

APRIL 2018

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THE DEPTH OF EASTER

I would invite us to consider delving deeper for the meaning of Easter to us as Christians. Go beyond the new dresses and Easter Egg hunts and big meals with family and friends. This day is more than just a day for celebration. It is also a day for deep transformation.

Consider the Easter account we will hear read at John Knox on April 1. When the women encountered the empty tomb and a young man who told them to tell the disciples that Christ was risen, Mark says “They went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid” (Mark 16:8).

Mark meets us where we truly are. We are frightened and amazed to consider such new life. Amid our encounters with change, stress, anxiety, loss, and uncertainty, we are not always able to see a future with possibility or hope. It is hard to trust in the earth-shattering idea of an empty tomb.

I don't believe we truly understand the depth of Easter until we honestly come to terms with the notion that we are not in control - and we are desperately in need of God's grace. When we go through the trials of death, illness, dysfunction, pain, and fear, we are usually at our lowest and most vulnerable. And it is in those moments that we can choose: will we trust in ourselves or will we trust in God?

How will you meet the empty tomb this Easter? May we come with open hearts, minds, and souls, to experience the depth of God's transformative love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

With a full and grateful heart,

Frank

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CONFIRMATION CLASS RECEIVED SUNDAY - APRIL 22

Since January, Samantha Lamey and Nicholas Graves have been participating in this year's confirmation class at John Knox. Their mentors, Bev Ray and Don Baumgardner, have shared in learning with them about the Bible, worship, mission, the larger church, and theology. They will participate in a retreat at Pyoca April 6-7, where they will compose their own personal statements of faith. If they so choose, then they will make their profession of faith and become active members of the church during worship on Sunday, April 22. Please join us on that day as we give thanks to God for Samantha and Nicholas taking this journey of growth and discipleship, and may we remember our own baptismal vows as disciples of Jesus Christ!

JOY AND THANKSGIVING FROM LISA

My daughter, Sarah Crismore, is getting married on April 28 in Louisville, Kentucky. This will be a very special day in the life of our family. It is a day that I have prayed about for a very long time. As like most parents, I hoped that my children would find a special someone to support and love them through their lifetime.

I would love to have you all join us in Louisville but realize that this is quite a distance for you all to travel. **So, please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a reception on Sunday, May 20, after second service (12:15pm) in Fellowship Hall.** I hope you can celebrate with us and meet Sarah's new husband, Justin Brown. I give thanks to God that they have found each other. My prayers for them are that God will bless them through the peaks and valleys of life and that the love between them will continue to grow.

Blessings,
Lisa

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1

We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 1, with worship at 9 & 11am, and Church School for all ages at 10am. Due to Easter falling on the first Sunday of the month, **we will celebrate communion the following Sunday, April 8, at both worship services.**

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, April 1, or during office hours the week before.

PRIME TIMERS TUESDAY - APRIL 10

The Prime Timers will gather this month on Tuesday, April 10, at 12 noon at the church. We will have a pitch-in luncheon, so please bring a dish to share. Since we have not gathered all winter, we will have fellowship and talk about plans for the year for our program. Mark your calendars and know that all are welcome. Please bring your friends!

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at noon on **Monday, April 23**, 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).

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **MAY 2018** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**.

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.

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY - APRIL 8

On Sunday, April 8, Don and Aida Baumgardner will share their stories of their life and faith with us at both the 9am and 11am worship services. We will also have Lisa Warren from Anointed Hands share with our children and our congregation about the gift of sign language. This Sunday marks our fourth Disability Awareness (or should we say Acceptance) worship service.

The 2018 Disability Awareness month campaign theme is “Be Cool. We Are.” No matter the differences between people, it is always better to treat others the way you want to be treated, and this is especially true when interacting with friends, co-workers, and others who live with disabilities. The theme is all about the importance of being comfortable in your own skin and making the conscious decision to be yourself, because acting different around someone with a disability isn’t cool (www.indianadisabilityawareness.org).

This theme echoes the teachings and law of Jesus, which is to love our neighbor as ourselves. We gather to learn from each other about what makes us unique, realizing we all want to be accepted and appreciated for the person that God made us to be. We celebrate that we are all God’s special children fearfully and wonderfully made by our creator.

LANDSCAPE WORKDAY SATURDAY - APRIL 28

The landscape crew will be mulching the church gardens on Saturday, April 28, starting at 9am. We would appreciate any help anyone is able to provide with this project. If you are interested and able to assist us, please bring gloves, garden rakes, shovel and wheelbarrow if you have one. In case of rain, we have Saturday, May 5, as an alternate date. Thank you for any help you can provide!

JKPC YOUTH FUNDRAISER LIP SYNC BATTLE - APRIL 8

On Sunday, April 8 from 5-7pm, the JKPC Youth will be hosting the first annual “John Knox Lip Sync Battle!” We are sure that many of you are asking yourselves, “What is a Lip Sync Battle?” Well, it is only the most entertaining, most enjoyable, and most exciting event you could possibly attend! But, beyond that, a Lip Sync Battle is a musical “battle” between two individuals who will be lip-syncing a song of choice. Many of the JKPC Youth will be offering performances and there may even be some “special guest” appearances!

Tickets are \$10. Dinner will be provided. This fundraiser will take the place of the April SET. Please come and enjoy this evening of fun and fellowship as the JKPC Youth raise funds for their summer mission trip to Pikeville, Kentucky.

IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of Lora Spargur, Ramona and Megan Watts on the death of their husband, father, and grandfather, **Charles Spargur**, on March 16, 2018. A funeral service was held for Charlie on March 23, 2018, at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Home, Speedway.

We share the sorrow of **Jeff Gillespie** and his family on the death of his father, Al Gillespie, on March 11, 2018. A funeral service was held at First United Methodist Church, Griffin, Georgia, on March 17, 2018.

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DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

METAL RECYCLING: \$228.78

TRASH BAG SALES: Trash bags will be sold between services on Sunday, April 15. They are \$13 per roll and are available in 3 sizes. If you should need trash bags at another time, see Dick Herman or Judy Ricketts on Sunday, or they may be purchased in the church office during the week during office hours. Proceeds benefit Debt Retirement.

DINING EVENT REPORT: You raised \$89.99 at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse on February 20. Thanks for your support!

DINING EVENT - DAWSON'S ON MAIN TUESDAY - APRIL 24

If you eat at Dawson's on Main in Speedway on Tuesday, April 24 from 11:00am-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 and on the church website on the home page under service projects. 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!

KAYENTA BABY SHOWER

Brand new and gently used baby and toddler clothes, blankets, toys, etc will be collected by Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team to send to Kayenta Village during April. Bring your donations to the church and place them in the marked boxes in the hallway.

APPLICATIONS FOR PYOCA SCHOLARSHIPS

Pyoca summer camp scholarships are once again being offered to all children and youth who complete an application. Applications are available in an envelope on the Mission Bulletin Board, right outside the kitchen. The application includes a message to parents and directions on where completed forms are to be returned. The deadline for submitting applications is Sunday, June 10. Please contact Paula Lamey (paulete25@yahoo.com) or Frank Mansell (317-291-0308 or jkpcpastor@comcast.net) if you have any questions or need further information.

And be at church on Sunday, April 15, as Molly Dewitt from Pyoca will be here to talk about summer programming and opportunities for children and youth of all ages!

DONATIONS FOR PYOCA SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Mission Team supports our Pyoca campers by helping them fund the cost of attending Camp Pyoca through our portion of the Pentecost Offering. We also would appreciate any additional financial donations you may be willing to make to help those in our congregation send their children to camp. If you are able to assist in that way, please make out your check to JKPC and mark your donation “*Pyoca Camp Scholarships*” and turn them in by Sunday, June 10. Thank you for your support!

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: This month God has been working through our “New Beginnings” program to help those in need. Six families received food this month from the pantry! We were also able to provide diapers, and toiletries to a family in need. We are so blessed to have this opportunity to help others in our community! Thank you for all your support of this mission!

MISSION TEAM COOKIE SALE SUNDAY - APRIL 29

Everyone's favorite fundraiser is back! The Mission Team will have its Spring Cookie Sale, Sunday, April 29, between worship services. All proceeds will benefit the Debt Retirement Fund. The prices will be so low we can't mention them here! We need lots of delicious, homemade cookies to sell - please bring them to the church by 9:30am that morning. Thank you for your support!

MISSION TEAM REMINDERS

The Mission Team would like to remind you of these other opportunities to help and serve:

- We are not having a Presbyterian Women's Garage Sale this year. But if you still have items you need to get rid of at your house, **consider donating them to local ministries which sell donated goods to support their ministry.** Two such ministries are Seeds of Hope and Lynhurst Baptist Church Community Center.
- Have **old glasses** that you don't need anymore? Have **old hearing aids or cell phones**, too? Bring them to church and place them in the **Lion's Club donation box** outside the church office!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9am Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
Feb. 25	80		35
Mar. 4	87		50
Mar. 11	77		31
Mar. 18	80		43

REMEMBERING DR. KING 50 YEARS LATER - APRIL 4

It was fifty years ago that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was killed in Memphis, Tennessee. The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley will mark this solemn occasion on Wednesday, April 4, at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church (418 34th Street, Indianapolis). You are invited to join together with others across our city and region at 7:00pm for a service of remembrance and recommitment to the work of justice and equality.

Rev. Winterbourne Harrison-Jones of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church will be the featured speaker, and there will be other music and arts guests who will share their gifts. Our city of Indianapolis will forever be linked with this event in history, as Robert Kennedy spoke to a rally the evening Dr. King was killed, a speech which likely aided in keeping riots in our city to a minimum. May we come together once again to consider how God is calling us to carry on Dr. King's legacy for the generations to come.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Mary McKinnon	April 3	Pat Dean	April 17
Kelly Gillespie	April 5	Mary Harmeson	April 17
Paula Gillespie	April 5	Susan Roberts	April 17
Paula Lamey	April 9	Rob Wistendahl	April 18
Joan Stern	April 9	Colson Wells	April 22
Judy Klencke	April 10	Emily Viefhaus	April 25
Kit Swigart	April 12	Shazia Baker	April 29
James Clifton	April 13	Tracy Wells	April 30
Betty Hartman	April 14		

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MAY BANQUET - MAY 15

The Presbyterian Women's will be hosting their annual May Banquet on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be prepared by the men of John Knox again this year. The menu will once again feature the amazing grilled pork tenderloin along with vegetables, salad and dessert.

After the meal we will be enjoying a concert in the Sanctuary by Emily Block and her daughter Christina. The program will begin around 7:00pm. A free-will offering will be taken to help off-set the cost of the evening.

Please mark your calendar now to save the date. A sign-up sheet will be located outside the Church office closer to the date.

JUST US GUYS

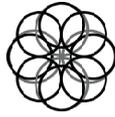
Once again the JKPW would like Just Us Guys to cater the meal for the May Dinner on Tuesday, May 15. This is our opportunity to give back to the women who do so much for John Knox. If you are interested, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board later in April.

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

RACE WEEKEND - SATURDAY - MAY 26: We will have a special worship service on Saturday evening, due to the running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race on Sunday.

JUNE 18-22 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: As we did last year, VBS will be the third week in June. Look for more information coming in future Tidings!

JUNE 25-29 - SOCCER CAMP: Fun for children of all ages!



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