

# JUNE 2026

# TIDINGS

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11:15 am Christian Education for All

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## THIS IS GOD'S GARDEN

*“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right,  
for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”*

-Galatians 6:9 NRSVue

Dear Church,

There are so many garden metaphors in the Bible! In the earliest stories of God, we hear of an artful Creator who takes care in cultivating all of creation – plants included. We hear the directive that we are to care for the land and all that grows on it. Tend the soil, plant the seeds, reap the harvest, share with your neighbors. As a God who creates, grows and sustains, it makes sense to liken the work of Christians to caring and tending for gardens.

On Mother's Day weekend, the garden here at John Knox was planted. Cucumbers and beans, red cabbage and zucchinis. Tomatoes, peppers, and flowers for the pollinators. We lay down these small and tender plants with a great hope that they will produce good fruit we can share with our neighbors.

There is another garden at the Storehouse as well – actually six of them! These beds will need weeding and water, picking and pulling when the time comes, so if you are interested in helping out, please let me know. All of this is important and intentional work to feed God's people!

This year, we want you to think about how your garden at home is a part of God's garden. As part of the **This is God's Garden** campaign, we will be handing out patio tomato plants for anyone who wants one. The hope is that you are able to care for this plant and help it to yield good fruit. Twice a month, we will have drop off times for

those who are growing tomatoes (or other produce at home!) that they can share with the Storehouse Food Pantry. These dates will correspond with the Storehouse distribution dates and are posted on the bulletin board. Reminders will be in the bulletin as well.

We hope you feel inspired to participate in God's action of growing good food in the world, especially in ways that help to love and serve our neighbors. This is God's Garden, and we give thanks for the calling to be co-creators in the good work God has for us. With hope for a fruitful harvest,

*Pastor Kelley*

## SUNDAY - JUNE 7

**COMMUNION:** Sunday, June 7, 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, June 7, or during office hours the week before.

## PYOCA SCHOLARSHIP SEASON

Every year the children of John Knox are invited to apply for scholarships to cover their entire fee for summer camp. Here are a few excerpts from the applications on why our kids want to go to camp this summer:

“I want to strengthen my relationship with God”

“I would like to go to camp because it brings me closer to God”

“I want to learn more about me”

“I want to meet up with old friends”

What more could we want for our children? If you are interested in making a donation to the Camp Pyoca Scholarship fund here at John Knox, please put a note in the memo line of your check, indicating that it goes for camp scholarships. We are so grateful and look forward to hearing what our kids learn and experience this summer!

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - JUNE 17

Are you someone who offers significant care to another person? We know how rewarding and taxing that can be. Stop in for coffee, donuts, and conversation with others in your position on Wednesday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kelley.

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## VBS & SOCCER

Summer means it's time for VBS! This summer, we are also bringing back Soccer Camp. Please join us as we partner with WCC and IHC to invite the children in our neighborhood in for fun and fellowship.

**Soccer Camp** will be held **June 8–12** from 6:00–7:30 p.m. and will focus on learning self- and team-affirmations to help build skills and self-confidence.

**VBS** will follow the next week, **June 15–19**, from 5:30–8:30 p.m. Together, we will learn about the ways God travels with us as we recite the memory verse, Joshua 1:9b:

*"The Lord our God is with us wherever we go."*

## HOSPITALITY TABLE

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

- June 7 Education
- June 14 Mission & Worship
- June 21 Deacons
- June 28 PW

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.

## CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

We celebrate with all of our church members who have family and friends marking this important milestone in their lives. We send out special congratulations to:

**David Church**, son of David and Melissa Church, and grandson of Karen Church, will be graduating from Ben Davis High School on Saturday, June 6. He will be attending the University of Indianapolis and plans to swim and study Athletic Training.

**Taylor Marie Donovan**, daughter of Sarah and Jason Donovan, and granddaughter of Melodie and David Wager, graduated from Plainfield High School on May 23, 2026. Taylor's future plans are to attend the University of Akron as a student-athlete playing volleyball, and she plans to study business.

**Madison Haymond**, daughter of Shawn and Liz Haymond, sister of Caraline Haymond, and granddaughter of Karen Church, graduated from Purdue University on May 14, 2026 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aquatic Science. Future plans – she will be going into the Peace Corps.

**Sophia Herman**, daughter of Jake and Karlie Herman and granddaughter of Dick and Pam Herman graduated on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from Purdue University Global with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in digital and social media management. She plans to continue her career with Walmart and build her skill set!

**Karly Ricketts**, great niece of Pete and Judy Ricketts, graduated from the University of Iowa on May 16th. She will be starting PA School at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa on June 8.

**Kyla N. Smith**, daughter of Eric and Venessa Smith, and granddaughter of Dan and Linda Bourne, will be graduating from Franklin Central High School on Tuesday, June 2. She will be attending the University of Louisville in the fall pursuing an engineering degree.

**Rejoice Tita**, daughter of Nelson and Sarah Tita, graduated on May 2, 2026 with an Associates Degree in Health from Vincennes University. She will be graduating on June 6, 2026 from Ben Davis University High School. She plans to continue her education at Indiana University Indianapolis (IUI).

## CONGRATULATIONS

John Knox Presbyterian Church rejoices with the Atangba family in the birth of baby boy Ethan! He was born on Saturday, May 16, at 7 lbs, 13 ozs and 21 inches long. All are doing well.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Apr 19	85	10
Apr 26	88	10
May 3	100	10
May 10	90	10
May 17	76	10

## IN SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of **Sandy Jordan** and her family. Sandy's husband, **Jack Jordan**, passed away on Friday, April 24. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, May 2, at John Knox.

We share in the sorrow of **Betty Dunkel's** family. Betty passed away on Tuesday, May 12. A Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, May 27, at John Knox.

*"If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God." (Romans 14:8 CEB)*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ame'lle Cattet	June 1	Karen Clevenger	June 15
Carlson Longla	June 6	Elaine Deaton	June 17
Pam Herman	June 8	Roberta Morris	June 23
Margaret Rennaker	June 10	Pete Ricketts	June 25
Barbara Weetman	June 10	Kim West	June 25
Karen Viefhaus	June 11	Godenson Etienne	June 28
Kel Winton	June 14	Jillian Flynn	June 29

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## TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **JULY 2026** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**.

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

**Tuesday, June 16th VBS Summer Pitch-in: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm  
(Parlor Room)**

Join us for a summer picnic pitch-in during VBS Week (inside with air conditioning!) Bring a favorite dish or dessert to share while we learn more about VBS activities. Speaker to be announced. To help with set-up & prep activities in the kitchen, please arrive earlier (anytime 10:00 am or later). We'll set the table to eat lunch around 12:00 noon. **Need a ride?** Simply call Julia or the church office to get a ride. We'll make arrangements to pick you up. A sign-up list will be on the bulletin board.

**Save the Dates:**

**Wednesday, July 15th Lunch Out Together: 12:00 pm reservations**  
**Ms. B's Teas, 4883 Iowa St, Clayton, IN 46118, PH: 317-539-2507,**  
[hello@msbsteas.com](mailto:hello@msbsteas.com)

We're trying out a new tea room in small town Clayton, IN about 35 minutes west of here. They are closed on Tuesdays so we'll plan on a Wednesday lunch instead. A sign-up list will be on the bulletin board and to share rides. Please watch for more details.

**Tuesday, August 18th (3rd Tues in August) Details to be announced.**

**Activity Suggestions for 2026:** Still taking suggestions for 2026 Prime Timer activities. Any new activities you'd like to try. New restaurants for dining out? Free local community activities? Please let us know. Thanks in advance!

## RECYCLE AND DONATIONS

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

Thank you for all the can donations for recycling. We are quickly reaching our financial goals for 2026 recycling. All can types are accepted, including aluminum items. Please donate all items in the kitchen “green” recycle bin. To keep the kitchen free from unwanted bugs & critters, help us by removing labels & rinsing food residue from inside cans first, before donating them. Please note that OmniSource pays differently based on the metal type of cans. Please separate into regular and soda can groups.

### **Public Recycling at OmniSource – 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 is provided to retrieve cash at the inside automated machine. You can recycle in person at Omnisource and donate back to the church. Give your “recycle monies” to Cindy Hiday with a note. [OmniSource Hours: M-F 8-4; Sat. 8-1; Closed the last weekend of every month & holidays]

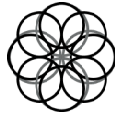
### **The Storehouse (Food, plastic bags, egg cartons)**

John Knox accepts non-perishable food items throughout each month in the donation boxes near the church office. Items are picked up and transported to The Storehouse, our local food pantry. This helps us in our mission to address food insecurity in our community. In addition to food items, plastic grocery bags & one

dozen size egg cartons are also needed. The Storehouse also needs more volunteers. To find out more, please contact Dan Bourne to volunteer. If making a financial donation makes more sense to you, simply write a check with “The Storehouse” in the memo line. Place your completed check in the offering collection, drop off your check in the office, or give it to Cindy Hiday.

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

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



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