

MAY 2019

TIDINGS

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WAS IT COLD, OR WAS IT ME?

No, it was cold! Despite Easter being later in the year, it seemed as if we still had March-like weather through Holy Week. And if you were in the outer-ring of classrooms on either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, you may have noticed it was chillier-than-usual. Well, there's a reason why.

On April 5, water was discovered on the floor of the PW Craft Room. After cleaning it up and doing some troubleshooting, it was determined that the leak was coming from the water line for the radiators, which is buried in the concrete foundation of that part of the building. These are the original water lines, installed 55 years ago. The heat in these classrooms and the sanctuary is provided by the boiler, which was installed in 2010. In order to stop the leak AND to have heat in the sanctuary for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we had to disconnect the water lines for the radiators in those classrooms. Thankfully, we are coming into May and summer, and for now we won't be using the heat. But obviously, something will need to be done to rectify this situation before October.

What are our options? The Trustees and Session will be working on gathering information and concepts for fixing this issue in the next couple of months. It could involve using radiator heat again, or it could involve using a new form of heating and cooling, such as forced air or individual heating/cooling units for each room. The one good thing about this situation is that it happened in April - not January! We have been given the gift of time to fully research, discern, and then decide what will be the best way to heat and cool these rooms efficiently and effectively for the long-term.

The rooms that are affected are the PW Craft Room, the classrooms which are for our children's Church School and

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are also used by the Speedway Cooperative Preschool, and the nursery. The Preschool has been kept informed of all that is happening, and have been very flexible with us in light of what has taken place.

How much will it cost? That is a complete unknown at this point. But it will not be cheap. This is a major capital investment - one which we knew at some point would need to be made. These radiators and their components were the oldest equipment in our facility, installed when the original structure was built in 1964. So, 55 years is a pretty good length of time for them to last! Only after we have contacted multiple contractors and received a wide variety of bids will we have a handle on the expected cost.

I'm sharing this with you now for two reasons. One is so that you are made aware of what is happening and are not caught off-guard when we share in a few months what we are needing to do. It is our hope to be able to have plans in place by this summer, so that the work can be completed before the cooler weather sets in. The Session and Trustees are available to answer any of your questions, and we will be as transparent as possible to keep you informed as this work progresses.

The second reason is to remind ourselves why this is important at this time. It's not important to fix this issue because it's our building. It's important to rectify this issue because of what happens in our building. These spaces are where children learn and grow, where adults learn English, are taught God's Word, and receive support for life's challenges. Our building serves God's mission through our lives of service, not the other way around. These spaces will continue to serve God's people for the at least the next fifty-five years, and for that reason we will do everything we can to make them welcoming for all who gather here.

Thank you for your continued support of this Open. Caring. Community!

With a full and grateful heart,

Frank

SUNDAY - MAY 5

COMMUNION: Sunday, May 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, May 5, or during office hours the week before.

SUNDAY EVENINGS TOGETHER MAY 19 - 5-7PM

Unfortunately, Patty McKinnon was sick in March and we had to cancel that SET. So we're giving it another try this month! We will have our SET on Sunday, May 19, with dinner at 5pm. Sign-up on the sheet outside the office to let us know what you'll be bringing to share with everyone. At 6pm, Patty McKinnon will be presenting about her trip with her daughter, Jocelyn, to Cuba in February. Don't miss this great evening of fellowship, food, and hearing about their experience in Cuba!

PRIME TIMERS - MAY 14

The Prime Timers will be heading to the Rustic Root Tea Room in Beech Grove on Tuesday, May 14. We will meet at the church at 11:30am to make our reservation at 12:30pm. We have reserved 15 spots, so please call the office to let us know if you plan to attend (317-291-0308). The restaurant has requested that we call if our reservation changes. The Rustic Root doubles as an antique gift store and tea room. It has 4½ stars on yelp.com. We look forward to seeing you then!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MAY BANQUET - MAY 8

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting their annual May Banquet on Wednesday, May 8, 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 enjoy an evening of entertainment by Two Guys and Guitar (Jim Crismore and his friend Steve). Jim and Steve have performed for us in the past, and it will be a great evening of music. The program will begin around 7:00pm.

A free-will offering will be taken up at the time of the meal. Please consider a donation of \$10.00 per adult to help offset the cost of the evening. Please mark your calendar now to save the date. There is a sign-up sheet located 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 Wednesday, May 8. 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. Contact Frank Mansell or Dan Bourne if you have any questions.

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **JUNE 2019** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.**

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.

FAITH CONVERSATIONS - MAY 5

We continue to enjoy gathering once a month after the 11am service, and we'd love for you to join us in May! If you attend the 11am service, you're invited to join us in the parlor after worship for a simple lunch and conversations on faith. This month, we will gather on May 5, delving deeper into the scripture and message from worship, and how we are called to live out our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you then!

RACE WEEKEND SERVICE SATURDAY - MAY 25 - 6PM

Due to the Indianapolis 500 Race, there will be no activities at the church on Sunday, May 26. 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 25, 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 CHURCH SCHOOL

It is time to plan for the summer church school months - The dates are June 2, 9, 16, 23 (VBS Worship), 30, July 7, 14, 21, August 4 & 11. 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.

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at 12:00pm, on **Monday, May 20**, 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 TEAM COOKIE SALE SUNDAY - MAY 5

Everyone's favorite fundraiser is back! The Mission Team will have its Spring Cookie Sale, Sunday, May 5, between worship services. All proceeds will benefit the Debt Retirement Fund. The prices will be so low we can't mention them here! We need lots of delicious, homemade cookies to sell - please bring them to the church by 9:30am that morning.

And as you bake your cookies for May 5, consider making an extra batch for the choir. No, not for them to eat! **The choir will be going to the Wheeler Mission Center for Women and Children on May 18** to sing, share crafts, and enjoy fellowship and food with the ladies and children there. So, bake cookies for the sale on May 5, and any extras the choir will share on May 18. Thank you for your generous support!

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.

COMMUNITY PICNIC PLANNING HAS BEGUN

The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 24. It will be here before you know it. If you would like to help with the planning of this event, **please plan to attend our next planning meeting on May 21 at 6:30pm.** Please see Lisa if you are unable to attend the meetings but would like to help.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 9

PENTECOST OFFERING DEDICATED

We will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. 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 9. 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 9. Please contact Frank Mansell (317-291-0308 or jkcpcpastor@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 2019 scholarship are available in the church office. The deadline for submitting the applications is June 30, 2019. 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 of the 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 before the next date of sales, 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!

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

During the first quarter of 2019, you raised \$176.65 by participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

In March, you raised \$156.03 by eating at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse.

All of this money raised goes into the Debt Retirement Fund. Thanks for your support!

RECYCLING PROCEEDS:

METAL - \$210.36

PAPER - \$3.40

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Carter	May 1	Donna Pults	May 14
Terence Viefhaus	May 1	Jairo Turcios	May 16
Jeff Roberts	May 2	Shawn Lamey	May 19
Bill Winter	May 2	Betty Stephanoff	May 23
Nancy Orme	May 5	Felicia Annan	May 28
Katlin Larrick	May 7	Cecil Sangar	May 29
Vivian Hale	May 10	Alexander Larrick	May 30
Janet Pitcock	May 11	Georgia Thomas	May 31

DINING EVENT - CITY BARBEQUE - TUESDAY - MAY 21

If you eat at City Barbeque, 9116 Rockville Road (on the north side of the road just east of County Line Road) on Tuesday, May 21, from 10:30am-10:00pm, 25% of your total bill (not including tax) will go to the church debt retirement fund. Carry-out orders are included. You must present a flyer when you place your order. 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. However, you may not distribute flyers in the restaurant parking lot the day of the event. This is a great way to help the church and go out to eat. Thanks for your support!

EASTER FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Despite the yucky weather, we had a wonderful turnout for the Easter Festival on April 20. Over 100 children and families were welcomed by you, and they would not have had such a positive experience if not for your time and energy which you shared. Thank you for making it such a special day for all who participated!

-- Lisa Crismore

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 (jgillesp@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!

A WORD OF THANKS

On April 11, I had the joy of meeting with Rev. Lee Hinson-Hasty, who is the Senior Director of the Theological Education Fund of the Presbyterian Foundation. Each year, we support through our annual mission budget the Theological Education Fund, which provides resources for seminary students at our PC(USA) institutions, so that they do not have to incur further educational debt. John Knox has been a long-time supporter of this effort, and Lee wanted to express his gratitude to our congregation for that support. The following is from a letter he sent after our visit.

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Dear Frank,

Thank you again for your gracious welcome yesterday at John Knox Presbyterian Church. Although I enjoyed the tour of your church building, the description and evidence of the ways you all as a community are living Christ's mission of the church in the world was even more memorable. In addition, our conversation in your church library made me feel at home around theological books!

Learning about the mentoring role that John Knox has played with two current seminarians gave me hope. Numerous presbyteries do not have seminarians, not to mention the thousands of congregations that do not. Your nurturing of both Tom Markey, who now serves at Second Presbyterian in Indianapolis in Middle School Ministry, and Jillian Flynn, now at Christian Theological Seminary, is not the norm and worth celebrating.

Your longtime consistent support of future ministers through your gifts to the Theological Education Fund is deeply appreciated and maybe needed more than ever in this season. As baby boomer generation pastors retire, the need for a church that calls and supports new people in ministry becomes a higher priority for all of us.

Let me just say, how grateful I am you are sending and supporting folks like Jillian and Tom, mentoring and providing money for them and a new generation God is calling now into ministry for us and our children and their children.... And God's desperate world.

Grace and Peace,
Lee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 17-21

Our theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage - Experience the Ride of a Life Time with God." The adults, youth and children will be tie-dying their shirts this year. If you did not sign-up for your shirt, please see Lisa to get your name assigned to one of the extra shirts. **There will be an informational meeting on May 13 at 7pm.** We will be discussing the logistics of this year's VBS, so please plan to attend if you want to take a leadership or assistant role. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your shirt will be tie-dyed for you. There will also be pre-registration forms and music CDs available soon. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Crismore.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES SUNDAY - JUNE 2

We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 2. If you or a family member has or will be graduating this year, please contact Lisa Crismore (jkpccce@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.

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NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Our community is making use of our pantry! Requests this month included the need for food, clothing, blankets, diapers, coats, 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*

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
Mar 31	64		35
Apr 7	68		30
Apr 14	73		40
Apr 21	120		61

PYOCA ALL CHURCH RETREAT SEPTEMBER 27-29

SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN ON ATTENDING the All Church Retreat at Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, September 27-29. 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!

IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of the family of **John Owensby**, who died on April 14, 2019, at the VA Hospital. A funeral service for John was held on April 18, 2019, at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home, Speedway.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 2 - GRADUATE RECOGNITION - We will celebrate those in our church who are graduating this spring.

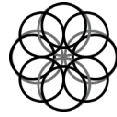
JUNE 9 - PENTECOST SUNDAY - Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in worship.

JUNE 17-21 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - See page 13 for more information.

JUNE 23 - VBS CELEBRATION WORSHIP with Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana.

JUNE 23-29 - YOUTH MISSION TRIP - Habitat for Humanity in New Albany, Indiana.

JULY 28 - WORSHIP IN THE PARK - We will worship and have a picnic afterwards in Meadowood Park.



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