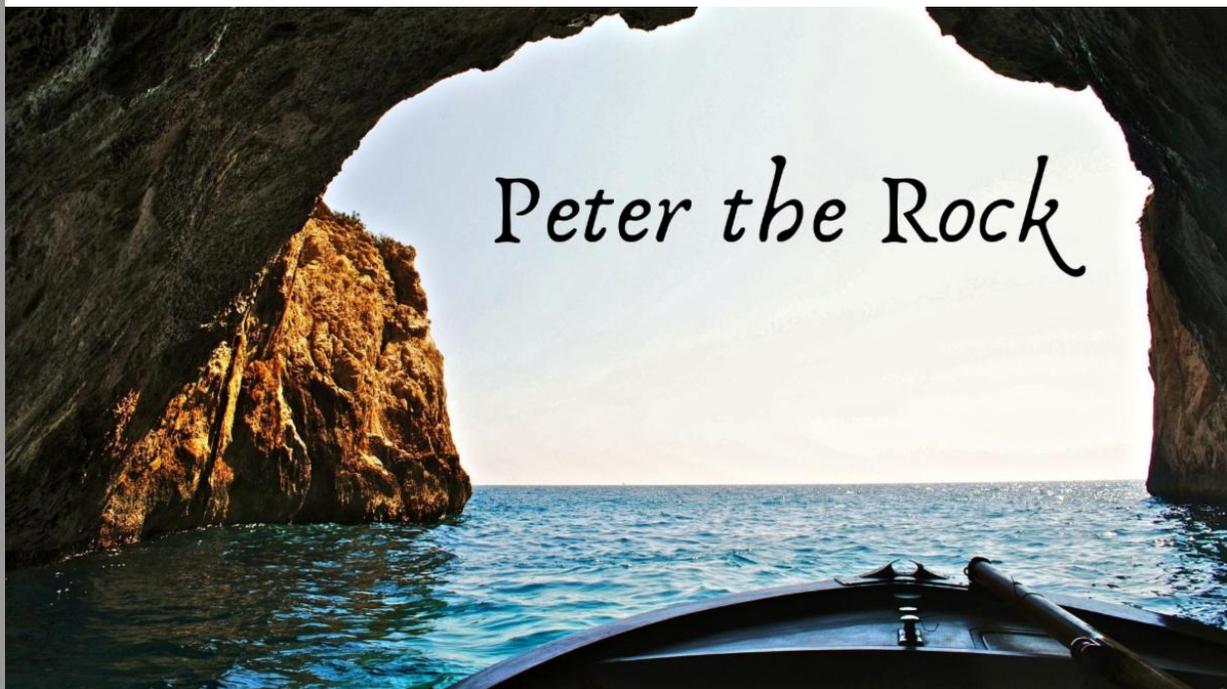
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This Sunday's Worship

Join us this Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 AM

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



"Solid Footing in the Storm"

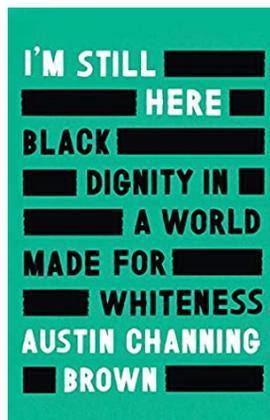
[Click here to access the Worship Bulletin.](#)

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](#)



FALL 2020



So much has changed but our mission in John Knox Youth Ministry remains the same: to provide a place for middle and high school students to encounter the deep and personal love of God, engage in relationship with Him and with one another, and become equipped to love and serve beyond the church walls. Here's how we plan to do that this Fall:

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All middle school students are invited to join us on the lawn at JK every other Sunday night for teaching, games, and fellowship. On the weeks when we don't gather at the church, we'll connect with you virtually through YouTube or Zoom! Specific details for those virtual encounters will be shared regularly in the Monday Memo.

Every Other Sunday Night ● 5:00-6:00 PM
Specific dates: 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All high school students are invited to join us on the lawn at JK every other Sunday night for teaching, games, and fellowship. On the weeks when we don't gather at the church, you'll be encouraged to connect with your small groups virtually or off-campus.

Every Other Sunday Night ● 6:00-7:00 PM
Specific dates: 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesday evenings during September and October for our high school study! We will gather in backyards each week to dive deeper into the biblical theme of justice, specifically as it relates to our role as Christians in the current discussion of racial injustice.

Wednesday Nights ● 7:30-8:30 PM
Specific dates: 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28

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- 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

American Guild of Organists Greenville, SC



Curious about the contraptions that make an organ work? Know the basics, but want to see inside the chambers? An organ open house, "Pedals Pipes Pizza", is Saturday, Sept 12 at 10:30-12:30 in the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church Greenville (use choir entrance door). The event includes a short demonstration by local organists and a technical discussion by an organ tuner. The morning includes open console time, where participants try playing the instrument, and a pipe peek, a tour of the inside pipe chambers. This is geared toward children grades 6-12, but all persons curious about the organ are invited. Registration at greenvilleago.org.

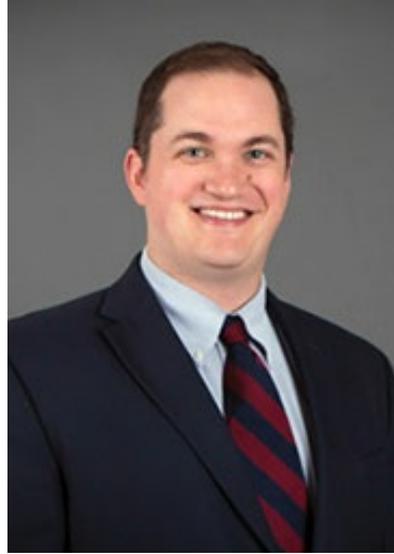
Staff Anniversaries



Caleb Stephens
6 Years



Caroline Bishop
3 Years



Luke Browder
1 Year

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

- 3 - Libby Pelletier
- 4 - Rob Smith
- 5 - Pat Fuller
- 6 - Danielle Watson, Andrew Reilly, Connor Williams
- 7 - Carol Diaz, Jessica Meggs, Addison Syracuse
- 8 - Grant Gailey
- 9 - Doug Kroske

By the Numbers

Sunday, August 30
 In person: 40
 Livestream: 105

Weekly Offering Received: \$10,080.00
 Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,060.48
 YTD Offering Received: \$609,837.52
 YTD Budgeted Offering: \$597,116.83



Please email all submissions for Steepletalk to msscott@johnknoxpres.org. For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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