



OCTOBER 2025

TIDINGS

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can get involved and serve at John Knox!

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

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TOGETHER WE SERVE

*"We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help our hearts ready to dare."
- Together We Serve, v. 3*

This hymn, Together We Serve, has been ringing in my heart since we last sang it in July. That same Sunday, our Session met and someone pointed out how this beautiful hymn would be a perfect call for our stewardship season this fall. And now here we are, somehow in October. This hymn has stayed with me and is now inspiring our upcoming sermon series: Together We Serve.

Based in Ephesians 4, we will explore together what it means to be with and for one another as our community strives to build up the body of Christ. What is the work that God is calling John Knox Presbyterian to be engaged in in this time and place? What does it mean to be a welcoming space, to witness and work together? I have experienced JKPC to be a place where our hands are quick to help, but are our hearts ready to dare?

On October 19, we will have an all-church lunch and meeting following worship (and yes, you heard correctly that Jeff Orme's BBQ will be served, so it is not to be missed!). During this time we will look toward 2026 with hopefulness and joy, seeking to meet the future that God is calling us into. It will also be a time to celebrate the generosity of John Knox, to review how our pledges were spent in the last year to further our mission to be an open, caring, community.

With sincere gratitude, I want to make sure you know how grateful we are for your continued financial support of John Knox. We work hard to be good stewards of all the gifts that are given, making decisions that we feel are good for the future of our church, community, and world. I hope you feel encouraged (as I surely do!) about what this community is becoming and yet will become.

Please join us on **October 19** and throughout our stewardship season as we explore together our call to serve.

With care,
Pastor Kelley

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 5

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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: On Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christians all over the world on World Communion Sunday.

The Worship Team would like to adorn our Communion Table with Global fabrics. Have some to share? If so, please bring them to the JKPC office by **Thursday, October 2**. They will be returned after the service. If you have any questions, please contact someone from the Worship Team.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: On Sunday, October 5th, we will be collecting your donations to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Your check should be made payable to the Church and allocated to Peace & Global Witness (P&GW), 75% of your donation will be sent to the PCUSA and 25% is retained by JKPC for our use as needed.

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NEW MEMBER INQUIRY CLASS OCTOBER 12 & OCTOBER 19

Are you new to our community and wanting to learn more? Have you been here for years and are now thinking about taking the step to formalize your membership? Consider yourself invited! Pastor Kelley – along with members of the Session and the Deacons – will be hosting a new member class on **Sundays October 12 & October 19**, with the plan to join the congregation, formally in worship, on November 9. Attendance at both classes is encouraged. If you are interested, please let Pastor Kelley know (pastorkelley@johnknox.org) and get these important dates onto your calendar.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

YOUTH GROUP SELLING BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND DOOR SPRAYS - OCTOBER ONLY.

Enhance the magic of Christmas this year and support our Young Presbyterians by ordering a beautiful hand-crafted wreath, festive door spray, and/or centerpiece. Orders will be taken each Sunday in October after the worship service, with payment due at the time of the order or by the end of October (deadline date to be determined). These are the highest quality holiday fresh evergreen fir boughs. All items will be shipped directly from the grower, Mickman Brothers. All items will be available for pick-up at JKPC at a date yet to be determined – before Thanksgiving. Watch the weekly church bulletin for up-to-date information. Catalog brochures (with pricing) will be provided for the taking and decision making. In the past, the Young Presbyterians have made \$10 per order (\$8 per online order). Online orders are a great way to send those family members and/or friends, near and far, a fresh arrangement that will last them through the holidays. The proceeds made by the Young Presbyterians will be applied towards future youth group activities. Questions? See or call JoEllen Herman Gagna (317-384-8279)

FALL FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Come join us for an afternoon of fun on **October 18 from 2 to 4**. There will be pumpkin painting, crafts, games, books, and clothing. We will be serving donuts, popcorn, cider, and apple juice. There is no charge. We hope to see you there.

FALL FESTIVAL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Please consider donating new or gently used adult and children's clothing which will be distributed during the Fall Festival. A box for donations is located in the hallway. Please bring any donations to the church by **October 12**. Thank you.

ELL DINNERS

Please sign up to host Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings from 4:30-6:30 pm at the church. We will be serving dinner to the students attending the English Language Learning classes. Assistance is also needed to prepare the dinners each Sunday after the Worship service.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Alberta Montgomery	Oct 1	Bill Burgan	Oct 19
Julia Pratt	Oct 1	Josh Gillespie	Oct 19
Sara Taylor	Oct 4	Janet Norris	Oct 19
Roberta Auble	Oct 9	Ana Llanos	Oct 20
Tina Davis	Oct 9	David Barnhouse	Oct 21
Blake Grant	Oct 10	Sue Hartman	Oct 24
Gulzar Salik	Oct 10	Ben McKinnon-Duggins	
Aiden Tunkara	Oct 15		Oct 27
Rilda Cox	Oct 16	Mamudu Allieu Bah	Oct 28
Jackie Takwih	Oct 17	Charles Viefhaus	Oct 28
Gary Hiday	Oct 18		

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your help with Worship on the Lawn on Sunday, September 14. Your help was greatly appreciated.

The Worship Team

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Aug 24	78	10
Aug 31	74	10
Sep 7	85	10
Sep 14	72	*

* Worship on the Lawn.

TRICK-OR-TREAT - OCTOBER 31, 6-8 PM

On **Friday, October 31st, from 6-8pm**, we will partner once again with Westview Christian Church and Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana to welcome children and their parents to a safe, warm place to Trick-or-Treat. The location is at Westview Christian Church, 5925 W. 34th Street. The church has a great set-up for families to enter on the ground floor of the building, go down the hall, up the stairs, and through the upstairs hallway, and down another set of stairs to a separate exit!!

What does this partnership consist of?? Supplying candy, of course, and six or more people to help pass out this candy and/or help take Polaroid pictures of the kids in their costumes!! **So, be sure to pick up some extra bags of candy when you go grocery shopping, and drop them off at the church office by Wednesday, October 29th!!** If you can volunteer on the 31st to help with these festivities, please see or contact Pam Herman (317-840-9461).

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **NOVEMBER 2025** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, OCTOBER 15.**

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.

STOREHOUSE TURKEYS & HAMS

The holidays are just around the corner and it won't be long before The Storehouse will be distributing their annual Thanksgiving boxes full of food including hams and turkeys. JKPC has aided in the purchase of these festive meats in the past and the Mission Team is making this tradition happen again this year by providing envelopes marked turkey and ham and placing them on a table in the main hallway starting October 19, 2025. You may purchase an envelope or two (or more), for \$10.00 each. Place your check, payable to the Church and marked Storehouse Ham or Turkey, or your monetary donation, into the envelope, and place it in the Offering Bowl. The Storehouse freezers will start filling with these meats soon.

Thank you for donating.

The Mission Team

ANNUAL PW CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Winter will be here before we know it, so please mark your calendars for the Annual PW Christmas Celebration. On December 14, 2025, the Circle City Ringers will perform at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The concert is FREE! At 5:00 pm, a catered dinner will be served and you MUST HAVE A TICKET for the dinner. Ticket sales will start on Sunday, November 9, 2025, and end on December 7, 2025. Adult tickets are \$15.00 each. Children ages 6 - 12 are \$12.00; and children below 6 are free.

Gift card and candy baskets will also be raffled at the dinner and you can purchase raffle tickets for \$1.00 each at the same time the dinner tickets are sold.

If you would like to donate gift cards for the baskets, please give them to Sandy Jordan or anyone on the PWCT. We can accept them starting now through Sunday, November 9, 2025. The more gift cards the better. It allows us to make more baskets which means more to raffle! Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Don't miss this evening of music, food, fellowship and joy!

JKPC PRIME TIMERS

2025 Prime Timer Plans: SAVE THE DATES

Oct. 21st (Tues.) Lunch Together at Twigs & Tea, 11399 Lantern Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

Meet at the church between 12:00 – 12:20 p.m. to ride together. Reservations for 1:00 p.m. Contact Julia Pratt, #317 430-1701 for a ride. A sign-up list will be posted on the office bulletin board. Please bring a friend to join us,

Nov 11th (Tues.) Thanksgiving Pitch-In at John Knox (Parlor Room)

A sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Invite a friend to join us. Meet at the church to help set-up our Thanksgiving meal from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. If you will need a ride to church, please contact Julia Pratt 317-430-1701.

Dec 9th (Tues.) Christmas Lunch at L.S. Ayres Tearoom at Indiana State Museum

Please join us for our annual Christmas lunch together downtown. Meet at the church 11:00 to 11:20 a.m. to ride and caravan together. We will have 12:00 Noon Reservations. Come join us for this special time of fellowship with a holiday lunch downtown (Cost TBD). A sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Julia Pratt #317 430-1701 for a ride.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Storehouse (Food, clean plastic bags, & empty egg cartons)

Please consider donating food to our local food pantry, The Storehouse. They are also in need of clean plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (1 dozen size). These items will assist with their twice monthly distribution days. Place all donations in the marked boxes underneath the table near the office bulletin board. Also consider financial donations by writing a check to “John Knox Presbyterian Church” and write “The Storehouse” in the memo line. We’ll make sure it reaches them. Thank you!

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

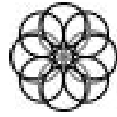
Thank you to everyone who regularly donates metal and soda cans to our recycling efforts. Place your donations in the green bin marked “recycle” in the kitchen to add to the recycle effort at John Knox. Please clean any food residue from inside the cans to prevent unwanted critters inside our kitchen. Because different metal types are weighed and priced separately at OmniSource, separating steel vs. soda cans helps us to prep for recycling.

Public Recycling at OmniSource – John Knox General Fund

You can also recycle steel and soda cans at the public recycling at the OmniSource facility. OmniSource is located south of downtown at 2115 South West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Staff are friendly & assist with unloading cans, if needed. To recycle at OmniSource, simply follow the public recycling signs, bring a driver’s license, expect a picture, and a signature for their records. The paper receipt provided is the ticket to retrieve “recycle” cash at the automated window. Open hours: M-F 8:00 am/4:00pm; Sat. 8:00am/1:00 pm. They are closed first weekend of every month and holidays. You can share your recycle proceeds with John Knox (mark the donation, “recycle monies” and give to Cindy Hiday).

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

We also collect tabs from cans for Henry, grandson of Sandy & Jack, who loves to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Tabs can be found on several can-types (vegetables, soup, pet food, soda, etc.). Please donate tabs to this worthy cause in our “tab” containers strategically placed around John Knox (kitchen collection can, plastic teddy bear at Fellowship Hall entry, and large container near office bulletin board). Thank you!



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