

OCTOBER 2026

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IN GOD'S ECONOMY

Dear Church,

I will be honest, some of my worst grades in college were in micro- and macro-economics. I took both courses my freshman year when I was still learning how to study and manage a college workload. I remember the first class where the professor said, “now, of course we all know about the relationship of supply and demand.” But I didn’t. I had never taken classes in this area before and I had simply never thought about it before. Everyone laughed. I didn’t.

Admittedly, I did not learn much about the world’s economy in those classes, just enough to get by. It wasn’t until years later, when I was in seminary, that I really learned more about the economy. Just a different type of economy: the economy of God.

There are so many places where economy is talked about in the Bible. A great example is the story of Exodus, which shows us two competing economies: the economy of Egypt and the economy of God. In the economy of Egypt, the driving factors are fear and domination. Resources are scarce and competition is high. But in the economy of God, our gifts are uncovered, our burdens are shared, and grace is anything but scarce.

The economy of God calls us to move from isolation to connection, from scarcity to abundance.

Starting on October 25, we will be starting our annual stewardship campaign entitled “In God’s Economy” (this is a resource from Church Anew). In our four weeks together, we will explore the Exodus story and what it can teach us about the upside-down economy of God. We will focus on what we have, not dwell on what we lack. Together we will work to uncover what God has already placed among us: gifts, resources, talents, and especially beauty.

I hope you'll join us for lunch after church on October 25 to hear more about this campaign and the financial status of the church. We have much to celebrate! But we also have much to uncover through the lens of God's economy.

With joy,
Pastor Kelley

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4

COMMUNION: Sunday, October 4 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 4, or during of-fice hours the week before.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christians all over the world on World Communion Sunday.

A CHANGE IN SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Our Presbytery made the decision to reduce the number of Special Offerings in 2026. We bid farewell to the Pentecost and Peace and Global Witness offerings and welcome the World Communion offering, which will be collected on October 4th, 2026, which is World Communion Day.

PATHWAYS TO MEMBERSHIP: PART ONE OCTOBER 18 @ 11:15 A.M.

Have you considered membership here at John Knox? We will be holding a fall class for those who are interested in exploring what church membership might look like. During this time together we will share about the ministry and mission of John Knox and the Presbyterian Church (USA). We will explore reformed worship and talk about places of connection in the congregation. Lunch will also be provided! Please let Pastor Kelley know of your interest or questions.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY/MONTH

Did you know that **October** is **Pastor Appreciation Month**?? And more specifically the second Sunday of the month is Pastor Appreciation Day!! This year, that means that October 11th is Pastor Appreciation Day, but our Pastor Kelley will be out for continuing education then! Soooo... you'll want to express your appreciation for our wonderful pastor sometime during the month!! I would suggest a card, a bouquet of flowers, a luncheon date... You can always google the internet for ideas!!! At any rate, let her know how much you appreciate her!

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FALL FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

We are inviting the community to join us for a Fall Festival on Saturday October 10 from 2 - 4. The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help set up and welcome families and lead games and activity stations!! Please sign up on the church bulletin board outside the office to let us know you can help out!!

There will also be a free clothing drive, which is a great time to clean out your closets. We will have a tub in the coat room if you would like to drop off your donations. We are in need of childrens clothing. We will be setting up in the Fellowship hall the week of the Festival.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION & LUNCHEON OCTOBER 25

Join us on Sunday, October 25 following worship for our annual stewardship presentation and lunch! 2026 has been a strong year and we will take time to reflect on how giving has enhanced our ministry. We will also look forward to 2027 and share a preliminary budget for the church. There is much to celebrate!

Jeff Orme's award-winning pulled pork barbecue will be served alongside pulled chicken, sides and a dessert. There is no cost but we do ask that you RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board or contacting the church office.

COMMUNION SERVING PRACTICE - OCTOBER 11

I would like to invite any Elder or Deacon who is interested to join me on Sunday, Oct. 11th, immediately following Sunday service. We can stay in the sanctuary to run through the communion serving process. I think it will make more sense to everyone to be able to go through the practice in the sanctuary. It will not take very long at all. Please remember, once an Elder or Deacon, always an Elder or Deacon. I would love to see many of you there.

Teresa Gorrell

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD - OCT. 18

The PW'S Honorary Life Membership Award will be presented on **Sunday, October 18.** NOTE, The date change from last month's article. We encourage all past recipients to wear their pin for this occasion. Thank you.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Aug 23	93	10
Aug 30	89	10
Sep 6	75	10
Sep 13	87	*

* Worship on the Lawn.

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

On Saturday, October 31st, from 6-8 pm, 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, then down another set of stairs to a separate exit! This is a safe, warm, inviting way for kids to trick-or-treat.

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 28th! If you can volunteer on the 31st to help with these festivities, please see or contact Pam Herman.

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.

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **NOVEMBER 2026** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, OCTOBER 14.**

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.

STOREHOUSE TURKEYS & HAMS

We will be collecting monetary donations for the purchase of Turkeys & Hams for the Storehouse Annual Thanksgiving Holiday Food Distribution. The Storehouse has asked for our help in purchasing turkeys and hams. Watch for a table with envelopes for your donations of \$10.00 per turkey or ham, to show up in the main hallway in mid-October and we will accept your donations until November 22, 2026. Please donate as often as you can during this time period, the cost of providing these meats to the Storehouse guests increases every year.

Thank you for donating.

HAT & MITTEN TREE

The Hat & Mitten tree will be set up in the main hallway the second week of October and you can begin “decorating” it with your donations of new hats, mittens, scarves and socks as soon as it’s there. As always, we distribute your donations to three neighborhood Wayne Township schools in Mid November. The children look forward to these warm gifts of love from us each year. The exact distribution date will be posted in future bulletins.

Thank you for your donations!

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY LUNCH TOGETHER

Oct. 13th (2nd Tues) – 12:00 Noon Lunch

Napoli Villa Italian Restaurant, 758 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107

If you're a fan of authentic Italian cuisine, you won't want to miss this opportunity to celebrate October birthdays with us. A sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board. Please meet at the church 11:00-11:20 am to caravan together to lunch or let us know if you'll need a pick-up.

Save the Date: Fall 2026

Nov. 10th (2nd Tues) – Annual Thanksgiving Pitch-in (Parlor Room)

What will you bring to our Thanksgiving pitch-in? We'll provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Salads, sides, and desserts are welcome. Between 10:00 am – 12:00 noon set-up and prep help is needed. For lunch only, arrive around 11:30 am and we'll plan to have grace at noon to begin our Thanksgiving meal. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us (A sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board). For extra festivities, we might enjoy some holiday games. As always, please let us know if you'll need a pick-up.

**Dec. 15th (3rd Tues) 12:00 pm reservations – L.S. Ayres Tearoom
Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204**

A favorite Christmas holiday outing is our Prime Timers lunch at the L.S. Ayres Tearoom inside the Indiana State Museum. For those who are interested, please let us know as soon as possible so we can prepare necessary luncheon reservations in advance. We can caravan together or meet up at the museum. Please let us know if you'll need a pick-up.

HOSPITALITY TABLE

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

October 4	Building and Grounds
October 11	Finance & Personnel
October 18	Education
October 25	Choir

The group(s) hosting hospitality are responsible for setting up the table with cups, plates, napkins and plastic ware if needed. You are also responsible for bringing snacks and cleaning up everything after the hospitality hour.

Coffee will be taken care of for you.

JOHN KNOX SHIRT ORDER

Pastor Kelley is tired of everyone having a JKPC polo except her, so we are ordering more! If you are interested in ordering a teal polo shirt with the John Knox logo on it, now is the time! It is a great way to represent our church to the community.

All shirts are \$20, with an optional space to add your name for \$5. Samples of men's and women's shirts are available in the church office. Order slips will be available on the church bulletin board for you to fill out and return with payment. Orders will be taken throughout the month of October.

PW CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD & CANDY BASKET RAFFLE

Wouldn't you love to win one of those baskets that are raffled at the PW Christmas Dinner each year? (December 13th, 2026 this year!). Last year you donated enough gift cards to make THREE baskets! The PW is requesting donations of gift cards for new baskets starting October 4th through November 15th this year. Please give your donated cards (dining, groceries, gas, shopping, whatever) to Sandy Jordan or any member of the PWCT. Thanks for donating and Good Luck!

YOUTH WREATH PROJECT

It may still be hot outside, but it is time to start thinking about the holidays. This winter the youth will once again be selling Christmas wreaths to decorate the church and our homes. However, there will be a twist as this year the youth will be decorating and designing the wreaths. If you would like to help with this project by going through your craft supplies at home, the youth are now accepting donations of supplies for this craft project (ribbon, bows, bells, twine). Please leave all items with the church office and mark them as "Youth Wreath Project". We look forward to hanging greens that were hand crafted by the young Presbyterians in our church.

CONGRATULATIONS

John Knox Presbyterian Church rejoices with Kayla and Matthew Whitaker in the birth of healthy twin girls Brianna and Margaret born on September 4! Big brother William is excited to welcome them home. Matthew shared that “everyone in acclimating fantastically.” God is good!.

CONGRATULATIONS

John Knox Presbyterian Church celebrates with Kali and Ben McKinnon-Duggins on the birth of their daughter Madelyn on September 17th.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Alberta Montgomery	Oct 1	Bill Burgan	Oct 19
Julia Pratt	Oct 1	Josh Gillespie	Oct 19
Lisa Crismore	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
Jackie Takwih	Oct 17	Mamudu Bah	Oct 28
Gary Hiday	Oct 18	Charles Viefhaus	Oct 28

ANNUAL PW CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SAVE THE DATES

The Annual PW Christmas Celebration will be here soon (December 13). The Circle City Ringers will be performing followed by a catered dinner. As in the past at least one gift card/candy basket will be raffled off at the dinner. Please make note of the following dates:

October 4 through November 15 - PWCT will accept gift cards for the basket(s) to be made by Sandy Jordan. The more gift cards the better. It allows us to make more baskets which means more to raffle! Your donations are greatly appreciated! Gift cards can be given to any PWCT member.

November 29 and December 6 - Tickets for the catered dinner will be sold.

November 29 through December 13 - Tickets for the gift card/candy basket will be sold.

Additional details will follow in future Tidings and the weekly bulletins.

You don't want to miss this evening of music, food, fellowship and joy!

DONATIONS & RECYCLE

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

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

The Storehouse (Food, plastic bags, egg cartons)

Please place all donated food items in the boxes near the church office. We also ask for donations of clean plastic grocery bags and empty one dozen size egg cartons. These items are picked up weekly to be delivered to our local food pantry, The Storehouse. More volunteers are always needed to work at The Storehouse, especially on designated “Distribution Days”. To volunteer, please reach out to Dan Bourne. To donate financially, 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 personally 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, other) are being collected. A labeled collection container can be found near the fellowship hall for this purpose. Thanks!

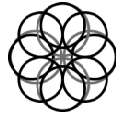
Recycling (Cans/Metal for Ca\$h) – John Knox General Fund

As we enter Fall 2026, please note we have already surpassed our annual goal of \$100. This is fantastic and we are extremely grateful

for your consistent recycling efforts. Reminder: Wash all cans clean from liquid/food to avoid attracting unwanted bugs and critters in our kitchen areas. This is healthier and provides a cleaner environment for everyone! All types of cans and aluminum are recyclable. Because OmniSource pays differently for soda vs. aluminum cans, please separate soda from aluminum cans. This helps save us time and energy in preparing cans to be recycled. Thank you everyone for supporting this effort!

Public Recycling at OmniSource – John Knox General Fund

As a Public recycling facility, please consider recycling on your own at OmniSource located at 2115 South West Street, Indpls., 46206. Friendly staff offer assistance and guidance with all the recycling activities (e.g., unloading & weighing cans). A driver's license, picture, & signature are required to complete the process. To retrieve cash, 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]



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