

AUGUST 2017

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GIVING THANKS FOR KIM

On June 26, Kim Grant met with the Session of John Knox to share that she plans on retiring later this year as our church secretary. Kim has served as our secretary for nine years, and her husband, Bill, retired from Allison Transmission eight years ago. They are ready to both be free to enjoy retirement together, and while this makes us sad to see Kim leave us, we celebrate with them this new chapter in their lives! Kim is looking at finishing her work with us in the middle of November of this year.

The Personnel Team has already begun working on updating the secretary job description and preparing a job posting to advertise for that position. That will likely be approved in early-August by the Session, and we will then begin sharing this opportunity for employment at our church in a number of different ways. If you have any questions or ideas of potential candidates, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Personnel Team (Vicki Breece, Ken Duggins, Judy Ricketts, Rob Wistendahl).

We will have an opportunity later this fall to publicly express our deep gratitude to Kim for her years of service to John Knox. Once those plans materialize and are ready to be shared, look for information in the Tidings and our other means of communication. But for now, let me just say this. When we adopted our tag line of Open. Caring. Community, it took a while for us to live into what those words meant. However, it was already the very essence of Kim Grant's identity, and in her interactions with the community and the public, she has embodied Christ's love on our behalf. There has been no greater ambassador of our church's mission than Kim, and I cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for our congregation.

Well done, good and faithful servant!

With a full and grateful heart,

Frank

COMMUNITY PICNIC

SATURDAY - AUGUST 26 - 11am-3pm

The picnic is this month! On Saturday, August 26, from 11am-3pm, we will welcome our neighbors, offering fellowship, food and fun. You may want to say a prayer for a dry day! This is a time for us to go outside the church and to show hospitality to our community. There will be food, a DJ, a bounce house and games for the kids. And, we are excited to share that Boomer from the Indiana Pacers will be with us to entertain children and adults alike!

If you need to order a John Knox T-shirt, please see the bulletin board to sign-up. The shirts will cost \$9 or \$7.50 depending how many we order, and anything over XL is an additional \$2. Payment is due upon receipt. We hope everyone who serves can wear their shirts so our neighbors know who can provide information for the day. Sign-ups will end Sunday, July 30.

It was the Deacons' goal to offer free food and activities for everyone. And through your generous donations, we have achieved that goal! Thank you to everyone who made donations through the picnic basket items over the last several weeks - we couldn't have done it without you!

There are so many ways that you can help. Please sign-up on the bulletin board for the area where you would like to serve. Our next planning meeting is set for August 8 at 6:30pm. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (jkpcce@comcast.net; 317-291-0308).

Summer blessings,

Lisa

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SUNDAY - AUGUST 6

COMMUNION: Sunday, August 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.

FOOD ON THE FIRST: Food items (non-perishable) are collected on the first Sunday of the month and then taken to St. John's Storehouse Food Pantry. Bring your items on Sunday, August 6, or during office hours the week before.

SUMMER CHOIR - AUGUST 6

This summer we will again offer a "pick-up" choir date for anyone interested in singing in the choir with hardly any rehearsal! The music will be easy, and all you have to do is show up for practice! We will supply you with a folder and music, and we will not wear robes. **The date is August 6.** We will practice at 8:15am prior to the 9:00am service. If you have questions, contact Jeff Gillespie (317-796-1143). Please join us!!

SUNDAY EVENINGS TOGETHER AUGUST 27 - 5-7PM

We will have our monthly Sunday Evenings Together program on August 27 from 5:00-7:00pm. We will gather for supper at 5:00pm - the main dish, drinks, and table service will be provided; bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Our program will begin at 6:00pm, and we will hear from the children and youth who attended summer camp at PYOCA! Through your generosity, we were able to send 12 young people to summer camp this year. Now many of them would like to share with you about their awesome experience! Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office if you are planning to attend, or call the church office (317-291-0308).

PRIME TIMERS - AUGUST 15

Prime Timers will be hitting the road to Ohio. On Tuesday, August 15 (3rd Tuesday of the month), we will meet at the church with the plan to leave at 10am to head to Cincinnati to see The Ark, which is a life-size Noah's Ark attraction. We will hope to arrive around noon and have lunch at the Emzara's Kitchen Restaurant, which is just adjacent to The Ark. There are wheelchair rentals that the church can cover, if you are concerned about walking. The senior citizen cost of admission is \$31. The group will try to leave around 4pm to return around 6 - 6:30pm. Please call the church to let us know if you are attending so that we can be sure to have enough drivers. Contact Lisa Crismore (jkcpcce@comcast.net; 317-291-0308) if you have any questions. Also, you can check out the website at www.ArkEncounter.com. All are welcome to attend.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
June 25		156	
July 2	85		43
July 9	89		36
July 16	94		43
July 23		67	

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **SEPTEMBER 2017** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16.**

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY AUGUST 13

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, August 13. As noted in last month's Tidings, we will be celebrating Youth Sunday. Just as we have done in the past, the JKPC Youth will be leading both worship services at 9:00am and 11:00am. During this time, the youth will be sharing about their experiences this summer from their mission trip to Ferguson and St. Louis, Missouri.

This experience has proven to be profoundly impactful and incredibly transformative. Please join us for worship on Youth Sunday as we joyfully give thanks and praise for another incredible time together this summer! God is working in amazing ways through the JKPC Youth as we continue to discern and answer God's calling on our lives.

TEACHER TRAINING SUNDAY - AUGUST 13 - 12:15pm

On Sunday, August 13, Church School and Children in Worship teachers and leaders will gather in the Forum Room for training. Lunch will be provided. Contact Lisa Crismore if you have any questions.

CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF SUNDAY - AUGUST 20

School is back in session this month, and that also means we will start back with our Church School season on Sunday, August 20. Classes for all ages - children, youth, and adults - will take place at 10:00am. We will also have breakfast served in each class that day. Plan on being here as we celebrate the start of a new Church School year at John Knox!

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at 12:00pm on **Monday, August 28**, for lunch with our members at **Westside Garden Plaza**. Come for a meal, communion and fellowship with our members. Please RSVP to the Church Office (317-291-0308).

GRIEFSHARE STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 5

We will be starting a GriefShare class once again this fall at John Knox. GriefShare is a national support group program used by churches across the United States. This program is 13-weeks in length, and will include meeting once-a-week in a group, as well as time spent individually with devotions and workbook exercises. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Forum Classroom. **The first session will be on September 5.** The cost of participating is \$15 per person. Contact the Church Office to register (291-0308 or jkpcoffice@comcast.net). Contact Frank Mansell with questions or to learn more (291-0308 or jkpcpastor@comcast.net).

IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of the following members of our church family:

Mike and Clara Larrick, John, Allyssa, and Xander Larrick, on the death of Mike's mother, Madonna Larrick, on July 16. A service to celebrate her life was held on July 21 in Kokomo, Indiana.

Don and Beth Holden, on the death of Don's son, David Holden, on July 3. A service to celebrate his life was held on July 18 at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Home, Decatur.

CURTIS/RICKETTS SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION - AUGUST 27

We are pleased to share that Micah Beck and James Emery are the recipients of the 2017 Curtis/Ricketts Scholarship. Both Micah and James will receive a \$500 scholarship to further their continuing education. James is enrolled at Ivy Tech Community College for its Mechanical Engineering Technology Program, and hopes to one day open his own fabrication business. Micah is enrolled at Ivy Tech Community College for its Database Management Program, and is working towards a bachelor's degree. We will recognize them at the 9am worship service on Sunday, August 27. We give thanks to Judy and Pete Ricketts and their family for this scholarship, which was founded in honor and memory of Judy's parents, to support adults in their ongoing growth through education.

BACKPACK ATTACK THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed school supplies for the Backpack Attack! **We collected over 1,500 items to be given to school children in the coming days.** Thank you for your generous hearts to make the start of school a more positive experience for the children of our community!

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NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: There were 7 requests for assistance in the last month during regular office hours. Requests included need for food, clothing, rent, gas, and help with a runaway teenager. One family was homeless and living in their car, and another was temporarily living with relatives after a house fire. We were able to help with food, gas and clothing and with referrals to other agencies that could offer further assistance. We were also able to give “work assistance” to another neighbor who was great help during VBS. Thank you for your continued support of “New Beginnings.”

THANK YOU!

Dear Congregation,

Thank you doesn't even start to show our appreciation for your church and all the positive love shown each and every time we are able to attend an event! Christ our Lord and Savior is alive and shining brightly!

Thank you,

-- The Marshalls - Crystal, Madisyn and Jordan

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lucas Avila	Aug 1	Charles Spargur	Aug 21
Millie Harris	Aug 1	Vicki Breece	Aug 23
Ruth Ann Hogsett	Aug 2	Arthur Wells	Aug 24
Tom Markey	Aug 4	Bev Ray	Aug 25
Dawnie Barnhouse	Aug 5	Don Charboneau	Aug 26
Alicia Andrews	Aug 16	Jim Rethmeyer	Aug 27
Faustina Tawiah	Aug 19	Susan Johnson	Aug 28
Judi Wistendahl	Aug 20	Dakota Gagna	Aug 31
Sarah Damone	Aug 21	Bonnie Graves	Aug 31
Kimberlee Larrick	Aug 21		

DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

TRASH BAG SALES: Trash bags will be sold between services on Sunday, August 20. They are \$13 per roll, and three sizes are available. Proceeds will go to Debt Retirement. Thanks for your support!

DINING EVENT REPORT - You raised \$95.11 at BJ's Restaurant on June 6. Thanks for your support!

RECYCLING PROCEEDS:
METAL: \$302.95

INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

For the last several years, we have held a special Sunday service in September called Invite a Friend Sunday. It's been a chance for us to focus our attention on inviting someone new to John Knox. Of course, this shouldn't be reserved for one Sunday a year! But we hope that by bringing our attention to this each year, we recognize the importance and value of always extending an invitation in Christ's name.

This year, Invite a Friend Sunday will be on September 17, and we will have one combined worship service at 10:30am, with a luncheon provided afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Here are some ways you might begin to prepare for this special day in our church's life:

- Pray for God's guidance and encouragement to ask someone new to come to church that day.
- Pray for discernment about who you might invite.
- If asking someone causes you anxiety or worry, talk to others in the church who you have noticed are naturally gifted in inviting people, and ask for their support and help.

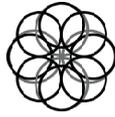
Look for more details in next month's newsletter about this special day. But start considering now who you might extend an invitation to come to church on September 17th!

DINING EVENT DAWSON'S ON MAIN - AUGUST 29

If you eat at Dawson's on Main in Speedway on Tuesday, August 29th from 11:00am until 10:00pm, 15% of your total bill (not including tax) will go to the church Debt Retirement fund. Carry-out orders are included. Reservations are recommended for parties of 5 or more for lunch and dinner. However, reservations are not required in order to participate in the event. You must present a flyer to your server when you place your order. Donations will not be made to the church unless you have a flyer. Flyers are available on the table under the bulletin board by the church office. Please tell your relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. about this event. This is a great way to help the church and to go out to eat. Thanks for your support!

PYOCA ALL CHURCH RETREAT SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1

SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN ON ATTENDING the All Church Retreat at Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, September 29-October 1. Dr. David Chaddock, director of Centerpoint Counseling Center, will be our guest speaker. The theme of the weekend will be "Steps Along My Spiritual Journey," as David walks us through different ways to grow spiritually as disciples of Christ. There will also be activities for children, as well as intergenerational activities for us throughout the weekend. **Check out the registration brochure in this month's Tidings.** Don't miss out on this wonderful weekend of spiritual fellowship, nurture, and most importantly - in a truly beautiful place amidst God's creation!



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