

MARCH 2026

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Come discover how you
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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JOIN US FOR *Fauré's Requiem* BY ELIJAH CULP

On **April 10th at 7pm**, the John Knox Chancel Choir will hold our spring concert, featuring the timeless classic of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem.

Fauré, born in 1845, is a French composer from the late 19th century. He worked as a church organist, choirmaster, and teacher. In 1870 he helped found the Société nationale de musique, and in 1905 he served as the head of the Paris Conservatoire. As a composer, Fauré is known for his vocal and piano compositions, and for laying the groundwork for composers to follow in his footsteps -colleagues like Claude Debussy- carving out a unique French-national sound that was distinct from the Germanic tradition of J.S. Bach, Mozart, and Brahms.

His Requiem is part of a sub-genre of vocal-orchestral major works of the same name. Composers across the years have engaged with this medium, each interpreting this multi-movement form based on the catholic "Mass for the Dead" text across the years. Musical settings of the Requiem have often been composed in memory of specific individuals who have passed, and have sometimes taken the place of a traditional funeral service or burial mass.

However, Fauré's requiem is unique in this fashion. Although it is known that the piece was written around the passing of his parents in 1885 and 1887, Fauré infamously stated of the work that, "My Requiem wasn't written for anything – for pleasure, if I may call it that!". The earliest work on the piece began with the movement Libera Me, which existed as a separate movement in 1877. Another noticeable difference in Fauré's Requiem is how he deviates from the original mass text. Usually its independent movement, the "Dies Irae" is replaced by smaller sections that reference it in the Libera Me and the Pie Jesu. Lastly, the final movement, In Paradisum, is derived from the liturgy of the burial mass as opposed to the funeral mass. These subtle changes shift the text away from an interpretation gripped by anxiety of grief and death to a work that meditates on our soul's passing into the next world.

If you'd like to learn more about the piece and experience this beautiful work, we'd love to see you at our concert on April 10th, at 7pm in the sanctuary. We hope to see you then!

SUNDAY - MARCH 1

COMMUNION: Sunday, March 1, 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 1, or during office hours the week before.

SPECIAL OFFERING ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29

100% of our donations is given to the Presbytery and used for disaster relief, combating hunger. The money is also used to aid poverty relief, immigration, migration and refugee issues and also climate control research. Please help those in need with a donation to this Special Offering. Thank You.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8

Daylight Savings Time will begin this year on Sunday, March 8. 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.

HOLY WEEK AT JOHN KNOX

PALM SUNDAY – March 29

Worship at 10 am

Wave your palms and shout Hosanna as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We will also dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on this day.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

Worship Service at 7 pm

Join us for a contemplative service of music, scripture, and the Lord's Supper, as we hold vigil with Christ for the days to come.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

Worship Service at 12 pm

John Knox is hosting the community Good Friday Service. We will worship with the Speedway/Westside Community Churches, in service of diminishing Light at noon.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

Worship at 10 am

Join us as we celebrate God's victory over death with Jesus' resurrection!

MISSION COOKIE SALE - MARCH 15

OK bakers, time to strut your stuff (cookies that is) ! The tables will be set up in the main hallway and ready to accept your donated baked goods. The sale will begin immediately after the morning Service. \$5.00 will purchase a bakers dozen (13) of your items of choice. .50 cents each if purchasing individually. If you plan to donate baked items, please be sure to include a note advising folks of the contents such as gluten, nuts, eggs, milk, etc. The Mission Team thanks all of the bakers and buyers in advance for a successful sale.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING - MARCH 1 @ 11:00 AM

Join us following worship for training on John Knox's Child Protection Policy. Pastors Kelley & Jillian, along with the members of Christian Education, will present the policy and answer questions. Working with children is a wonderful privilege, and one we do not take lightly. Come to learn more about our expectations and practices.

CPR & AED TRAINING AT JOHN KNOX SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 12-2:00 P.M.

Join us here at John Knox as we welcome in representatives from HeartSavers for CPR and AED Training! A lot has changed in the past few years on how to administer these lifesaving services, so we hope you will consider joining us for this important training. The cost for John Knox members is \$30, and \$55 for community members. Come with curiosity, leave with confidence and certification. Contact the church office to register.

CPR & AED TRAINING

LEARN TO RECOGNIZE & RESPOND

**SUNDAY MARCH 1, 12-2 P.M.
JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3000 N. HIGH SCHOOL ROAD**

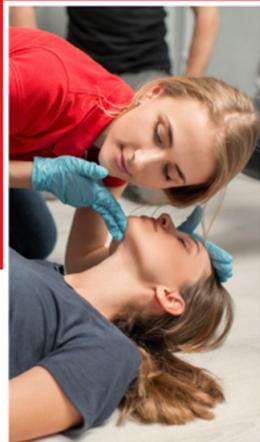
TRAINING INCLUDES

- CPR
- Choking Relief
- AED

REGISTER ONLINE



<https://www.rescuemissioncpr.com/product/jkpc/>



EASTER BAGS

It's that time of year again! Time to help the clients at the Storehouse Food Pantry and our ELL students who have young children to provide a little something for an Easter celebration! We will be filling 200 Easter bags on Sunday, March 22nd for distribution on Wednesday, March 25th. These bags will be appropriate for young children ages 3 through 3rd grade. This will be done during the fellowship/education hour following worship so all may join in the fun of filling the bags!

We have already purchased several items to go in the bags, but we are asking for help with the rest! We are asking for donations of **Easter candy, granola bars, applesauce pouches, and of course, monetary donations** are always welcome! Checks should be made out to JKPC, with "Easter Bags" written in the memo line. Donations can be left in the church office, with a deadline of Sunday, March 15th. The Education Team thanks you in advance for your generosity in supporting our endeavors to connect with our community!

WEEKLY LENTEN DINNER + STUDY

Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent (February 25 - April 1) for a simple dinner and small group discussion of the book *Meeting Jesus on the Road*. This new study, written for 2026 by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr, is an accessible look at Lent by exploring Jesus's earthly journey. Per the publication: "*In Meeting Jesus on the Road*, readers are invited to journey alongside Christ through the Gospel stories that define his earthly path. Gathering a group of disciples around him, Jesus travelled the region, teaching, healing, and proclaiming that the reign of God is at hand. He met them all with compassion. He brought them hope. From the Jordan River to the hills of Galilee and beyond, Jesus calls us—like the first disciples—to follow, listen, question, and grow."

Limited copies of the book will be available in the church office for a suggested donation of \$12. The book is also available on Amazon (\$17).

We will gather from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 & Apr 1.

HOW OLD IS YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY??

Do you know how to contact our newer members? Do you know the names of some of our newer regular attendees? Have you kept track of the people who have moved recently? We have several people who have moved recently and/or have gotten rid of their land line!

Our church secretary, Elaine, tries her best to keep up with all the changes, but she needs all of us to help! If YOU have made a change recently in how you can be contacted, please let Elaine know!

She ends up printing a new directory every few months!! And these are available in the church office. You won't find them in the church hallway for security reasons, but they ARE available to keep you informed!! Thank you for your help with keeping us all connected!

RECENT ADDRESS CHANGES

Sandy Jordan, Jack Jordan, Paul Krieger, Nancy Orme, and Assurance Nshom & Binueh Takwi recently had address changes.

Please contact the church office for their new information.

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PUBLIC SERVICE INFORMATION

Every second counts during a home fire as you have just two minutes to escape safely. In 2014, the American Red Cross launched the Home Fire Campaign to help reduce injuries and deaths due to home fires.

Across the country, the Red Cross installs FREE smoke alarms and shares fire safety information with families. You may call 317- 684-1441 if you or anyone you know needs smoke alarms installed. Also, you may talk with Jeff Roberts with questions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Margaret Wilson was a retired teacher and long-time member of JKPC. She lived to be 98! For her 80th birthday, her family established the Margaret Wilson Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for graduating high school seniors to pursue further education. So far, those scholarships have provided scholarships to 44 students to the tune of \$52,750!!! Her birthday is coming up on March 25th. Why not consider making a donation to the Margaret Wilson Scholarship Fund to keep that legacy going??

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Octavious Salik	March 2	Daisy Tawiah	March 11
Rachel Donnellan	March 3	Troy West	March 16
Barbara Williams	March 3	Jeffrey Flynn	March 23
David Foust	March 4	Kay Adams	March 25
Anaya Dass	March 6	Jim Graves	March 26
Laurel McKinnon-Duggins	March 6	Sarah Tita	March 29
		Amy Winton	March 29

LANDSCAPE MULCHING AND SPRING CLEANUP

On **Saturday March 28 at 9 am**, the building and grounds committee is planning a workday for spring clean up and mulching. Spring garden cleanup involves removing twigs, leaves, cutting off grasses etc. as well as trimming back/preparing hydrangeas for spring and summer growth/flowering. Mulch is to be placed on the south side gardens and the peace garden.

Alternate date in case of rain will be April 4 at 9 am.

We need your help to get all this done. If you can help, please bring gloves, shovels, garden and leaf rakes, hedge shears, pruners, wheelbarrow if you have one.

We will have doughnuts and coffee available for everyone. Thanks to all for assisting in any way.

IN SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of **Sara Taylor's** family. Sara passed away on Friday, February 6. A Celebration of Life service was held at Flanner Buchanan on Friday, February 13.

"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)

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **APRIL 2026** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.**

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.

PRIME TIMERS PLANS

3/17/26 Tues – 11:30 am Spring Pitch-in Lunch

Bring a dish or dessert to share for our Spring Pitch-in Lunch. I could use some volunteers for set-up and cooking help anytime between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. For lunch only, please plan to arrive at 11:30 am so that we can start at 12:00 noon. If you need a ride, we'll make pick-up arrangements. Simply call Julia Pratt or the church office to get a ride. A sign-up list is on our church bulletin board. Please invite a friend to join us.

April 2026 (TBD) Dining out at local Restaurant

Please suggest a date & a restaurant to go out to eat together in April. A sign-up list will be posted on our church bulletin board, and the date/location will be in our weekly church bulletin.

Activity Suggestions for 2026: Still taking suggestions for Prime Timer activities in 2026. What restaurants would you like to dine at for lunch? What new activities would you like to try? Any favorite activities to repeat? Please contact the John Knox church office or Julia Pratt to share what you want. Thanks in advance!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Jan 18	76	10
Jan 25	*	
Feb 1	65	17
Feb 8	92	10

* Service cancelled due to weather.

JOHN KNOX DONATIONS

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

At the beginning of February, we are already \$21.00 closer to our annual recycling goal of \$100.00 for 2026. Wow! Please continue to help us reach our goal by placing can donations in the kitchen green “recycle” bin. We accept all types of cans, including soda and other can types. It is best to rinse any drink or food residue from inside cans to prevent unwanted critters in our kitchen. Please help by separating can types in your recycling donations because OmniSource weighs soda cans differently than all other metal types (they pay different rates by can type). Thank you!

OmniSource Public Recycling – John Knox General Fund

Everyone can recycle on their own because OmniSource is a public recycling facility. They are located at 2115 South West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46206, just south of downtown. Staff are friendly & assist with unloading cans. At OmniSource, simply follow the public recycling signs, bring a driver’s license, stand for a picture, and provide a signature for their records. Staff provide a paper receipt, and this is the ticket to retrieve “recycle” cash at the automated machine located inside. Open hours: M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sat. 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Closed the last weekend of every month and holidays. To donate to John Knox, simply donate your recycle monies in the office by placing in an envelope marked “recycle monies” and give to Cindy Hiday.

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

To address local hunger insecurity, please donate non-perishable food items under the table near the office. Also needed are clean plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (1 dozen size) for the twice monthly distribution activities. Consider volunteering in 2026! Come for the doughnuts, make new friends, and enjoy helping with many other volunteers. To volunteer, please talk with Dan Bourne. Financial donations are welcome too. Simply make your check out to “John Knox Presbyterian Church”, writing “The Storehouse” in the memo line. Thanks for your ongoing support in 2026!

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

We continue to collect pop tabs from all types of cans for Jack & Sandy’s grandson, Henry, who loves to donate them to the Ronald McDonald House. Tabs can be found on several can types-(vegetables, soup, pet food, soda, etc.). Please donate to our “tab” collection containers, strategically placed around John Knox (kitchen collection can, container at Fellowship Hall, and large container at church bulletin board). Thank you!



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