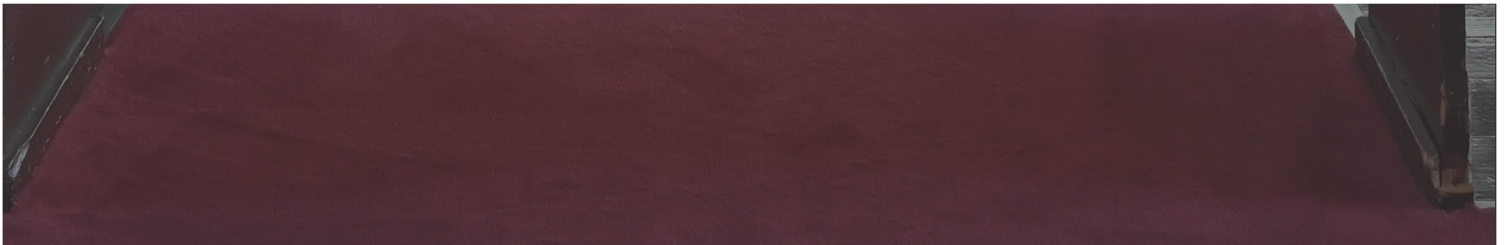




KNOWLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**OVERWHELMED BY THE GIFT
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Our Core Values

1

A Firm Commitment to the Truth of Scripture

We believe that God's word in the Bible is His inspired, infalible, inerrant and authoritative word to us. The Bible guides, encourages and transforms us through the Holy Spirit to live a new life committed to growing in love and awe of God, worshiping Christ together as we show the love of Jesus as we serve in our church and community.

2

A Deep Desire to Glorify and Praise God in Vibrant Worship

Knowlton Presbyterian Church (KPC) highly values Christ-centered preaching of the whole counsel of God, God-centered liturgy that encourages genuine repentance, and joyful adoration and praise. God calls us frequently through His Holy Word to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. We are overwhelmed with gratitude and love for God's grace, faithfulness, and mercy, acknowledging the amazing sacrificial gift of our salvation bought by the blood of Jesus. We long to worship and praise Him with all our heart, mind and soul through the singing of hymns, confessing our sins, professing what we believe, praying, and presenting our tithes and offerings. We are renewed during Worship as God speaks to us through His Scriptures, in both the Old and New Testaments, as we read scripture together, listen and contemplate the preaching of God's word, united in communion and encouraged and sustained by the Assurance of Pardon and the Benediction.

3

A Striving to Live out the Gospel in Everyday Life

Knowing that by the unconditional love of God, we are saved only by grace, through faith in Christ, we are motivated to live as His disciples. We recognize that God gives each of us gifts to build up, strengthen and serve the body and that all aspects of our lives need to be lived as worship to glorify God. Our KPC family uses the many gifts God has blessed us with to strengthen our faith and loving bonds by spending time together in prayer, fellowship groups, Bible studies, and sharing meals. We firmly believe that God calls us to use our gifts to share his Gospel message, so we strive to be a blessing to each other, our local community, and to support missions.

Our Home

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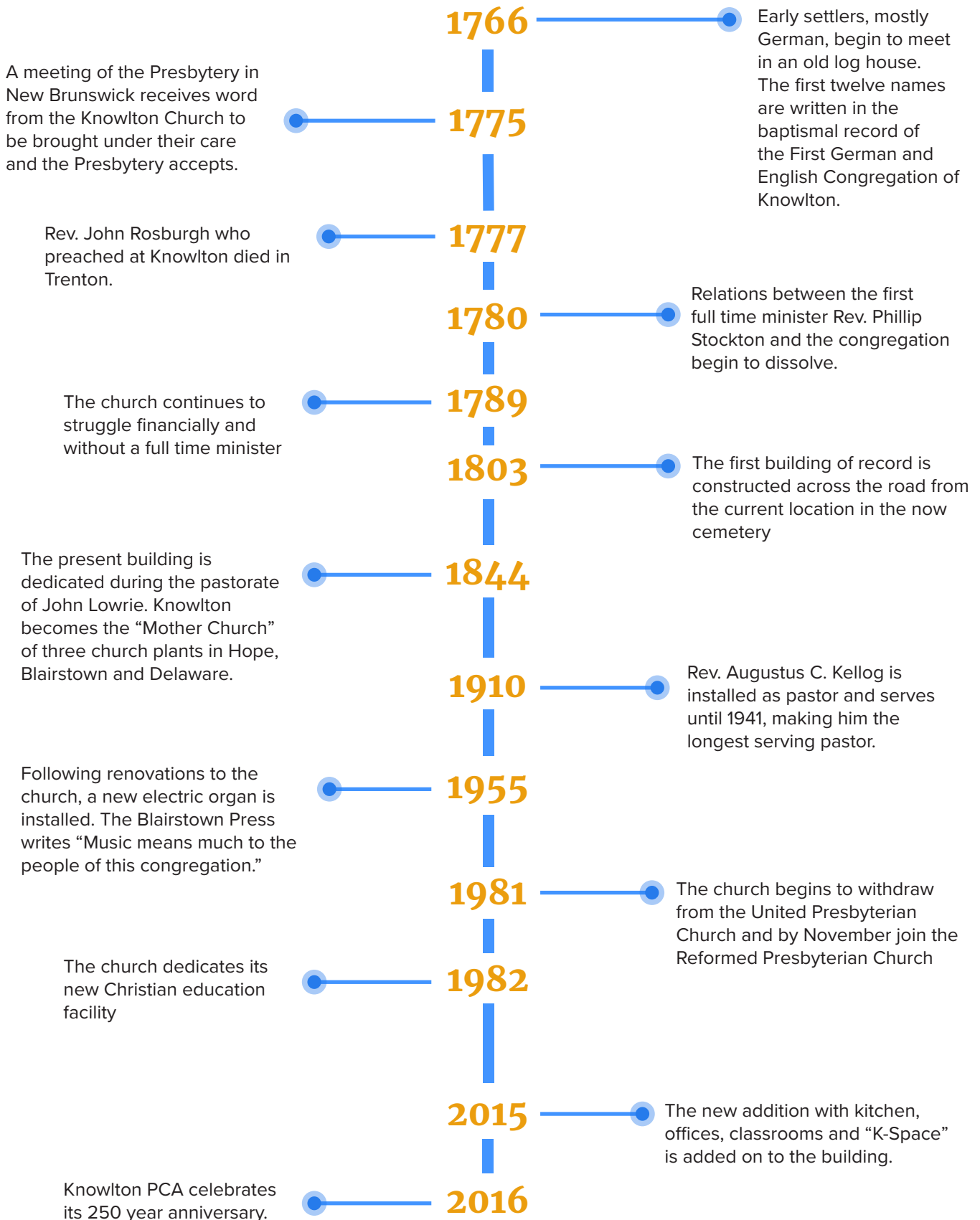
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Nestled between the Appalachian Mountains and the Delaware River, Knowlton Township is home to many trails, farms, and innumerable outdoor excursions. While still being a convenient distance to many larger towns, cities, amenities, and only 65 miles from New York City, Knowlton retains its picturesque claim as part of the “Garden State”. We enjoy being within a reasonable drive to the shore, the Pocono Mountains, Philadelphia, and many other desirable locations. Our rural county has many historical locations and several societies intent on preserving our local history.

Our beautiful church has a rich heritage dating back to 1766. Our worship service still takes place in the historic sanctuary, though we have also been blessed to add to our space with multiple additions creating a large and welcoming building which we seek to use to serve our Savior and our community with events that bring glory to God.

Our History





Knowlton Presbyterian Church is the 7th oldest congregation in the entire PCA. It was formed in 1766, ten years before our nation's independence. German, Dutch, Swedish and English settlers of different denominations first met in a log cabin home in northwestern New Jersey. In 1775, The New Brunswick Presbytery named the church The First English and German Congregation of Knowlton.

At this time the church congregation consisted of Presbyterians, Dutch Calvinists and Episcopalians who worshiped together in a stone church in what is now the village of Delaware. In 1802, a larger church was built across from our present location so it would be more centralised in the county. It was at this time that the congregation began to flourish as a truly Presbyterian Church.

The present church building was dedicated in 1844. The Knowlton Presbyterian Church was the mother of three other churches during this time. It has been a place where faithful people from all walks of life have gathered to worship the living God for over 250 years.



1890



2020

Our Team

Our faithful team equips us to carry out our vision of hearing the gospel and living out its implications in our community. Knowlton has several active, diverse lay leaders, an active Session, an active diaconate, engaged Sunday School teachers and small group hosts.



Senior Pastor
Full-time



3 Ruling Elders



8 Deacons
4 Ordained and 4 In-Training



3 Deaconesses
Non-Ordained



Secretary
Part-time



1 Youth Director
Part-time



Choir
Volunteer

Our Ministries

We are a church in and for the community, striving to be an example of who God is and how He works in our lives by the power and undeserved gift of His love. We want to share the true gospel, beginning with the redeeming work of Christ at Calvary, our utter unworthiness, and God's overwhelming grace in offering His salvation. We seek to live out our faith and impact God's world, both local and global, for the glory of Christ. We actively seek to build fellowship with our congregants as well as local Gospel believing churches.

FELLOWSHIP

We strive to be actively building friendships and to be involved in each other's lives within the church, spurring each other on to love and good deeds, and a deeper knowledge and understanding of God's character. We have fellowship groups that run throughout the year in the context of informal home settings where we seek to care and pray for one another. Groups are led by trained ministry leaders. We also have events throughout the year designed to deepen our love for God and to enjoy the gift of friendship and community God has blessed us with.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We seek to share the love of God & the offer of His free Grace within our neighborhoods & local towns. This has taken the form of free art classes, a community bible study, Women's outreach events, hosting The Warren County Guitar Society, an annual children's summer camp, and various other events throughout the year. Our diaconal fund aids local families in need, and we also contribute Thanksgiving baskets to share the love of Christ during the holiday season. Our desire is to build bridges rather than walls and provide context for more explicit sharing of the gospel.

PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL MINISTRIES

We partner with local churches and gospel-driven outreach ministries to aid in their good work, including Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center, Family Promise homeless shelter and aid, Step Ahead's substance abuse counseling, Sam's Hope disability outreach, and Angel Tree Prison Ministry.

PARTICIPATION WITH PRESBYTERY

Knowlton hosts the West Hudson Presbytery once a year, to support joint ministry in this region, to encourage fellow PCA congregations to pursue unity, purity of life and doctrine, and numerical and spiritual growth. Knowlton has often taken the lead in organizing the Presbytery's efforts to help coordinate women's ministry.

WORLD MISSIONS

We are committed to growing and supporting Christ's true church around the globe. We partner with MTW, Serge, and ANM. Our missionaries work in SE Asia, Japan, West Africa, Mexico, Jerusalem, and London in their global great commission work.

Our Church Life

We begin our week with prayer before moving on to 9:30 First Hour Class, with classes for preschool through adults. Morning worship begins at 10:30.

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship groups • Women's evening Bible study
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship Groups • Al Anon and Alateen meetings at church building
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Morning Community Bible Study • Evening choir practice
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon Knit Together • Monthly, Evening of Prayer and Dinner • Fellowship Groups
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship groups
SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning men's Bible study at Church
SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning choir practice and evening Youth Group • Fellowship Coffee Hour • Monthly First Sunday Lunch





PASTORAL JOB DESCRIPTION

Knowlton PCA is seeking a Godly Senior Pastor with the following skills and qualities:

PERSONAL

- As laid out for our example in 1st Timothy and Titus, we are seeking someone who's personal life is exemplified by dedication to living a holy life pleasing to God.
- Desires to engage with us in an approachable, compassionate manner and be part of our lives and part of the local community.
- Possesses a genuine, personal love of the Gospel and God, and who is eager to share that love with us.
- Counsels from a Godly perspective, and ministers to the poor in health and spirit meaningfully.
- Is a humble leader; able to work graciously with others to achieve goals & find solutions.
- Leads and cherishes his family with Christ-like love and grace.
- Is comfortable taking the initiative to meet the needs and vision of the church.
- Understands his own need for grace.
- Communicates effectively and openly with the staff and congregation.

THEOLOGY AND SOUND TEACHING

- Able to preach and teach the whole counsel of God's Word in love and humility, and with passion and conviction.
- Skilled in expository preaching that lends itself to practical application.
- Committed to helping the congregation develop a passion and love for Scripture and its application to daily life.
- Collaborates with the Session on developing preaching and teaching schedules and themes that address the spiritual needs of the congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

- Promote opportunities for congregational connection and fellowship so that members get to know, love and encourage each other.
- Provide compassionate biblical counsel & visitation as needed, involving leaders as much as possible.
- Provide training and encouragement to support church leaders and to raise up new leaders.
- Is able to communicate hard things and confront sin with humility, love and grace.
- Is able to plan ahead, communicate plans openly and wisely guide the congregation.

MINISTERIAL & STAFF LEADERSHIP

Because of our small size, a lot of responsibility falls first to the pastor - we are looking for someone who will be competent in many areas, and also someone who will be able to delegate responsibly.

APPLICATION PROCESS

We are pleased at your interest in serving with us at Knowlton Presbyterian Church. We ask that you submit the following items to KnowltonPCA@gmail.com to the attention of the search committee to begin the application process:

- Cover letter Resume
- Ministerial Data Form
- Reference Contact Information

Serving together in Christ,
Knowlton PCA Pastor Search Committee

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