

AUGUST 2025

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LOVING TO LEARN AGAIN

*“Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.”*

- Psalm 119:66 NRSVUE

A little over a year ago, while on my walking trip in Scotland, we took a day to explore Edinburgh. I had only been at John Knox a few months and was excited to visit a few places in Scotland that related to our church’s namesake. Admittedly, I wasn’t sure exactly what I was walking in to. Growing up, our church had “John Knox Hall” which was the fancy name for the Sunday School wing. I knew he led the Scottish Reformation, studied with/under John Calvin, and had been critiqued for his views on women.

Oh, and I knew he was buried in a parking lot. I guess I knew more than I realized.

During the trip, we saw his grave (to clarify, it wasn’t a parking lot when he was buried there) and toured his home. We spent time at St. Giles Cathedral which included many stories about his legacy. I bought a biography of him that has proven much denser of a read than I anticipated. And I learned a lot more about his tenuous relationship with Mary, Queen of Scots. The portrait wasn’t necessarily a pretty one, but the impact he has had on the Reformed faith and Presbyterianism cannot be understated.

Looking back, I remember how 20 minutes before my first interview with the PNC here at John Knox the church, I suddenly got very worried that they would ask me a question about John Knox the man. I found myself scouring his Wikipedia page, trying to remember if I had learned much about him in seminary (I hadn’t). I took a few notes and was relieved when they were not needed during the interview. No questions about John Knox the man (only questions about John Knox the church).

But it bears some questions to me, who was this man that we credit with bringing so much of our faith into focus? Every few months I pick that biography back up, trying to get a better understanding of the man who lived so long ago. What I have found, though, is that it is always easier to study together. This is the long lead up to announce that I am kicking off our Program Year by teaching a two-week class on John Knox the man – **August 17 and 24.**

As I start working on the class outline and content, I wonder, John Knox the church, what do you know about this Reformer? The name of our church is so decidedly Presbyterian, but do we know why? I welcome any insight you might have about John Knox and I am especially curious if anyone knows the history of the naming our church.

All this is to say, I hope you'll consider this class and many others that our Christian Education committee has been hard at work putting together for the fall. As we embark upon August and the start of the new school year, we remember our own calling to continue our education, deepening our discipleship and committing to always be forming our faith. We have some slots open for the fall, so if you have any ideas for classes or topics, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Christian Education committee.

With care,
Pastor Kelley

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SUNDAY - AUGUST 3

COMMUNION: Sunday, August 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, August 3, or during office hours the week before.

CRAZY CARDS - AUGUST 9

August 9, 6pm—CRAZY Cards—It is time to have some fun and fellowship! The Deacons invite you all to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a night of food, fellowship and CRAZY cards (no card playing skills needed). If you plan to attend, please sign up on the posted sheet on the bulletin board outside the office. Bring a favorite snack or appetizer and **join us at 5:30 for refreshments before the games.** An optional \$5 donation for the Storehouse Food Pantry is appreciated.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
June 22	95	10
June 29	100	10
July 6	78	10
July 13	72	10

PRIME TIMERS - SAVE THE DATES

August 19th (Tues) Lunch Out Together at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen (Avon)

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, 9466 East US Hwy 36, Avon, IN 46123

Let's eat out together again for lunch. In July, the group chose Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen in Avon for our lunch outing in August. A new sign-up list is posted on the office bulletin board. Bring a friend!

Rides to Dine: Meet at the church 11:00-11:20 am, then we can ride and/or caravan together, 12 noon reservations. Lunch together until 2:00 pm, then return to church.

Sept. 16th (Tuesday) – Lunch Out Together at Mayberry Café (Danville); Side visit Beasley's Orchard

Mayberry Café, 78 West Main Street, Danville, IN 46122

We had such a grand time last year, we plan to return for lunch at this restaurant again.

Rides to Dine: Meet at the church 11:00 – 11:20 pm, so we can ride/caravan together, Reservations 12 Noon – 2:00 pm. On the way home, we'll plan a stop at Beasley's Orchard Store, if everyone is in agreement (Beasley's Fall Festival).

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **SEPTEMBER, 2025** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.**

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.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY REVIEW - AUGUST 3 - 9 A.M.

At John Knox we seek to create a space where everyone feels safe. It is our practice to review the child protection policy at the beginning of the Sunday school season with anyone who will serve with children. This time together helps ensure that everyone feels confident during their time teaching and assisting. This year we will hold a Child Protection Policy review Sunday August 3 at 9am. If you are unable to attend on this Sunday we are offering a make-up time via Zoom on Monday August 4th at 7pm. *Please reach out to the church office for the zoom link.*

TEACHERS

Do you have a heart for teaching? Would you like a place to share more of your leadership talents? Are you retired and looking for a meaningful way to share your gifts? Ever wondered what goes into a Sunday School lesson? Interested in leading—or simply supporting—but not sure where to start? No problem! The Christian Education Team is looking for individuals who are interested in teaching or assisting during the Sunday School hour. Whether you're ready to jump right in or just curious what exactly it means to be involved with Sunday school, we'd love to talk with you. Our team is excited to welcome new faces, fresh ideas, and willing hearts. Come be part of something joyful and life-giving!

JOIN THE CHOIR

Are you someone who loves music, being in community with others, and singing? Then Join the Chancel Choir! The choir will begin its fall season on August 14th. If you'd like to get involved, please email the choir director, Elijah Culp, at elijah@johnknox.org. More details to come.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - AUGUST 17

Back-to-school season also means it's time to kick off Sunday School here at John Knox! We will begin by blessing our children's backpacks during the worship service, reminding us of our commitment to learning and growing with God. We will send our congregation's kids off to school with our blessings, prayers, and love.

Following worship, the Christian Education Team is excited to invite everyone—of all ages—to join us as we begin a new season of learning and growing in faith together. August 17th is the official rally date for our 25/26 Sunday school season. Adults will meet with Pastor Kelley in the Forum Room, Youth will gather with Pastor Jillian in the Youth Room, and Children will enjoy JAM (Jesus and Me) with Mrs. Pam in the Corner Room. We hope to see you there as we continue to walk this faith journey together. If you have any questions please reach out to your Christian Education Team.

JKPC GARDEN

The garden is off and running! Come and see the tomatoes reddening and the flowers attract the bees. There are still a few slots available if you are looking to help with this year's garden – either in the maintenance of the boxes or the handing out of the vegetables at The Storehouse. If you have any excess produce in your own garden, you are welcome to add to our bounty! Please contact Pastor Kelley with questions.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Supplies for The Storehouse (Food, clean plastic bags, & empty egg cartons)

We ask for donations to our local food pantry, The Storehouse. Besides food items, they also need clean plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (1 doz. size) to pack for their twice monthly distribution days. All donations can be placed in marked boxes under the table near the John Knox office bulletin board. The Storehouse also appreciates financial donations too. Write your check to “John Knox Presbyterian Church” with a notation of “The Storehouse” in the memo line. We’ll make sure it reaches them. Thank you!

Can Recycling (Trash for Ca\$h) – John Knox General Fund

Thank you to everyone who regularly donates to our recycling effort at John Knox. We appreciate anything metal, including aluminum, steel, and soda cans.

To recycle at John Knox, simply donate in our kitchen green bin, marked “recycle”. Please clean any food or drink residue from inside the cans to prevent unwanted critters inside our kitchen. Because different metal types are weighed and priced separately at OmniSource, separating steel vs. soda cans helps to save prep time.

Public Recycling at OmniSource – John Knox General Fund

You can recycle any metal, especially steel and soda cans, at the OmniSource public recycling facility. OmniSource is located south of downtown with the GPS address of 2115 South West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Recycling staff are friendly & often assist with unloading cans, if needed. To recycle at OmniSource, simply follow the public recycling signs, bring a driver’s license, expect a picture, and a signature for their records. The paper receipt provided

is the ticket to retrieve “recycle” cash at the automated window. Open hours: M-F 8:00 am/4:00pm; Sat. 8:00am/1:00 pm. They are closed on the first weekend of every month and on holidays. You can then share your recycle proceeds back to John Knox (mark the donation, “recycle monies” for Cindy Hiday).

“Pop Tabs” for Henry – Ronald McDonald House (RMH)

Henry, grandson of Sandy & Jack, loves to donate pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. Tabs can be found on many can-types (vegetables, soup, pet food, soda, etc.). You can help Henry by donating your tabs to this worthy cause. Our “tab” collection containers are strategically placed around John Knox (kitchen collection can, plastic teddy bear at Fellowship Hall entry, and large container near office bulletin board). Thank you!

(See also Sat, Sept 6, 2025 – 2025 Annual Pop Tab Drop at Sun King Brewery)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lucas Avila	Aug 1	Sarah Damone	Aug 21
Cedar Rosenfield	Aug 6	Vicki Breece	Aug 23
Judith Seidou-Ngwengang		Bev Ray	Aug 25
	Aug 10	Jim Rethmeyer	Aug 27
Faustina Tawiah	Aug 19	Dakota Gagna	Aug 31
Anne Charboneau	Aug 20	Bonnie Graves	Aug 31
Judi Wistendahl	Aug 20		

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 10 A.M.

Sunday, September 14, 2025 -"Worship on the Lawn". Chairs will be available but you might be more comfortable in your favorite lawn chair, so bring it if you would like. After the service we will gather for a pitch in lunch, both indoors and outdoors depending on the weather. The Worship Team will provide chicken, drinks and table service. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish, salads, vegetables or dessert.

If questions please ask anyone on the Worship Team,
Carol McKeown, Susan Roberts or Diane Whitaker.

PYOCA ALL CHURCH RETREAT SEPTEMBER 26-28

Lisa Prince will be our speaker at this year's retreat! Lisa is director and founder of Gloria Dei Community, a non-profit resource for spiritual directors. Lisa has been a spiritual director for 25 years. She will be sharing with us the Enneagram a personality profile with ancient roots which is popular and useful for its ability to point out the importance of understanding our particular core beliefs, motivations and fears and how they affect our lives, our relationships and our world view.

The enclosed registration brochure provides additional information on this Theme/topic. There will also be activities for children and youth, as well as intergenerational activities for us throughout the weekend. Don't miss out on this wonderful weekend of spiritual fellowship, and nurture, in a truly beautiful place, amidst God's creation. **Deadline to register is September 14.**

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY CLASS OCTOBER 12 & OCTOBER 19

Are you new to our community and wanting to learn more? Have you been here for years and are now thinking about taking the step to formalize your membership? Consider yourself invited! Pastor Kelley – along with members of the Session and the Deacons – will be hosting a new member class on Sundays October 12 & October 19, with the plan to join the congregation, formally in worship, on November 9. Attendance at both classes is encouraged. If you are interested, please let Pastor Kelley know (pastorkelley@johnknox.org) and get these important dates onto your calendar.

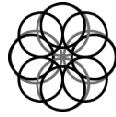
SAVE YOUR POP TABS!

2025 Annual Pop Tab Drop for Ronald McDonald House
Saturday, September 6, 2025 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Sun King Brewery, 135 N College Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202



**TURN IN YOUR TABS
TO GET SUN KING GIFT CARDS**

On Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, Ronald McDonald House has partnered with Sun King Brewery to host their annual Pop Tab Drop. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., turn in your tabs to get Sun King Gift Cards.



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