

SEPTEMBER 2026

TIDINGS

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A TIME OF REST

Jesus said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.”

– Mark 6:31a NSRVue

Dear Church,

These are the words of Jesus that I probably return to the most often: come away, rest awhile. What I find interesting about them is that they precede Jesus’s feeding of the 5,000 in the Gospel of Mark. Immediately before Jesus and his disciples pull off the great feeding miracle, they take time to be away. To go to a deserted place. To rest awhile.

As I shared in worship, at the end of July I was the keynote speaker at Pyoca’s Grown Up Summer Camp. I did not grow up going to summer camp – I was always too timid and homesick to stay away from home like that. So camp has always been a bit of an enigma to me. I understand the draw, but it does not bring about the nostalgia of childhood games and friendships that it might for most people.

Instead, the nostalgia I feel at Pyoca is this Scripture – the opportunity to go away and rest awhile. The first time I went to Pyoca the theme was this Scripture so it rings like a refrain anytime I step foot on their grounds. It is a place of rest and retreat. A place where I can always find a little bit of quiet by myself. A place to recharge.

This is why I’m looking forward to John Knox’s annual trip to Pyoca at the end of September. The fall can be a busy time, in life and in ministry, and heading to Pyoca will be that place of rest. Now don’t get me wrong – we will have a busy time with lots of activities and time together! But I know that Jon & Kelly Simpson (our leaders this year) have built in time for reflection and peace. Are you needing

that as well, John Knox? If so, I hope you'll consider joining us for the weekend. Come down for just the Saturday if you'd like. This year we will also have a late check-out for those who might want to come for worship and rest on Sunday only.

As the summer fades into fall, I hope you find a little time to rest and recharge. I am not worried that we will be feeding 5,000 people when we get back (that's a few too many!) but we have lots of good mission and ministry to do, together. But the key is that we have to rest at times, to prepare our hearts but also reorient ourselves the important work ahead.

Hope to see you at Pyoca,

Pastor Kelley

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

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

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WORSHIP ON THE LAWN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13- 10 a.m.

Please join us for “Worship on the Lawn”, Sunday, September 13. We will gather on the lawn just outside the south entrance and we encourage you to bring a lawn chair but folding chairs will be available if needed. Please leave the sidewalk open for those with mobility issues. After the service we will gather for a pitchin luncheon. Fried chicken. beverages and table service will be provided and we request that you bring a side dish to share, salad, vegetable or dessert. There will be tables and chairs both inside and outside for the luncheon. We will do our best to make everyone comfortable but as you know weather is something that is beyond the control of your Amazing Worship Team.

Questions: Contact anyone on the team - Teresa Gorrell, Carol McKeown, Susan Roberts, Diana Whitaker or Jim Williams.

CRAZY CARDS - SEPTEMBER 12

The Deacons are planning on an evening of fun on **September 12** from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Please bring snacks. Sign up on the list outside the office and mark your calendars for a good time.

TOGETHER IN GRIEF

Sept 16-Dec 9, 1-2:30pm-Together in Grief—Join us as we support each other during this 13 week program designed to empower individuals as they navigate their personal journey with loss. This will include conversation and workbooks addressing topics such as loneliness, questions for God and tips for moving forward.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT SEPT. 25 - 27

Join us Friday evening through Sunday morning, with an optional extended stay for Sunday afternoon at Pyoca Camp and Conference Center Brownstown, IN. The retreat theme for the weekend is “Peace-filled Connections” practicing quietness, gratitude and connection. Our speakers are Jon and Kelly Simpson. There will also be activities for children, as well as intergenerational activities throughout the weekend. Save these dates for a wonderful weekend of spiritual fellowship.

Registration brochures can be found on the literature rack outside the church office.

CHOCOLATE WALK SEPTEMBER 26, 2-5 P.M.

John Knox will participate once again in the Speedway Chocolate Walk. Please contact the church office or any Deacon member for more information, whether you are interested in handing out a chocolate goodie at the church or actually walking the town of Speedway collecting chocolates.

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **OCTOBER 2026** issue of the John Knox Tidings are due by **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.**

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 September.

September 6	Choir
September 13	Mission & Worship
September 20	Deacons
September 27	PW

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, July 26, we celebrated the baptism of **Taylor Donovan**. She is daughter of Sarah and Jason Donovan, and granddaughter of Melodie and David Wager.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
July 19	78	10
July 26	79	10
Aug 2	89	10
Aug 9	69	10
Aug 16	91	10

MARGARET WILSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On Sunday, July 19, we recognized this year's **Margaret Wilson Scholarship recipients** and blessed them on their educational journey:

David Church
Savannah Gagna
Madeline Herman
Ulbright Ndombi
Michael Pitamber
Bernie Simms
Rejoice Tita

CONGRATULATIONS

John Knox Presbyterian Church rejoices with Judith & Silverius in the birth of baby boy Promise Abuwoa! He was born on Saturday, August 1. Big siblings Destiny, Rejoice, and Mark-Bright are enjoying their new baby brother.

IN SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of **John Donnellan**. His wife, **Rachel Lowe** passed away on Thursday, July 16. Services for Rachel were held at Flanner Buchanan - Floral Park on Sunday, July 26.

"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)

PRIME TIMERS MONTHLY LUNCH TOGETHER

Sept. 15th (3rd Tues) – 12:00 Noon Lunch

India Palace Restaurant, 4213 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN 46254

Close to home, we're stepping a bit out of our comfort zone to try ethnic Indian cuisine. This restaurant specializes in Northern India cuisine (claypot/tandoori/curry) and has plenty of menu options to choose from or try their lunch buffet. A sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board. Please meet at the church at 11:30 am to caravan together or let us know if you'll need a pick-up.

Save the Date: Fall 2026

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 for lunch or let us know if you'll need a pick-up.

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, Indianapo-
lis, 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Hiday	Sept. 1	Eric Neba	Sept. 18
Faith Tita	Sept. 3	Jamil Orazco	Sept. 18
Nelson Tita	Sept. 6	Griffin Flynn	Sept. 22
Kelley Jepsen	Sept. 14	Jacqueline Hensley	Sept. 28
Clara Larrick	Sept. 14	Linus Peck	Sept. 29
William Whitaker	Sept. 14	Mahmooda Pitamber	Sept. 29
Susan Graves	Sept. 16	Gladys Sangar	Sept. 29
Sam Dunbar	Sept. 17		

SAVE THE DATE

The PW’S Honorary Life Membership Award will be presented on **Sunday, October 4.** We encourage all past recipients to wear their pin for this occasion. Thank you.

RECYCLING & DONATIONS

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

As we enter the fall months, please note that we are already nearing 80% of our \$100 annual goal for 2026. We are grateful for your continued recycling efforts. Please wash all cans and other recycle donations from food residue. This is just healthier, cleaner, and helps us to avoid attracting bad critters in our common kitchen areas. All types of cans and aluminum are recyclable. Please separate soda cans from other metal cans/aluminum. This saves us time and is helpful because OmniSource pays differently for the type of metal being recycled.

Public Recycling at OmniSource – John Knox General Fund

Recycling on your own is also available at OmniSource, a public recycling facility located at 2115 South West Street, Indpls., 46206. Friendly staff assist 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 the last weekend of every month & holidays]

The Storehouse (Food, plastic bags, egg cartons)

We accept donated food items in pre-labeled boxes near the church office. This includes plastic grocery bags & one dozen size egg cartons. All items are picked up weekly to take to The Storehouse, our local food pantry. The Storehouse always needs more volunteers, especially on designated "Distribution Days" (To volunteer, contact 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) are being collected. A labeled collection container can be found near the fellowship hall for this purpose. Thanks!

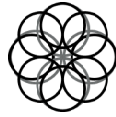
“Pop Tabs” for Henry – Ronald McDonald House (RMH)

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 tab collection is donated to support the activities at the Ronald McDonald House. You can collect tabs from several can types including vegetables, soup, pet food, soda, etc. to donate in our collection containers. Thank you!

FALL FESTIVAL COMING 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 welcome families and lead games and activity stations! Please sign up on the church bulletin board to let us know you can help out!

There will also be a free clothing drive, which means it's a perfect time for you to clean out your closets. There will be a tub in the coat room during the month of September if you would like to drop off donations.



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