



FEBRUARY 2022

TIDINGS

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can get involved and serve at John Knox!

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BETH'S MESSAGE

My Mom died of breast cancer in May of 2013. She made the courageous decision to stop chemotherapy after 17 years of dealing with cancer. My siblings and I were in full support of her decision as well as her final request that all four of her children be with her at her death was met. We knew from many discussions what her last wishes were, and we surrounded her with music, laughter, and our gentle presence as she died.

Then we began the hard work of planning her service. We knew she had something in a folder in her lockbox. She always told me that her service was planned. What we discovered was she had planned the music for the service and then wrote: "Beth will plan the rest of it!". Now I realize I am a pastor, but to be honest, what I wanted to be was a grieving daughter. After her death, I began to use a wonderful resource called 5 Wishes. It helps people plan for their death, because if we are honest, we must acknowledge that we are all going to die. The other thing I began to do was to help congregation members plan their funeral/memorial services. To not leave it to a child, sibling, or pastor but to actually create a service that reflects personal wishes and desires.

During Sundays in February (6, 13 and 20), I invite you to come and plan a bit about dying and about celebrating your life as you would want it. It will be interactive. Want to know more, or sign up? Check the weekly bulletin or email blast for details.

Blessings.

Pastor Beth

CHURCH SCHOOL SUSPENDED

Due to the rising number of Covid cases the adult church school led by Patty McKinnon has been canceled through the end of January. The Education Team and Patty will be reevaluating at the end of the month to see if it is safe for the class to reconvene. Thanks for your understanding as we want to keep everyone safe during this surge in the pandemic.

Due to the lack of attendance, the Education Team has made the decision to cancel the church school classes for the children and youth through the end of the school year in May. Starting in the fall, we will reevaluate the need to reconvene these classes. This was not a decision that was easily made. The Education Team will begin to assemble "Church School Take Home" boxes which will have lessons, crafts, games and songs which the parents and children can do at their leisure. We will begin with five lessons and request feedback from the parents to see if these are helpful. If you are a parent, please contact us if your family would like to receive one of these boxes.

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SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 6

COMMUNION: Sunday, February 6, 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, February 6, or during office hours the week before.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FEBRUARY 13

Every year we join with churches across the country to donate food and money on Souper Bowl Sunday to help feed the hungry in our communities. We would invite you to bring a food donation to the church on Sunday, February 13. You can also make a monetary donation to assist with this need. All donations – food and monetary – will be sent to help The Storehouse Food Pantry with their efforts to help those in our community who have great need. If you want to write a check, make it out to John Knox and mark it “Souper Bowl.” Thank you for your deep generosity to feed and care for all of our neighbors!

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **MARCH 2022** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.**

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.

BABY SHOWER

Presbyterian Women (PW) will be hosting a baby shower to help Rebekah and Matthew Dass prepare for the arrival of their baby girl in March. The shower will take place in the Fellowship Hall that day at 12:15, immediately following the contemporary worship service. There will be boxed lunches and social distancing because of Covid. You will need to sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office so we will know what and how many boxed lunches to order.

Rebekah and Matthew have registered with Target, Amazon, and BuyBuyBaby. If you would like to contribute to a larger gift, please see or contact Cindy Hiday (317-513-4121). If you have any questions, please see or contact Pam Herman (317-840-9461). Please consider purchasing a children's book instead of a card to add to the baby's library.

Our John Knox family is looking forward to this newest addition!!!

A SPECIAL VALENTINE'S GIFT

Did you know you can do alternative giving for Valentine's Day? Make a financial donation on February 13 to help with New Beginnings (JKPC food cabinet), for people who come here needing help with food, gas, and other needs. It's a good feeling to know we can help our neighbors. Mark your donation "New Beginnings," and thank you for your continuing efforts to make this such an Open. Caring. Community!

COMING SOON

COMING SOON We will again be selling Crew Car Wash tickets between services during the entire month of February. Tickets are \$10 each, and John Knox makes a profit of \$5 on each ticket sold.

In past years, this has been a great fundraiser for the church, as well as a way to keep your car clean during messy winter weather! Using your tickets will be especially convenient now that the new Crew Car Wash has recently opened south of the church on High School Road.

More details will appear in the Sunday bulletins starting on January 30th.

FLOWERS IN 2022

One of the ways that you can contribute to our worship experience each Sunday is by placing flowers in worship. There is a calendar outside the church office where you can sign-up. Please feel free to contact Amy Willis if you have any questions (317-291-0308). Thank you!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	11 a.m. Worship	Online
Dec. 19	51	23	43
Dec. 24		95 Combined	38
Dec. 26		29 Combined	15
Jan. 2		46 Combined	8
Jan. 9	40	23	38

FINANCIAL NOTES AND THANKS

END OF 2021: We finished last year receiving \$2,297 MORE than what was pledged. We also received \$906 more than what we had budgeted to receive in non-pledge giving. We also fulfilled all of our mission commitments. Considering all of the factors that we faced as a church, this is superb. We are deeply grateful for all you consistently and faithfully supported the ministry of this Open, Caring, Community. We are blessed by your faith and commitment - thank you!

2022 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 2022, that amount per member is \$42.29, 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).

COMING SOON: To reduce mailing and printing costs, we will begin emailing contribution statements to those individuals who have supplied their email address to us. If you have email and haven't given us your “up to date” email address please do so. For those who do not have email, we will be distributing printed contribution statements in a condensed format. Printed contribution statements will be put in your mail folder. Individuals who do not regularly attend will not be left out....we will mail your statement to your home address. We see this as a way to reduce costs and take advantage of our recent software update.

DEATH AND DYING WITH DIGNITY

Join Pastor Beth as she explores the fundamental idea of dying with dignity. Our Christian core belief is that we belong to God in life and in death. We plan and celebrate birth with birth plans, and showers. We decorate nursery and start a college fund. Death is often not so carefully thought out. Yet, if we plan for a good death, we help our loved ones know of our desires for our final time on earth.

The class will meet on February 6, 13 and 20th from 6:30 -8:00p.m.

We plan to cover:

A booklet called Five Wishes. It is a document that is the most widely used advance directive or living will in America. It is often called the “living will with a heart and soul” because it includes the things that matter the most. Unlike most other advance directives, it is easy to use and understand. Caring for people with a serious illness involves more than providing the best medical care. It means helping them to maintain their human dignity. That’s where Five Wishes come in.

What does a Presbyterian Service of the Witness to the Resurrection have? We will spend a nighttime looking at our service, talking about scripture, music and other things that would be important in your own service.

Our last class will be looking at what other things should be done in the way of pre-planning your funeral. Planning ahead saves your loved one a great deal of worry and grief.

YOUTH UPDATE

Blessings to all,

As we continue preparing for the rest of the year, we continue to look for new ways to keep connected and active. Please remember that this is a Triennium year which is an opportunity for our high schoolers to meet and connect with other young people from our churches locally and even internationally too.

During the month of February, we will be sending cards to our youth to celebrate Saint Valentine's Day; and we would love it if members of the church would sign them. It's a way to let them know how much we miss them. We will be sending the cards out before February 14th. Keep praying for our youth so they can continue to be safe! Soon we can all be together again.

Bendiciones
Pastor William

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Hurt	Feb 1	Jen Merrill	Feb 10
Marcus Whitfield	Feb 1	Courtney Merrill	Feb 10
Patty McKinnon	Feb 2	Nicholas Graves	Feb 16
Maddie Andrews	Feb 3	Kelsey Merrill	Feb 16
Lance Wells	Feb 4	JoEllen Gagna	Feb 21
Amber Judy	Feb 5	Danny Fultz	Feb 23
Heather Mansell	Feb 6	Allyssa Larrick	Feb 23
Derek Hurt	Feb 8	Megan Gogan	Feb 24
Matthew Whitaker	Feb 9	Troy Judy	Feb 28
Zach Merrill	Feb 10		

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Our New Beginnings pantry is open Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Those that are out of work, disabled, and effected by COVID are desperately looking for ways to put food on their tables. It is such a blessing to know that when I receive a call from someone in need, we are prepared to help as well as provide resources for their needs. Please continue to lift our community up in your prayers and consider donating funds to the New Beginnings pantry. This month we provided assistance to 16 families. I know that each one of the families looking to find assistance at John Knox are thankful for your support of the “New Beginnings” program!

-- Amy Willis

IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of **Pat Dean** and her family on the death of her husband, **Jim Dean**, on December 22, 2021. A service to celebrate his life will take place on March 26, 2022, at John Knox.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We celebrate with **Kelli Porten** and **Carl Lagerlof** as they were married on Sunday, January 16, at John Knox. The wedding was broadcast via Facebook.

THANK YOU

Pat Dean would like to express her thanks for all your thoughts, prayers, calls and cards after Jim died..

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 2 7 p.m.

We will hold worship in the sanctuary at 7pm. The service will include scripture, prayer, and the imposition of ashes, marking the beginning of our remembrance of the Season of Lent.

The service will also be live streamed on line. Due to Covid we will not be able to hold our normal pancake supper again this year.

Join us for worship this special evening either in person or on line.

SAVE THE DATES

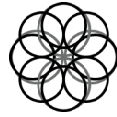
HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday - April 10 - 9 and 11 am

Maundy Thursday - April 14 - 7 pm

Good Friday - April 15 - John Knox is hosting

Easter Sunday - April 17 - 9 & 11 am



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