

WELCOME



To The John Knox Family at

JOHN KNOX
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Who We Are

John Knox Presbyterian Church is a church of Jesus Christ established:

To provide an environment where individuals and families can worship God and give thanks for God's love and grace;

To provide opportunities for the study of the Scriptures;

To nurture and teach children and youth in a loving and supportive manner;

To respond in love to the physical and spiritual needs of those in our congregation and beyond, and

To be a congregation which affirms the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and one which invites and encourages personal relationship with our Lord.

*The JOHN KNOX FAMILY...
places the worship of God through Jesus Christ
at the center of our life together.*

Twice each Sunday morning, at 9:30 and 11:00, members of the John Knox family gather for worship. Children join other worshippers several times each year for special Family Worship Services.

The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month and on other special occasions. Communion will be served by one of the pastors at home upon request.

The Sacrament of Baptism is conducted during Sunday worship several times during the year. A conference with the pastor needs to be arranged prior to the baptism.

*The JOHN KNOX FAMILY...
believes that music enhances
our worship experience.*

The music program includes a rich variety of musical offerings. The Chancel Choir sings in both Sunday worship services and for other special occasions. (Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m.) The Chancel Handbell Choir (Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.) and other musical groups, instrumentalists and vocalists participate in worship throughout the year. The Children's Choir rehearses on Sundays following the 11:00 a.m. service and contributes regularly to our shared worship experience.

These groups are open to all. Feel free to join in and "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

*The JOHN KNOX FAMILY...
provides opportunity for Christian
growth and nurture for all ages.*

The Church School classes are held at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. For children and youth in grades 3 through 6, classes are specifically designed to meet the needs and interests of the students. *Beginner Worship Class* is available for 3 & 4 year olds. *Infant and toddler care* is provided in a loving atmosphere for children under age 3.

Children and Worship and *Follow Me* (at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) are unique and very special programs for children (age 5 through grade 3). The experience shares the Biblical story and the teachings of Jesus in a worship atmosphere. A class for children in grades 4 - 6 continues the experience started in the earlier programs.

Our *Confirmation Program* (and church school) for youth in grades 7 - 9 meets only at 11:00, and is an in-depth study of the Bible and the Christian faith and tradition leading to church membership.

A *Bible Study* class for *Senior High* youth meets at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings as does a discussion class for adults.

The *Men's Bible Study Group* meets on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. This group discusses various topics as well as studying the Bible.

Adult Bible Study Classes are offered at a variety of times through the week, with special classes offered in the fall and during Lent.

The *Youth Fellowship* groups for *Junior Highers* (grades 6 - 8) and *Senior Highers* (grades 9 - 12) each meet twice a month, generally on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Watch for announcements in the *Knox News* and the Sunday bulletin.

The midweek LOGOS program meets on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. This program for grades K through 12 includes Bible Study, worship skills, recreation and a family-style dinner. The emphasis of the program is in building relationships with Christ and others.

Our Youth Workcamp is a one week experience for youth in grades 9 - 12 at a different site each year. This "hands-on" mission experience provides unforgettable fellowship and unmatched spiritual growth. Junior High Youth experience a summer trip or conference.

*The JOHN KNOX FAMILY...
encourages the formation of interest groups for
spiritual growth, friendship and mission.*

Faith-at-Work Groups (adults of all ages) meet for fellowship, study, mission, and the sharing of joys and concerns. The studies are led by group members.

Our exceptional Men's, Women's, and Adult Small Group Retreats provide opportunities for spiritual growth, personal renewal, and friendship building.

John Knox Presbyterian Women includes all women of the church, with some choosing to be in one of four "circles" that meet monthly. Girlfriends meets 3 or 4 times a year for fun and fellowship. All women are welcome.

Stephen Ministry is a trained group of lay ministers who provide care when needed for our members and friends.

The John Knox Preschool is a program available for three & four year olds from the church and community. This ministry offers intellectual, social and emotional growth activities in a warm and caring environment. For information about the preschool, please call 440-954-4529.

*The JOHN KNOX FAMILY...
reaches out in caring service and mission
beyond the local congregation.*

Through the leadership of the Session, the governing body of the church, we share in mission outreach through a variety of local agencies and the world wide mission projects. Our current outreach includes:

*Garden Valley Neighborhood House
West Side Ecumenical Ministry
North Presbyterian Church
Bethany Presbyterian Church
North Olmsted Department of Human Services
Interfaith Hospitality Network*

*Habitat for Humanity
The City Mission
Youth and Adult Workcamps
Shalom P.C., Nicaragua
Church World Service
Presbytery of the Western Reserve
Synod of the Covenant
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

We encourage all who are a part of our ministry to participate in these outreach activities and to experience personal "hands-on" Christian service.

John Knox Church conducts classes for those considering uniting with the church. If you are interested in these classes or would like further information about the church, please note that on the blue Friendship Pad in the pew or call the Church Office.

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*The JOHN KNOX FAMILY...
belongs to an extended family.*

We are members of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, which includes 49 churches in northeast Ohio; the Synod of the Covenant, encompassing Michigan and Ohio; and the Presbyterian Church (USA) at the national level.

As a Presbyterian church, we stress the responsibility of all, laity and clergy, to be ministers of Jesus Christ. We are governed by a board of Elders who are elected by the congregation and ordained to their office. The Elders and the Pastors compose the Session. Other boards and committees of the church have specific delegated responsibilities under the direction of the Session.

*The JOHN KNOX CHURCH STAFF...
enables the John Knox family to
carry out its ministry.*

Rev. Dr. Thomas L. MacMillan, *Pastor*
Rev. Jessica L. MacMillan, *Parish Associate*
Rev. L. Gordon Blasius, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. Dr. Alfred A. Hart, *Parish Associate*

Kyle DeWees, *Director of Youth Ministry*
Justine Tinline, *Director of Children's Ministry*
Vicky Slowik, *Director of Music and the Arts*
Hai Ju Choi, *Organist*
Tammy Reich, *Director of Children's Choir*
Jan Wahl, *Director of Liturgical Movement*
Janet Wilson, *Parish Nurse*
Bill Stewart, *Treasurer*
Kathy Radune, *Office Manager*
Betty Dimond, *Part-time Secretary*
Lynne Youseff, *Nursery Care Worker*
Jim Mino & Ken Miller, *Custodians*
Nancie Rachocki, *Director, John Knox Preschool*

MEET OUR PASTOR

The Reverend Dr. Thomas L. MacMillan became Pastor of John Knox Church on August 13, 2001. Tom and his wife Jessie are both graduates of DePauw University and Princeton Theological Seminary. Following seminary they were ordained as Ministers of Word and Sacrament in January of 1995 and accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church in Roswell, NM where they both served as Associate Pastors.

From October of 1997 until coming to John Knox Church, Tom served as Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian in Ft. Myers, FL.

Tom received his Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in 2003.

The Reverend Jessica L. MacMillan is serving at John Knox Church as a Parish Associate. In addition to assisting in worship and occasionally preaching, Jessie heads the confirmation program, teaches adult Bible classes, ministers to the elderly, and co-ordinates small group ministries. She also resources the Spiritual Growth Committee and often leads retreats.

The MacMillans have four sons: Duncan, Brogan, Kyle and Colin.

Come,
join us for worship
next Sunday!