

# JANUARY 2020

# TIDINGS

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can get involved and serve at John Knox!

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## A NEW YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

As the calendar turns to 2020, we all are invited to think anew about our service as disciples of Jesus Christ. How are we giving of our time and talent to serve God? What new thing might God be calling us to in this New Year?

Those are questions that I, too, have asked myself, and through prayer felt a leading to serve the larger church once again. Beginning this month, I will be serving on the Committee on Ministry (COM) of Whitewater Valley Presbytery. This group works with churches in our presbytery primarily when their pastor leaves and they are searching for new pastoral leadership. Members of the committee serve as liaisons for search committees and sessions, guiding them through the process and offering whatever assistance we can. This will be my second time serving on the COM, and I feel my gifts and experience can be well-utilized in this service to the larger church.

By agreeing to serve in this way, it will impact my Sabbath-keeping one week a month. That's because the Committee on Ministry meets on Wednesdays. So, with the support of the Personnel Team, on those weeks when I have a COM meeting, I will be taking my Sabbath on Tuesday of that week. The remaining weeks of the month will be the usual Wednesday. I will be sure to clearly communicate this in the Tidings and weekly bulletins, so you all are aware of those changes. Thank you for your support and understanding my need to keep good health and renewal as I balance my service to you, to the larger church, and to my family.

I pray as we begin a new year at John Knox, we all might discern the Spirit's leading for us to serve and share God's light with our world.

With a full and grateful heart,  
**Frank**

## TABLE GROUPS TO START IN JANUARY

The Community Action Team is excited about the next phase of our Formative Learning Grant with the Center for Congregations: Table Groups! We have over fifty people in the congregation signed-up to participate, and they will begin meeting in January, and run through April. These will be led by members of the Community Action Team and other leaders in the church, and will be an opportunity for people to grow closer in conversation and fellowship with one another. We are grateful for this chance to try something new at John Knox, and we are grateful to the Center for Congregations for this grant opportunity for formative learning!

If you didn't sign-up initially to participate in the Table Groups but now would like to do so, please contact Frank Mansell (317-291-0308; [jkpcpastor@comcast.net](mailto:jkcpcpastor@comcast.net)). Frank can share with you which groups are meeting when, and you can decide if that works with your schedule. And as always, feel free to talk to any member of the CAT if you have any questions! *Pam Herman, Ann Hamel, Dan Bourne, Goehrig Orr, Patty McKinnon, Lisa Crismore, Barbara Williams, Sue Hartman, Frank Mansell.*

## DE-DECORATE THE CHURCH JANUARY 4

We've enjoyed the Christmas decorations at church throughout December. But now it is time to put them away. We will meet Saturday, January 4, at 12:00pm, and the Chancel Guild will reward you with a pizza lunch! The more people who come, the faster it will go - thanks for helping!

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## SUNDAY - JANUARY 5

**COMMUNION:** Sunday, January 5, 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 The Storehouse Food Pantry. Bring your items on Sunday, January 5, or during office hours the week before.

## CRAZY CARDS SATURDAY - JANUARY 25 - 5:30PM

**WHAT:** This will be our January SET Saturday (instead of Sunday) Evening Together. 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, January 25, 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!

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## TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **FEBRUARY 2020** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, JANUARY 15**. 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.

## FAITH CONVERSATIONS SUNDAY - JANUARY 12

After taking a break in December, we are looking forward to resuming Faith Conversations this month! On January 12, 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. 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!

## DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

**TRASH BAG SALES** - Trash bags will not be sold in January. They will be sold in February. Look for the date of February sales in the February Tidings. They are \$13 per roll. 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 on weekdays during office hours. Proceeds from sales go to Debt Retirement. Thanks for your support!

**DINING EVENT REPORT** - You raised \$65.00 at Dawson's in October and \$68.28 BJ's in November. Thanks for your support!

**METAL RECYCLING:** \$1,963.47 (for 2019)

**PAPER RECYCLING:** \$21.58 (for 2019)

## DINING EVENT IN JANUARY

As of the week of printing the January Tidings, we do not have a firm date set for our January Dining Event to support Debt Retirement. It is our hope to have that set very soon, and we will communicate those details in the Sunday bulletins and weekly email updates. So, be on the lookout for those details, and thanks for your continued support of this Open. Caring. Community!

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 26

**On Sunday, January 26**, we will mark a new year with a special schedule of events in the morning:

**Church School - 9:30am**  
**One Worship Service - 10:30am**  
**Pitch-In Lunch and Annual**  
**Congregational Meeting- 12:00pm**

In our combined worship service that day, we will ordain and install those who were elected into leadership on November 24, 2019. That includes: Dan Bourne, Ann Hamel, Pam Herman, Alicia Andrews (one-year term) (elders); Sandy Jordan, Susan Graves, Daisy Tawiah (one-year term) (deacons).

After worship, we will head to the Fellowship Hall for a pitch-in luncheon. This will be a true pitch-in: bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share; drinks and table service will be provided. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office to indicate what you are willing to bring for the meal that day.

Following lunch, we will hold the annual congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall around the tables. Materials for the meeting will be available no later than Sunday, January 19; please pick up packets before the meeting so you might be prepared. We will also make sure the materials are available on the church website.

At the meeting, we will share about what God has done in our midst in the past year at John Knox, and what we are being called to do in the years ahead. This is a great way to learn more, ask questions, and together look ahead to where God is leading us in 2020. **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A MEETING YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS, AS THE SESSION HAS SOME EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE WITH THE CONGREGATION!** We look forward to seeing you then!

## NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:** “Brrr” It’s cold outside! Here at John Knox we share from our abundance all year long through the “New Beginnings” program. The “New Beginnings” program offers hope, relief and resources for so many. It’s a wonderful way to share our blessings with our community. (“Christmas Spirit” all year long!) ***This year we were able to help 68 families*** with food, gas, diapers, warm clothing, blankets, utility and rent assistance. Please take a moment to pray and consider contributing to the “New Beginnings” program. I know that each one of those families are thankful for your support of the “New Beginnings” program! I look forward to seeing all the good we can do together in 2020!

-- ***Amy Willis***

## YOUTH UPDATE

Blessings to all, hoping everyone had an opportunity to meditate, grow and develop yourselves in your relationship with God and will keep transforming in 2020. We closed our year with the Youth Winter Retreat at Jameson Camp and with our photo exhibition on December 15. Our next activity will be a lock-in on Friday January 24 at 8 pm, finishing Saturday the 25th at 9am. Thank you for all your support and prayers!

Bendiciones,  
***Pastor William***

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
<b>Nov 24</b>	70		29
<b>Dec 1</b>	67		30
<b>Dec 8</b>	70		29
<b>Dec 15</b>	68		35

## SESSION MEETING AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

At its stated meeting on December 16, the Session took the following actions in preparation for 2020:

- Elected Pam Herman as Clerk of Session, and Troy Judy as Treasurer for 2020.
- Elected Alicia Andrews and Diane Whitaker to serve as the Elder representatives for the Church Officer Nominating Committee in 2020.
- Called the Annual Congregational Meeting for January 26, 2020, at 12:30pm.

The Session also received a financial update from Cindy Hiday, financial secretary, as to our end-of-year status for 2019. Through the middle of December, we had received 97% of our pledged income for 2019, which is outstanding and very generous by our congregation, especially as some in the church have given above and beyond their pledge for the year. A final update for 2019 will be shared at the annual meeting on January 26.

Finally, the Session approved the annual budget for ministry in 2020 which includes the following:

- Budgeted expenses which total \$375,618, an increase of just under \$3,000 from 2019.
- Staff compensation increases of 3% from 2019.
- No reductions in mission, program, or building maintenance from 2019.

A full explanation and discussion of the 2020 Budget and Financial Health of John Knox will be presented at the annual meeting on January 26. **YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS IMPORTANT MEETING!**

In the meantime, if you have any questions about any of this, please don't hesitate to contact Frank Mansell, a member of Session, Cindy Hiday (financial secretary) or Troy Judy (treasurer).

***Once again, thank you for your incredible generosity to this Open. Caring. Community!***



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## WINTER IS HERE!

**WEATHER IMPACTING ACTIVITIES** - As we enter the winter months, sometimes weather can be a problem with events we have scheduled at the church. If you are unsure whether an activity will go on as planned, please call the church and we will have an updated message on the main menu. We will record any announcements there for changes or cancellations of events due to weather, and will keep that updated accordingly. Frank Mansell will send a group email to those on his list to notify you as well. If you are not on Frank's list and would like to be, email him at [jkpcpastor@comcast.net](mailto:jkpcpastor@comcast.net). Finally, check the church's website and Facebook page, as updates will be posted there.

## JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at noon on **Monday, January 27**, for lunch with our members at **Westside Garden Plaza**. Come for a meal, communion and fellowship! Please RSVP to the Church Office (317-291-0308) if you plan to attend.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Esther Berko	Jan 1	Cheryl Fultz	Jan 16
John Donnellan	Jan 1	Faustina Annan	Jan 18
Savannah Gagna	Jan 1	Amy Willis	Jan 19
Maria LaRosa	Jan 1	Doris Hopper	Jan 21
James Peterson	Jan 1	Amy Stiles	Jan 21
Shawn Phillippe	Jan 1	Hank Kauppila	Jan 22
Ann Hamel	Jan 3	Clark Wells	Jan 25
Russel Heath	Jan 10	Jacob Wistendahl	Jan 27
Jane Burgan	Jan 13	Jack Jordan	Jan 29
Sophia Herman	Jan 13	Jake Herman	Jan 30

## **SUPPORT WHEELER WOMEN & CHILDREN'S CENTER**

The choir is planning to visit the Wheeler Center for Women and Children on Saturday, February 22. We would like to encourage everyone to consider donating much-needed supplies to the center in advance of our visit. There are THREE ways to donate!

### **1) BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH before February 22:**

You can bring any of the following items to the church and place them in the big box outside the church office prior to February 22, and the choir will deliver them directly to the center when we visit: FULL-SIZED items of shampoo, conditioner, body soap, women's hair styling products (including textured hair products), razors and shaving cream, deodorant, sweatpants. Do not bring travel size items, because the women generally stay at the center for an extended period of time. The items listed are specific items that the Women and Children's Center can take at this time, along with the items in the Amazon "wish list" (see #2).

### **2) SHOP ONLINE (any time):**

Go to this link for an Amazon "wish list" of items the center needs. The items you order will be sent directly to the center: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2KJEK2L6UNHC8/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2KJEK2L6UNHC8/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist).

### **3) LOOK AT THIS GENERAL LIST OF NEEDS (any time):**

This list is for all the centers, and items need to be delivered to the address given (which is NOT the address of the Women and Children's Center):

<https://wheelermission.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/WM-Needs-List-and-Collection-Drive-3-22-2019.pdf>

For additional ways to help or give, or if you have questions on what is acceptable to donate, refer to the link below. You will see that they take vehicles, including cars, trucks, vans, mini-buses, boats, tractors, and heavy construction equipment, among other things!

<https://wheelermission.org/ways-to-give/more-ways-to-help/>

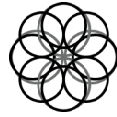
The choir really appreciates any help you can give. The Women and Children's Center has been a special place of ministry for the choir for several years now. We would love to be able to take some supplies with us that they need on February 22. But really, any way you are able to help would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Jeff Gillespie or any member of the choir. Thank you!

## **COOKIE SALE THANK YOU!**

The Mission Team wishes to thank everyone who participated in our Cookie Sale Fundraiser on December 8 for the Debt Retirement Fund. Through your tasty treats and generosity, we raised \$364 for the Debt Retirement Fund. Great job! Thanks again for all you do to make this an Open. Caring. Community!

## **ANGEL TREE THANK YOU!**

The Mission Team wishes to thank the congregation for its generous response to the Angel Tree donations we made for the Salvation Army at Christmas. We were able to deliver packages to the Salvation Army at the beginning of December so that twenty children in our community would have gifts on Christmas morning. Your love and generosity to our neighbors knows no bounds, and we are deeply grateful to all of you! We look forward to doing this again next year!



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