

JUNE 2018

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TRANSITIONS IN LIFE

Life is always in motion. It is always moving. Sometimes life can feel like it's stuck in the mud. But most of the time, life is always moving forward, and often it is moving very fast - sometimes, too fast for our liking.

For me, it literally feels like only yesterday that Debbie and I were bringing Erin home from the hospital. How can it now be that we are preparing for her to graduate from high school, and head off to college? That's what life can do to you: one minute, you are very present in a particular moment, and eighteen years later that moment has changed. Of course, there are thousands and thousands of moments in between. One of the joys of celebrations like graduations or weddings or anniversaries is that we can look back on those in-between moments and give thanks to God for God's presence in those times.

I'm sure I will be emotional when Erin walks across that stage and receives her diploma. And those emotions will come from many different places - from remembering her as a small child, from times she spent with family who are no longer with us, from moments of joy and pride and happiness.

But I will also be excited for what is ahead of her as she begins the next stage of her life journey at Davidson College. I look forward to hearing how she will grow and change and mature into the disciple of Christ God has called her to be. I think that is all any of us as parents wish for our children - to continually grow and discern the specific call God has given to them as one of God's children. I am extremely excited to see what God has in store for all our graduates, who, as you can see on page 6, are prepared to do incredible, remarkable things. If we are only looking back in wistful remembrance on the past, we very well might miss what the Spirit is doing in our present and future. These young men and women are going to do remarkable things - and it's because of God's grace and love, which they have experienced here as part of the Body of Christ at John Knox Presbyterian Church.

Debbie and I would like to invite you to join us in celebrating Erin as she graduates from Pike High School at her Open House on Sunday, June 3, from 1-4pm. It will be at our home at 9040 Ripon Court, Indianapolis, 46268. We are in the College Park Estates neighborhood just north of 86th Street at Colby Blvd. We are two homes north of the clubhouse, which is at the corner of Barnard St. and Fordham St. We would suggest that you park in the parking lot of the clubhouse and then walk up Fordham to our home - you'll see the balloons and tables outside. If there's no room in the parking lot, then feel free to park along Fordham, which is along our backyard.

And as we all mark transitions in our lives, may we have faith and hope that we are not alone in living through those transitions. For God is always with us - in the past, in the present, and most definitely in the future.

With a full and grateful heart,
Frank

RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES SUNDAY - JUNE 3

On Sunday, June 3, we will honor those from our congregation who are graduating from high school, college, or other higher education. You can read more about these individuals on page 6 of this month's Tidings. That morning, the families of our graduates would like to invite you to a reception between worship services in the Fellowship Hall. While some of our high school graduates will be having individual open houses, we wanted this to be a time that all of you were welcome to congratulate them on their accomplishments!

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SUNDAY - JUNE 3

COMMUNION: Sunday, June 3, 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, June 3, or during office hours the week before.

SUNDAY EVENING TOGETHER - JUNE 10

This month, we will gather for our Sunday Evenings Together on Sunday, June 10. We will have dinner at 5pm - the main course will be provided, and we are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office if you plan to attend.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Michael Chapuran, Executive Director of Family Promise. Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis is a partnership of congregations and community organizations responding to the crisis of children and their families who are homeless. John Knox Presbyterian Church has supported Family Promise for many years by partnering with other churches who host the families during the week. Through our partnering, we have provided lunches, dinners and fellowship to the homeless families. Currently, the Speedway/Westside Ministerial Association hosts homeless families at Speedway Methodist Church and St. Gabriel's Catholic Church (It is shared between the 2 churches).

Michael Chapuran will talk to us about homelessness in our city, what Family Promise is doing, and what their plans are for the future. He is also planning on bringing a family member who was helped by Family Promise. They will share how it had a huge impact on their family's life. Join us for this informative night together!

PLANNING FOR THE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Again, we are praying for the sun to be with us on Saturday, August 25, from 11am-2pm for the Community Picnic. Please mark your calendars, plan on attending and connecting with our neighbors. The committee is still tweaking out all the details to make this year's event a success. If you would like to be a part of the planning process, **please attend the meetings on June 26 & August 7 at 6:30pm.**

CHARBONEAU ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2

Don and Lois Charboneau will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in June, and their family invites all of you to join them in celebrating this wonderful occasion! An Open House will take place on Saturday, June 2, from 12-4pm, at Don & Lois' home - 5537 West 35th Street, 46224.

CELEBRATE WITH DOLORES DERNER SATURDAY - JUNE 9

Come and celebrate with Dolores Derner. She will be moving to warm and sunny Birmingham, Alabama, in June. A party is planned for June 9 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. As much as we hate to see her leave, we are happy that she will be close to her family. Everyone is invited!

PRIME TIMERS - JUNE 19

Prime Timers will meet at the church on Tuesday, June 19. We will have Donatos Pizza and salad for lunch. **We have moved our second Tuesday meeting time to the third Tuesday** to welcome Jon and Kelly Simpson. They will be sharing about their mission work in Macedonia last year, teaching English, and showing Christ's love with their actions. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend so that we know how much pizza to order. All are welcome to gather in fellowship and hear from the Simpsons!

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES SUNDAY - JUNE 3

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 3. We celebrate with all of our church members who have family and friends marking this important milestone in their lives. We send out special congratulations to:

Emily Damone, who graduated from Purdue University in mid-May. She will attend the University of North Carolina's Gillings School of Global Public Health this fall and begin to work on her Ph.D. in Biostatistics.

Erin Mansell, who graduates from Pike High School on May 31. She will attend Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, in the fall, with plans to major in Biology.

Kelsey Merrill, who graduates from Zionsville High School on June 3. She will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the fall, with plans to major in Physics.

Maddie Andrews, who graduates from Pike High School on May 31. She will attend Xavier University in Cincinnati in the fall, with plans to major in Psychology and Pre-Occupational Therapy.

Spencer Wells, who graduated from Brebeuf High School on May 20. He will attend the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, this fall, with plans to major in Physics.

Evan Chamberlain, who is the grandson of Susan and Jeff Roberts, will graduate from North Central High School on May 30. He will attend Indiana University this fall, with plans to major in Management and Audio Engineering.

Dr. Sue Hartman, who graduated from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 23, with a Masters of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety Management.

Our prayers surround all the people who will be graduating this spring. May God grant guidance and support as they pursue their hopes and dreams!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 18-22 - 5:30-8:30PM

Calling all super heroes for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School! Every day we will be off on adventures to discover what makes us truly heroic in God! Cokesbury's curriculum - "Hero Central" - is all about discovering your strength in God. If your child or youth plan to participate, please help with pre-registering them. The forms can be found on the table outside the church office. We will need food donations and people to serve. All donated items need to be at the church by June 17. Please see the bulletin board sign-up sheets for where you can help and don't forget to sign-up for your t-shirt. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Crismore.

For our decorations, we will be building big buildings. To do this, we will need big boxes. So, please start saving them.

Some of the youth will be doing mission work again this year. One evening they will distribute Good Samaritan bags to the homeless downtown. Please consider donating the following for the bags: White socks, cheese and cracker snack packs, hand sanitizer, small toothpaste and toothbrushes, washcloths, hotel soap and shampoo, travel deodorant, bottled water, lunch size applesauce, snack boxes of raisins, granola bars, razors.

VBS WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY - JUNE 24 - 10:30am

We will celebrate the week of Vacation Bible School by holding a special worship service on June 24 at 10:30am. This will be a combined worship service with our brothers and sisters from Iglesia Nueva Creación. Plan to join us for this wonderful opportunity for worship and fellowship as the Body of Christ in this place!

THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION TEAM!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

We collected \$1,578 for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering! Because of your generosity, this will help support disaster relief and the self-development of people around the world through the PC(USA). Thank you for your incredible generosity!

MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

Through your generous donations, we delivered nearly \$1,000 worth of new bathrobes, slippers, and nightgowns to the Coburn Place Safe Haven, a shelter for women who are the victims of domestic violence. We also received an additional \$325 in monetary donations. The shelter was deeply grateful, and said that no one else donates these kinds of items for the women there. You made Mother's Day very special for these women - thank you!

SPRING COOKIE SALE

On April 29, the Mission Team held its Spring Cookie Sale, and we raised \$390 for the Debt Retirement Fund. That is the most for the spring sale in several years! Thanks for your donations of delicious cookies and for purchasing them for a great cause!

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: This month God has been working through our "New Beginnings" program to help those in need. Five families received food and diapers this month from the pantry! We also provided bus passes and gas for two families. We are so blessed to have this opportunity to help others in our community! Thank you for all your support of this mission!

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.

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 Frank Mansell (317-291-0308 or jkpcpastor@comcast.net) if you have any questions or need further information.

A SPECIAL FATHER’S DAY GIFT

Did you know you can do alternative giving for Father’s Day? Make a financial donation on June 17 to help with New Beginnings (JKPC food cabinet) for people who come here needing help with food, gas, and other needs. It’s a good feeling to know we can help our neighbors. Mark your donation “New Beginnings,” and thank you for your continuing efforts to make this such an Open. Caring. Community!

JKPC YOUTH CARWASH FUNDRAISER - FRIDAY - JUNE 15 - 10AM-2PM

As we make the final push towards our annual summer mission trip, the JKPC Youth will be having one final fundraiser. On Friday, June 15, we will be having a carwash fundraiser from 10am-2pm. Please be sure to come out and get your car washed. We will be sure to leave it sparkly and shiny!

The funds earned from this fundraiser will go directly towards supporting our mission trip this summer.

As a reminder, this summer's mission trip will be taking place July 8-14 in Floyd County, Kentucky, where we will be working with His Hands and Feet Ministries. During our time in Kentucky, while working in and with severely distressed communities, we will be focusing our attention on home rehab and repair projects.

Tom Markey

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at 12:00pm, on **Monday, June 25**, 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).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
Apr 29	87		34
May 6	88		49
May 13	100		40
May 20	82		46

DINING EVENT BJ'S RESTAURANT & BREWHOUSE WEDNESDAY - JUNE 27

On Wednesday, June 27, if you eat at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse on Rockville Road in Avon (in front of the Target Shopping Center) between 11am-11:00pm, 20% of your total food purchases (alcohol purchases are not included) will be donated to the Debt Retirement Fund. You present a flyer to your server, and a flyer is required for each check. Flyers are available on the table underneath the bulletin board by the church office and on the church website on the home page under service projects. You may give flyers to your relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. However, flyers may not be distributed in the restaurant or in the parking lot of the restaurant on the day of the event. Take-out orders are included in the program. This is a great opportunity to help the church and to eat out. Thanks for your support!

DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

TRASH BAG SALES: Trash bags will be sold on June 17th between services. They are \$13 per roll and are available in 3 sizes. They will not be sold in July but will be sold in August. The date for August sales will be in the August Tidings. 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 from sales go to Debt Retirement. Thanks for your support.

DINING EVENT REPORT: You raised \$100 by eating at Dason's on Main in April 11. Thanks for your support!

RECYCLING PROCEEDS:

METAL: \$517.41

PAPER: \$2.00

WORSHIP IN THE PARK SUNDAY - JULY 29 - 11AM

On Sunday, July 29, we will gather for worship outside the walls of our building, meeting for worship at Meadowood Park in Speedway. We will have worship at 11am, and then have a picnic lunch following worship. In case of rain, we will meet at John Knox and worship and eat in the Fellowship Hall.

After the success of the Community Picnic and our increased visibility to our community, we felt it was worth taking the next step and going out into our community and being the Body of Christ. We also hope this is an opportunity for all of us to invite someone new on that day, or to invite our neighbors who might be present at the park. Look for more details in next month's newsletter, and save the date for this special occasion in our church's life!

WHITEWATER VALLEY PRESBYTERY AT JOHN KNOX - AUGUST 4

Mark your calendars now for a very special event in our church's life. We will be hosting the August 4th Assembly Meeting of Whitewater Valley Presbytery. This will take place on a Saturday, and we will be welcoming over 100 fellow Presbyterians from around the state for this all-day meeting. We are a connectional church, and through our partnerships with the presbytery, we are able to do more in mission and service than we ever would do by ourselves. It's a great chance for us to show Christian hospitality, and let the presbytery know how much we appreciate its support of our ministry here! We will need LOTS of help from many people to welcome our guests that day. This includes: serving as greeters, helping with registration, providing food and assisting with lunch, clean-up and resetting for Sunday morning. Look for sign-ups on the bulletin board and more details in July's Tidings. Thanks for showing our fellow Presbyterians how we are an Open. Caring. Community!

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of the men of Just Us Guys who worked so hard to make our May Dinner a success. Those individuals include: Frank Mansell, Dan Bourne, Danny Fultz, Jim Graves, Dick Herman, John Owensby, Jeff Roberts, Harlan Rolfson, J. Stanley, and Jim Williams. The dinner you prepared was delicious as always. Thank you!

-- *Presbyterian Women of John Knox*

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

It is time to plan for the summer church school months – The dates are June 3, 10, 17, 24 (VBS Worship), July 1, 8, 15, 22, August 5 & 12. Summer is the time to give our regular children’s church school teachers a much deserved break. Please let Lisa Crismore if you would like to share a craft/project, experience or Bible Story with the children.

MARGARET WILSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Kelsey Merrill, Spencer Wells, Maddie Andrews, Scott Viehaus and Ben McKinnon-Duggins are this year’s recipients of the Margaret Wilson Scholarship, each receiving \$750. They will be recognized at the 9am service on July 8. This scholarship has helped 24 students through the years by financially supporting them with a total of \$37,750. As Margaret turned 95 years old this March, members and her family gave \$3,970 in her honor. We are deeply grateful to all who continue to support these young people’s dreams of furthering their education!

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **JULY 2018** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13.**

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.

PYOCA ALL CHURCH RETREAT SEPTEMBER 28-30

SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN ON ATTENDING the All Church Retreat at Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, September 28-30. We will have further information about our theme and speaker in next month's Tidings. There will be activities for children, as well as intergenerational activities for us throughout the weekend. Look for registration brochures in the August 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!

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 8-14 - YOUTH MISSION TRIP - The Youth of John Knox will head to Floyd County, Kentucky, to serve in mission for the week.

JULY 29 - WORSHIP IN THE PARK (see page 12 for details).

AUGUST 4 - HOSTING WHITEWATER VALLEY PRESBYTERY (see page 12 for details).

AUGUST 10 - INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS BASEBALL GAME - Join us for a night at Victory Field!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Satish Pitamber	June 6	Craig Johnson	June 18
Spencer Wells	June 6	Mildred Manring	June 23
Pam Herman	June 8	Karen Monesmith	June 23
Margaret Rennaker	June 10	Roberta Morris	June 23
Barbara Weetman	June 10	Pete Ricketts	June 25
Karen Viefhaus	June 11	Kim West	June 25
Kel Winton	June 14	Robert Denny	June 28
Karen Clevenger	June 15	Jillian Flynn	June 29
Kathy Deese	June 18		

CURTIS/RICKETTS CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

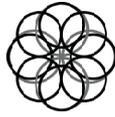
Curtis/Ricketts Continuing Education Scholarship for non-traditional students was started as a memorial for Judy Ricketts' parents before her parents moved back to Indiana and before the death of her brother. They had all agreed to do this when the first parent passed away.

This scholarship is being handled by the church and funded through donations. Those eligible for the scholarship have earned a GED diploma (as of January 1, 2014) and then decide to pursue continuing education; or it is someone who earned a regular high school diploma and decides at age 26 or older to pursue continuing education. Continuing education could include college, or training in culinary arts, heating and cooling, plumbing, auto repair, etc.

Guidelines and applications for the \$500 2018 scholarship are available in the church office. The deadline for submitting the applications is June 30, 2018. JKPC members will receive first priority, then relatives of JKPC members, and finally people referred by JKPC members. All applicants must already have or be seeking a loan, grant, or other scholarship. Documentation must be provided for any of these forms of funding and attached to the scholarship application. Proof of acceptance into a college or program must also accompany the application.

This scholarship is supported by donations. Everyone is welcome to contribute to support a student fulfilling their dream of continuing their education. If you are interested, please make your check out to John Knox Presbyterian Church and in the memo line note that it is to go toward the "Curtis/Ricketts Scholarship." This can be given at any time throughout the year.

Thank you for your help, and please feel free to talk to Frank Mansell or Lisa Crismore if you need more information, or would like application material.



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