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MESSAGE FROM BETH

Have you ever wondered what God has planned for you? It is an almost daily occurrence as I ask each morning, “God, what is it you planned for me to do today?” One of the things I love about ministry is the idea that no day is the same. And while sometimes that drives me crazy and I crave some routine, mostly I like variety.

In times of transition, like JKPC is in, and in our world, as we navigate the pandemic, we often cling to routines to provide a sense of stability when things feel a bit unstable. Often times I think God would want us to hold on to routine in a light sense and be open and aware of the spirit that continually moves about us.

My spirit verse during my many years as a transitional pastor has been Jeremiah 29:11 I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.

As this congregation begins to work on a mission study, I invite you to remember God has a plan for JKPC, which is a good plan, full of peace and hope. Let us open our hearts and minds to the work of this mission study as we move into our next phase of transitional time work.

Blessings,

Beth

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SUNDAY - AUGUST 7

COMMUNION: Sunday, August 7, 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, August 7, or during office hours the week before.

SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR

Summer Pick-up Choir Opportunity **August 14!** Join the choir for a morning. No stress, low commitment, and a chance to sing something easy as part of the choir! We will gather promptly 30 minutes before the start of the worship service. You will be provided with music. We have two familiar hymns planned to sing. NO audition is required! Join us for one or both of these dates!

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

In light of recent protests and violence, the church will be locked during our normal business hours to ensure the safety of the staff and visitors here at John Knox. If you need to enter the building and do not have a key please call the church office at 317-291-0308 and someone will let you in.

COMMUNITY PICNIC IS COMING! SATURDAY - AUGUST 27 11am-1:30pm

Save the date! The annual Community Picnic will be here on Saturday, August 27 from 11:00-1:30. This is a time for us to go outside the church and to show hospitality to our community. There will be free food, a DJ, a bounce house and games and fun for all. Boomer won't be here, but never fear another famous local mascot will be here to keep us entertained. A new DJ will keep the music rolling, also.

There are so many ways that you can support this event.

Please take the time to look in the basket in the main hallway and select an envelope with various items to purchase.

You can sign-up on the bulletin board to serve in numerous ways on this special day. We definitely need your help!

Please pick up your yard sign if you have not already. If you would like to take more than one to share at a busy area in our community, please do so. We ask that you save your sign and collect the extras after the picnic to reuse next year.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa anytime (317-291-0308 or jkcpcce@comcast.net) or any Deacon. Deacons are sponsoring this event. Thank you in advance for your donations and prayers.

Thank you for making this such a special event for our community!

COMMUNITY PICNIC OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY PICNIC - August 27, 2022 - Are you looking for a chance to share? Do you have some clothing taking up space in your closet? DONATE IT to the Mission Team at JKPC for their clothing give-away being held for the guests of our Community Picnic, A single donation of no more than 15 pieces of clothing per person/family, clean and in good shape, will be greatly appreciated. Bring your clothing items to the Church by **Wednesday, August 24th, 2022.**

All pieces of clothing left after the picnic will be donated to the Lynhurst Baptist Church (LBC) Community Center, If you have any questions please see any member of the Mission Team, Pastor Beth Wagner, or Lisa Crismore, Thank you for giving!

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **SEPTEMBER 2021** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17.**

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.

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

During this early part of the summer, the Transition Team has been meeting regularly with Pastor Beth. First, the team reviewed and discussed our church's timeline, our life cycle and what it would take to get us from the "empty nest" phase back to a "growth" curve.

In addition, we reviewed, researched and discussed three potential organizations to lead us in our Mission study, which is the next phase of our transition. A Mission study must be completed before we are able to call our next pastor.

After careful consideration, we invited Gilberto Collazo from New Beginnings to our last meeting. From the website: *New Beginnings is a process that will help congregations find clarity and embrace a new vision for their future ministry.*

Mr. Collazo outlined a 6-8 month process that has 6 phases. The first three phases include a comprehensive review of our current congregation, an onsite assessment of our facility including assets and programming, a tour of the neighborhood and comprehensive assessment of community demographics and trends.

Next the congregation will gather in a 4- week series of small group meetings to both reflect upon the church/ community assessment and to brainstorm about new opportunities in ministry for JKPC. In the last two phases, the Transition team will compile the conversations from all the small groups, discern potential future ministries from that information and then present a future story to the Session and the congregation for further discussion. This future vision information will be key to

help the Pastor Nominating Committee complete our online information and preference characteristics for a new pastor who will lead us into the future.

The Transition Team requested and received Session approval to proceed with New Beginnings. An application is being submitted to them so that we might begin the assessment phases ASAP.

For questions or concerns, please contact Jon Barnhouse, Greg Hart, Sue Hartman, Cindy Hiday, Bev Ray, Susan Roberts, Matthew Whittaker or Pastor Beth.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU!

Thank You for a Successful Vacation Bible School!

The Education Team is grateful to all the adults, youth and children who participated in this years VBS. It was great to gather together and learn how God can take us far beyond what we can imagine! We had a great time. It is always a joy to welcome back Kelly and Jon Simpson, who shared in worship, adult ed class and Prime Timers about what God is doing in their lives. We love when we partner with our Latino neighbors from Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana. From the words of Paul to the Ephesians, "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Our New Beginnings pantry is open Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. This month we helped 2 families with utilities and groceries. Individuals seeking assistance at John Knox are asking for assistance with: Rent, utilities, gas, diapers, and groceries. Everyone looking to find assistance at John Knox is thankful for your support of the “New Beginnings” program!

~ *Amy Wilis*

IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of the family of **Darlene Thomas**. Darlene passed away on Tuesday, June 21. A Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, July 6 at John Knox.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
June 19	66	26
June 26	70	43
July 3	115	53
July 10	85	41

YOUTH UPDATE

Blessings to all. We are getting ready to reinitiate our Sunday School conversations. We will continue using the Klee series curriculum. Get ready for a new season of fun, learning and sharing our hearts and thoughts with each other! The new series is called, Jesus ...? We are also planning a movie day for August 28th with lunch included after our combined service. Hope to see you there!

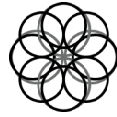
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lucas Avila	Aug 1	Kimberlee Larrick	Aug 21
Dawnie Barnhouse	Aug 5	Vicki Breece	Aug 23
Jacob Charboneau	Aug 15	Arthur Wells	Aug 24
Alicia Andrews	Aug 16	Bev Ray	Aug 25
Faustina Tawiah	Aug 19	Jim Rethmeyer	Aug 27
Anne Charboneau	Aug 20	Susan Johnson	Aug 28
Judi Wistendahl	Aug 20	Dakota Gagna	Aug 31
Sarah Damone	Aug 21	Bonnie Graves	Aug 31

PYOCA ALL CHURCH RETREAT SEPTEMBER 23-25

Rev. M. Elizabeth Wagner will be our speaker at this year's retreat! Beth is a full time transitional pastor and will be sharing with us a topic entitled "Drawn In" asking some questions as "What brings you alive? What truly moves your soul in the deepest way?"

The enclosed registration brochure provides additional information on this Theme/topic.. There will also be activities for children, as well as intergenerational activities for us throughout the weekend. Don't miss out on this wonderful weekend of spiritual fellowship, nurture, and most importantly - in a truly beautiful place amidst God's creation!



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