

April 2026

TIDINGS

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GOOD BYE / THANK YOU

Dear Church,

It is hard to know where to begin in expressing my gratitude for all that you have meant to me over the past two years. Spending a Sunday each month with you at John Knox has been one of the greatest gifts of my Lake Fellow Residency here in Indianapolis. From the very beginning, you welcomed me with open arms, encouraged me, and created a space where I could grow as a preacher and as a pastor. For that, I am deeply thankful.

What stands out most to me is the spirit of your community. From the beautiful music offered by the choir, to the faithful and attentive volunteers in the tech booth, to the warmth and kindness I have experienced in conversations before and after worship, your church reflects the joy and generosity that flow from following Christ. Again and again, I have seen how you care for one another and for those who walk through your doors.

Your encouragement has meant more than I can adequately express. You have not only allowed me to preach, you have supported me, prayed for me, and helped shape me in these early years of ministry. That is a gift I will carry with me wherever God calls me.

Please know how grateful I am for your kindness, your faithfulness, and your witness to the gospel. I will always look back on my time with John Knox with deep appreciation and joy, and I will continue to give thanks to God for you.

Gratefully,
Danny Carpenter

HOLY WEEK AT JOHN KNOX

PALM SUNDAY – March 29

Worship at 10 am

Wave your palms and shout Hosanna as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We will also dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on this day.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

Worship Service at 7 pm

Join us for a contemplative service of music, scripture, and the Lord's Supper, as we hold vigil with Christ for the days to come.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

Worship Service at 12 pm

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

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

Worship at 10 am

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

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SUNDAY - APRIL 5

COMMUNION: Sunday, April 5, 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 5, or during office hours the week before.

HOSPITALITY TABLE

The following is the schedule for the Hospitality Table for month of April.

- April 5 - Easter Sunday - Coffee & Donuts
- April 12 - Education Team
- April 19 - Mission & Worship Teams
- April 26 - Presbyterian Women

The group(s) hosting hospitality are responsible for setting up the table with cups, plates, napkins and plastic silverware if needed. You are also responsible for bringing snacks, donuts etc. and are responsible for cleaning up everything after hospitality hour.

Coffee will be taken care of for you.

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **MAY 2026** issue of the John Knox Tidings are due by **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.**

The preferred way to turn in your articles is to email them directly to the editor or place them in the **TIDINGS mailbox** in the church office.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children in Worship continues to be a joyful time for kids to engage the weekly Bible lessons through hands-on activities. Recently, the children have explored God's love for the world, built a well by the north doors, and discussed some of Jesus' miracles.

Please note the following updates:

Easter Sunday (April 5, 2026): Children will remain in worship with their families as we celebrate together as one body of Christ. There will be **no Children in Worship or Church School classes** that day. Regular programming will resume **April 12**.

Communion: Parents who would like their children to receive communion are invited to pick them up from the parlor during the communion hymn. Communion will not be served during Children in Worship.

Child Safety: For the safety of all children, please pick them up at the **parlor doors following worship**. Children will only be dismissed to an adult guardian.

JOIN US FOR *Fauré's Requiem* BY ELIJAH CULP

On **April 10th at 7pm**, the John Knox Chancel Choir will hold our spring concert, featuring the timeless classic of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem.

If you'd like to learn more about the piece and experience this beautiful work, we'd love to see you at our concert in the sanctuary.

We hope to see you then!

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES! SUNDAY 11:15 - 12:00 IN THE PARLOR

April 12 - New Member Class

Curious to learn more about membership at John Knox Presbyterian Church? Join us for lunch and a conversation! Please let Pastor Kelley know if you're planning to attend.

April 19 - Continuing Music Literacy with Elijah Culp

Grounded through the interconnected history of western notation and music in the church, we'll explore ways to develop and maintain practices of musical literacy. We'll discuss different techniques for approaching the hymnal, simple activities to make the hymnal more approachable, and basic vocal techniques to make communal singing a sustainable practice.

April 26 - Scam Safety with Jonathan Barnhouse

Scams run rampant these days and anyone is susceptible. Learn about ways to keep yourself safe on your phone and on the internet. Bring your questions and experiences, they all help us to stay safe!

THANK YOU

The Worship Team, {Carol, Diane, Jim W., Susan R., and Teresa} would like to thank everyone who assisted with the Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper, especially Bev, Rob, Sandy and Susan G. The pancakes were perfect!

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

The youth group has enjoyed two wonderful Friday nights of food, fellowship, and fun. The John Knox Youth Group will continue meeting on the **first Friday of every month from 6–8 p.m.** to share a meal, connect in conversation, and enjoy games together.

Pastor Jillian invites all students in **6th–12th grade** to attend and encourages youth to bring friends. If transportation is a concern, please contact the church office.

Our next gathering is **April 3rd**. Join us for a **Tex-Mex bar, a Holy Week discussion, and camp-style games!**

PYOCA WORK DAY - APRIL 18

You are invited to a fun day of service this spring! Please join us on **Saturday, April 18**, in **Brownstown, Indiana**, for **Pyoca's Annual Work Day**.

The day typically begins around **10:00 a.m.** and wraps up around **3:00 p.m.**, though these times are flexible. The event is open to anyone who would like to participate.

This work day is open to **all ages and skill levels**. All tools, materials, and refreshments will be provided — and yes, that includes a **complimentary Pyoca lunch!**

Please speak with **Pastor Kelley or Pastor Jillian** for more information. You can also find a **sign-up sheet outside the church office**, where you can indicate whether you are interested in **carpooling** and note any **dietary restrictions**.

We hope to see you there!

CURTIS/RICKETTS CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This **\$500 scholarship for non-traditional students** was started as a memorial for Judy Ricketts' parents in 2014. The scholarship serves as a living memorial to the Curtis/Ricketts family's commitment to education.

This scholarship is awarded through the church and funded by donations. Those eligible for the scholarship have either earned a high-school equivalency diploma HSE (previously called a GED) and have decided at any age to pursue continuing education; or a regular high school diploma and decided at age 26 or older to pursue continuing education. **Continuing education could include college, or training in culinary arts, heating and cooling, plumbing, auto repair, etc.**

If you are interested in this, you can find a copy of the guidelines and an application on the bulletin board outside the church office, or you can go to the church website (johnknox.org), click on "Menu", then click on "More About JKPC", choose "Scholarship applications".

The deadline for hand-delivering applications is the first Sunday in May. Mailed applications should be postmarked April 27th. JKPC members will receive first priority, then relatives of JKPC members, people referred by JKPC members or people referred by Wayne Township Adult Basic Education.

MARGARET WILSON SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

The season of high school graduations is upon us, and high school seniors are making plans for what comes next. The Margaret Wilson Scholarship Fund was established by her family on the occasion of her 85th birthday in 2008. Margaret was a teacher in the Speedway Public Schools for 45 years, retiring in 1990. So far, 64 scholarships have been awarded to 28 students to the tune of \$52,750! The scholarships are to provide financial assistance to JKPC members, or the children or grandchildren of JKPC members who will be attending post-secondary college, university, or trade school. Youth who are members of JKPC are given priority regarding eligibility for scholarship funds, but youth whose parents, grandparents or guardians are members, but who are not themselves members, shall also be considered eligible applicants.

Applications are available on the bulletin board outside the church office or by emailing the church office (office@johnknox.org) and requesting one. **Hand delivered applications are due the first Sunday in May. Mailed applications should be postmarked April 27th.** Questions may be directed to Pam Herman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tracy Damone	April 2	Rob Wistendahl	April 18
Judy Klencke	April 10	Neriah Tita	April 23
Kit Swigart	April 12	Joann Marasco	April 25
Betty Hartman	April 14	Emily Viefhaus	April 25
Pat Irwin King	April 17	Shazia Baker	April 29
Susan Roberts	April 17		

PYOCA CAMPS

Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center is a pretty special place, and the summer camping season is upon us!

Parents: The JKPC Education Team would like to encourage all our parents with children and youth to register them soon for the appropriate 2026 camping session that fits their summer schedule. There are camps for kids ages 2nd grade through high school. Spots are filling up quickly, so it's important to register them online now at pyoca.org. If you find that a session is already full, be sure to put your child on the wait list since there is always a possibility that someone will cancel.

We DO ask all prospective campers to fill out a Pyoca Scholarship Application (found on the bulletin board outside the church office) and return it by **April 26, 2026**.

Members and friends of JKPC: In the past, JKPC has been able to offer camp scholarships to help families afford to send their kids to camp. A week at camp can cost anywhere between \$350 and \$680! We do this through the generosity of our members and friends. If you are able to donate to this cause, please make out your check to JKPC and put "Pyoca" in the memo line. Thank You for supporting our kids and youth in their faith journeys!

Questions?? Contact Pam Herman.

PRIME TIMERS PLANS

Sunday, April 12th 2:00 – 5:00 pm “Music Fest” free Indianapolis Opera event

The Basile Opera Center, 4011 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, 46205.

In celebration of local community artists and arts organizations, Indianapolis Opera is hosting a free MUSIC FEST performing arts festival at the Basile Opera Center in the heart of the historic Meridian-Kessler neighborhood. Performance descriptions are listed on the bulletin board along with a sign-up list. **Need a ride?** We'll leave the church parking lot at 1:30 pm. For a ride, please contact Julia Pratt or call the church office.

**Tuesday, April 14th, 12:00 Noon – Dining out: Ford’s Garage (Avon)
10416 E US Hwy 36 Avon, IN. 46123.**

Join us as we dine at a new restaurant in Avon [Lunch menu \$10-20]. Bring a friend for fun & fellowship in April. A sign-up list is on our church bulletin board. **Need a ride?** Simply call Julia Pratt or the church office. We'll make pick-up arrangements. To ride together, please meet at the church between 11:00 to 11:20 am.

**Tuesday, May 12th 12:00 noon – Dining Out: The Rustic Root Tearoom (Beech Grove)
626 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107.**

Plan to join us for a belated Mother’s Day treat. One of our favorite lunch spots for specialty teas, scones, & wonderful desserts. Ask a friend to join us for a lovely lunch. We plan to request 12:00 Noon reservations. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. **Need a ride?** To ride together, please meet at the church between 11:00 to 11:20 a.m. If you need to be picked up beforehand, please contact Julia Pratt or the church office.

Activity Suggestions for 2026: Still taking suggestions for future Prime Timer activities in 2026. What restaurants would you like to dine at? What new activities would you like to try? Any favorite activities to repeat? Please let us know. Thanks in advance!

JOHN KNOX DONATIONS

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

We appreciate your continued can donations in the kitchen “green” recycle bin. All types of cans, including soda, are accepted. Please rinse any food residue from inside to promote a clean kitchen. Please separate can types in your recycling donations (soda vs. steel cans). OmniSource pays depending on the type of metal in the cans.

OmniSource Public Recycling – John Knox General Fund

OmniSource is a **public** recycling facility located at 2115 South West Street, Indpls., 46206. Friendly staff assist with the recycling process (e.g., unloading & weighing cans). A driver’s license, picture, and signature are necessary to complete the process. A paper receipt retrieves cash at the inside automated bank machine. For the church, mark your donation “recycle monies” & give to Cindy Hiday. [Hours: M-F 8-4; Sat. 8-1; Closed last weekend of every month & holidays]

The Storehouse (Food, plastic bags, egg cartons)

At John Knox, place food donations in boxes near office to support The Storehouse with local hunger insecurity. Food, plastic grocery bags, & one dozen size egg cartons are needed. To volunteer, please talk with Dan Bourne. Write “The Storehouse” in the memo line of your check to make a financial donation.

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

We collect pop tabs in containers strategically placed around John Knox. Labeled “Pop Tabs for Henry”, our tabs support the Ronald McDonald House. Several can types have tabs you can donate including vegetables, soup, pet food, soda, etc. Thank you!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Feb 15	70	10
Feb 18 *	44	
Feb 22	66	10
Mar 1	88	10
Mar 8	61	10
Mar 15	89	10

* Ash Wednesday.

VBS & SOCCER CAMP

Mark your calendars—it's back! The Christian Education Team is excited to announce the return of **Soccer Camp** and **Vacation Bible School**.

Soccer Camp will be held **June 8–12 from 6:00–7:30 p.m.** in partnership with the **Speedway High School Boys Soccer Team**. Each evening will include icebreakers followed by soccer drills and activities led by the high school players.

Soccer Camp is open to children in **grades K–6**. If you have **gently used soccer equipment** to donate for our giveaway table, please contact the church office or Pastor Jillian.

Vacation Bible School will take place **June 15–19 from 5:30–8:30 p.m.** This year's theme is **"Road Trip: On the Road with God,"** centered on **Joshua 1:9 — "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go."** VBS is open to children **ages 3 through 6th grade**.

We will partner with **Westview Christian Church** and **Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana** for both weeks. Volunteer training information will be shared later this spring.

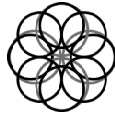
A **sign-up sheet is available outside the church office** where you can indicate:

- Which event(s) you would like to help with
- Your preferred role
- Your T-shirt size

We look forward to a great summer!

MEET AND GREET - MAY 3

Come and meet your Deacon during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, May 3rd. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and join your Deacon to get to know everybody and have a great conversation.



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