

AUGUST 2026

TIDINGS

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can get involved and serve at John Knox!

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10 am Worship Service
11:15 am Christian Education for All
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BROAD PLACES

*“(The Lord) brought me out into a broad place;
he delivered me because he delighted in me.”*

- Psalm 18:19 NRSVue

A few years ago, my pastor friend Eliza introduced me to this Psalm as one of her favorites. Psalm 18. A psalm of victory and thanksgiving, a story of battles won through the support of God. While I do not feel like we’ve necessarily been out here fighting battles, John Knox Presbyterian Church, I do believe we have reason to feel victorious and to celebrate the presence of God with us.

I wonder if you, too, have felt the hope and joy that I have been experiencing at this place lately. We have consistent attendance, new staff members, and strong giving. I am taking that last bit as a sign that you, too, feel the enthusiasm of this place and feel confident in where the Spirit is leading us together, enough to give financially to the church. Thank you.

But where, exactly, might that be? I wish I knew. But like our psalmist, I feel that God has delivered us, God is strong and with us, but God is also setting us in a broad place. What I mean by that is that we have a big, bright, open future ahead of us. But the direction, well, we could go a lot of different ways. Where might God be leading?

In July, your church Session met with Dr. Lisa Allgood from the Presbytery of Cincinnati to discern this broad place and wander together where we might be headed. Where God might be calling John Knox into in this new season of life. We shared stories and ideas, dreams, and concerns together. And we are working, together, to listen and discern with the hope of creating a strategic vision that will help guide us into further discipleship as God’s church.

Whitewater Valley Presbytery has partnered with us in this process, and we are grateful (these are your per capita dollars at work!). Because we are not meant to do this work alone. While we may feel like we are in a broad place right now, that is an exciting place to be. Filled with possibility and hope of where God is leading us to next. And we can rest assured, dear church, that God will be with us wherever we go.

We look forward to sharing more with you as the process takes shape and ask for your prayers for the church leaders here at JKPC, that we might all take time to listen for God's call.

With gratitude & joy,

Pastor Kelley

SUNDAY - AUGUST 2

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

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ADULT EDUCATION RESUMES AUGUST 16 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please join us in the parlor for adult education in August! 11:15 - 12:00 each Sunday

Stories that Shape Us: Structures of the Old Testament - August 16 & 23

From wisdom and poetry to prophecy and law, the Old Testament is filled with different literary styles, intentions, and meaning. Come and learn with Pastor Kelley on the different writing techniques, how they might be read/interpreted, and where we might find comfort and hope in the words before us.

Feeding our Community: Bread for the World conversation and letter writing with Rev. Fatima Yakubu-Madus - August 30

Join Rev. Fatima from the Storehouse Food Pantry to learn more about the Christian advocacy organization Bread for the World. They are working to urge lawmakers to do everything within their power to pursue a world without hunger. There is a letter writing campaign that you can learn more about and get involved if you would like!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
June 21	120	10
June 28	82	10
July 5	75	10
July 12	87	10

BACKPACK BLESSING AUGUST 2: YOU GOT THIS!

With the upcoming school year, everyone could use a little extra encouragement. Whether you're headed back to school, into the office, or just need a note of support, join us with a bag in worship on Sunday, August 2 to get blessed! Backpacks, workbag, and briefcases are all welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF

Mark your calendars: Sunday school classes resume **August 16th**. We hope to see you there.

INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS GAME

John Knox youth group would like to invite you to join them in attending Faith and Fellowship night on **Friday August 7th** at 7 p.m. at Victory field. Though the deadline to sign up was July 24th, we purchased a few additional tickets and would love to see many church families joining us for this event. Please reach out to Pastor Jillian if you are interested in one of the additional tickets.

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **SEPTEMBER, 2025** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.**

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.

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY LUNCH TOGETHER

August 18th (3rd Tues in Aug) – 12:00 Noon Lunch at Mayberry Café (Danville)

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

We'll return for lunch to this quaint local restaurant again. Famous for their fried chicken and meatloaf, many favorite country foods are listed on their menu. Most items are moderately priced with generous portions. Please let us know if you'll need a ride. We might make a special stop on the way home (to be announced).

Save the Dates:

Sept. 15th (3rd Tues in Sept.) – 12:00 Noon Lunch at India Palace Restaurant

India Palace Restaurant, 4213 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN 46254

Close to home, this restaurant specializes in Northern India cuisine (claypot/tandoori/curry). There are plenty of options to choose from the menu or try their lunch buffet. Stepping a bit out of our comfort zone to try local ethnic food. Please let us know if you'll need a ride.

Oct. 13th (2nd Tues in Oct.) – 12:00 Noon Lunch at Napoli Villa Italian Restaurant

Napoli Villa Italian Restaurant, 758 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107

If you're a fan of authentic Italian cuisine, you won't want to miss this opportunity to celebrate October birthdays with us. Please let us know if you'll need a ride.

HOSPITALITY TABLE

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

August 2	Deacons
August 9	PW
August 16	Building & Grounds
August 23	Finance & Personnel
August 30	Education

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.

FALL GRIEFSHARE

Please join us this fall as we come together to support each other through our Grief. Griefshare is a 13 week program designed to empower individuals as they navigate their personal journey with loss. The program includes conversation starters and workbooks addressing topics such as loneliness, questions for God and tips for moving forward. Griefshare will be held at John Knox on Wednesdays from 1:00pm-2:30 **beginning September 16th**, sweet treats and fall drinks will also be served. Sign up sheet will be outside the church office. If you would like to attend but this time does not work for you please reach out to the church office.

SPEEDWAY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

What better way to celebrate the centennial anniversary of our neighboring community than by helping host a carnival? John Knox, along with several other Speedway churches, has been invited to join the festivities by hosting a carnival game on **Saturday, August 15**. We have chosen to bring the iconic game of **Plinko** to life for this special event!

The carnival will be held from **5:00–7:00 p.m.**, with setup beginning at **3:00 p.m.** The event will take place on **Main Street in Speedway**, just outside **AJ Foyt Racing** (1140 Main Street).

If you're interested in helping with setup or hosting the Plinko game, please sign up outside the church office.

We hope you'll join us for a fun evening filled with games, music, and community as we celebrate Speedway's 100th anniversary!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

You earned \$77.14 during the 2nd quarter of 2026. The money raised from the Kroger program now goes into the Camp Pyoca Scholarship Fund. We now have 39 participating households. If you are not participating in the program, instructions on how to sign-up are on the table under the bulletin board by the church office. The instructions are copied on blue paper. The program is free. All you need is a Kroger Plus card which you can get by going to the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger store. Every time you make a purchase at Kroger, you are supporting the youth in our church. If you have questions, contact Judy Ricketts at 317-840-7794. She will be happy to walk you through the process to sign-up. Thanks for your support.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT SAVE THE DATE

The John Knox All Church Retreat for 2026 will take place this year on **September 25-27**, Friday Evening through Sunday Morning at Pyoca Camp and Conference Center Brownstown, IN. Our speakers for this year will be Jon and Kelley Simpson and our theme for the weekend once confirmed will be in the retreat brochure. The retreat brochure once completed may be found either in the August Tidings or found on the literature rack outside the church office. As with past retreats, there will be activities for children, as well as intergenerational activities for us throughout the weekend. Save these dates and don't miss out on this wonderful weekend of spiritual fellowship in a beautiful place amidst God's creation.

CRAZY CARDS - SAVE THE DATE

Deacons are planning an evening of fun on **September 12th**. We will be having Crazy Cards from 4:00 to 7:00. Put it on your calendar.

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 Lawler	Aug 20		

RECYCLING & DONATIONS

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

Thank you for supporting our recycling. We are already near 70% of our annual \$100 goal. Reminder that all types of cans and aluminum are welcome. Your donations go in our kitchen “green” recycle bin. Always rinse food residue from cans, to keep our building free from unwanted bugs & critters. Separating soda cans from other metal cans/aluminum items is also very helpful as OmniSource pays differently for each type of metal being recycled.

Public Recycling at OmniSource – John Knox General Fund

Recycling on your own is also available at OmniSource, a public recycling facility located at 2115 South West Street, Indpls., 46206. Friendly staff assist with all the recycling activities (e.g., unloading & weighing cans). A driver’s license, picture, & signature are required to complete the process. To retrieve cash, take your paper receipt inside to the automated cash machine. To donate back to the church, share your “recycle monies” by giving them to Cindy Hiday with a note. [Hours: M-F 8-4; Sat. 8-1; Closed last weekend of every month & holidays]

The Storehouse (Food, plastic grocery bags, egg cartons)

We accept food items at John Knox in boxes near the church office. In addition, plastic grocery bags & egg cartons (1 doz. size) are also needed. All items are picked up and transported to The Storehouse, our local food pantry. More volunteers are always needed at The Storehouse, especially on “Distribution Days”. To find out more, please contact Dan Bourne. To make a financial donation, simply write a check and place “Food Pantry or The Storehouse” in the memo line. Place in the offering collection on Sunday mornings, drop off in the office, or give to Cindy Hiday.

Bottle lids for furniture

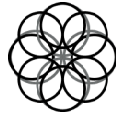
We have a new collection activity for you to try out. Bottle lids (e.g., water/soda bottles) are being collected. Please find a labeled container near the church office/fellowship hall for this purpose. Thanks!

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

We continue to collect pop tabs in the containers labeled “Pop Tabs for Henry”. These containers are strategically placed around John Knox (outside church office, Fellowship Hall, church kitchen, etc.). Our tab collection is gathered and donated to support activities at the Ronald McDonald House. You can collect tabs from several can types including vegetables, soup, pet food, soda, etc. to donate in our collection containers. Thank you!

CHOCOLATE WALK SEPTEMBER 26, 2-5 P.M.

John Knox will participate once again in the Speedway Chocolate Walk. Please contact the church office or any Deacon member for more information, whether you are interested in handing out a chocolate goodie at the church or actually walking the town of Speedway collecting chocolates.



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