

JULY 2026

TIDINGS

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

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THANK YOU FOR VBS + SOCCER CAMP

Dear Church,

Words cannot begin to express the depth of my gratitude for the multitude of ways you have shown love to the children and families in our neighborhood this summer. In just two weeks we welcomed 29 children onto our fields for the return of soccer camp as well as 47 children into our church for vacation bible school. If those numbers are not impressive enough let me quantify a few other things:

100 sack dinners including sandwiches, juice, fruit, granola bars, and sweet treats were provided; 120 corn dogs, 20 pounds of taco meat, 15 pounds of dinosaur chicken nuggets, 15 pizzas, and over 100 burgers and hot dogs served as hot dinners to children and their families; and last but certainly not least over 22 hours of safety and community to learn about Gods love provided.

These events would not have been possible without your support, encouragement and gifts. From those who came and volunteered for these events, to all the individuals who offered prayers, prepped meals, decorated, cleaned, gathered and donated items, and graciously allowed these visions to come to life (even if it meant re-arranging furniture): Thank You.

Two back-to-back weeks of activities is not an easy task and all the “what-ifs” or worries could have easily stifled the flame before the journey began. Yet we as a church lived in to the promise God made in Joshua 1:9 to be with us wherever we go and in whatever we do. Maybe this is why our VBS theme of Road Trip with God was so perfectly timed. The stories throughout the week gave reminders of all the different ways God shows up on the journey. Stories of Abraham, and Elizabeth, Zaccheus and Paul demonstrated the different ways God is always with us: On the journey, in the detours, through the joy, and the pain, near and far forever.

I truly believe that each one of those children who walked through these doors saw firsthand they are not alone on their journey through life. By opening our doors to the community, we not only put our faith into action, trusting God to provide on this crazy adventure but we also were the hands and feet of God joining these neighbors this summer.

One of our VBS songs held the lyrics, “When things look impossible, Our God is unstoppable” and what an amazing sentiment to truly encompass what you all accomplished for our community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for joining me in doing what felt a bit impossible.

Pastor Jillian

SUNDAY - JULY 5

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

OUR FLOCK IS GROWING! SEWING PARTNERS NEEDED

We have been blessed to see an influx of baptisms at JKPC lately - God is on the move! As a result, we are running low on our stock of lambs that are given as a gift to the newly baptized. Donna P has prepared some kits and instructions, but we could use some help sewing them! If you are interested in helping, learning, or crafting, please let Pam H know!

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WELCOME

On Sunday, April 26, we welcomed new members:

Ninian Atangbe
Cathy Harvey

Megan Becker
Shelley Nelson

On Sunday, May 3, we welcomed new members:

Synorine Atam Mbaweh
Nathalie Joseph

Destiny Mbah

On Sunday, June 14, we welcomed new members:

Michelle & Linus Peck

In addition on June 14, we celebrated the baptisms of Brayden Nshom, Jamil Orazco, Asslin-Neriah Akihmbom Nshom and Asser-Brighton Nshom.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Baker Flynn	July 1	Nya Baker	July 12
Theo Cattet	July 2	Harlan Rolfson	July 12
Tiffany Jordan	July 4	Marcia Brock	July 16
Miyaka Mbah	July 4	Barbara Dunbar	July 16
Sandy Jordan	July 5	Ginny Shaw	July 18
Rejoice Abuwoa	July 7	Scott Viefhaus	July 20
Lois Charboneau	July 7	Karen Doty	July 22
Mike Larrick	July 7	Diane Whitaker	July 22
Galleh Thoronka	July 7	Dick Herman	July 27
Matthew Dass	July 9	Ameera Tunkara	July 29

TIDINGS DEADLINE

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

HOSPITALITY TABLE

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

July 5	Building and Grounds
July 12	Finance and Personnel
July 19	Education
July 26	Mission and Worship

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.

JOIN THE YOUTH FOR A BASEBALL OUTING! - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

We secured a group of \$9 lawn tickets for the Friday, August 7 Indianapolis Indians baseball game! Join us for fun and fellowship at Victory Field. We hope you'll join us to get to know our youth and spend a casual evening enjoying baseball. Watch for the sign-up sheet outside the church office.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
May 23 *	42	
May 31	72	10
June 7	103	10
June 14	112	10

* Saturday Evening Service - Memorial Day Weekend

PRIME TIMERS

Wednesday, July 15th Lunch at Ms. B's Teas (12:00 pm reservations)

Ms. B's Teas, 4883 Iowa St, Clayton, IN 46118

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. Please let us know if you will need a pick-up to join us for lunch. A sign-up list is on the bulletin board.

Save the Dates:

Tuesday, August 18th (3rd Tues in Aug) – Please watch for details to be announced.

Tuesday, Sept. 15th (3rd Tues in Sept.) 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 need a ride. We might make a special stop on the way home (to be announced).

Activity Suggestions for 2026: Any new activities you'd like to try. New restaurants for dining out? Free local community activities? Thanks in advance!

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, once confirmed, will be shared in future Tidings and other information sources. As in past retreats, there will also 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 week-end of spiritual fellowship in a beautiful place amidst God's creation.

RECYCLE AND DONATIONS

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

We are getting very close to our annual goal of \$100 for 2026 recycling. All types of cans and aluminum are accepted. Place your donations in the kitchen “green” recycle bin. To keep our building free from unwanted bugs & critters, always wash & rinse food residue from inside cans before donating. Separating soda cans from other metal cans/aluminum items is very helpful as OmniSource pays differently depending on the type of metal being recycled. Thank you for continuing to support this recycling effort.

Public Recycling at OmniSource – John Knox General Fund

Recycling on your own is always an option because 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. To retrieve cash, simply 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, one dozen size egg cartons)

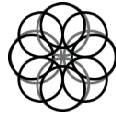
We accept food items at John Knox in the donation boxes near the church office. Items are picked up and transported to The Storehouse for our local food pantry. This helps us to address food insecurity in our community. In addition to food items, plastic grocery bags & one dozen size egg cartons are also needed. More volunteers are always welcome to assist with the chores 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 for this purpose. Thanks!

“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 donated to support activities at 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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