

DECEMBER 2022

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT JKPC

ADVENT SEASON

We are entering the season of Advent. A season when we celebrate the birth of the Holy One, Jesus the Christ. This year my question to you is can we look and find the holy all around us? Can we see life as pregnant with Christ... not just Mary in a story from long ago, but everyone and everything capable of bursting forth with goodness and grace? It is imperative that we grapple with our incarnational faith, the belief that, like Jesus, our faith is not just an idea, but it gets lived out in our actions in the world and what it calls us to be and do. So, I invite you to join me, as I will “pop” (as in not set time) onto the church Facebook page throughout December and share a bit from Richard Rohr’s book *Everything is Sacred*. Our Advent Devotional is created around this Richard Rohr book and his book *The Universal Christ*. So, join me as we reflect on our incarnational faith this holy Advent season.

Blessings,
Pastor Beth

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE TUESDAY - DECEMBER 13 - 6:30pm

For many, the holiday season is not an especially happy time, as it brings back memories of loved ones no longer here. While Christmas is often filled with joy, it also can be filled with pain, sadness, and grief. This year, we will come together again in a time of worship to acknowledge those feelings in a “Blue Christmas Service” on December 13. This will be a service of scripture, music, and prayer. We hope you will feel led to come and share in this time of worship, as we offer all of who we are to God in this time of preparation for the Christ Child.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - DEC. 4 - 6:30pm

Christmas is coming! The annual Christmas play is on December 4 at 6:30pm and will be a "Paper Bag Celebration!" Of course, there will be some Christmas carols to get us in the holiday spirit! This will be a unique program as everyone attending will have a chance to participate. No rehearsal is necessary just show up, pick-up a paper bag at the door and listen to the directions to know your part for the program. It will be super easy and fun! Mark your calendars as we hope to see you there. Please see Dawnie Barnhouse if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE DECEMBER 24 - 6:30 pm

To celebrate the coming of the Christ Child, we will gather for worship on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Our service will include music by the Adult Chancel Choir and Spirit Alive Band. It will include scripture, carols, communion and candlelight. Childcare will be provided. Plan on attending this special service celebrating the Christ Child's birth, and consider inviting your friends and family to worship with us that evening!

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE DECEMBER 25 - 10 am CAROLS, COCOA & COOKIES

Please join us for a casual worship experience on Sunday, December 25 at 10 am. Come in your PJ's if you like. We will sing Carols, drink Cocoa, and eat Cookies (yes, bring your left-over cookies for a cookie exchange). We will hear the story of Christ's birth and celebrate! Come and join in the fun.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4

COMMUNION: Sunday, December 4, 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, December 4, or during office hours the week before.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - DEC 18

One of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering has been collected for decades as a means to support both retired church workers and their spouses who have financial need, as well as students at racially diverse colleges of the PC(USA). We will dedicate this offering at John Knox on December 19, and you are invited to use the special offering envelopes found in the pews, or mark your donations "Christmas Joy Offering." Thank you for your generous support!

FALL/WINTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10 a.m.	One Blended Worship Service
11 a.m.	Fellowship, Intergenerational, and Adult Church School

PRIME TIMERS - TUES, DEC 13

To end the year, we are excited to be going to the LS Ayres Tearoom for our annual gathering on Tuesday, December 13 (please note change of date). **Please Note: We have filled all spots for this event.** Our reservation is for fourteen at 12:30pm. If you want to carpool from the church, please meet us at 11:45 to leave by noon. Cost is \$28.50/each for the buffet, which is the only offering for the menu. This includes a drink and dessert. You can go back as many times as you desire, and the buffet includes all the favorites from the past menu. It will get you into the holiday spirit! See you there! Lisa Crismore

RING THE SALVATION ARMY BELL MONDAY - DECEMBER 19

Bell Ringers are needed for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive! JKPC is scheduled to ring the bell on **Monday, December 19, 2022, from 12:00 pm (Noon) to 6:00 pm**, at the Speedway Kroger Store on Crawfordsville Road. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Let's sign up and ring those bells for this worthy cause. See Nancy Orme or anyone on the PWCT if you have questions.

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CIRCLE CITY RINGERS & CHRISTMAS BANQUET - DEC 18

December 18th, 2022 - - The concert given by the Circle City Ringers at 3:30 PM is Free, BUT, you'll need to buy a ticket and reserve a seat in the Fellowship Hall for the Dinner which will be served at 5:00 PM. Tickets will be sold starting November 27th through December 11th (Note: no ticket sales after that date!!). Tickets are \$12.00 per adult, \$6.00 for children ages 12 to 6 and children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased from a representative of the PWCT at a table in the hallway. Don't forget to get your ticket. We would hate to see you miss out on the yummy food!!!

Merry Christmas

GIFT CARD & CANDY BASKET

Raffle tickets for the Gift Card and Candy Basket benefiting the PW, are on sale now through December 18th. The basket will be raffled off at the dinner after the Bell Ringers concert. Tickets are \$1.00 each and will be sold up until the time of the raffle.

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Pete and Judy Ricketts
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PARENTS' MORNING OUT SATURDAY, DEC 10, 9 AM - 12 PM

John Knox church is offering 3 hours of childcare on December 10 from 9am-12pm while parents Christmas shop during the holidays. There will be games, snacks, craft time and a children's holiday movie. Your child must be registered to attend. Ages 2-12.

Registration forms are found on the table outside the church office or on the church's website.

Deadline to register is December 4

If you are available and interested in helping with this parent's morning out, please contact the church office at jkpcoffice@comcast.net or 317-291-0308 and leave your name and phone number. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Hamel at 317-750-6367. We will contact you once we know the number of children we have registered. Thanks for your help.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Clifton	Dec 3	Jim Williams	Dec 12
Carol McKeown	Dec 3	Seraya Baker	Dec 14
Tim Graves	Dec 7	Jane True	Dec 14
Linda Bourne	Dec 10	Teresa Gorrell	Dec 27
Bill Revis	Dec 10	Norma Kraft	Dec 28
Dan Bourne	Dec 11	Matthew Swigart	Dec 28
Kathy Judy	Dec 11	Terry Pitcock	Dec 30

HOLIDAY GIVING FOR MISSION

Coburn Place provides shelter for women and children who are suffering from abuse. Most, if not all of these victims are arriving at Coburn Place with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. This year we are supporting Coburn Place by placing shopping list tags on the Christmas Tree just outside the Sanctuary doors (formerly the Hat & Mitten Tree). The tags list items needed to furnish the small apartments provided to the “guests” of Coburn Place while they recuperate and put their lives back together. These items will go with them when they’re ready to leave Coburn Place and start a new life.

Your donated items will be gratefully accepted starting now through December 25th. They will be delivered to Coburn Place before the end of this year when the need is the greatest. Your participation in this Mission drive will bring hope to many and make their stay at Coburn Place feel more like home.

Thank you,
Your Mission team

THANK YOU FROM GALLEH AND MAMUDU

Thank you all for attending the African luncheon. A special thank you to all who purchased and made desserts for the auction. The total was \$777 and will go towards helping support them prior to getting their work permit and social security number. They continue to be grateful to their fellow church members for their support, prayers and love.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all who donated to the Hat & Mitten Tree this year. A total of 275 pairs of socks, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves (some were hand knit) have been received and will be delivered to three of our neighborhood schools very soon. Because of your generosity a lot of heads, necks, hands and feet will stay toasty warm this winter. And we mustn't forget, hearts too!

The Mission Team

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Oct 16	80	19
Oct 23	77	22
Oct 30	76	20
Nov 6	74	21
Nov 13	79	25

FINANCIAL REMINDER

As we near the end of the calendar year, please take note of the following important financial reminders:

- **Non Cash Contributions** -- If you have made any non-cash contributions to John Knox in 2022, I would ask that you begin to gather your receipts and turn them in to me. This will give me ample time to review the receipts and post to your giving account so your contribution(s) appear on your final giving statement for 2022. Final giving statements for 2022 will be processed on January 10th. Receipts received after this date will appear on your 2023 giving statement.
- **Contributions made via OnLine Banking, through Monthly Distributions and Checks via mail** – Please double check with your vendor to confirm that your contribution is being mailed to JKPC no later than December 20th. Allowing for extra transit time is a must when using USPS during the holiday season.

Thank you once again for all you do to make John Knox an Open. Caring. Community!

Cindy Hiday

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of November 22nd, we have received 42 pledges totaling \$221,240 towards the 2023 annual budget. Our goal for pledges in 2023 is \$352,000. Thank you to those who have made your commitments thus far – we are VERY grateful! If you have not yet turned in your pledge of financial support for next year, please do so as soon as possible. You can mail your pledge card to the church, or contact Cindy Hiday directly to let her know your pledge for 2023. (Phone 317-388-1280 or Email cindy.hiday@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Finance Team (Rev. Beth Wagner, Cindy Hiday, Dan Bourne, Jeff Roberts, Matt Whitaker, Susan Roberts). Thank you for ALL you do for our Open, Caring, Community!

2023 STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2023, please do so as soon as possible. We will begin publishing stewardship updates in the Sunday morning announcements so take note of that information as it becomes available. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to this Open, Caring, Community!

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Our New Beginnings pantry is open Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. This month we helped 5 families with utilities, groceries and rent. Individuals seeking assistance at John Knox are asking for assistance with rent, utilities, gas, and groceries. Everyone looking to find assistance at John Knox is thankful for your support of the “New Beginnings” program!

Amy Willis

NEW MEMBER CLASS - JAN 8

Are you wondering about membership at John Knox Presbyterian Church? What does it mean to be Presbyterian? How do you join? Is membership for me? Then sign up for our January 8th Membership Exploration lunch and class. Reservations are required as we will serve lunch and then spend the afternoon learning about Presbyterianism, what membership means at John Knox and how you go about becoming a member. Reservations can be made by calling the office 317.291.0308 or email pastorbeth@johnknox.org.

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **JANUARY 2023** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, DECEMBER 14.**

The preferred way to turn in your articles is to email them directly to the church office: **JKPCTidings@gmail.com** or place them in the **TIDINGS mailbox** in the Church Office.

WREATHS FOR THE CHURCH

We will have eight live wreaths to decorate the entrances to the church, the sanctuary, and the fellowship hall this Advent and Christmas. If you would like to make a donation for one or more of these, they are \$14 each. Please make your check out to the church, mark it "Wreaths" and who you wish it to be in honor or memory of, and turn it in to the church office. Thank you!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Chancel Guild will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias again this year. Orders are being accepted through **December 18**. The cost this year is \$10 per plant.

ORDER FORM FOR POINSETTIAS & WREATHS Due December 18, 2022

Name _____

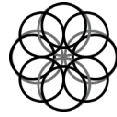
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Total \$ _____

In Honor of: _____

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