

FEBRUARY 2019

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A CREDO EXPERIENCE

The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is the organization which provides medical insurance, pension, and benefits for ministers and other church workers in our denomination. Its primary mission for over three hundred years has been to care for the church's employees in a way that nurtures and strengthens the church as a whole. The Board recognizes that the healthier pastors are in all aspects of their lives, the healthier and stronger Christ's Church will be as a result.

One way which the Board seeks to care for pastors is through CREDO Conferences. These are conferences where PC(USA) pastors may cultivate wholeness — their spiritual, vocational, health, and financial well-being — to better serve the Church. "Each CREDO conference becomes an intentional, Christ-centered learning community, as participants share with one another their knowledge, experience, compassion, and care. In this way, CREDO helps participants replenish their spirits and rediscover the passion that first animated their call to ministry" (from the Board of Pensions website).

These experiences are by invitation only, and are designed for pastors in three different chapters in ministry: newly-ordained, mid-career, and late-career. The minister makes an investment of \$500 for the week's experience, and the Board of Pensions covers the remaining cost, including travel, lodging, food, and leadership for the week. As one participant shared on the Board's website: "This is about the rest of your life in ministry. And the potential is that what you will learn, and what you will plan from this, will positively affect not only your ministry, but also your life, your family life, everything."

I received an invitation to participate in a CREDO Conference in 2019, and after much prayer and consideration, I registered for this experience from February 26-March 4 at

Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, in Little Rock, Arkansas. I will be taking this as one week of my professional development leave for this year, and I am grateful for this opportunity to reflect and seek further renewal. Let me share why.

The last two years have been full of much change in my life, both on a personal level and in my ministry in the church. As I marked the 20th-anniversary of my ordination in November, that was likely the midpoint of my career. Such a milestone gives me pause to reflect on where I am in this time in ministry, and what areas I need to refocus and take better care of myself, so that I can offer my best back to God, to my family, and to you, the congregation I serve. That includes examining all aspects of life and health - physical, spiritual, financial, emotional. It is not always easy to open ourselves up to such self-examinations. But I feel God calling me to experience this self-reflection at this time. I was invited to participate in CREDO three years ago, and did not feel that was the right time. When I received that invitation last fall, I felt that was God's way of saying, "Now is the time, Frank."

As I go to Arkansas at the end of this month for this experience, I would ask for your prayers. I would ask that you hold me and the other participants in prayer as we experience this spiritual retreat of self-reflection and examination. And I promise to share with you the lessons I learn during this week. For just as I experienced valuable learnings from my sabbatical in 2013, I anticipate experiencing new learnings from this CREDO Conference which will be long-lasting, as well.

With a full and grateful heart,

Frank

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SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 3

COMMUNION: Sunday, February 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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FEBRUARY 3

As we have done in the past few years, the JKPC Youth will be in charge of the 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring. As always, we will be collecting both monetary donations and/or food items. All donations will be given to The Storehouse Food Pantry. **It is our hope that EVERY member attending worship on Sunday, February 3 (aka Super Bowl Sunday) will bring at least \$1 and/or one food item! Thank you for your support!**

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at noon on **Monday, February 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).

CAMP SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 24

On Sunday, February 24, we will celebrate our strong and vibrant relationship with Pyoca Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center. **Molly DeWitt**, program director at Pyoca, will be preaching at both worship services (9 & 11am) at John Knox that day. During the Church School hour (10am), Molly will be available in the fellowship hall for a time of interaction with children, youth and adults to talk about Pyoca's ministry. This will include the summer camp season in 2019, as well as other opportunities for retreats during the year for youth and adults. Don't miss this great day in the life of our church!

TELOS TRIO MUSIC CONCERT & SUPPER MONDAY - FEBRUARY 18

We are excited to welcome back an old friend of John Knox as she and her colleagues offer us the gift of music. Rev. Debbie Grohman was the interim pastor at John Knox from 2000-2003, and she is part of a music group called Telos Trio. It consists of herself (clarinet), her husband, Willie La Favor (piano), and Rita George Simmons (flute). They are going to be on tour in February in Indiana and Ohio, and we are thrilled that they can come and share a concert at John Knox during that time!

The concert will be Monday, February 18, at 6:30pm, in the sanctuary. We are also going to treat this as our Sunday Evenings Together for February - only it will be on Monday! With it being the Presidents Day Holiday, we hope that will allow more people to attend. We will have a pitch-in supper an hour before the concert, starting at 5:30pm. This will give us a chance to visit and greet Debbie, Willie, and Rita, as well as share in food and fellowship. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office if you're planning to attend the supper. And please pass the word along to friends and guests about the concert at 6:30pm that evening. We look forward to seeing you then!

A SPECIAL VALENTINE'S GIFT

Did you know you can do alternative giving for Valentine's Day? Make a financial donation on February 10 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!

FLYNN BABY SHOWER - FEB. 16

Jillian and Hayden Flynn are looking forward to the birth of their first child the last week in March! On Saturday afternoon, February 16, from 2:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Presbyterian Women (PW) will host a shower for Jillian and Hayden and BABY BOY FLYNN!! Since Jillian comes from quite a large extended family, there is not a need for a lot of new baby things. Gift ideas can be found in the baby registry at Target, or you might prefer to donate money for a larger item. Please contact Cindy Hiday (317-388-1280, cindy.hiday@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute to a larger gift! (Baby's room theme: "Peanuts!!!") You might also consider bringing a book for Baby Boy Flynn's library! Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office if you can join us that day.

CRAZY CARDS SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 23 - 5:30PM

WHAT: We got snowed out in January, so we have rescheduled Crazy Cards for February! This is a great way to get together, enjoy fellowship and food during the dreary winter, as well as a crazy card game (no card playing skills needed)!

WHEN AND WHERE: Saturday, February 23, Fellowship Hall; 5:30pm to gather and get organized; 6pm we will begin.

WHO: Any and all adults interested in having a fun evening. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy terrific snacks and to get better acquainted with other adults in our church family.

SNACKS: Each of us is asked to bring a snack to share.

Beverages will be provided.

PRIZES: Door Prizes will be awarded to four lucky players.

COST: Optional \$5 donation for the Debt Retirement Fund.

RSVP: Please let us know you are planning to attend by signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. If you have playing cards at home, please bring them. If you have a card table at home, please bring it. And know that child care can be provided - just mark that on the sign-up sheet. Thanks!

WOMEN'S LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Lisa Crismore will lead a Lenten Book Discussion on Sharon Garlough Brown's book "An Extra Mile: A Story of Embracing God's Call." This 5-week-long discussion will be held on March 13, 20, 27, April 10 & 17 from 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcome to attend. In the last installment of the Sensible Shoes series, we are invited to travel with these beloved friends as they endure trials that test their trust and willingness to walk an extra mile. Please sign up on the bulletin board, if you plan on attending and/or need to order a book. The cost of the book is \$13, including tax. Please leave your check or money in an envelope with your name on it in Lisa's church mailbox. If you have not read "Sensible Shoes", "Two Steps Forward" and/or "Barefoot", please let Lisa know as she has extra copies for you to read to bring you up to date for this last book. If you have other questions, please see Lisa Crismore (jkpccce@comcast.net; 317-291-0308).

FAITH CONVERSATIONS SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 17

We were snowed out of our first Faith Conversation in January, but we are excited to get together this month to engage in these conversations! Are you interested in having further conversations around faith while sharing a meal together? If you attend the 11am service, then we have just such an opportunity for you! This month on February 17, you're invited to join us in the parlor after the 11am service for a simple lunch and conversations on faith. The topics will vary from month-to-month, but will offer a time to reflect on how we are called to live out our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. They will be held on the third Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Ann Hamel or Frank Mansell. We look forward to seeing you as we share in meaningful conversation together!

CREW CAR WASH - 2019

It's car wash time again! As usual, February will be our month to sell Crew Car Wash tickets to support the Debt Retirement Fund. This year, Crew has raised their price from \$9 to \$10. However, we will still receive 50% of the cost of each ticket as our profit. So, if we sell 100 tickets, we will raise \$500. By selling 200 tickets, we will raise \$1000. Tickets will be sold all 4 Sundays in February between services. Thanks for supporting this easy way to help retire our debt.

DINING EVENT DAWSON'S ON MAIN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

If you eat at Dawson's on Main in Speedway on Wednesday, February 13 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.

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FINANCIAL NOTES AND THANKS

END OF 2018: In November, we notified you that we were facing a significant shortfall in income for 2018 due to deaths, moves, and changes in people's financial circumstances. Your generous, faithful response is deeply humbling, to say the least. We ended the year receiving almost \$3,000 more income than what we spent for the year. Our budgeted expenses were about \$11,000 less than what we budgeted, and our total income was about \$4,000 more than what we budgeted. We are grateful for your generous support of this Open. Caring. Community!

2019 PER CAPITA: Did you know that we as a church pay to the larger church (presbytery, synod, and general assembly) a per capita mission payment that is based on our membership each year? This is part of our annual budget each year, and is a commitment we fulfill as a connectional church. For 2019, that amount per member is \$40.72, or approximately \$8,500 for the year. Would you consider making a contribution above and beyond your normal giving to help offset this? Mark your check "per capita," and thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy Hiday (317-388-1280; cindy.hiday@gmail.com).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
Dec 23	81		39
Dec 30		70	
Jan. 6	76		33
Jan. 13	51		21
Jan. 20	No Church		Due to Snow

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: The cold weather is here! Let it S-N-O-W! With that brings a greater need for assistance for the people in our community. Please take a moment to pray and consider contributing to the “New Beginnings” ministry. Your support is needed and always appreciated. Requests this month included the need for food, clothing, blankets, diapers, coats, blankets, rent, and gas. We were able to help 5 families with food, blankets and diapers. We also provided referrals to agencies that could offer further assistance. Thank you for your continued support of the JKPC “New Beginnings” ministry! *-- Amy Willis*

DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

PAPER RECYCLING: \$3.00

TRASH BAG SALES: Trash bags will be sold between services on February 17. They will not be sold in March. Should you need bags at another time, please contact Dick Herman or Judy Ricketts on Sunday; or they may be purchased in the church office during office hours.

DINING EVENT REPORT: You earned \$87.00 at Portillo’s in November. Thanks for your support!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM - John Knox will continue to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program during 2019. If you are currently participating in the program, you will automatically be enrolled in the program for 2019. If you are not currently participating in the program, instructions on how to enroll are on the table under the bulletin board by the church office. If you need help enrolling, please contact Judy Ricketts at 317-272-2533. You earned \$194.17 in the fourth quarter of 2018. The total earned for 2018 was \$809.54. This is an easy way to earn money for the Debt Retirement Fund. Thanks so much for your support!

GARAGE SALE - APRIL 6

Be sure to put “**GARAGE SALE**” on your calendar for **Saturday, April 6th**, and start cleaning out those closets, drawers, and cabinets! PW welcomes any and all donations. Furniture, equipment, tools, dishes, kitchen gadgets, books, cds, dvds, toys, games, bikes, clothes, etc. Look for more details in the March Tidings. Thanks for your support!

KAYENTA BABY SHOWER

In March and April, the PWCT will be collecting new and gently used baby/toddler items to be given to the Kayenta Reservation in Arizona. Baby items are on sale now, so plan ahead! Let’s fill these boxes for the Kayenta Reservation.

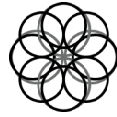
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Hurt	Feb 1	Daniel Tjamak	Feb 15
Patty McKinnon	Feb 2	Nicholas Graves	Feb 16
Maddie Andrews	Feb 3	Francis McCracken	Feb 16
Sandy Crawford	Feb 3	Kelsey Merrill	Feb 16
Lance Wells	Feb 4	Elise Baker	Feb 19
Amber Judy	Feb 5	Marvena Roush	Feb 20
Heather Mansell	Feb 6	JoEllen Gagna	Feb 21
Derek Hurt	Feb 8	Danny Fultz	Feb 23
Matthew Whitaker	Feb 9	Allyssa Larrick	Feb 23
Jennifer Merrill	Feb 10	Frank Mansell	Feb 24
Zach Merrill	Feb 10	Megan Gogan	Feb 24
Courtney Merrill	Feb 10	Dolores Derner	Feb 28
		Troy Judy	Feb 28

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **MARCH 2019** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 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.



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