

MARCH 2022

TIDINGS

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CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MINISTRY

On March 4th John Knox will be 60 years old! It is a time to celebrate!

In the early 1960's it became evident that there was a need for a Presbyterian church on the growing edge of Speedway and West Side of Indianapolis. Five acres was purchased, and an organizing pastor was selected. Over the 60 years of ministry John Knox has had four called and installed pastors. The words Open, Caring, Community have been used to describe the essence of John Knox. Open referring to the more than ten outside groups that use John Knox as their home. Even during Covid, JKPC has provided opportunities for the surround community to gather, including things like VBS. Underneath all of this activity is the care, and the acknowledgement that Christ as called be a neighbor to all.

We enter John Knox 60th year of ministry in transition. The church feels blessed to be mortgage free, with a beautiful space to worship God, we know that the future is still unfolding. On Sunday March 6th after each service there will be a time to celebrate the past and peak into the future as the congregation is looking forward clarifying what God might be planning for our future. Join your fellow members in fellowship hall to help complete the Timeline of the Faithful and think about what God might be calling this congregation to do next.

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SUNDAY - MARCH 6

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 13

Daylight Savings Time will begin this year on Sunday, March 13. So, **when you go to bed Saturday evening, be sure to set your clocks AHEAD one hour.** That way you won't be arriving for church while the rest of us are leaving.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 2 7 p.m.

We will hold worship in the sanctuary at 7 pm. 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 livestreamed 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.

OUR LENTEN THEME - GOOD ENOUGH

We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility—climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So, what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives.

Join us as the Season of Lent begins March 2 with a 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service. We continue through the 40 days of Lent celebrating little Easters of Sunday. On April 10 we begin to look towards the cross as we journey with Jesus from the Palm Sunday high to a Maundy Thursday Last Supper at 7 p.m. Good Friday we return to our sanctuary at 7 p.m., joined by the Speedway ministerial Association as reflect on Christ last minutes on Earth. Saturday, we wait in anticipation of Christ Sunday Morning Easter Resurrection, worship with communion will be celebrated at both 9:00 am and 11:00 a.m.

TIDINGS DEADLINE

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

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

We are so pleased to be utilizing the devotional book, *Good Enough: 40'ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*, as the basis for our worship this Lent. Each week we will be focusing on a concept from the book, and we invite you to use it as a daily devotional, with the exception of Sundays (this is traditionally how the “40 days of Lent” are calculated... and at some point, you'll find the “40'ish-ness” where there is one more, which makes it perfectly imperfect). Books will be available for purchase (\$15.00 apiece) shortly before Lent.

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 make ends meet. It is such a blessing to know that when we receive a call from someone in need, we are prepared to help and provide resources for their needs. This month we helped 15 families with food, gas, utilities, and rental assistance. Please continue to lift our community up in your prayers and consider donating funds to the New Beginnings pantry. 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 the family of **Russel Heath**, who died on January 24, 2022. A service to celebrate his life was held on February 12, 2022, at John Knox Presbyterian Church.

MISSION WORK OF OUR PRESBYTERY

In December, the Hispanic Ministry Lead Team of our Presbytery, Whitewater Valley decided to send mission dollars to the southwestern region of the Dominican Republic (DR). In the past several years, our team had been able to travel to the Dominican Republic to connect and build relationships with the pastors and their congregations. I have shared about my relationship that has formed over the years with Pastor Elsa Thomas, her husband Jairo, their son, Eliseo and Elsa's congregations in Tamayo and Uvilla.

The HMLT decided that since we had not spent the money from our mission fund for travel expenses and supplies to go to the DR we could send the money to help support their ministry. It was approved by the team to send all twelve churches \$700 each. We urged them to use \$500 for outreach to the community to do God's work and \$200 would be given to the pastors to help supplement their incomes. In return, we have asked for stories of how the money has been spent.

Elsa has done amazing things with her \$500. She hired a man to fix the toilet in the church. She purchased medicine for two people suffering from thrombosis. She bought food for two families who have been out of work for months. She bought medicine for a member's daughter, who could not afford the medicine for herself. Her husband, Jairo bought a microphone and sound equipment for his new church building. This gift from our Presbytery was supported by mission dollars from various congregations including John Knox Presbyterian Church. I can't begin to tell you what this gift means to the people in the Dominican Republic, who have also struggled with Covid and don't have the extra resources to help recover when giving is low.

HMLT will be sending funds to support Vacation Bible School this summer since we will not be able to travel with supplies to this area. This is due to uncertainty of what Covid will do. Our team is hoping to go this fall, which I plan to join them. Thanks again for all your support!

Blessings,
Lisa

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

Patty McKinnon will resume her Adult Church School Class once Marion County goes to orange for two weeks.

The Education Team has made the decision to cancel the-children and youth church sool classes. The plan is tohave prepared “Church School Take Home” boxes ready to distrib-ute the week prior to Ash Wednesday. March 2. The lessons will go through Lent and Easter for eight weeks. Parents will be asked to give feedback 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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	11 a.m. Worship	Online
Jan. 16	42	12	133
Jan. 23		38 Combined	143
Jan. 30	41	18	138
Feb. 6	43	19	133
Feb. 13	39	20	197

YOUTH UPDATE

Blessings and thank you all for participating in the Valentine's card project for the youth. As we continue to approach Spring and Lent season we share some. News about Pyoca and Triennium. High school students and families, please double check the official information page about Triennium and let us know as soon as you can if you are interested in participating this year as the registration time is getting closer. Check the information here:

Triennium Official Page <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

Important news the Triennium will be virtual this year more details moving as soon as we have them.

Keep your eyes on Pyoca's activities

PYOCA'S DAY OF SERVICE : Saturday, April 30th

Each spring, Pyoca enlists members of our greater camp community to assist with our annual spring clean-up of camp! Volunteers with all different levels of skills are welcome. Projects typically include landscaping, cleaning, painting, small building/woodworking projects, and more. Join us from 10AM - 3PM -- free will lunch provided. Sign-up on Pyoca's home page.

FAMILY DAY: Saturday, July 9th

Each year Pyoca hosts Family Camp the weekend after July 4th. Knowing many families can't get away for the entire weekend, this summer we are welcoming families and guests to come down to camp for a day of family fun! Join us from 10AM - 6PM for a day of Family Camp activities. Waterfront will be open all afternoon to swim, boat, and fish, and we are offering a free will lunch for the day. Sign-up information coming soon!

Grown up Camp

Join us for all of the fun of camp -- all grown up! This summer we are partnering with Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis to host Grown-up Summer Camp, open to adults 21+. Experience all of the traditional fun camp activities, enjoy time for rest, and spend the last night out with your new camp friends at the Jackson County Fair.

More Info: https://pyoca.org/summer_camp/grownupsummercamp.php

Blessings to all,
Pastor William

FUNDRAISING

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM: You raised \$135.76 during the fourth quarter of 2021 by participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you are not participating, forms to sign-up are on the table by the church office. You can sign-up via computer or by phone. If you need assistance in signing-up, please contact Judy Ricketts 317-272-2533. You do need a Kroger plus card to participate. Go to the customer service desk at any Kroger store to get your card. They are free. This is an easy way to raise money for the church. All monies raised will go into the 20/20 Fund. Thanks for your continued support.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 13th, 2022. Along with your food gifts we've received monetary donations totaling \$422.00 so far. The Storehouse will be grateful for your donations and will put them to good use in our community.

The Mission Team

EASTER FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 16. It is hard to believe that we will begin our Lenten journeys next week and Easter will be here soon. The Education Team Meeting will be meeting the second Monday in March to firm up more details for our special celebration. We are hoping that the Covid numbers remain low and that we will finally be able to gather safely after three years. Save the date and we hope to see you there!

THANK YOU

Dawnie Barnhouse wishes to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers and called after her eye surgeries and recovery. Your kindness was deeply appreciated.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Octavious Salik	March 2	Ramona Watts	March 10
Rachel Donnellan	March 3	Daisy Tawiah	March 11
Jeff Gillespie	March 3	Troy West	March 16
Michael Morrell	March 3	Zach Stiles	March 20
Barbara Williams	March 3	Gary Shaw	March 22
Gabby Stribrny	March 4	Jeffery Flynn	March 23
Kevin Whitaker	March 4	Kay Adams	March 25
Madeline Herman	March 6	Jim Graves	March 26
Laurel McKinnon-Duggins	March 6	Karlie Herman	March 28
		Amy Winton	March 29
Donald Charboneau	March 7		

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).

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!

SAVE THE DATES

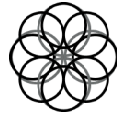
HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday - April 10 - 9 and 11 am

Maundy Thursday - April 14 - 7 pm

Good Friday - April 15 - 7 pm - John Knox is hosting

Easter Sunday - April 17 - 9 & 11 am



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