

MAY 2018

TIDINGS

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THE FAITH OF NEW DISCIPLES

On Sunday, April 22, we had the pleasure of welcoming Samantha Lamey and Nicholas Graves as confirmed members of John Knox Presbyterian Church. Samantha and Nicholas were members of the confirmation class this spring, and were mentored in this process by Bev Ray and Don Baumgardner. It is always one of our greatest joys to lead young people through confirmation, as they explore in a deeper way what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

One of the final things Samantha and Nick did as part of this class was to write a personal statement of faith. When they met with the Session on April 21, they shared their statements of faith. Here are some excerpts, so you might hear, in their own words, what they believe.

I believe God is omnipresent. I believe He is always there for us, helping us even when we least expect it . . .

I believe that Jesus is strong. He dealt with people hurting Him . . . I believe He was an old soul because He was God.

I feel like the Holy Spirit is a very fluid thing. I've never properly been able to associate it with a gender, body type, shape, or any human in particular. I see the Spirit as a whole, untampered, pure part of the Trinity.

I believe that the Church is a very big thing. I don't believe that the Church is confined to "your" church or the church down the street, but we are all one, big Church. I also believe that the Church is accepting and open, taking in all kinds of people from all different backgrounds. Because of that, I believe the church is very, very diverse. We even have people coming from different countries here at ours!

-- Samantha Lamey

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I believe that God created everything; past and present. He is also all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving.

I believe that Jesus died for everyone's sins . . . Jesus was also the most human of the Trinity, so he is the most relatable.

I believe the Spirit is the thing that can give you strength you never knew you had. It also watches over people . . .

Anyone can be a disciple of Jesus. They would turn into a listener and follower of Jesus. They can help teach people about their beliefs.

-- Nicholas Graves

As we welcome Nicholas and Samantha as active disciples of faith, may we each consider what it is we believe, and how we are called to share that faith in both word and deed with those we encounter in our daily lives.

With a full and grateful heart,

Frank

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 are going to need LOTS of people to share their gifts of time, energy, and service that day. Look for more details and ways you can assist in upcoming newsletters and bulletin announcements. And let us show our sisters and brothers in Christ what it truly means to be an Open. Caring. Community!

SUNDAY - MAY 6

COMMUNION: Sunday, May 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, May 6, or during office hours the week before.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEA

DO YOUR MOTHER A FAVOR! Save your mother from another year of possibly appreciated but unneeded Mother's Day gifts. This year give her something she WILL DEFINITELY appreciate. Donate a new robe, nightgown, or slippers in your Mother's honor to the Mission Team's Mother's Day project. We will hand deliver the items, in time for Mother's Day, to Coburn Place Safe Haven (a shelter for women and children who have been the victims of domestic violence). Make your Mother proud!

Questions? Call Patty McKinnon on her work number: 317-686-1900, ext 231.

PRIME TIMERS - MAY 8

Prime Timers will meet at the church on Tuesday, May 8, at 10am to travel to Twigs and Tea in Fishers. This has become a favorite with our group as they have found their scones and tea to be delicious! We have 20 spots reserved at 11am so please call the office (317-291-0308) and let Amy know if you plan to attend. If we only have 15 people, we can order off their menu. If we have 20, we will have to decide on a set menu item. PLEASE RSVP or sign-up on the bulletin board. For more information see their website at www.twigsandtea.com. Please see Lisa Crismore if you have any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MAY BANQUET - MAY 15

The Presbyterian Women 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.

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board outside the Church office.

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, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at 12:00pm, on **Monday, May 21**, 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 **JUNE 2018** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, MAY 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.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY FRIDAY - MAY 4 - 11AM-1 PM

John Knox Presbyterian Women will be hosting Church Women United for their annual May Friendship Day. "Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God's Presence" is the theme, focusing on human needs. Childhood hunger will be the main focus of this program. We will also be celebrating The Fellowship of the Least Coin. There will be a worship program in the sanctuary beginning at 11:00am, and a luncheon with short program will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The \$7.00 luncheon reservations need to be mailed to Phyllis Tyler, 1436 W. 31st St., Indianapolis, IN 46208 by Friday April 27th. If you have any questions, contact Mary Carter, (317-442-2062). All women are invited to attend!

CRISMORE - BROWN RECEPTION SUNDAY - MAY 20

Everyone is invited for a reception to celebrate our daughter's wedding on Sunday, May 20, at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall. Sarah and Justin's wedding was on Saturday, April 28, in Louisville, and it was quite a distance to ask everyone to travel. So, we hope you can celebrate with us and meet Sarah's new husband, Justin Brown!

Peace,

Lisa

SUMMER CHURCH SCOOL

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.

RACE WEEKEND SERVICE MAY 26 - 6PM

Due to the Indianapolis 500 Race, there will be no activities at the church on Sunday, May 27. But, as we did last year, we are going to have a meal and worship in a comfortable way the day before! We will gather for a pitch-in picnic in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 26, at 6:00pm. The Worship Team will provide drinks and table service - you are asked to bring a dish to share. Then, we will stay in the Fellowship Hall for worship starting around 7:00pm. Come and join us for this special opportunity to worship God other than on Sunday morning!!

SUMMER MUSIC NEEDED

When the choir takes a break during the summer months, we are in need of musicians to present offerings during the 9:00am service. This could be instrumentalists, vocalists, small groups, handbells, etc. All those who are interested, please contact Jeff Gillespie (jjillesp@butler.edu, 317-796-1143) no later than June 1st. If you don't have music or aren't sure who you want to make music with, that's ok. We can figure that out later. Jeff just needs to know who's interested and willing!

PLANNING FOR THE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Again, we are praying for the sun to be with us on August 25, Saturday, from 11am-2pm. The Community Picnic will be here before you know it. 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. Please stay posted for upcoming information on ways you can help. **If you would like to be a part of the planning process, please attend the meetings on May 22, June 26, and August 7 at 6:30pm.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 20 PENTECOST OFFERING DEDICATED

We will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. That morning, we will dedicate the Pentecost Offering, one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which supports children, youth, and young adult ministries. We will keep 40% of this offering at John Knox to send children and youth to Camp Pyoca this summer. Thank you for your support of the children and youth in our church and world, as we give thanks to God for the Spirit's presence in our lives!

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.

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 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 are 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, and 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 fulfill 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.

DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

TRASH BAG SALES: Trash bags will not be sold in May. They will be sold in June. The date for June sales will be in the June Tidings. 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 from sales go to Debt Retirement. Thanks for your support.

DINING EVENT REPORT: You raised **\$497.46 at Kimigasaki Japanese Steakhouse on March 19th!** This was a different type of restaurant from those participating in our dining events in the past. Thanks for your outstanding support of this new event.

KROGER'S FUNDRAISER: In the first quarter of this year, you raised \$239.23 through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this fundraiser!

RECYCLING PROCEEDS:

METAL - \$28.00

PAPER - \$3.00

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Carter	May 1	Janet Pitcock	May 11
Sophie Estabrook	May 1	Donna Pults	May 14
Terence Viefhaus	May 1	Shawn Lamey	May 19
Jeff Roberts	May 2	Betty Stephanoff	May 23
Bill Winter	May 2	Emily Baker	May 26
Nancy Orme	May 5	Felicia Annan	May 28
Katlin Larrick	May 7	Cecil Sangar	May 29
Emily Damone	May 8	Alexander Larrick	May 30
Vivian Hale	May 10	Georgia Thomas	May 31

DINING EVENT GRINDSTONE CHARLEY'S - MAY 30

If you eat at Grindstone Charley's, 5383 Rockville Road on Wednesday, May 30 from 11:00am-10:00pm, 20% of your total bill (not including tax) will go to the church Debt Retirement fund. **This is not the Speedway restaurant.** Carry-out orders are included. You must present a flyer to your server when you place your order, and a flyer is required for each check. 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 give flyers to your relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. This is a great way to help the church and to go out to eat. Thanks for your support!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK SUNDAY - JULY 29

At its stated meeting on April 23, the Session approved the recommendation of the Worship Team to try something new this summer! 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 the coming newsletters, and save the date for this special occasion in our church's life!

LIP SYNC THANK YOU

“Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter; our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.” (Psalm 126:2)

Wow! To put things simply, our Lip Sync Battle was a Lip Sync Success! It really was an absolute joy to be able to spend the evening with so many of you as we laughed, sang, and danced the night away!

Due to your incredible generosity, we were able to raise \$1285! These funds will go towards our mission trip this summer in Floyd County, Kentucky.

We are so very grateful and so very touched by the overwhelming support that we continue to receive from the entire congregation. Your love, care, and compassion do not go unnoticed. We are so thankful for your presence in our lives.

We knew when we made the decision to not host the Spaghetti Luncheon and Dessert Auction that we were taking a big risk, but it was a risk that was well worth it. While we are certainly overwhelmed by the incredible financial support we received from so many of you, what meant even more to us was your willingness to join in on the fun - to laugh, to dance, and to sing. This is what church should look like.

Thank you - as always - for showing us what it means to be an Open. Caring. Community.

Peace,
JKPC Youth

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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. **There will be a planning meeting on May 7 @ 7pm for all wanting to serve at VBS.** 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.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES SUNDAY - JUNE 3

We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 3. If you or a family member has or will be graduating this year, please contact Lisa Crismore (jkpcce@comcast.net; 317-291-0308) with the name of the graduate, the school/program, date of graduation, and what they plan to do after graduation. This information will be shared in the June Tidings.

THANK YOU

We would like to send a special thank you to a very special church family. Your many cards, visits, phone calls, Facebook messages, prayers, food and words of encouragement during Charlie's lengthy illness and passing have helped us to get through a very difficult time. We have been blessed by your thoughtfulness.

-- Lora Spargur, Ramona and Megan Watts

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

This month God has been working through our "New Beginnings" program to help those in need. Four families received food this month from the pantry! We are so blessed to have this opportunity to help others in our community! Thank you for all your support of this mission!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	Combined Worship	11 a.m. Worship
Mar 25	51		35
Apr 1	105		85
Apr 8	96		44
Apr 15	69		46
Apr 22	79		46

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 also 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

JUNE 3 - GRADUATE RECOGNITION - We will recognize those who are graduating in our worship services.

JUNE 10 - SUNDAY EVENINGS TOGETHER - Mike Chapuran of Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network will be our guest speaker.

JUNE 18-22 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (see page 13 for details)

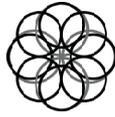
JUNE 24 - VBS WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30AM - Combined celebration service with Iglesia Nueva Creacion.

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

JULY 8 - MARGARET WILSON SCHOLARS - In worship that Sunday, we will recognize those students who have received Margaret Wilson Scholarships for 2018-19.

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 11 for details)



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