



SEPTEMBER 2019

TIDINGS

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INVITE-A-FRIEND/CELEBRATION EVENT - SEPTEMBER 15

Who are we as a community of faith at John Knox Presbyterian Church? What makes us unique, and defines our identity as the people of God? How are we formed by being a part of this community? How are we called to invite others to experience the formation we have received in this Open. Caring. Community?

Through a grant from the Center for Congregations, we are embarking on a formative learning journey this year at John Knox. Much of this journey will explore questions like those above, especially as we consider our active participation in this congregation, and how we invite others to share in our mission and ministry here. Last month, we asked you to complete a simple survey which helps us understand better your impressions and experiences as part of John Knox. This month, you are invited to join us for a very special day as we celebrate God's goodness through this congregation, and how we might share that good news with others.

Every year, we hold Invite-a-Friend Sunday at John Knox, when we are asked to invite a friend, family member, neighbor, or stranger to come to worship. We will have a special schedule that Sunday:

Church School for All Ages - 9:30am
One Combined Worship Service - 10:30am
Lunch Provided by the Worship Team
in Fellowship Hall - 12pm
Formative Celebration Event after Lunch!

What would it look like to take a chance, talk to someone new, and invite them to join you for worship on September 15? What's the worst that could happen? They say no, right? But what's the best that could happen? They say yes, come on Sunday, meet new people, and express a desire to return! How might God be working through us to extend hospitality to others?

After lunch, you are all invited to stay for a celebration event led by Ritch Hochstetler from ULEAD. It will be a time full of excitement and fun community-building! You will experience joy, laughter, and a variety of engaging ways to connect with others through games, activities, conversations, and more. As part of our year-long formative learning, we want to explore more deeply how we relate and connect with one another - those we know well, and those we don't know as well. This event on September 15 will be a chance to explore and experience some of those ideas as a whole congregation - and we hope any and all visitors that day will feel free to join us after lunch!

Throughout this process, there is a Community Action Team which is serving as the coordinating team for the project. They have met with Ritch in August for orientation, training, and experiencing these skills first-hand. They will also be the group that will be the cheerleaders for this journey - encouraging us and inviting us to stretch, grow, and learn more deeply what it means to be formed by God's grace in community. If at any point you have questions or ideas during this process, please feel free to talk to any one of them. Those who are part of the Community Action Team are: Ann Hamel, Barbara Williams, Lisa Crismore, Goehrig Orr, Dan Bourne, Sue Hartman, Patty McKinnon, Pam Herman, and myself.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 15, as we welcome new people, offer worship and praise to God's glory, and discover anew how we are called to connect in meaningful, transformative ways in this community of faith we call John Knox Presbyterian Church.

With a full and grateful heart,

Frank

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SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

COMMUNION: Sunday, September 1, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Plan to be in church on that day to share this meal with the people of God.

FOOD ON THE FIRST: Food items (non-perishable) are collected on the first Sunday of the month and then taken to The Storehouse Food Pantry. Bring your items on Sunday, September 1, or during office hours the week before.

INDIANAPOLIS BRASS CHOIR SEPTEMBER 8 - 4PM

We are excited to share that the Indianapolis Brass Choir will be performing at John Knox this month! Their concert is: "The Music of John Williams," and they will be performing in the sanctuary at 4pm on Sunday, September 8. Yes, that is the day of the Brickyard 400 race, but we are not anticipating that to be much of an issue on our side of Speedway. The concert is free, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors! If you wish to donate to the freewill offering that is being collected that day, all proceeds will support The Storehouse Food Pantry here in Speedway.

PRIME TIMERS SEPTEMBER 10 - 11:15AM

The Prime Timers will be heading to Whitestown to try out LA Café on Tuesday, September 10. This place came as a recommendation by Dawnie Barnhouse. We will gather at the church at 11:15am to carpool up north. If you want to check out the restaurant's website, it is lacafeindy.com. They have a wide selection of sandwiches, soups and salads. We look forward to gathering in fellowship and trying some place new. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend as we have made reservations. If you have any questions, ask Lisa Crismore. Everyone is welcome!

PYOCA ALL CHURCH RETREAT SEPTEMBER 27-29

Dr. John Franke, Theologian-in-Residence at Second Presbyterian Church, will be our guest speaker at this year's retreat! John will be sharing with us about being the church in a modern world, and how we're called to be disciples in our ever-changing culture. There will also be activities for children, as well as intergenerational activities for us throughout the weekend. Look for registration brochures outside the office or online. **The deadline to register is Sunday, September 15.** Don't miss out on this wonderful weekend of spiritual fellowship, nurture, and most importantly - in a truly beautiful place amidst God's creation!

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 29 WORSHIP AT 9AM

On Sunday, September 29, we will have a special Sunday morning schedule. Because some will be at Pyoca that morning for the All Church Retreat, **we will only have a traditional worship service at 9am. We will not have Church School or an 11am worship service at John Knox that day.**

FAITH CONVERSATIONS SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8

We continue to enjoy gathering once a month after the 11am service, and we'd love for you to join us this month! If you attend the 11am service, you're invited to join us in the parlor after worship for a simple lunch and conversations on faith. **This month, we will meet on Sunday, September 8.** We delve deeper into the scripture and message from worship, and how we are called to live out our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. And mark your calendars for these dates the rest of the year: October 20, November 10, and December 22. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Ann Hamel or Frank Mansell. We look forward to seeing you as we share in meaningful conversation together!

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE COMMUNITY PICNIC A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone for making this day a big success and welcoming our community. You generously gave over \$1900 so that our neighbors could have free food and entertainment. The Deacons are grateful for your generosity in giving in so many ways. Thanks to the picnic planning committee, who put all the details into place so that we were prepared. Thanks to all the people who helped before the picnic and those who served the day of the event. It was great to be able to hold the picnic outside this year! Our neighbors continue to enjoy our hospitality and being connected to us as we strive to be an Open. Caring. Community. It is no doubt that they experienced the face and voice of Christ on this special day!

IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of the family of **Sandra Crawford**, who died on July 24, 2019. Sandy was a charter member of John Knox, and is survived by her husband, John, her children, David and Diana, and her grandchildren. A service to celebrate her life was held on August 10, 2019, at John Knox Presbyterian Church.

We share the sorrow of the family of **Joan Stern**, who died on August 29, 2019. A service to celebrate Joan's life will be held on Saturday, September 7, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, at a time to be determined.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works shall follow them.

MESSAGE FROM LISA

I wanted to share with you all that I will be returning to my beloved Camino in Spain from September 29 (my plane leaves late-afternoon) through October 10. The Camino has been calling me ever since I returned five years ago from my sabbatical. This pilgrimage holds a special place in my heart and I am looking forward to spending seven days walking 107 miles. I am actually going to walk a part of it that I did not walk when I was last there. My trek will begin in Santiago, which is usually the end for many pilgrims. My journey will take me to the water - Muxia and Finisterre, which is along the west coast of Spain. Water is such a powerful symbol for us Christians as we think about our baptisms, where we are renewed and claimed as God's beloved children. I will be walking part of this journey on my own, reflecting and processing my life and ministry over the last 15 years. This will actually be Continuing Education time. The other time walking will be vacation as I meet up with my German daughter, Rebekka Schofeld. I ask for your prayers for safe traveling mercies, as well as for this to be a time to recharge my batteries and fill my well. As God always provides on the Camino, I am sure there will be stories to share when I return. ¡Buen Camino!

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at 12:00pm on **Monday, September 23**, for lunch with our members at **Westside Garden Plaza**. Come for a meal, communion and fellowship with our members. Please RSVP to the Church Office (317-291-0308).

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **OCTOBER 2019** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**.

The preferred way to turn in your articles is to email them directly to the editor: **JKPCTidings@gmail.com** or place them in the **TIDINGS mailbox** in the Church Office.

CURTIS/RICKETTS SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION - SEPTEMBER 15

We are pleased to share that Micah Beck is the recipient of the 2019 Curtis/Ricketts Scholarship. Micah will receive a \$500 scholarship to further his continuing education. Micah is enrolled at Ivy Tech Community College for its Database Management Program, and is working towards a bachelor's degree. We will recognize him at the one worship service on Sunday, September 15 at 10:30am. We give thanks to Judy and Pete Ricketts and their family for this scholarship, which was founded in honor of Judy's parents, to support adults in their ongoing growth through education.

YOUTH UPDATE

It was a beautiful and joyful moment seeing our John Knox youth share their experiences with us on Youth Sunday. We are getting ready to initiate a new curriculum and it's name is "Why I Am Presbyterian." Our promoted youth will be with us by this time. Our monthly meetings schedule will be updated very soon. Please keep our new youth group in your prayers, as well as our recently graduated class as they transition into college.

Blessings to all!
Pastor William

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Hiday	September 1
Margaret Von Hoven	September 10
Clara Larrick	September 14
Susan Graves	September 16
Marilyn Binkley	September 17
Sam Dunbar	September 17
Ann Owen	September 27
Gabriel Lamey	September 29
Mahmooda Pitamber	September 29
Gladys Sangar	September 29

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Some of the people that visit the “New Beginnings” pantry utilize it to make it through the month. Like Cindy, she loves John Knox! Cindy lives in a special care facility and is on a fixed income. She visits us on the last Wednesday of each month. This month Cindy was in need of a book shelf and the “New Beginnings” program made it possible for her to have what she needed. Happy organizing Cindy! Do you remember Kelly? He participated in our work program recently and “New Beginnings” provided Kelly with a bus pass to find work. Good luck Kelly! We also assisted a family with their electric bill. I am so very lucky to see the gratitude on the faces of those in our community that come to John Knox for help. Like Reginald, he is part of the work program currently. Filing and waiting for disability can take a long time to establish. Reginald is able to do small jobs around the church and contribute to the support of his family while he waits for approval on his disability. He is such a hard worker! These are just a few examples of how the “New Beginnings” program offers hope and relief for so many in the community. This month also included the need for food, utility assistance, diapers, rent, bus passes, and gas. We were able to help five families with food. Thank you for your support of the JKPC “New Beginnings” program!

~ *Amy Willis*

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
July 28		100	
Aug 4	80		43
Aug 11	68		60
Aug 18	63		39
Aug 25	73		32

DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

TRASH BAG SALES: Trash bags will not be sold in September, They will be sold in October. Look in the October Tidings for the date of sales. They are \$13 per roll. We just ordered more bags so we have plenty available in all 3 sizes. If you should need trash bags at another time, see Dick Herman or Judy Ricketts on Sunday, or they may be purchased in the church office on week days during office hours. Proceeds from sales go to Debt Retirement. Thanks for your support!

DINING EVENT REPORT - You raised \$90.04 at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in July. Proceeds go to the Debt Retirement Fund. Thanks for your support!

RECYCLING PROCEEDS: METAL: \$234.32

DINING EVENT AT CITY BARBEQUE TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 24

If you eat at City Barbeque, 9116 Rockville Road (on the north side of the road just east of County Line Road) on Tuesday, September 24, from 10:30am-10:00pm, 25% of your total bill (not including tax) will go to the church debt retirement fund. Carry-out orders are included. You must present a flyer when you place your order. Flyers are available on the table under the bulletin board by the church office and on the church website on the home page under service projects. Please give flyers to your relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. However, you may not distribute flyers in the restaurant parking lot the day of the event. This is a great way to help the church and go out to eat. Thanks for your support.

FAMILY PROMISE - SEPTEMBER 24

Four times a year, the churches in Speedway host families who are homeless for a week through Family Promise of Indianapolis. This ministry provides families a safe place to stay, while offering the resources they need to find affordable housing and employment. September 22-29, Speedway United Methodist Church will host 15-18 people in this way.

Would you be willing to volunteer for a day of that week - Tuesday, September 24? Opportunities for service include: driving the van in the morning and afternoon to transport families from the church to the downtown Family Promise center; or cooking and serving dinner that evening to the families. If you're interested, or have further questions, please contact Frank Mansell (317-291-0308; jkpcpastor@comcast.net) or sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office. Let us be willing to step out in faith and help in new ways so that God's kingdom might be fulfilled in our community!

SUPPORTING WOMEN'S HEALTH

Heather Mansell and her classmate, Morgen Bedwell, are currently seniors at Pike High School. This fall, they are going to be working on a community service project centered around period poverty. This community issue is when less fortunate women are unable to afford menstrual hygiene products. This project is part of Morgen's Girl Scout Gold project, and Heather's International Baccalaureate Service project. Their goal is to put together care packages containing pads and tampons to distribute to various women's shelters and/or food pantries, but they can't do this alone. They invite you to make a donation of period products to this cause, starting on September 15. A collection bin will be in the main hallway at church by the Mission Team bulletin board. Heather will be sharing a minute for mission about this on September 8 in worship. Thank you for your time and any contribution you can make!

FALL BAKE SALE SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 2

After much consideration, the Presbyterian Women have decided to try something new this year. We will hold a Fall Bake Sale instead of the Holiday Bazaar we have held in the past. The sale will be held on Saturday, November 2, from 10am-2pm.

In order for this fundraiser to be a success, we need lots of baked goods for this sale. We are looking for **homemade** items, such as breads, pies, cookies, fudge, candy, etc. We will be serving lunch from 11am-1pm. Lunch includes vegetable soup, chili, hot dogs, chips & crackers, and the usual drinks.

Mark your calendar now and plan to participate in some way. Maybe you could:

- make your own fudge, candy, jelly, jams or salsa;
- bake your favorite quick breads, cakes, pies, cookies;
- help set-up the day before the bake sale, help with the lunch, or help the sale the day of the bake sale.

There will be sign-up sheets posted in October for you to indicate how you would like to help.

Questions or comments about the bake sale can be directed to Carol McKeown (317-459-8528, McKeown123@att.net). We welcome ideas you might have to share. Let us hear from you! Donations of food items may be brought either Friday, November 1, during the day, or early Saturday morning, November 2. For baked items, please include information about ingredients, such as nuts and peanut butter.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE

Amy Willis
1353 W. 28th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Hayden Flynn
317-417-8527

Janet and Terry Pitcock
One cell phone for both:
317-796-1980

TRUNK-OR-TREAT OCTOBER 31 - 6-8 PM

Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana and Westview Christian Church have invited us to be a part of their Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween night. The church is located at 5925 W. 34th Street (just down the street from John Knox). Last year they distributed candy and hosted over 400 children! We had such a great time partnering with Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana at John Knox during the week of Vacation Bible School. This gives us a chance to partner with them at their church. Please mark your calendar and start buying candy ahead of time so we can be prepared to be a part of this exciting event in our community! More details about the evening will be coming in the October Tidings.

ROMEOS AND JULIETS

Have you heard about the **ROMEOS** and **JULIETS**???? The **ROMEOS** have been around for a long time. In fact, we're not really sure exactly who started it, but it stands for **R**etired **O**ld **M**en **E**ating **O**ut!!! Anymore, you don't necessarily have to be retired, but it helps!! That's because the **ROMEOS** meet for breakfast every other week on a Tuesday morning at Flap Jacks Restaurant on 10th Street at 8:30am! Now, that's not the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month or even the 1st and 3rd! It's every other Tuesday, so you have to keep track on your calendar!! **The next gathering will be September 3rd.**

So, who are the **JULIETS**? Well, the ladies got wind of what the men were doing and thought that was a pretty good idea, so **Just Us Ladies Inevitably Eating Too** was born! Same time. Same place. **Different table!!!**

If you are a member or friend of John Knox Presbyterian Church, you are welcome to join either of these groups at any time. Attendance is not mandatory, you come when you can. If you have any questions, you can talk to Jim Graves (317-771-4645) or Pam Herman (317-840-9461).

STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We now have at least thirteen young women and men from John Knox who are either in college or in the military. That's a lot! Why not let them know that even though they are away from church, we still love and care for them? Drop them a note, mail them a care package, and let them know they continue to be close to our hearts. Here are some updated addresses we have so far; more will be shared in next month's Tidings:

Maddie Andrews
Xavier University Village
Apartments, #6
3800 Victory Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45207

Jen Merrill
911 West North St., Room 716
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Daemen College
Courtney Merrill, #554
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Amherst, NY 14226-3592

Faustina Annan
Cromwell, 412
400 Mulberry St.
Terre Haute, IN 47809

Scott Viefhaus
1702 W. Michigan St., Apt. 7
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Joshua Gillespie, Box 480
Wagner College
One Campus Road
Staten Island, NY 10301

Mariah Judy
University of Indianapolis
1400 East Hanna Ave.
Warren Hall, Room #529
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Spencer Wells
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Notre Dame, IN 46556-5610

Zach Merrill
Greenville University
317 East College Ave.
CPO 1006
Greenville, IL 62246

Kelsey Merrill, Erin Mansell,
Ben McKinnon-Duggins
have the same mailing ad-
dresses as last year.

UPDATE ON HEATING FOR CLASSROOMS

In April we experienced a leak in the water lines which supply heat to the radiator system in the outer-ring of classrooms in our education wing. Since April, the Board of Trustees has been evaluating different concepts for restoring heat to these rooms before we enter the fall months of the year. This has led them to talk to six different contractors who presented them with various options to heat and/or cool those rooms.

The Board of Trustees made a unanimous recommendation to the Session on August 4, and the Session approved their recommendation, to reconnect the boiler to the radiator system using water lines that will run inside the rooms, along the ceiling, and then drop down to each radiator. We will also have the boiler cleaned and serviced while this other work is being done. BoilerMASTER out of Pittsboro, Indiana, will do the work at a total cost of roughly \$19,000. We believe this plan will provide the best heating for those rooms though the fall, winter, and spring months - when the Speedway Cooperative Preschool primarily uses them. The rooms will continue to be cooled with the existing window air units.

To cover the cost of this capital expense, the Session approved the recommendation of the Finance Team to utilize the Nathan "Bud" Higbie Revocable Trust, which John Knox was given through the Presbyterian Foundation when Bud Higbie died in 2014. By using this annuity, we will not have to access any of our budgeted or designated funds for this project. We will only have to draw \$13,000 from this fund, as we received an individual \$6,000 donation toward this project.

The Session wishes to thank the Board of Trustees for their tireless efforts on this project. The project is expected to be complete by the first week of September. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to a member of the Session or the Board of Trustees.



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