

# GOOD NEWS from the hill

John Knox Presbyterian Church - July 2010

## Baton Passed!

June was one of the most rich and inspirational months that I have experienced in my lifetime: Megan and I were touched by the warm reception that we have received and the wonderful ways that you all welcomed us to the John Knox community of faith. We already love the church and the area. The kids have started to settle into new friendships and patterns. It is always fun to unpack boxes and put things in new places.

So many great things...but what really stuck out was getting to know Doug Patton better. What a unique gift of God! Doug oozes with God's grace and the Jesus-life. At the end of an amazing ministry, I was touched by his gracious spirit and his passionate desire to pass off the ministry of the church as smoothly and effectively as possible.

Doug observed that it is the runner passing the baton who is responsible for the handoff. I can say this with certainty: Mission accomplished, Doug! In worship on June 27<sup>th</sup>, in the midst of Doug's final sermon, he passed off the baton quite dramatically, handing me a paper towel roll (I am still thinking about the profound symbolism and meaning of the paper towel roll!) and encouraging me to continue the relay of life, faith and ministry.

I immediately thought of one of my favorite passages of Scripture which is found at the beginning of Hebrews 12:

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, **and let us run with perseverance the***

***race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..."***

Doug has run the race marked out for him with great perseverance. He has beautifully and faithfully carried the baton passed on from 6 predecessor pastors. He has handed off the baton cleanly in a way that sets this church up well for the race God has marked out ahead of us.

Over the past month, the baton that Doug has carried for so long has become very real to me. Doug shared publicly that he was passing off the gospel ministry - that we are to spread the good news of Jesus through word and deed. But Doug is passing on so much more...

- A congregation that has an enormously high love quotient
- A people passionate to glorify God by "seeking new believers, growing in faith and meeting human needs"
- A strong, gifted and talented group of leaders who love God
- An increasing desire of all to grow as Jesus' disciples
- A fellowship that understands God to be present among them in all of life

So, I commit to you now my heart's desire to run the race that God has marked out for us with great perseverance while we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus!

Inviting you to run with me,

Tom Houston

## LOOKING AHEAD

JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GOLF  
SCRAMBLE

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at  
Rolling Greens Golf  
Course

This is open to men AND  
women!

Sponsored by the  
Fellowship Committee  
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Reservations: Denny Printz 33-454-2862



"Thank you to all who participated in the TEA on June 13<sup>th</sup> in my honor. I was both surprised and overwhelmed by your expressions of care, concern, and best wishes. I will cherish the memory of that special day as Doug and I move into this next phase of our lives". With Love and gratitude, June

## VBS

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all of those wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time, talents, enthusiasm and resources to make our Vacation Bible

School a success! Your efforts have surely touched the hearts of the little ones we ministered to, and also touched the hearts of your fellow volunteers!

What a great week!

THANK YOU!

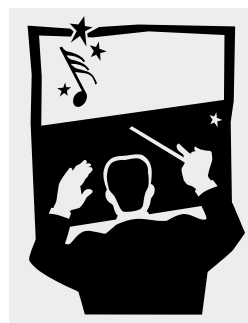


## Snack Time

The Sunday Snack Time sign up is in the hallway right across from the office & workroom. We are moving back to a 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Snack Time. If you would like to sign up to bring snacks, (perhaps your Sunday School Class would like to sign up for a Sunday) please sign the sheet in the hallway or email the church office.

## Happy Retirement, Rev. Doug Patton!

Best wishes and God bless you in your retirement!



## CANTON CONCERT BAND CONCERT

SUNDAY, JULY 11 AT NOON!

Come, and enjoy outdoor Worship (11 o'clock service), followed by a picnic and the ANNUAL Canton Concert Band Summer concert at

John Knox!

Bring a covered dish, your family and friends for this time of Worship, fellowship and music!

## Congregational Meeting

Our Congregational Meeting has been rescheduled from July 11 to July 18 so that we can receive the budget from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, and for the election of Elders & Deacons. Please plan to be part of these brief meetings at the end of each service.

## **MISSION UPDATE:**

### **Evangelization in Zambia**

Nancy Collins writes of her time in Zambia. Almost every morning she walk for exercise Regardless of the time day or night she says there is always Zambians walking. They are walking not for exercise. They walk wherever they need to go These Zambians may have a bicycle, but they don not ride them for sport or pleasure. Bikes are an important mode of transportation. These bikes are different than American bikes as they are ale to carry loads of 500 pounds or more. The bicycles in Zambia are also used to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ!

On one of her tours, they stopped to visit a church in Ngoni Village. The Ngoni are an ethnic group living in Zambia. They migrated to Zambia from modern day KwaZulu-Natal in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. An evangelist, Mr. Mark Mtonga had met a resident, Mrs. Banda and asked her to start a village church. She accepted the challenge. Thanks to her efforts, they were supplied a bicycle. There are approximately 50 members in the village church. A mud and thatch worship structure was constructed last fall. With heavy rain in February of 2010, the building was washed away. The congregation is now building a more durable worship structure.

Showing the love of Jesus Christ to individuals by helping them improve their quality of like is also essential. The CCAP/Zambia is currently exploring Community Health Evangelism (CHE) as a way of liking evangelism and community development in impoverished Zambian communities.

Nancy and group have identified an existing master CHE trainer in Zambia. They will meet with him and provide the staff with more information about the methodology, and make plans for a presentation to clergy and lay leaders during the Synod meeting in August. Everyone is excited about the possibilities CHE offers for strengthening both evangelism and community development in the Synod.

Nancy has asked for a prayer request for 48 year old Olivia Kabandama, wife of General Secretary Kabandama, who has been diagnosed with mitral valve disease. She is currently being treated with medication, but the only real way to address the condition is through surgery to replace the mitral valve. Heart surgery is not done in Zambia. The cost of the surgery (\$2500) is available at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. Please pray for the Kabandama's as they struggle with the implications of Mrs. Kabandama's condition. Despite the agony they live with, the continue to trust in God's love and mercy.

### **CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST**

Laurel Kehl, one of our supported mission personnel, with Campus Crusade for Christ, recently shared in her newsletter for June about all of the debriefing she has been doing lately. As the coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic region, she deals with the mission personnel when they return to the U.S. after being abroad. They need to be able to share their stories in the mission field, so that she can help arrange for their needs in the future. Some of the ministry is done in countries where they cannot openly do Christian ministry. So she has to be ready to assist these workers when they come home as their may be stress issues related to their ministry work. Some of these areas are northern Africa, eastern Asia, and Kazakhstan. Laurel asks for our continued prayers, as she does her debriefing work this summer. John Winkelman, whom we support with Family Life Ministries branch of Campus Crusade for Christ, will be with us to share the latest in his ministry with his wife and partner Karen on Sunday, July 11. They live in Arkansas with their children. They have asked for prayer for 19 year old daughter Hannah who is currently in Uganda on a mission trip this summer. We look forward to hearing John's message and update. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday mission project will be the Winkelman's for July. All loose offering and designated gifts on July 25 will be directed toward their continued work.

## **"I Can't Be a Stephen Minister!"**



Maybe you haven't said this aloud in a crowd, but you may have spoken it to yourself in the mirror—or at least thought it. Anytime some new challenge shows up, the "I can't" phrase is bound to be nearby.

You may have heard about

Stephen Ministry, realized that you do have the gifts, the commitment, and the desire to be a Stephen Minister, and you even may have felt God's tap on your shoulder. But you still aren't sure.

What are some of the reasons you've given yourself for not becoming a Stephen Minister? Here are some likely candidates.

### **"I'm not qualified to be a Stephen Minister."**

What qualifications are necessary to be a Stephen Minister? You need to be a caring person who is willing to learn, grow, and serve. You must be willing and able to maintain confidentiality. You need to make a commitment to training, ministry and supervision. If you meet those qualifications, your Stephen Leaders will equip you with the rest of what you need: training, support, encouragement, care, and prayers. They will make sure that you will succeed as a Stephen Minister.

### **"I don't know what to say or do in a ministry situation."**

Stephen Ministry training is thorough and practical. It includes listening; dealing with feelings; maintaining assertiveness, confidentiality, and boundaries; beginning and ending caring relationships; and care for people who are grieving, dying, aging, divorcing, and experiencing other life crises. The goal of training is to prepare Stephen Ministers for whatever they might encounter when working with care receivers. Through reading, lectures, questions and answers, and skill practice you will learn what you need to know to succeed as a Stephen Minister. After being assigned to a

care receiver, Stephen Ministers participate in continuing education and supervision group sessions. This is where they care for and support one another and sharpen their caregiving skills.

### **"I have problems in my own life. How can I help other people with their problems?"**

Some problems are so big that you need to address your own needs and wait until later to be a Stephen Minister. After you have worked through your problems however, your experience of finding God's help and care in your struggles is some of the best preparation you'll ever receive for caring for others during their tough times. Stephen Ministers aren't problem solvers, they are problem bearers. A Stephen Minister's job is to walk beside another person as that person works through his or her struggles. The Stephen Minister brings stability, prayer, and Christ's love to the care receiver's situation.

### **"I don't have enough time to be a Stephen Minister."**

There's a way in which that is true for everyone—time is a precious commodity. As a matter of fact, time so precious that it only makes sense to use it on activities that make a real difference—in others' lives as well as in your own life. When you make the commitment to be a Stephen Minister, you will find the hours you need to devote to it. Stephen Ministry becomes a priority among the many activities you're involved in. The time investment is significant, but so is the contribution you will be making to building God's kingdom.

### **Now what is your excuse?**

Think and pray about this opportunity. If you come to the conclusion that you might be able to serve the Lord and the John Knox congregation by being a Stephen Minister, please contact one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders: Lynn Lehner or Sam Martin so we can talk over the possibility. If we come to the common agreement that you would be well-suited to be a Stephen Minister, you will then begin this exciting ministry training in September.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Melissa & Tim Tomasik in the birth of their son, Timothy Michael Tomasik II on June 22! Proud family are: grandparents are Ron & Sue Carey, and great grandmother Anne Ballinger.



Children's Church Volunteers

The John Knox children need you!

We are in need of someone to take over coordinating lessons for Jr. Church. The schedule is completed and set through March of 2011, but we need someone to provide lessons for the little ones during the 11:00 AM service. Please contact Patty Tepsic or the church office if you are willing to help out. Thanks!

## Ryan's Report

### Youth

During the month of June, the youth served at the Community Outreach Of Love (C.O.O.L. Project) in downtown Canton, participated in a progressive dinner, assisted with the Vacation Bible School program, and enjoyed the Alive Concert at Atwood Lake. There were six youth who engaged in the service project in downtown Canton. Over one hundred homes were worked on by one thousand volunteers from various churches. This was a great service to the community! On June 13, nineteen youth had a great time with the progressive dinner in North Canton. The theme was baseball with picnic food. A special thanks to the Meadow's, Beel's, Grewell's, and Hall's for hosting the youth and providing delicious food! Next, the youth helped with crafts, teaching, recreation, food, etc. with Vacation Bible School. Jennifer and Loraine did a great job leading the program. Lastly, seven youth ventured to Atwood Lake to the Alive

Concert. It was awesome to freely worship the Lord with thousands of believers!

### Upcoming Events for July

**July 11 (Sunday)**- A picnic will follow the second service. Then, the Canton Concert Band will play at the church at 12:15pm. All are welcome to come.

**July 17 (Saturday)**- The children, youth, and parents can participate in a water fun day at the church from 11:00am-1:30pm. See the insert (flyer) for more information.

**July 20-25 (Tuesday-Sunday)**- Youth in grades six through twelve will partake in the local youth mission trip. This trip will consist of service work, educational opportunities, and fun times of fellowship. This will be a special time to learn and be more grateful for the community we live in.

**July 31 (Friday)**- Balloon Lift Off- I will need one group of volunteers to come to JKPC from 10:00am-12:30pm to create posters, prepare food, and help get ready for the balloon lift off. I also need another group to be at JKPC from 5:30pm-8:30pm. They will be assisting with parking, selling food, etc.

**August 1 (Saturday)**- Balloon Lift Off- I am asking that one group of volunteers come to JKPC from 5:00pm-8:00pm. The youth will be assisting with parking, selling food, etc. The second group can come to JKPC from 8:00pm-11:00pm. This group will be assisting with parking during fireworks, cleaning up the parking lot and kitchen, etc.

### Parents

I am continuing the "Night Out" program that is open to all who are interested in learning more about parenting. We are going through the book, Boundaries with Kids, by Cloud and Townsend. There have been seventeen folks who have participated in this study from the community and Campus Preschool. I would love to see more parents from our church family participate. Please, let me know if you are interested and I could fill you in on upcoming dates and times.



## Whacky Water Day

John Knox Presbyterian Church is excited to lead an outdoor water fun day for family and friends within the church and community. There will be various activities such as water slides, slip-n-slides, a water balloon launcher, limbo, etc. In addition to all the games, we will provide a tasty cookout at 12:00pm.

When: Saturday, July 17 from 11:00am-1:30pm

For: All ages

Where: John Knox Presbyterian Church (5155 Eastlake St.)

Cost: Free!

Why: We place a high value on "family time" and would like to create opportunities for families to laugh, play, eat, and interact with one another while having fun.

Lunch: Please bring a side dish if your last name begins with A-M and a dessert if your last name begins with N-Z. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks.

Note: I would recommend that all the kids wear swimming suits. Parents can wear whatever is comfortable, but realize that you might get wet!

RSVP: Please RSVP to Ryan Johanning so we can properly prepare for the games and food.

Ryan Johanning

[Email- RyanJohanning@yahoo.com](mailto:RyanJohanning@yahoo.com)

Church Office- (330) 494-9479



## YOUTH SUMMER MISSION WEEK

### Calling all Jr. & Sr. High Youth

This year we are bringing "Mission Week" home to Stark County with group service projects, educational fieldtrips, fun and fellowship for all! Register Now and plan on bringing a friend... This is a NO COST, NO FEE Mission Program!

#### Schedule for the week:

##### Tuesday, July 20

8:30am Gather for morning devotions at JKPC

9:00am Group Service Project

12:00pm lunch

1:00pm- 3:00pm pool party

##### Wednesday, July 21

8:30am Gather for morning devotions at JKPC

9:00am P. Graham Dunn Christian Woodworking

12:00pm lunch

1:00pm-3:30pm Stark Co Wilderness Center

##### Thursday, July 22

8:30am Gather for morning devotions at JKPC

9:00am- Group Service Project

12:00pm lunch

1:00pm-3:30pm Beech Creek Butterfly House & Gardens

##### Friday, July 23

8:30am Gather for morning devotions at JKPC

9:00am - 3:30pm Trip to Cleveland Zoo

##### Saturday, July 24

1:00pm Gather at JKPC for devotions

1:30pm Head to Craftsman's Park for overnight w/ swimming, fishing, games, campfires & boat rides

##### Sunday, July 25

8:00am Gather for sunrise service

9:00am Breakfast by the lake

10:00am back to JKPC

#### RSVP by July 12 to Ryan

Email- [RyanJohanning@yahoo.com](mailto:RyanJohanning@yahoo.com)

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## ANNIVERSARIES

July:

1	Kirk & Diane Fennell
4	Jordan & Rachel Steele
10	Kevin & Jane Quinn
11	Rick & MaryAnn Campbell
13	Rich & Nancy Busby
16	Patrick & Tammie Birmingham
17	Denny & Allison Printz
18	Bill & Sandy Engel
19	Bill & Alison Blondheim
23	Harold & Myrta Gerren
28	Nathan & Amanda Skalsky
31	Sam & Donna Russell

## BIRTHDAYS

July:

1	Jonathon Beels, Katie Elgin, Christy Smith
2	Sam Martin, Denise Nims, Miriam Persinger
3	Marilyn Bergmeyer, Geoffrey Langley, Jody Overdorf
4	Cindy Mohler, John Santora Jr.
5	Beverly Belgya, Emily Sue Hodge, Don Reader, Ryan Johanning
7	Henrietta Moore, Tammie Birmingham
10	Bonnie Stich
11	Debra Ladd
13	Ralph Lind, David Meadows
14	Robbie Lewis, Matt Fabinak, Brittany Young
15	Don Wolfe
16	Nancy Rupert
17	Mel Moncrief
20	Charlie Tepsic, Elaine Wolfe
21	Kristi Belgya, Patty Tepsic, Lillyana Tomasik
22	Jack Lewis, Sue Lyon, Jack Halkides
23	Michael Reiter
24	Peg Froelich, Sandy Engel, Luca Destefano, Paula Smethers
25	Tim Riehl
26	Jennifer Morrison
27	Phillip Kirkbride, Melinda Grewell, Sharon Grosse, Mike Weston
28	Christian Smith
29	Lauren Hatfield
30	Alison Kovach
31	Jason Elliott

## NURSERY AND JUNIOR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

### Nursery 9am

July 4	Mike & Amy Mast
July 11	Carolyn Long
July 18	unscheduled
July 25	Holly Davies

### Nursery 10am

July 4	Alison Blondheim
July 11	Vicki Vinci
July 18	LaGrace Moldovan
July 25	Jo Foraker

### Nursery 11am

July 4	Maria Codispoti
July 11	Debra Ladd
July 18	Barb Ivan
July 25	Debra Ladd

### Junior Church

July 4	Ryan & Youth
July 11	Janine Santora
July 18	Patty Tepsic
July 25	Anne Ballinger

# John Knox Presbyterian Church – July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30 AM YMCA	2	3 Memorial Service
<b>4 Independence Day</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:05 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<b>5</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer 6:30 PM Worship Group 7:00 PM Mission Group 7:00 PM Scout Den <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM YMCA 9:45 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Fiscal Group 7:30 PM Concert Band	<b>7</b> 5:30 Stephen Ministers 1:00 COM	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM YMCA 6PM- 8PM Campus Preschool picnic	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Eagle Scout Ceremony
<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:05 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship <b>Outdoor</b>  11:45 AM picnic 12:00 Band concert	<b>12</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer 7:00 PM Session & Deacons 8-9 PM Boy Scout Parents	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM YMCA 9:45 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM CASHA 7:30 PM Concert Band	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30 AM YMCA	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM Sarah Care Support	<b>17</b> 11:00 – 1:30 <b>WHACKY WATER DAY</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:05 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship <b>Congregational meeting</b> 1:00 Baby Shower	<b>19</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer 7:00 PM Evangelism Group  Youth Gr Mission trip	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM YMCA 9:45 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Serenity Shore Meeting 7:30 PM Concert Band  Youth Gr Mission trip	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Support Group  Youth Gr Mission trip	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM YMCA  Youth Gr Mission trip	<b>23</b>  Youth Gr Mission trip	<b>24</b>
25 9:00 AM Worship 10:05 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Joe Hrach preaching 1:00 pm Shriver wedding shower	<b>26</b> 6:30 AM Men's Prayer 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Group 7:00 PM Christian Essentials Group	<b>27</b> 8:30 AM YMCA 9:45 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Concert Band	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM YMCA	<b>30</b> <b>HALL of Fame Balloons</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Hall of Fame Balloons</b>

## "Night Out"



John Knox Presbyterian Church is eager to host another "Night Out" for parents to discuss the second half of the book, Boundaries with Kids. There is a study guide available and the group will be answering questions five through eight.

**When:** Friday, July 9 from 6:00-8:00pm

**Who:** Anyone who has an interest in learning more about parenting

**Where:** Perkins Restaurant (4896 Everhard Rd in Canton)

**Why:** To enjoy great fellowship with discussion regarding the book, Boundaries with Kids, by Cloud and Townsend. Please read chapters seven through fourteen.

**Note:** Free childcare will be available at the church. Food will be provided for the children.

Please RSVP by July 5 so I can prepare for this evening with regard to childcare and reservations at Perkins Restaurant. Simply, email or call Ryan Johanning (Head of Youth Ministries at John Knox Presbyterian Church).

Email- [RyanJohanning@yahoo.com](mailto:RyanJohanning@yahoo.com)

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I look forward to this excellent opportunity as we grow deeper in our knowledge and love for parenting!

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Come, join your church family for Worship and fellowship this summer.

Summer Worship schedule:

Sundays: 9:00am Traditional Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship

Fellowship opportunities throughout the week

See you at church!