

OCTOBER 2017

TIDINGS

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500 YEARS OF REFORMATION

The year after Debbie and I graduated from Princeton Seminary, we were blessed with the opportunity to live overseas on a fellowship I received from Princeton. The first half of that year, we lived outside of Geneva, Switzerland. One day, we went into the city and visited St. Pierre Cathedral, which is the church John Calvin was pastor of during his ministry. As I walked through that church, I could not help but feel a distinct connection with the past. For it was there, as well as in other locations throughout Europe, that my faith tradition was born; or rather, re-formed.

It was five hundred years ago, on October 31, that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on All Saints' Church in Wittenburg, Germany. And while there were certainly previous individuals and movements which precluded this reform movement, this event by Luther is often commemorated as the start of the Protestant Reformation.

What significance does this hold for us today? Well, if it had not been for leaders such as Luther, Calvin, and John Knox, there would not be a Presbyterian Church, or other Protestant denominations. These individuals and others believed that people deserved to hear God's Word and worship in their own native language. They believed that authority and power was not to be held by an individual, but by the diversity of the saints in the congregation. They believed that the sacraments were what Christ himself instituted in his lifetime: baptism and the Lord's Supper. These and so many other traits of our faith as Presbyterians are due to the Spirit's movement 500 years ago to re-form the Body of Christ.

I don't believe that make us better than our Catholic brothers or sisters, or superior to other Christians that are not of the Reformed Church. This is simply our particular way of being the Body of Christ. And in the name of this movement - reformation - we are also reminded that the Spirit is working in and through and with us always to re-form us into the church God wishes us to be for a particular time and moment of service.

And so, this is a time to celebrate a remarkable anniversary for us as Presbyterians and disciples of Christ. On Sunday, October 29, we will do just that at John Knox. The following will be our Sunday morning schedule that day:

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 AM
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 AM
CATERED LUNCHEON - 12 NOON

We will mark this celebration in some special ways on October 29:

- In our music in worship, we will celebrate our Scotch-Irish heritage, as our musicians will lead us in all Celtic music that day.
- We will bring to God our financial pledges of support for 2018. Early in October, you will receive materials sharing about our vision and hopes for ministry in the coming year, and how all of us are invited to invest in that vision with our financial gifts.
- After worship, we will enjoy a delicious, catered luncheon provided by Harry Greene.
- Who knows - you might even see me get dressed up in a traditional Scottish outfit that day!

I hope you will be able to join us for this special day in the life of not only our congregation, but for all Protestant Churches which are marking this great milestone. For in that celebration, we are not only remembering how God has been with us in our past, but how God will continue to be with us as the Body of Christ in the future.

With a full and grateful heart,

Frank

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SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1

COMMUNION: Sunday, October 1 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, October 1, or during office hours the week before.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 1 - WORSHIP AT 9AM

On Sunday, October 1, we will have a special Sunday morning schedule. Because some will be at Pyoca that morning for the All Church Retreat, **we will only have a traditional worship service at 9am. We will have Church School for all ages at 10am. There will be no 11am worship service at John Knox that day.**

That morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christians all over the world on World Communion Sunday. And we will dedicate the Peace and Global Witness Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This offering supports peacemaking efforts in our community and around the world. We will keep 25% of what is collected to support local peacemaking and justice efforts in the Indianapolis area. To make a donation to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, use the special offering envelopes that are found in the pews, or simply mark your check/offering for that purpose. Thank you for your generous support of promoting peace in the world in Christ's name!

PRIME TIMERS - OCTOBER 10

The Prime Timers will try to head down to Nineveh again. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate! This will be on Tuesday, October 10 at 10:30am. We will have fellowship and lunch at the cabin of Bonnie and Jim Graves' niece. We will plan to eat outside on the deck and pray for a warm day. There is plenty of room but we need to know how many are coming to plan for lunch and transportation. Please notify Lisa Crismore or Kim Grant (317-291-0308) if you plan to go by Sunday, October 8.

SUNDAY EVENINGS TOGETHER OCTOBER 15 - 5-7PM

We will have our monthly SET gathering on Sunday, October 15, from 5-7pm. **Our meal will begin at 5pm, and it will be a true pitch-in.** Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are planning to bring an entree/meat dish, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Our program will begin at 6pm, and Lisa Crismore will share about her trip this summer to Iceland, London, and Germany. We hope to see you there!

FALL FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 28

The Fall Festival will be taking place on Saturday, October 28, from 10am-12pm. We hope everyone will join us for a time filled with fun, food, games, prizes, and delicious treats! The JKPC Youth have been busy planning for the Fall Festival and we are excited about some of the new elements being added to this year's event. In addition to the normal fun, this year there will be a costume contest, a pumpkin carving contest, face painting, cookie decorating, and trunk-or-treat! We are inviting local businesses and restaurants to be a part of this year's Fall Festival, as well. We will be asking for help from the congregation in assisting with a variety of roles. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Thanks in advance for helping us put on a successful Fall Festival!

MISSION TRIP - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Do you get tired of the cold and the snow in February in Indiana? Are you looking for a way to serve God in a special way? Do you love mission trips and want to learn about people in a foreign country? If you have said “yes” to at least one of these questions, please prayerfully consider going to the Dominican Republic in February 2018.

We’ve committed to partnering with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tamayo, Dominican Republic. What does this partnership look like? We’re not sure. In any relationship, you need to meet the people and get to know them.

This is part of the email response that I received from Pastora Elsa Thomas when I wrote to her telling her that John Knox had decided to partner with her congregation.

We are very pleased to hear from you. The people of Tamayo church would like to share our work plans with you to exchange ideas and experiences where we take our strengths and weaknesses to compliment what we do, that is how we can help each other to strengthen us mutually. It is difficult to put into practice what we preach. We preach working, using faith with works, putting words into practice. It is one of the most important messages, which our people need to know. Your willingness to leave the comfort of your home, the warmth of your family and the confidence of being in your country. Using money that you could invest or spend on other things, but you chose to buy teaching materials, a flight, lodging and food to come to a foreign country to show God’s love to his creation.

Some may ask, “Why do we need to go so far away from home to do mission?” With all the devastation from the hurricanes, there is work to be done here in the United States. I believe that the people in Tamayo are in great need too. They need to see us putting the Gospel of Jesus into action. These people are our brothers and sisters in Christ and they have welcomed us into a relationship. It is important that we respond with commitment and love.

Our hope is that in 2019 the church in Tamayo will send 1-2 people to come and share our lives and church with us. We have seen the huge gift of sharing in cultures with people from Mexico and El Salvador. Our lives have been blessed by knowing Liz Arrieta, Manuela Ek de Novak, Kelly and Jon Simpson and many others.

We will be going to the Dominican Republic the end of February with a group from John Knox. **If you are wanting to go and have the time and energy, please let Lisa Crismore know by November 1, 2017. DO NOT be concerned with the cost of the trip.** The Education and Mission Teams of the church are committed to finding ways to cover the expenses. We believe we need at least 5 people to make this trip successful. If you have any questions, please talk to me. Once we have 5 people committed then we will host an information meeting in November. If you want to go but don't have the time or energy, perhaps, you could sponsor a person or contribute to part of their trip. Please be in prayer as we look to God to see how this new relationship will take shape and grow.

-- Lisa Crismore

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING - OCT 15

Calling all readers of all ages! It is time once again to prepare for our annual Christmas Program. This year will once again be in Reader's Theater format, but each story will have its own director! To further simplify commitment to this wonderful event, we are going to prepare it in one day - the day of the program! So clear your calendars on December 3. Right after church we will begin creating these stories to perform for the congregation at 6:30pm that evening. If you are interested in hearing more, **plan to attend our short organizational meeting on October 15 at 10:00am.** Please show us your interest by signing up on the hallway bulletin board. See you at the meeting. Thanks!

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: In the past month 11+ families have requested assistance. 10 of those families received help from New Beginnings. One man did work assistance, washing the windows of the south entry doors, the office doors, and the outdoor sign. 6 individuals/families got food from the New Beginnings cabinet.

One man who is mildly mentally disabled and rides a bicycle as his sole means of transportation, was in a bicycle wreck and is unable to ride his bike for a while. He requested and was given a bus pass to get to a follow-up appointment at his doctor's office. A woman who needed legal assistance followed up on resources for legal help for low income found in our "Resources for Help" binder. She was able to get free legal representation, but needed money for court costs, which New Beginnings provided after verifying with her attorney. One person shared the need for a refrigerator, and a JKPC member had a refrigerator they were willing to give them. And a man who is on disability after being treated for cancer, is now caring for 2 grandchildren, one of whom requires breathing treatments. Due to several other unexpected family expenses they needed assistance with an electric bill to assure the granddaughter could get her breathing treatments. THANK YOU for your continued support of New Beginnings!

IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of **Don Holden** and his family, on the death of his wife, **Beth**, on September 3, 2017. A service to celebrate her life was held at West Ridge Park Cemetery on September 7, 2017.

We share the sorrow of **Russel Heath** and his family, on the death of his wife, **Margaret**, on September 3, 2017. A service to celebrate her life was held at John Knox Presbyterian Church on September 9, 2017.

CROP WALK - OCTOBER 15

Church World Service (CWS) sponsors this annual fund raising walk to fight hunger around the world and around the corner. The walk begins at 1:45pm on the grounds of the Christian Theological Seminary, and traverses 3.5 miles through the beautiful Butler-Tarkington area. When you walk, you walk with the neediest of children in the world who may have to walk 2 to 3 miles each day just to get fresh water, food, fuel, and education. How can you participate? You may walk, you may sponsor a walker, or you may help with the walk. We ask everyone to hold the event in prayer for success. Join the Mission Ministry Team for this very worthy mission effort. For questions or information please contact Kelsey Merrill or Paula Lamey (paulete25@yahoo.com; 317-607-8512), and see us on Sundays leading up to October 15 at church to support the CROP Walk!

INDY ELEVEN GAME - OCTOBER 29

We have purchased thirty (30) tickets, at a cost of \$11.00/ticket, to the last Indy 11 home game against North Carolina on Sunday, October 29, at 5:00pm. The game will be held downtown at the Michael Carroll Stadium on the IUPUI campus. Parking is available in several lots close to the field at an additional cost. We are sitting as a group in Section 102 behind a goal. The first six children who sign up, between the ages of 12 - 16, can be "ball carriers: for the teams and watch the entire game from the field. We also have spots for ten children, from ages 6 - 16, to work the tunnel and "high five" the home team in the tunnel prior to the game then sit with their parents in the stands to watch the game. All children who participate MUST be at the event at least one (1) hour prior to the game. Interested? Sign up on the list outside the bulletin board. You must pay for your tickets at the time you sign up. All money should be given to Kim Grant in the church office. If you are writing a check, then make it payable to "Patty McKinnon" who purchased the tickets. Questions? Call Patty at work: 317-686-1900, ext. #231.

DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

TRASH BAG SALES: Trash bags will be sold on Sunday, October 15, between services. If you need trash bags at any other time, they may be purchased in the church office during the week, or see Dick Herman or Judy Ricketts on Sundays. Three sizes are available at \$13 per roll. Trash bags will not be sold in November. THANK YOU for your support!

DINING EVENT REPORT - You raised \$100 for the Debt Retirement Fund by eating at Dawson's on Main in August. Thanks for your support!

RECYCLING PROCEEDS:

METAL: \$53.58 PAPER: \$3.00

DINING EVENT AT BJ'S RESTAURANT WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 18

On Wednesday, October 18th if you eat at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Rockville Road in Avon (in the front of the Target Shopping Center) between 11am-11:00pm, 20% of your total food and soft beverage purchases will be donated to Debt Retirement. 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. 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.

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **NOVEMBER 2017** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, OCTOBER 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.

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

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

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Alberta Montgomery | Oct 1 | John Owensby | Oct 18 |
| Will Shaw | Oct 1 | Bill Burgan | Oct 19 |
| Don Holden | Oct 3 | Josh Gillespie | Oct 19 |
| Lisa Crismore | Oct 4 | Randy Harris | Oct 19 |
| Sara Taylor | Oct 4 | David Barnhouse | Oct 21 |
| Roberta Auble | Oct 9 | Debbie Mansell | Oct 21 |
| Tina Davis | Oct 9 | Sue Hartman | Oct 24 |
| Tyler McKinney | Oct 9 | Kareena Larrick | Oct 25 |
| Madelyn McKinney | Oct 9 | Betty Orr | Oct 25 |
| Gulzar Salik | Oct 10 | Ben McKinnon-Duggins | |
| Karen Rose | Oct 16 | | Oct 27 |
| Rilda Cox | Oct 16 | Charles Viefhaus | Oct 28 |
| Genesis Mendez | Oct 16 | Lora Coats | Oct 29 |
| Barbara Brown | Oct 17 | Stephen Morris | Oct 29 |

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| | 9 a.m. Worship | C o m b i n e d Worship | 11 a.m. Worship |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Aug 27 | 100 | | 38 |
| Sept 3 | 82 | | 33 |
| Sept 10 | 89 | | 31 |
| Sept 17 | | 117 | |

BUTTER BRAIDS

We will be taking orders for Butter Braid brand pastries again this year because they were so popular. Orders will be taken from October 8 through October 22. Delivery of the pastries will be made to John Knox Church on November 11. All proceeds will go to the Debt Retirement Fund.

Butter Braid pastries are light and flaky and contain mouth-watering fillings. The braids come frozen, allowing you the choice when to thaw, rise, and bake for a homemade quality anytime, they are perfect for upcoming holidays. They are hand-braided, made with 100% real butter and contain Zero Grams Trans Fat, and are made of the highest quality ingredients. Each pastry comes with an icing packet or marinara dipping sauce. There are 10 different favors of braids. The cost of the braids will be \$14.00 each with the exception of 2 flavors at \$15.00 each. Payment must be made in form of cash or check at time of order, sorry no credit card. This is a perfect opportunity to get high quality pastries and support Debt Retirement at the same time. Please see information regarding this product on the bulletin board outside the church office. The Debt Retirement Team will be taking orders in the hallway on Sunday October 8th, 15th, and 22nd. You may also call Mary Carter at 317-442-2062 to place order. Sorry orders cannot be placed on line. Thanks for your support!

CHILDREN'S SABBATH/THIRD GRADE BIBLES - OCTOBER 15

The third-graders will receive their Bibles during both worship services on Sunday, October 15, as part of our Children's Sabbath celebration. Parents of third graders will be receiving a letter in the mail about the details of this special service. If your child or grandchild is in third grade and you did not receive a letter, please let Lisa Crismore know. We do not want to overlook anyone!

SEND LISA TO PRISON

On November 2-5, I will be heading to Rockville Women's Prison again for her annual Kairos Retreat. This is a special time for me to show and tell these women about Christ's love, hope, and grace. There are several ways that you can support me in this ministry:

- You can support me financially by writing a check to "Kairos of Indiana" and putting it in Lisa's mailbox at church. This will help with the expenses of the team.
- You can make chocolate chip cookies, which will be used in multiple ways to show forgiveness and love. Please use the specific recipe posted on the bulletin board. The cookies need to be at the church by Sunday, October 29.
- You can pray for the participants throughout the week. There will be a sign-up on the bulletin board. It is powerful for these women to know you are praying for them!
- You can attend the closing ceremony on November 5 at 2pm. You will need to make your reservation by October 2 as seating is limited. To make a reservation, please give Lisa - your name as it appears on your driver's license, driver's license #, state where held, date of birth.

Please support me and the women of our team in this ministry. Remember what Jesus said, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you and you gave me something to drink, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:34b-36).

-- *Lisa Crismore*

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE: The Salvation Army needs our help. We will be "Ring the Bell" on Thursday, December 14, 2017. We again will be at the Kroger on Crawfordsville Road, from 10:00am-8:00pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted later in October. Save the date on your calendar now!

PW HOLIDAY BAZAAR SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 4

Five Weeks + and Counting! Five Weeks + and Counting...

You may not feel in a Christmasy mood right now, but that is how much time we have left until our annual **PW HOLIDAY TRADITIONS 2017 BAZAAR** is here!!! Don't let the grass grow under your feet! Make hay while the sun shines! Get on it!!

We need everyone pitching in with their talents and donations to make this year's bazaar another whopping success!

Remember - anything homemade/handmade - woodworking, painting, baking, sewing, crocheting, knitting, cross stitching, etc. - by women OR men!!

The bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to shop and eat!! There will be breakfast and lunch available when you come to shop at the bazaar on Saturday! Invite a friend! Breakfast items include breakfast casseroles, fruit, muffins, quick breads, juice, coffee and/or milk. Lunch includes vegetable soup, chili, hot dogs, chips & crackers, and the usual drinks.

Watch for several sign-up-to-help sheets to go up in a couple of weeks - on the bulletin board just outside the church office, and **watch for tickets for the drawings to go on sale in a couple of weeks in the Fellowship Hall area!**

In the meantime, would you be willing to:

- donate some of the things needed for the breakfast or lunch the day of the bazaar? (We will be needing 6 breakfast casseroles, 4 half gallons of juice, 1 gallon of milk, 8 loaves of quick breads or batches of muffins, 4 bags of fruit, 4 pkgs. of hot dogs, and 3 medium sized bags of chips.)
- donate some of the ingredients needed for Noodle-Making Day? (We will be needing 4 - five pound bags of flour and 13 dozen MEDIUM_SIZE eggs)

- participate in Craft Mornings on Wednesdays in October?
- work at home on some hand-made items to donate?
- donate some of your own jams or salsas?
- bake your favorite quick breads, pies, cookies, fudge?
- help set up the day before the bazaar, help the day of the bazaar, or help pack up remaining items after the bazaar is over?

Donations of craft items may be brought to the church beginning Sunday, October 29th. Donations of food items may be brought either Friday, November 3rd, during the day, or early Saturday morning, November 4th. For baked items, please include information about ingredients. For craft items, please indicate how much cost there is in materials - to help us better judge an asking price.

Questions or comments about the bazaar can be directed to Pam Herman (317-840-9461; pjherman.lib@gmail.com).

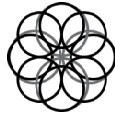
GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Gift Card Donations Needed! A very popular drawing item at last year's PW bazaar was the **Candy/Gift Card Bouquet!** (Drawing tickets only cost \$1 and the bouquet had a value of over \$300!!!! Sandy Jordan has graciously agreed to put together another one for this year's bazaar, so we are seeking donations of gift cards to make that happen! Gift cards of any amount and from any number of stores/businesses would be welcome. Please see Sandy if you would be willing to contribute to the bazaar in this way!

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER 12 - ADULT EDUCATION CLASS - Tom Markey and the JKPC Youth will share in the Forum Class about their learnings from the Youth Ministry Grant Initiative.

NOVEMBER 18 - WOMEN'S RETREAT - 9am-12pm - look for details in bulletins and emails and next month's Tidings.



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