

MAY 2026

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11:15 am Christian Education for All

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THANK YOU

*"I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."
-Philippians 1:3-5 NRSVue*

Dear Church,

We will be honest, the last few weeks have been incredibly overwhelming for us. As many of you know, Curtis's father, Jerry, died on the afternoon of Maundy Thursday. While he was at home under hospice care, the quick transition from thinking we had days to mere minutes caught us all by surprise. While we are grateful that he is at peace, it does not diminish our pain and sadness that he is gone.

The grief has been challenging to say the least, but through it all we have felt an incredible amount of love and care as well. From the texts, emails, cards, visits, and presence at the visitation and funeral, to the check-ins and meals, you all have been church to us.

So yes, we are overwhelmed, but it is love that is overwhelming us.

The Scripture above from Paul's letter to the people of Philippi was a portion of the Scripture we used on our wedding day just last year. It speaks to a level of care, but also partnership that I think is important to remember and have gratitude for. We are called to do this work together. To care for one another, pray for one another, give thanks to God with and for one another. We are to be partners in the gospel; in other words, we are to be Christ to one another. That is what it means to be the church. And, my friends, you have been the church.

We want to thank everyone for their kindness and also the gift of space and time to grieve. The staff here at John Knox, Elaine, Cindy, Tina, Madelin, and Elijah, along with Pastors Jillian & Melodie have all been a grace to us as we navigated the difficult season. Your care, as a church, for them as well as us is commendable. We are so grateful.

With full hearts,

Curtis & Pastor Kelley

SUNDAY - MAY 3

COMMUNION: Sunday, May 3, 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, May 3 or during office hours the week before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - MAY 13

Wednesday, May 13, 10:30am.

If you are a caregiver and looking for support and prayer, please join us in the Parlor for coffee and donuts.

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MEET AND GREET - MAY 3

Come and meet your Deacon during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, May 3rd. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and join your Deacon to get to know everybody and have a great conversation.

YOUTH GROUP - MAY 1

Our next youth group fellowship night will be Friday, May 1st. Please join us for pizza and lots of fun as we participate in the John Knox 500!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Though it feels like we were just shoveling snow yesterday, summer is right around the corner. The Christian Education team would like to take a moment to thank all the parents who have shared their children with the *Jesus and Me* Sunday School class this year. Our final day of Sunday School before summer break will be Sunday, May 17th. Education Hour classes will resume on August 16th. We look forward to a fun and meaningful summer!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children in Worship will continue throughout the summer months, but with a fun twist. This summer, we invite kids to join CIW as we explore different ways to engage our faith through music, mission, and meaning-making.

Pastor Jillian invites anyone interested in helping children learn about music this summer, or in preparing a special music performance, to meet in the parlor at 11:15 a.m. on **Sunday, May 3rd**.

RACE WEEKEND SERVICE SATURDAY - MAY 23 - 7 PM

Due to the Indianapolis 500 Race, there will not be any activities at the church on Sunday, May 24. On **Saturday, May 23** we will gather for a **pitch in meal** at the church beginning at **6:00 p.m.** The Worship Team will provide drinks and table service. You are asked to bring a side dish to share. After the meal we will remain in Fellowship Hall for **worship beginning at 7:00 p.m.** This service will be informal and will not be live streamed or recorded. Come and join us for this special opportunity to worship God other than on Sunday morning.

VBS & SOCCER

Sign-up sheets are now available on the bulletin board! Please sign up in your preferred area of interest so we can begin organizing volunteers for these exciting opportunities. Also, please mark your calendars for the following:

VBS & Soccer Camp Volunteer Informational Meeting: **May 6th at 7:00 p.m.**

VBS & Soccer Camp Training: Sunday, **May 31st at 5:00 p.m.** (light dinner included)

Soccer Camp: **June 8 - June 12 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **JUNE 2026** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.**

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION!

Each spring, we like to celebrate those students graduating from high schools, colleges, universities, and/or trade schools. If you have a relative graduating this spring from any of these, please let us know so that we may share this information with our church family. Please provide your graduate's name, the name of the school from which he/she is graduating, and his/her plans for the future. This information can be submitted to Elaine in the church office (elaine@johnknox.org or 317-291-0308) **by May 13th**. We will acknowledge these graduates in the June Tidings. Let's help our graduates mark this important milestone in their lives!

HOSPITALITY TABLE

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

May 3 - Deacons - Meet & Greet

May 10 - Finance & Personnel

May 17 - Building & Grounds

May 24 - Race Weekend

May 31 - Choir

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.

DON'T FORGET!

Applications for the Pyoca scholarships and the Margaret Wilson and Curtis/Ricketts scholarships must be emailed or hand delivered by May 3rd! (If they are mailed, they should be postmarked by April 26th or 27th!)

DID YOU KNOW?

Church secretary Elaine prints paper copies of Pastor Kelley's sermon each week to include along with a bulletin to mail to our homebound members and friends! If you would like a paper copy, just let Elaine know and she would be happy to print you one and put it in your hanging mail folder!!!!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Mar 22	83	10
Mar 29 ¹	116	10
Apr 2 ²	34	
Apr 3 ³	60	
Apr 5 ⁴	126	10
Apr 12	88	10

¹ Palm Sunday

² Maundy Thursday

³ Good Friday

⁴ Easter Sunday

PASTORAL CARE UPDATE

Linda Clifton, member of John Knox Presbyterian Church, died on April 6 at the age of 85. Linda and her husband Jim became members in 1990. Jim died in 2021. Although she was unable to attend recently, Linda had a strong faith and appreciation for John Knox. We continue to pray for her family and give thanks to God for her service to the world.

IN SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of **Curtis and Pastor Kelley** and their family. Curtis' father, **Jerry Gahimer**, passed away on Thursday, April 2. A Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, April 8, at Freeman Family Funeral Home in Shelbyville.

"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)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Carter	May 1	Cathy Harvey	May 11
Terence Viefhaus	May 1	Donna Pults	May 14
Jeff Roberts	May 2	Hayden Flynn	May 18
Florence Chi	May 4	Wesley McKinnon-Duggins	
Nancy Orme	May 5		May 23
Vivian Hale	May 10	Karen Church	May 29
Barbara Austin	May 11	Cecil Sangar	May 29

PRIME TIMERS ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday, May 12th 12:00 noon – Dining Out: The Rustic Root Tearoom (Beech Grove)
626 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107**

For a belated Mother's Day treat, plan to join us at one of our favorite lunch outings for specialty teas, scones, & wonderful desserts. Ask a friend to join us. We plan to request 12:00 Noon reservations. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Need a ride? To ride together, please meet at the church between 11:00 to 11:20 a.m. Please contact Julia Pratt or the church office to make arrangements for home pick-up.

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

Join us during VBS Week for a summertime pitch-in. Plan to arrive by 11:30 am so we might start lunch by 12:00 noon. (10:00 to 11:30 am volunteers needed for set-up & prep.) Bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. Speaker to be announced. 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: Tuesday, July 14th and Tuesday, August 18th (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!

JOHN KNOX DONATIONS

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

Thank you for all the can donations so far in 2026. Please continue to donate using the kitchen “green” recycle bin. All types of cans, including soda, are accepted. Please remove all labels and rinse food residue from inside cans to keep our kitchen free from unwanted bugs & critters. It is most helpful to separate your recycling donations into soda or other steel cans. We also take aluminum to recycle. OmniSource pays depending on the type of metal in the cans.

OmniSource Public Recycling – John Knox General Fund

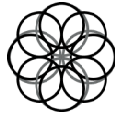
OmniSource is a public recycling facility located at 2115 South West Street, Indpls., 46206. Friendly staff assist with the recycling process (e.g. unloading & weighing cans). A driver’s license, picture, and signature are necessary to complete the process. A paper receipt is provided to retrieve cash at the inside automated machine. For the church, mark your donation “recycle monies” & give to Cindy Hiday. [OmniSource Hours: M-F 8-4; Sat. 8-1; Closed the last weekend of every month & holidays]

The Storehouse (Food, plastic grocery bags, egg cartons)

To donate food items at John Knox, place donations in boxes near office. This helps us to support The Storehouse, our local food pantry, to address food insecurity. Food, plastic grocery bags, & one dozen size egg cartons are needed. To volunteer, please contact Dan Bourne. To make a financial donation, simply write “The Storehouse” in the memo line of your check and give to the church.

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

We continue to collect pop tabs in containers strategically placed around John Knox. Labeled “Pop Tabs for Henry”, our tabs support the Ronald McDonald House. Several can types have tabs you can donate including vegetables, soup, pet food, soda, etc. Thank you!



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