



JANUARY 2012

TIDINGS

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we enter a new year, it is a chance for new beginnings. It is an opportunity for us as individuals and as a community to leave behind what has weighed us down in the past, and look anew to what God has in store in our future. This year will be particularly special in our congregation's life, as on March 4, 2012, we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Be sure to mark that date on your calendars, and look in next month's Tidings for more information about plans for celebrating this significant milestone in our lives.

I believe turning the page on the calendar is a chance for us to tear off those things which burden us, and to look ahead to how we might be renewed for new life in the year ahead. In December, as our church was facing a real crisis with our stewardship for 2012, I believe we witnessed God's Spirit moving in all of our hearts and souls. As Missy Estabrook shared with the congregation on December 4, we are called to act on what we read in scripture: "Give to others, and you will receive. You will be given much. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." Some of our old habits of giving in the past were shed with the passing of the new year. When we turn the page to 2012, I believe this is a year when we will look back and give thanks for God's restless stirring of our lives of discipleship.

On December 19, the Session approved a budget for ministry in 2012 which includes the following:

- Pledged income totaling \$317,500, an increase of nearly \$31,000.
- Becoming less reliant on estimated income, so that the total percentage of the budget which is funded through pledges increased from 88% in 2011 to 92% in 2012.
- Increasing our program budgets for 2012 to levels which more accurately reflect expenses, and allow for continued emphasis on outreach and evangelism.
- A 5% increase in our overall Missions budget, including 3% increases to the presbytery, synod, and general assembly undesignated missions, and a 20% increase to local undesignated missions and missionaries Jon and Kelly Simpson.
- A 4% increase in staff salaries for 2012, after three years of not being able to increase staff salaries.

Further details about the budget will be shared at the annual congregational meeting.

On behalf of the Session, and on behalf of the staff which serves you, I offer our deep thanks and gratitude for your selfless, sacrificial service to Christ's Church. May God continue to shine his light through you as we enter a new year together!

Peace be with You,
Frank

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - JANUARY 8

On Sunday, January 8, we will ordain and install new officers as elders and deacons. At both worship services, the Session will meet to conduct this annual rite in the church. It is an event which reminds us that God calls all of us to particular forms of service, and each year new people are called to lead the people of God in mission, service, and worship. Come and support Jon Barnhouse, Vicki Breece, Jerry Carter, Jill Charboneau, Jan Dorsey, Diane Whitaker (elders), and Alicia Andrews, Jim Graves, Kathy Judy, Patty McKinnon (deacons) on this important day in the life of our church!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 29

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Our schedule that day will be as follows:

Church School - 9:30 a.m.
One Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Annual Meeting - 11:30 a.m.

Materials for the meeting will be available on Sunday, January 22; please pick up packets before the meeting so you might be prepared. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this important day in the life of John Knox Presbyterian Church!

WINTER WEATHER AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

As we enter the winter months, sometimes weather can be a problem with events we have scheduled at the church. If you are unsure of whether an activity will go on as planned, please call the church and we will have an updated message on the main menu.

We will record any announcements there for changes or cancellations of events due to weather, and will keep that updated accordingly. Also, Frank Mansell will send a group email to those on his list to notify you as well. If you are not on Frank's list and would like to be, email him at jkcpcpastor@comcast.net. Finally, check the church's website and Facebook page, as updates will be posted there.

CRAZY BRIDGE - JAN. 28

WHAT:

A fun evening for adults including food and fellowship combined with a crazy card game (no card playing skills needed.....this is NOT BRIDGE).

WHEN & WHERE:

Saturday, January 28
5:30 p.m. to gather and get organized.
6 p.m. game to begin promptly.
JKPC Fellowship Hall

WHO:

Any and all adults interested in having a fun evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy terrific snacks (each of us to bring a snack to share – beverages to be provided) and to get better acquainted with other adults in our church family.

PRIZES:

Door Prizes will be awarded to four lucky players.

COST:

Optional \$5 donation for building fund.

RSVP:

Please let us know you are planning to attend by signing up on the Crazy Bridge sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

This spring, we will be offering an adult mission trip to New Orleans through Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans (RHINO), an outreach of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. RHINO has partnered with Habitat to build new, affordable housing in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. The dates of the trip will be April 23-29, 2012, and there are a maximum of 30 spots available. An informational meeting about the trip will be held on Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more or participate in the trip, plan on coming to this meeting or please contact Frank Mansell (291-0308; jkpcpastor@comcast.net).

SCIENCE AND FAITH

On January 22 and 29th Clark Wells will lead the Forum Church School class, discussing how truth and meaning are approached by science and religion. While much is made about the strained relationship between science and faith, these classes will examine their interrelatedness and how they complement each other to understand the “how” and “why” of our world.

This will be an opportunity to discuss the role of religion in determining the moral implications and applications of scientific discoveries in fields such as biomedical research. It will also examine how both religious and scientific inquiry show humility regarding what we don't know, while sharing an excitement about what is yet to be revealed, and the potential for making life on earth better for all.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study will not meet in January, February or March.

THANK YOU...

Thanks so much to everyone who helped me reach my goal of raising \$2500 for clean water in Ghana! John Knox is full of people who love to see mission in action! I have my visa, my vaccines, my 30% DEET bug spray, and I've almost started to think about packing! I leave on December 27th. Stay tuned for updates this spring!

-Ashley Williams

Thank you so much for the outpouring of prayers, cards, flowers, blankets, messages, phone calls, and hugs after the loss of our mother & grandmother, Jo Ann Noble, on November 28. Your thoughts were so comforting throughout the difficult time.

- Dawnie, Jonathan
& David Barnhouse

WINTER SEMINAR SERIES

The Winter Seminar Series will be held once again in the Church Library on Saturdays in January and February from 10:00 A.M. to Noon.

In January, the theme will be What is Faith, Anyway? This seminar will allow you to see the many ways in which Faith is defined and used. And from that we will build a definition that is meaningful for the 21st Century. All materials will be provided at no cost.

In February, we will turn to Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Life Together. This book is a classic exploration of Faith in Community. We will look at how Faith is nurtured when we pursue that Faith in a community such as John Knox. The book will be made available at no cost.

If you are interested in an intense examination of Faith, please join us. Contact Gary Shaw at 965-3163 or gshaw@skilesdetrude.com for more information and to sign up for one or both classes.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	November 27	December 4	December 11	December 18
9:00 Worship	115	117	126	148
11:00 Worship	42	44	38	45

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
1 <i>Communion</i> One Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	2 Church office CLOSED	3 6:45pm-Alanon	4 9:30am- OA 8pm- AA
8 <i>Ordination & Installation of Officers</i> (normal Sunday am Schedule)	5 11:45 & 6 pm Fitness Class 7pm-Deacons Meeting 7:30pm-Boy Scouts	10 6:30pm-Financial Peace Univ. 6:45 pm-Alanon 7pm- Trustees Meeting	11 9:30am- OA 5:45pm-Discovery T 6:30pm-Tutoring 7pm-PWCT 8pm- AA
15 (normal Sunday am Schedule)	16 <i>MLK Jr. Day</i> Church office CLOSED	17 6:30pm-Sabbatical Info. Meeting 6:30pm-Financial Peace Univ. 6:45 pm- Alanon 7pm-Evening Bilbe Study	18 <i>Tidings deadl</i> 9:30am- OA 11:30-Westside Sup 5:45pm-Discovery T 6:30pm-Tutoring 8pm- AA
22 (normal Sunday am schedule) 6pm-Youth Group Meeting	23 11:45 & 6 pm Fitness Class 7pm-Session Meeting 7:30pm-Boy Scouts	24 6:30pm-Financial Peace Univ. 6:45pm- Alanon	25 9:30am- OA 5:45pm-Discovery T 6:30pm-Tutoring 8pm- AA
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	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5 9am-TOPS 6pm-Legal Clinic 7pm-Chancel Choir 7pm-NC Prayer Service	6 10am-AA	7 9am-Preschool Housekeeping 10am-Winter Seminar 12pm-De-decorating the church
Time	12 9am-TOPS 6pm-Legal Clinic 7pm-Chancel Choir 7pm-NC Prayer Service	13 10am-AA. 12:15-Preschool Board Meeting 6:30pm-Youth Mission/Game Night	14 9am-Deacons Retreat 10am-Winter Seminar
Support Group Time	19 9am- TOPS 6pm-Legal Clinic 7pm-Chancel Choir 7pm-NC Prayer Service	20 10am-AA	21 10am-Winter Seminar
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			NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9am-Traditional Worship 10am-Church School 11am-Contemporary Worship 1:30pm-NC Worship *NC=Iglesia Nueva Creación

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1	Savannah Gagna	15	Suzanne Phillippe
3	Sean Brock	16	T.J. Dulaney
	Ann Hamel		Cheryl Fultz
4	Missy Estabrook	17	Jackie Kalsbeck
5	Cynthia Palmer	21	Doris Hopper
6	Kyle Pellett		Amy Stiles
7	Cynthia Carter	22	Hank Kauppila
9	Andrew Rowley		Maxwell Palmer
	Erleine Spicknell	25	Clark Wells
10	Russel Heath	27	Jacob Wistendahl
11	Jean Scotten	29	Jack Jordan
13	Jane Burgan	30	Craig Damone
	Sophia Herman		Steve Hall
	Lynn Morrell		Jake Herman

SOUPER BOWL!

No, it is not a misspelling! The NFL Super Bowl is played on February 5, 2012, right here in Indianapolis! It is a very exciting time for the city, but not for everyone. The winter months present another challenge to those that are jobless, homeless, and hungry. Food sources are depleted after the big bounty around Christmas time, and transportation to obtain food is limited.

Please join your Mission Team and the John Knox Youth by participating in the 2012 SOUPER BOWL program! On Super Bowl Sunday we will be collecting cans of soup to be placed---literally, in a soup pot! If you prefer, you may also give \$1 per person to the fund. All proceeds stay in our neighborhood and will be donated to St. John's Storehouse. Super Bowl Sunday is also our regular Food on the First Sunday. Please consider giving an extra hot bowl of soup to a hungry neighbor on SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Classes being offered at John Knox

Start the new year of 2012 with a new sense of financial freedom.

Class Begins: January 10, 2012

Class Meets: Tuesday at 6:30 PM

13 weeks, ending on April 3rd, cost \$93.00, includes all materials for class activities.

Who benefits?

Everyone truly benefits from this program, regardless of age (whether you are 21 or 61), regardless of income (whether you make \$12,000 or over \$100,000 per year), and regardless of marital status. Everyone benefits from FPU!

How is each class structured?

Each class session lasts approximately two hours. Group members support each other and hold each other accountable as they work together to transform their financial future.

What outcomes can be expected?

Financial Peace University offers a chance to gain hope about one's financial well-being, decrease financial stress, look at finances a different way, develop a different financial lifestyle, obtain a different kind of investment for our time & money, and find support for struggling marital relationships.

Stop worrying about money! According to the website, <http://www.dav-eramsey.com>, "More than 1.5 million families have attended Financial Peace University with amazing results. On average, these families paid off \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 in just the first 90 days! Stop worrying about money, and start your journey to Financial Peace today."

Please see Lisa Crismore for any questions and/or concerns. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

In Christian Sympathy

*We share the sorrow of the family of **Marjorie Hulse**, who died on November 26, 2011. A service to celebrate her life was held on December 6.*

SESSION UPDATE

Highlights from the December 19 stated Session meeting include:

- Approved Trustees' recommendation to change insurance carrier to Guide One Insurance effective February 1, 2012.
- Will examine new officers on January 7 prior to ordination and installation on January 8.
- Scheduled All Officers Meeting for February 11, 2012, with Rev. Alan Thames, for continued long-range planning and visioning.
- Per their request, removed the following from the membership rolls: Ed Whitehouse, Chelsea and Katie Harper, Cyd Kladden, Linda Socarraz, Stacey Phillippe.

COMMUNION

Sunday, January 1st, 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.

FOOD ON THE FIRST

Food items (nonperishable) are collected on the first Sunday of the month and then taken to St. John's Storehouse food pantry. Bring your items on Sunday, January 1st.

SABBATICAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Since October, the Session and Frank Mansell have been discussing the possibility of applying for a Clergy Renewal Grant from the Lilly Endowment, which would allow Frank to take a 3-4 month sabbatical in 2013. As part of this discernment process, the Session and Frank would like to invite you to an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m. This is a chance for you to hear more information about the program, what would be the benefits for Frank and the congregation from a sabbatical, and to ask any questions you might have. Your participation is very important to the overall decision-making process, and we hope you will be able to join us for this evening. If you are unable to come but have questions or would like to learn more, please feel free to contact Frank or any member of the Session. Thank you for your active participation and support of all that we do here at John Knox!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We have been blessed over the last couple of months to welcome four new members to John Knox: Linda McPherson, Lila Shaw, Darlene Thomas, and Daniel Tjamak. Their contact information is listed below. Be sure to greet them and tell them how glad we are that they are part of our church family!

Linda McPherson
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the February issue of the John Knox Tidings are due by Wednesday, January 18th. The preferred way to turn in your articles is by emailing them to David Barnhouse at jkpc-news@gmail.com.

REPORT ON SUPPERS FOR EIGHT MEETING

Thanks to all of you who attended the Suppers for Eight meeting which was held on November 13. 75% of those who participated in the program last year either attended the meeting or gave suggestions to bring up at the meeting. Many great ideas were shared.

The purpose of the meeting was to come up with a way to get more people to be hosts. In the past, if you were a host, you had the supper in your home. Since some people feel they cannot do this, it was suggested to host the supper in another location. Listed below are some ideas for locations to host a supper if you cannot have it in your home:

- Church parlor and use the church kitchen - be sure to check with Kim, our church secretary, to reserve the parlor and kitchen

- A restaurant - each person would pay for their own meal and the host could buy dessert (some restaurants such as Donatos and Panera have rooms you could reserve)

- Speedway Library has a community room with a small kitchen. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9AM-9PM, Friday-Saturday 9AM-5PM, closed Sunday

- Assisted living facilities usually have rooms where you can host small groups for a meal if you are a resident. Sometimes if you are not a resident, but you know

someone who lives there, they will let you use a room.

- Some apartment complexes and subdivisions have clubhouses which residents can reserve.

- Some Old National Bank locations have community rooms that can be reserved. There is one in Broad Ripple and one in Zionsville that have community rooms. These rooms have a microwave and sink.

Just because the program is titled "Suppers for Eight" does not mean you have to host a supper. You could have lunch or brunch, as well as supper. You do not have to use fine china and silverware. You can serve hot dogs or pizza if you wish. As a host you may change the menu and not have somebody bring a vegetable, salad, and dessert -- you may assign your guests to bring something different. Not everyone has to eat at the same table.

The main idea of the program is to have an opportunity to meet new people and to share a time of fellowship and fun. The consensus of those attending the meeting was that they want this program to continue, and they would like to see some new people participate. The program will still be offered in February and March.

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by the church office beginning Sunday, January 1. The last day to sign-up will be Sunday, January 22, 2012.



DE-DECORATE THE CHURCH SATURDAY - JANUARY 7

Come help us take down the Christmas decorations at church on January 7. When there are many hands, the tasks are completed so much faster! We will begin our time together with pizza and soft drinks at noon and then start taking down the Christmas decorations. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. If you can join us, please sign up so we know how much pizza to order.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED