

# OCTOBER 2018

# TIDINGS

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# GRATITUDE TO GOD STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - OCT. 21

How do you express gratitude to others? When someone gives you a gift, maybe you write a thank you note, or make a point to tell that person how much his or her gift meant to you. When someone offers a helping hand when we are in need, maybe we feel led to pay it forward to someone else.

What does it say about us if we don't express gratitude to others? If we allow fear and anxiety to rule our lives, we will be less and less likely to share thanksgiving to others when they offer assistance or acts of kindness. It's not hard to fall into that pattern - we've all been there. But as Christians, we are called to live in a spirit of gratitude to God for all that God has given to us: life, family, faith, and the opportunity to serve in Christ's name.

Diana Butler Bass writes that as Americans, we have "a gratitude gap." "We may be thankful in private, but individual gratefulness does not appear to make much difference in our larger common life" (Gratitude, Diana Butler Bass). Too often, we say as individuals that we are grateful, but we then don't translate that gratitude into our life in community.

This month is our opportunity to reflect on what God has given to us, and how we are called to give back to God as a community of faith in our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. When we consider what God has given to us - unconditional love and grace in Jesus Christ - then we are led to freely offer in gratitude our gifts to God. On Stewardship Sunday, October 21, we will bring our gifts of gratitude to God.

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**

That Sunday will include several special elements:

- 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 2019. 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.

I hope you will be able to join us for this special day in the life of our congregation. Not only will we show thanksgiving for how God has influenced us in the past, but we will profess our hope in gratitude for what God will do in our future. Let us come and give thanks to God!

With a full and grateful heart,

***Frank***

## FALL FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 27

**The Fall Festival will be taking place on Saturday, October 27, from 12-2pm.** We hope everyone will join us for a time filled with fun, food, games, prizes, crafts and delicious treats! This is always a fun opportunity for us to get together and welcome our neighbors into our church. Everyone is encouraged to wear your costumes! This year we will not have the help from the Boy Scouts so please think about signing up to offer your help. Thanks in advance for helping us put on a successful Fall Festival!

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## SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7

**COMMUNION:** Sunday, October 7 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 7, or during office hours the week before.

## PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

On Sunday, October 7, 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 our blossoming partnership in mission with the Dominican Republic. 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 9

Prime Timers will gather at the church on Tuesday, October 9 for a pitch-in luncheon and fellowship at 12pm. We will have Aida Baumgardner share about her native home land of Puerto Rico. Aida and her husband, Don are members at John Knox. You may remember them sharing with us at our Disability Awareness Sunday. Everyone is invited to participate in this time together. We hope to see you then.

## **BINGO & SILENT DESSERT AUCTION FRIDAY - OCTOBER 5**

The Mission and Education Teams will hold a Bingo/Silent Dessert Auction on Friday, October 5 from 6:30-8:30pm to raise funds for our partnership in the Dominican Republic. We will have snacks and drinks to munch on as we peruse delicious homemade desserts up for auction, and then enjoy playing bingo with desserts and other gifts as prizes! Bingo cards will be \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. And we need your delicious desserts to auction off! Sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office if you are willing to donate desserts, and if so, what kind. Invite your friends to a fun night together as we help raise money for our mission partnership with our sisters and brothers in Christ from the Dominican Republic!

## **SUNDAY EVENINGS TOGETHER OCTOBER 14 - 5-7PM**

We will have our monthly Sunday Evenings Together program on October 14 from 5-7pm. We will gather for a pitch-in supper at 5pm – drinks and table service will be provided; bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Our program will begin at 6pm, and we will gather in the sanctuary for an old fashion hymn sing. Thanks to Dawnie Barnhouse and her willingness to play the organ/piano for us. She has requested that we sign up ahead of time for guidance on what hymns we would like to sing. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office if you are planning to attend, or call the church office (317-291-0308) and let us know what your favorite hymn is. Dawnie is willing to take some requests that night, as well. We hope you join us in song!

## **JKPC DINES TOGETHER**

We will gather at 12pm on **Monday, October 22** 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).

## MISSION TRIP - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Our plans are not always God's plans. The Mission trip to the Dominican Republic keeps changing and evolving. It actually was to take place in February, and then got moved to November because of the health of the pastor in the Dominican Republic, Pastor Elsa Thomas, during her pregnancy. Now, the trip in November has taken on a different direction. This past summer, I was approached by a missionary out of the Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana (IED) national office who works through the Methodist church in the United States to take part in a curriculum writing project. This was to take place three days following our mission trip dates which would work out perfectly with my schedule. In the meantime, some of the people who were planning to originally go in February, had to change their plans for various reasons and could not attend. Taking all these factors into consideration, I have decided to alter the trip. It is always difficult to change previously made plans. But through prayer and conversation with the Hispanic Ministry Lead Team in our Presbytery and with Frank, I feel like I am still called to go and serve. I am grateful to Cathy Alexander, who is a member at First Presbyterian in Muncie, who is willing to join me throughout my time in the Dominican Republic.

Cathy and I will travel to Tamayo and meet with the congregation, Pastor Elsa, her husband, Jairol, and her newborn son Eliseo (pictured). It is important to connect with them and see their ministries, as we have committed to a partnership with them. This will take place from November 10-13. My hope is that God will lead our conversation to seeing what this partnership will look like. It may have to take place from a distance. It may take us being creative and patient to see where God leads us.

Then on the morning of November 13, Cathy and I will travel to a camp and meet up with educators and pastors from all over the Dominican Republic to explore how we can write curriculum in partnership with them. This is much like we (various people at John Knox and in our Presbytery) did

with the Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery in Mexico several years ago. This is very exciting to see how the Holy Spirit will use our gifts to guide us in this endeavor. I will return on November 17 and will be with you all in worship on November 18, preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Please pray for this mission and God's vision to show us at John Knox and the congregation of the IED church in Tamayo where we are to go with this partnership. For some reason, we have been connected to these people. I don't know where God is leading us. Perhaps, it will only be through our Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. But, I believe we have to be faithful in seeking God's direction.

Blessings,  
***Lisa Crismore***



## **CHILDREN'S SABBATH/THIRD GRADE BIBLES - OCTOBER 28**

The third-graders will receive their Bibles during both worship services on Sunday, October 28, 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!

## NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: There were requests for assistance in the last month during regular office hours. Requests included the need for food, clothing, rent, and gas. We were able to help 2 families with food, and referrals to other agencies that could offer further assistance. We were also able to give \$40 rent assistance to another neighbor. THANK YOU for your continued support of New Beginnings!

## HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF

The devastation from Hurricane Florence is widespread and significant across North and South Carolina. The recovery will take months and years for so many people in that part of our country. Our own Susan Roberts has been dispatched with the American Red Cross to help victims. What can we do? Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) with the PC(USA) has also been present in the Carolinas assessing how best to help the victims. If you wish to make a financial contribution to aid PDA in their work, you may write your check to John Knox and mark it "Hurricane Relief." Thank you for your generous expressions of love to our sisters and brothers in Christ who are in great need.

## IN SYMPATHY

Our prayers surround the family of **Liz Arrieta**, who died on September 7 from breast cancer at the age of 51 years old. Liz came for many years to John Knox from Mexico to assist with Vacation Bible School and Campo Amistad, last being here in 2017.

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## TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **NOVEMBER 2018** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, OCTOBER 17**.

The preferred way to turn in your articles is to email them directly to the editor: **[JKPCTidings@gmail.com](mailto:JKPCTidings@gmail.com)** or place them in the **TIDINGS mailbox** in the church office.

## UPCOMING HANDBELLS

Since the last few Advent seasons we have not had enough response to forming a handbell choir, we have chosen to have a small ensemble of ringers in order to ensure that we will have at least some bells ringing this Advent season. However, during Lent, we WILL put out an open call and hopefully will have enough ringers to have a full group. (We have been more successful at having a full group of 10 in the spring than during December!) Look for an announcement to ring bells in early 2019!

## BETHANY CRISMORE & RICHARD ARREDONDO'S WEDDING NOVEMBER 3 - 1:30 PM

We would love to have you attend our daughter's wedding on Saturday, November 3, at 1:30pm. The service and reception will be at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, located at 3535 N. Kessler Blvd. North Dr., Indianapolis, 46222. Please sign-up on the bulletin board so I have an idea of how many will be attending.

*-- Lisa Crismore*

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Kim & Troy West, 1635 Winton Ave., Speedway, IN 46224.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
<b>Aug 26</b>	72		38
<b>Sept 2</b>	81		33
<b>Sept 9</b>	70		28
<b>Sept 16</b>		119	
<b>Sept. 23</b>	58		80

## GIFT CARD DONATIONS NEEDED

**Gift Card Donations Needed!** The Presbyterian Women decided not to do a garage sale or bazaar this year due to a lack of enough willing and able bodies to help. Instead, it was decided to have a drawing for a **Candy/Gift Card Bouquet** (or bouquets) at the annual Christmas dinner/program on December 9th this year. The Candy/Gift Card Bouquet was a very popular item in our bazaar drawings the last couple of years. Drawing tickets only cost \$1 and the bouquet typically has a value of over \$500! Sandy Jordan has graciously agreed to put together another one (or two) for a fundraiser, 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 our fundraiser in this way! Tickets will be on sale on Sunday mornings all through November and the first two Sundays of December.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Alberta Montgomery	Oct 1	Genesis Mendez	Oct 16
Will Shaw	Oct 1	Barbara Brown	Oct 17
Don Holden	Oct 3	John Owensby	Oct 18
Lisa Crismore	Oct 4	Bill Burgan	Oct 19
Sara Taylor	Oct 4	Josh Gillespie	Oct 19
Jeremiah Phillippe	Oct 8	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	Vavia Joseph	Oct 26
Saralyn MiKinnon-Crowley		Ben McKinnon-Duggins	
	Oct 13		Oct 27
Karen Rose	Oct 16	Charles Viefhaus	Oct 28
Rilda Cox	Oct 16	Stephen Morris	Oct 29

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

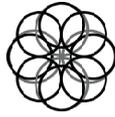
It's time to prepare for "The Best Intergenerational Christmas Pageant Ever"! On Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 pm, we will come together to celebrate the start of the Christmas season by reenacting the Christmas story. The exciting part of this show is that everyone can be in the show and YOU can pick the character you would like to be. Are you a Mary or Joseph? Or maybe you think of yourself as an angel, animal, Shepherd or Wise Man. There are a few speaking parts but everyone can participate! No rehearsal except for a short rehearsal for those who are speaking before the show. This small group will meet at 3:30pm the day of the show.

## COVER CONTEST!

This year, for our Christmas Program, we would like to have a cover contest. You may draw, paint, color, etc. anything that has to do with the first Christmas. Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Shepherds, Animals, Wise Men, Angels or the Star - any or all could be a part of your inspiration. This is not just for children - we want adults to participate, too! Families or friends can "team up" and create something, too. You may submit as many entries as you like. We will have an impartial judge pick a winner and make a slide show of all the entries to be shown before the program. We hope everyone will have fun with it. Please submit your works of art by **November 18** to Lisa Crismore so that there will be plenty of time to prepare the program and the slide show.

## DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

**TRASH BAG SALES:** Trash bags will be sold on Sunday, October 21. 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. Thank you!



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