

# April 2023

## TIDINGS

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Come discover how you  
can get involved and serve at John Knox!

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11 am Contemporary Service

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## THE ROLLER COASTER OF CHANGE

So, we made it through the storm, or so the song goes. We have made it through some significant changes within a truly short time. If you are feeling a bit tired or finding yourself wondering about where you fit, you are not alone. In less than two years, you have said goodbye to a pastor, an organist, a youth pastor, and the director of music; you have seen members come and go and witnessed some careful planning around the budget and the continual reminder that we are not what we used to be.

The Christian life is actually all about change. Abraham and Sarah were a well-established couple in their middle age (Abraham was 75 years old). They were settled into the community in Haran when Abraham had a dream from God, and all that changed. He loaded up his wife, Sarah, some servants (roughly 914 people) and livestock (primarily sheep), and his nephew Lot, with Lot's family, servants, and livestock, and began a journey of eight hundred miles. It was like moving to a small town. It must have been overwhelming, depressing, and disorientating for everyone.

I remember standing in the middle of boxes and stuff a couple days after my family and I moved to our home in Normal, IL. We had lived in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago for 23 years, and we moved for me to take my first call to a church in Bloomington, IL. I stood in my new living room, and I remember thinking this was the worst idea I had ever had. I was overwhelmed, depressed, disoriented, and to be honest scared. Now 21 years later, I can report it was God's plan, and I am glad I went through that crazy roller coaster of change.

It took a lot of patience and trust for Abraham to lead this group of people, animals, and their belongings to a new location that God had promised. It has also taken a lot of patience and will take a lot of trust to elect a PNC in the next month or so and charge them to discern who your next pastor will be.

So if you feel a little unsure about this transitional time, I am sure that Abraham or perhaps Sarah would counsel us to wait and trust God to make things work. In the end, God is the author of this new relationship, and if we keep reminding ourselves that it is God's plan, not our plan, then we will be ready to greet the new pastor with open arms.

Blessings,  
**Beth**

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - APRIL 2

Special Offering - One Great Hour of Sharing. 100% of your donations go to the PCUSA for their use in fighting hunger, disasters and towards development of faith practices throughout our world. Donations will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 2023. The need is great and your generosity is appreciated beyond words.

***The Mission Team***

## WINTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10 a.m. - One Blended Worship Service

11 a.m. - Fellowship, Intergenerational and Adult Church School

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# HOLY WEEK AT JOHN KNOX

## **PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 2**

*Worship at 10 am*

*Intergenerational and Adult Church School at 11 am*

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

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 6**

*Worship Service at 7 pm*

The service will include music, scripture, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Worshippers will have an opportunity to walk the Protestant Stations of the Cross.

The *Stations of the Cross* or the *Way of the Cross*, also known as the *Way of Sorrows* or the *Via Crucis*, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying scripture and prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of the *Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem*, which is a traditional processional route symbolizing the actual path Jesus walked to *Mount Calvary*. The objective of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the *Passion Story of Christ*. It's one of the most popular devotions and the stations can be found in many Western Christian churches including *Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic*.

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## **TIDINGS DEADLINE**

Articles for the **MAY 2023** issue of the John Knox Tidings are due by **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**.

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

## **GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7**

*Worship Service at 7 pm*

Speedway Baptist Church (2986 Moller Rd, Speedway, IN 46224) is hosting the community Good Friday Service. We will worship with the Speedway/Westside Community Churches, as the service is led by area ministers and lay leaders in our community.

## **EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9**

*Worship at 10 am*

There will be no Church School for the Intergenerational Class. The Adult Church School will meet. Join us as we celebrate God's victory over death with Jesus' resurrection!

## **SUNDAY - APRIL 2**

**COMMUNION:** Sunday, April 2, 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 2, or during office hours the week before.

## **EASTER FESTIVAL - APRIL 8, 9 - 11 AM**

Spring is almost here and that means it is time to 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!

## BETTY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Betty Hartman turns 90 years young on April 14. To celebrate the occasion, her children are hosting the fellowship table after the service on **Sunday April 16**. Everyone is invited to stop by, grab some breakfast, and help celebrate this special lady! Betty requests no presents but loves to read- so why not shower her with birthday cards! Hope to see you there.

*Sue, Jim & Deb, Stacy, Bill & Lisa*

## MOVIE NIGHT - APRIL 22 - 5:30 P.M.

Deacons are hosting a movie night on Saturday, April 23 at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We ask that you bring a finger food to share and Deacons will provide the drinks. The movie will start around 5:45. Please bring your camp chairs if you don't want to sit in the folding chairs in Fellowship Hall. We hope to have some light discussion after the movie. Copyrights do not allow us to post the title of the movie in our newsletter since it is on our website. The title will be posted around the church as this will be an internal advertisement. It is a good movie! You won't want to miss it! If you have seen it, come for fellowship and see it again.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Feb 19	50	15
Feb 26	77	25
Mar 5	89	34
Mar 12	67	23

## IN SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of **Jon and David Barnhouse** as they mourn the death of their mother, **Dawnie Barnhouse**. Dawnie passed away on Sunday, February 19. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, March 4, at John Knox Presbyterian Church.

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." - Revelations 14:13b*

## CHURCH / PRESCHOOL CLEAN-UP APRIL 29 - 10 A.M.

The Preschool needs our help as there are many things of theirs that need cleaned out and sorted. The church will need to be looking good when we have prospective new pastor candidates come to John Knox to check us out. The Preschool is still in rebuilding mode and their numbers are very low to get manpower to take on this job. This is past years of materials that has been accumulated and much of it is outdated. Rita, the teacher for the preschool, will be there to let us know what can be saved and what can be discarded. Michael, the preschool president, is recruiting parents to help as well. Please see Lisa Crismore if you have any questions and/or plan to work.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tracy Damone	April 2	Susan Roberts	April 17
Judy Klencke	April 10	Rob Wistendahl	April 18
Kit Swigart	April 12	Colson Wells	April 22
James Clifton	April 13	Joann Marasco	April 25
Betty Hartman	April 14	Emily Viefhaus	April 25
Mary Harmeson	April 17	Shazia Baker	April 29
Pat Irwin	April 17	Tracy Wells	April 30

## MOTHER'S DAY DONATION TO COBURN PLACE

Are you looking for a way to honor your Mother, Grandmother or special female mentor on this special day? How about donating new, unworn nightgowns, pajamas, robes and slippers to the needy residents of Coburn Place? These ladies really appreciate receiving these items. It gives them hope and reminds them that there are people who really care about them. The collection box will be placed in the hallway near the Sanctuary doors starting April 16th, 2023, and donations will be accepted through Mother's Day, May 14th, 2023.

Thank you.

***The Mission Team***

## WHO'S HUNGRY FOR COOKIES????

The Mission Team is, so we're bringing back The Cookie Sale! We're calling all bakers to bring your favorite homemade cookies to Church on April 30th, 2023. The table will be set up in the hallway and after the Service, you can choose the cookies you want to take home from our mouth-watering selection. A baker's dozen (13) cookies will be sold for \$5.00. Single cookies are 50 cents apiece. All proceeds will go to The Storehouse. Dust off those cookbooks and recipe cards and hide your bathroom scales! Come hungry on April 30th.

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## DONATIONS OF SODA CANS WELCOME

We have a volunteer who is recycling cans monthly. Proceeds are given back to the church. This is an easy way to trade trash for cash, instead of just throwing out. If you wish to participate, the spot for donating your cans is in the JKPC Kitchen or Fellowship Hall. Find the large trash can marked by "Recycle". Cans should be rinsed & cleaned of any food or drink residue, to help avoid critters in the building.



## **MAY DINNER IS RETURNING SUNDAY, MAY 7**

We're looking ahead to spring! The May Dinner is returning! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7th, 2023. The Circle City Sound Mens Chorus will entertain us at 3:30 PM in the Sanctuary. The concert is FREE OF CHARGE. At 5:00 PM the PWJKC will host a picnic-style dinner of fried chicken, two sides, rolls, desserts and drinks. Tickets for the dinner will be sold on April 16, April 23rd and April 30th. The ticket cost is \$12.00 per adult, children ages 12 to 6, \$6.00 and children aged 6 and below are free. You can also purchase tickets by calling the Church office. Checks should be payable to PWJKC and marked for May Dinner. REMEMBER; THE CONCERT IS FREE BUT YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET FOR THE DINNER. Don't miss this day of music, food and community. If you have questions please contact anyone on the PWCT.

## **2023 PER CAPITA**

Did you know that we as a church pay to the larger church (presbytery, synod, and general assembly) a per capita mission payment that is based on our membership each year? This is part of our annual budget each year, and is a commitment we fulfill as a connectional church. For 2023, that amount per member is \$43.16, or approximately \$7,700 for the year. Would you consider making a contribution above and beyond your normal giving to help offset this? Mark your check "per capita", and thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy Hiday (317-388-1280: [cindyhiday@gmail.com](mailto:cindyhiday@gmail.com)).

## A STOREHOUSE STORY

This is a life most people never see, but it IS real life.

On Friday I took a load of bake goods to Lyndhurst Baptist Church Community Center. We deliver there about 4 days a week.

Don and Brenda Parrott were in the part of the pantry where those in need come to get bread and misc. food items. There was a couple in their mid 20's getting something to eat. When I went back outside, I took this photo of their home on wheels.



When they came out, I asked the female where her bike was. She said they stopped for coffee at the filling station at Rockville Rd. and Lynhurst. While inside someone stole her bicycle. It's hard to believe someone would steal from those who have so little

He was riding a small kids bike so it would match up to the trailer he was pulling. They were on my mind all day, wishing I could have had a plan to help them. I see others when we deliver there who are really struggling in this economy. Some are eating from a paper cup. It appears to be soup or ramen noodles.

All of us at the pantry are so thankful for Don and Brenda. They serve their faith 7 days a week.

Thanks Be to God,  
Rich Hoerger

## FELLOWSHIP ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Are you interested in a time of fellowship? This group would meet every other week on Wednesday mornings, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for fellowship with the possibility of enjoying a meal together. Our focus would be primarily on fellowship, but could also include a reading or lesson focus. Location suggestions are welcome as long as we can gather together as a group & listen comfortably in the space. Wednesday meetings would start in May on a trial basis. If you're interested let either Pastor know.

## EASTER FLOWERS

The Chancel Guild is now taking orders for Easter flowers. We will not have lilies again 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 2. Please submit payment at the time of your order and mark "Easter Flowers" on your envelope or check.

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### EASTER FLOWERS

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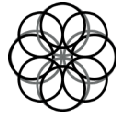
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