

# APRIL 2022

# TIDINGS

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# SUSTAINING OUR WORLD BY CELEBRATING IMPERFECTION!

Yes, right. Like “don’t think of the color blue.” We have become so accustomed to rejecting imperfection — from the produce we buy at the store to the penchant for needing “this year’s” fashions. But what if we stopped focusing on what’s “not right?” and celebrated Good Enough moments.

Our society constantly tells us we are not Good Enough, what if the church were to decide our message is you are Good Enough! If God can call you a Child of God, then that ought to be enough. What if our message to the community is you are welcome, you are loved, you are good enough? What if?

Some of us are perfectionists, slowly reforming our self-images, our very understanding of worth to a more health motif if even my imperfect is Good Enough. And I have found that embracing my good enough self takes some work, so willingness to let go of voices in my head that push me toward perfection and to be still with God and hear the voice that calls me beloved.

Marica McFee, the creator of the series Good Enough we are using in worship this Lent has some other ideas or suggestions to help us move toward embracing a less than perfect world. Here are two ideas that I have tried.

**Food** At the grocery store, we often try to select produce that is free from bruises, protrusions, or discoloration. Even before reaching the shelves, food goes through a rigorous inspection process that rejects specimens that have been deemed too “ugly” for display. This filtering process results in a huge amount of food being wasted because of aesthetics. But operations like Misfits Market and Imperfect Foods are working to change that.

**Clothing** There is a spectrum of sustainability when it comes to clothing. Some folks have a higher tolerance for worn and faded clothing or outdated fashion than others. Invite your congregation to think about how often they purchase new clothes, how long items stay in their possession, and what happens to clothes that are eventually purged from closets and drawers. It may be a meaningful challenge for some folks to not purchase any new clothes during Lent as a spiritual practice. Websites like Poshmark and ThredUP look to provide opportunities for online thrift shopping.

God keeps reminding me that my less than perfect self is Good Enough. We are Good Enough!

Blessings,  
**Beth**

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - APRIL 10

This special offering of the PCUSA is approaching quickly and there is a tremendous amount of need in our world and our own community right now. You can help with your monetary donation. Please make your check payable to the Church and allocate it to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Thank you,  
**The Mission Team**

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# HOLY WEEK AT JOHN KNOX

## **PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 10**

*Worship at 9 & 11 am  
Adult Church School at 10 am*

Celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We will also dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing this day.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 14**

*Worship Service at 7 pm*

The service will also include music, scripture, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity to pray in a Garden Vigil.

## **GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15**

*Worship Service at 7 pm*

**John Knox is hosting the community Good Friday Service.** We will worship with the Speedway/Westside Community Churches, in service of diminishing Light

## **EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17**

*Worship at 9 & 11 am  
Church School at 10am*

Join us as we celebrate God's victory over death with Jesus' resurrection!

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## **TIDINGS DEADLINE**

Articles for the **MAY 2022** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.**

The preferred way to turn in your articles is to email them directly to the editor: **[JKPCTidings@gmail.com](mailto:JKPCTidings@gmail.com)** or place them in the **TIDINGS mailbox** in the church office.

## SUNDAY - APRIL 3

**COMMUNION:** Sunday, April 3, 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. If you will be joining us online, please have your forms of bread and juice available at home!

**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, April 3, or during office hours the week before.

## EASTER FESTIVAL - APRIL 16, 9 - 11 AM

It is hard to believe that it has been 3 years since we have had this special event. Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends for a morning of games, crafts, breakfast, and an interactive walk-through Holy Week for children in our church and community. Please volunteer to help by signing-up on the bulletin board outside the office. We also need empty, clean egg cartons, CANDY and items for breakfast. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Crismore. Thanks for making this outreach event to our community a success!

## PRIME TIMERS - APRIL 13

After the long winter months, it is time for Prime Timers to reconvene. We will gather on Wednesday, April 13 at noon. Lisa Crismore will order pizza so please sign-up if you plan to attend. We will take a free will offering to cover the cost. Our time together will be spent in fellowship and planning our future months together so come with ideas. Everyone is welcome!

## IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of **Mary Carter** and her family on the death of her mother, **Alice McGinnis**. Alice passed away on Saturday, February 26, at the age of 105. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, March 5 at Weathers Funeral Home in Salem, Indiana.

We share the sorrow of friends of **Ruth Ann Hogsett** who passed away on Wednesday, March 2. A Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, March 9, at John Knox.

We share the sorrow of the family of **Dr. Bill Winter** who passed away on March 7, 2022. A Celebration of Life service will be held on April 23rd, 2022, at 11:00 am at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, 5233 E. 79th Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46250.

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## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	11 a.m. Worship	Online
<b>Feb. 20</b>	41	287	65
<b>Feb 27</b>	19	46	62
<b>Mar. 6</b>	53	21	53
<b>Mar. 13</b>	45	23	60

## NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Did you know that the New Beginnings fund in addition to Kroger gift cards, helps families that are struggling to pay rent, utilities, and even assist with crisis expenses? Receiving calls from families that are about to lose their home or utilities is heart wrenching, especially in the winter! It is such a blessing to know that when we receive a call from someone in need/crisis, we are prepared to help, and provide resources for their needs. This month we helped 5 families with food, gas, utilities, and rental assistance. Please continue to lift our community up in your prayers and consider donating funds to the New Beginnings fund. Each one of the families looking to find assistance at John Knox are thankful for your support of "New Beginnings"!

*~ Amy Willis*

## HELP US MULCH - APRIL 16

The landscape crew will be mulching the church gardens on Saturday, April 16, starting at 9am. We would appreciate any help anyone is able to provide with this project. Please bring gloves, garden rakes, shovel and wheelbarrow if you have one and join us on this Saturday workday. In case of rain, we have Saturday, April 23 at 9 am as an alternate date. Thank you for any help you can provide.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Gillespie	April 5	Mary Harmeson	April 17
Paula Gillespie	April 5	Susan Roberts	April 17
Paula Lamey	April 9	Rob Wistendahl	April 18
Judy Klencke	April 10	Colson Wells	April 22
Kit Swigart	April 12	Joann Marasco	April 25
James Clifton	April 13	Emily Viefhaus	April 25
Betty Hartman	April 14	Shazia Baker	April 29
Pat Dean	April 17	Tracy Wells	April 30

# YOUTH UPDATE

Blessings to all,

Hoping everyone is safe in this new freedom we are just restarting to enjoy. At this time we want to share with you some updates and other news for your youth and family. Triennium has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Here we share the official communication:

The Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium has come to the difficult but important decision to cancel the Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2022 in-person event.

In beginning to address the many COVID recommendations and requirements, our office and coordinators became increasingly concerned that we were no longer planning and hosting a youth gathering so much as coordinating a COVID-centered event. This, along with the news that we would face a 100% chance of clusters at our event, made it clear we needed to shift.

Instead of holding a traditional Triennium this summer, we are focused on launching PYT Beyond a new expanded ministry for Presbyterian youth that will offer virtual sessions, regional gatherings, and online courses related to the theme, “When Did We See You?”

We will have more updates as they share more information about the next steps with this new project.

Our community Easter Festival will be on Saturday April 16 from 9 to 11 am. We need volunteers, please sign up. It’s a great time to spend family time together and meet our neighbors through this shared time with our community.

Please check this communication carefully:

CALLING ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS

**WHO:** Marion County high school and college students aged 15-24 years?



**WHAT:** The policy taskforce of the Marion County Youth Violence Prevention Coalition (MCYVPC) is looking to fund eight students aged 15-24 years who have a passion for being involved in their community and in violence prevention initiatives. We want students who enjoy advocacy, education, and peer mentoring. \$500 stipends are available over the course of 5 months.

Action items include but are not limited to:

- \* Attend coalition and policy task force meetings
- \* Create educational opportunities for coalition members, partners, and peers around the legislative process, who our Indiana legislators are, bills relevant to violence prevention, and more.
- \* Help connect peers to Indiana legislators,
- \* Assist with and attend coalition-wide events

**WHEN:** April 2022 – August 2022 (5 month commitment)

**WHY:** Violence related injuries and deaths are on the rise and have many negative impacts on those involved, family members and our communities. The MCYVPC activates community partners to prevent youth violence. Six taskforces, one of which being the policy taskforce, exist to advocate for system-level change and support youth and their families. Youth involvement and leadership is a priority area of the coalition. We hope you will consider being a part of our team!

**CONTACT:** Tiffany Davis, Policy Taskforce Leader [tdavis63@iuhealth.org](mailto:tdavis63@iuhealth.org)

Please respond to ensure that you received this Coalition email. If this email address is not in your address book, it may be going to spam or junk mail.

Coalition Quarterly Meetings:

January 19th, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

April 20th, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

July 20th, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

October 19th, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

Marion County Youth Violence Prevention Coalition  
[MCYVPC@gmail.com](mailto:MCYVPC@gmail.com)

Bendiciones,  
Pastor William

## CRAZY CARDS SATURDAY, APRIL 30

It is time to have some FUN and FELLOWSHIP! We rescheduled this event because of our January Covid numbers would not permit us gathering safely. Please join us for a night of food, fellowship and CRAZY cards (no card playing skills needed)!

**WHEN AND WHERE:** Saturday, April 30, We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 and start playing at 6pm.

**WHO:** Any and all adults interested in having a fun evening. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy terrific snacks and to get better acquainted with other adults in our church family.

**SNACKS:** Each of us is asked to bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided.

**PRIZES:** Door Prizes will be awarded to four lucky players.

**COST:** Optional \$5 donation for the 20/20 Fund

**RSVP:** Please let us know you are planning to attend by signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. If you have a card table at home, please bring it. Thanks!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rebecca and Matthew Dass on the birth of Anaya Gianna on Sunday, March 6! Mother and baby are doing well.

## THANK YOU

I wish to express my gratitude to everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and to those who drove the long distance to celebrate my Mom's life with our family. Thank you for welcoming her into the John Knox family and helping to make it her Church during the nearly 6 years she lived with me. She lived a long life of 105 ½ years and touched many lives on that journey. It was a life well lived.

*Mary Carter and family of Alice McGinnis*

## SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School Teacher and Helper Information Meeting – May 22 at 12:30 (lunch will be provided)

Vacation Bible School – June 20-24 from 5:30-8:30pm

## EASTER FLOWERS

The Chancel Guild is now taking orders for Easter flowers. We will not have lilies this year due to our interim pastor's allergy to them; however, we will be obtaining daffodils and tulips which we hope will be in bloom for Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10.00 per plant, and **orders need to be submitted by April 10**. Please submit payment at the time of your order and mark "Easter Flowers" on your envelope or check.

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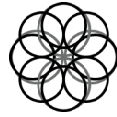
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