

# NOVEMBER 2019

# TIDINGS

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Lisa Crismore, Commissioned Ruling Elder

## TABLE GROUPS STARTING AT JOHN KNOX

As I shared in my sermon on Stewardship Sunday, we are getting ready to start a new phase in our formative learning experience! The Community Action Team will be meeting at the end of October to start planning and implementing Table Groups at John Knox, which are a form of small group ministry. It will be something that everyone will be invited and included to participate in - we aren't going to just ask you to sign-up for it; we are going to invite everyone to join us, but you will have the option to opt-out if you so desire.

Why do we feel this is so important? Because one of the marks of the Body of Christ is being in relationship with one another. Being connected to one another through conversation, laughter, sadness, and all other times allows us to experience God's presence in real and transformative ways. We also believe it is important that we not just stick to our usual groups of people, but stretch ourselves to get to know others at John Knox who we might not normally talk to. And from the surveys you completed in August, it's clear that this is important to you, as well. The primary way you indicated we as a church could form stronger connections as a community was by creating more options for relationship building. We believe this is addressing that expressed need, and we are excited about how we will grow as a community of faith through these Table Groups.

Look for specific information in the Sunday bulletins, weekly emails, and individual invitations for the details and how you can participate. And if you have any questions, feel free to talk to any member of the Community Action Team (Ann Hamel, Barbara Williams, Patty McKinnon, Goehrig Orr, Dan Bourne, Sue Hartman, Pam Herman, Lisa Crismore, myself).

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

## 2020 STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

We had a wonderful worship service and luncheon after worship on October 13, celebrating our Celtic Heritage and bringing our commitments of time, talent and treasure on Stewardship Sunday. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2020, please do so as soon as possible. Don't forget to also indicate on the back of the card how many hours a month you serve and give to the life of John Knox! We will begin publishing stewardship updates in the Sunday bulletins and weekly emails, so take note of that information as it becomes available. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to this Open. Caring. Community!

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOVEMBER 24 - 7 PM AT WESTVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH/ IGLESIA HERMANDAD CRISTIANA

We will celebrate Thanksgiving as the ecumenical family of faith, gathering with churches throughout the Speedway community on **Sunday, November 24, at 7pm at Westview Christian Church and Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana.** The church is located at 5925 West 34th Street, just around the corner from John Knox. The offering collected will support the various outreach ministries in our community of the Speedway/Westside Ministerial Association. Mark your calendars and plan on celebrating in worship God's goodness!

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## SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3

**COMMUNION:** Sunday, November 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.

**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, November 3, or during office hours the week before.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3

Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 2, as that is when Daylight Savings ends. We would hate for you to be an hour early to church on Sunday, November 3!

## FAITH CONVERSATIONS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 10

We continue to enjoy gathering once a month after the 11am service, and we'd love for you to join us this month! 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 meet on Sunday, November 10.** We delve deeper into the scripture and message from worship, and 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!

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## TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **DECEMBER 2019** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, NOVEMBER 13.**

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.

## **PRIMETIMERS - NOVEMBER 12 THANKSGIVING MEAL**

The Prime Timers will gather for a Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, November 12 at 11:30am (note: this is earlier than our usual meeting). This will be held at the church. You are invited to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Jim and Bonnie Graves will provide the turkey, stuffing and homemade noodles. Please sign-up and let us know what you plan to bring; contact the church office if you are planning to attend (317-291-0308). Everyone is welcome to come and get in the holiday spirit!

## **THE STOREHOUSE FOOD PANTRY: DID YOU KNOW?**

Every month, we collect food on the first Sunday to support The Storehouse Food Pantry here in Speedway. Did you know that your donations help our neighbors in the following ways:

- In 2018, the largest percentage (32%) of clients who received food from The Storehouse was in the 46224 zip code.
- Through September 2019, The Storehouse has served 1,582 families and 6,280 individuals.
- The Storehouse offers three distributions a month, including one which is for senior citizens.
- They depend on schools, food drives, and congregations like John Knox for food donations to help supplement the food they purchase from Gleaners and other suppliers.

Please know that if you'd like to learn more about this important ministry in our community, feel free to talk to Dan and Linda Bourne or Frank Mansell, especially if you would like to volunteer sometime. And please be sure to bring your donations of food every month, as they make a significant difference in the lives of our neighbors!

## **FALL BAKE SALE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

It's almost here!! And it may not be too late!!! The Tidings comes out on October 27, so if you're reading this, you might still have time to bake/make something for the Fall Bake Sale! And you can still plan to come for lunch!! The bake sale will take place from 10am – 2pm, with lunch served from 11am-1pm. Lunch will consist of chili, vegetable soup, hot dogs, chips and crackers and the usual drinks.

Quite a few people have made a commitment to donate a variety of homemade goodies. We could always use more! Surprise us!! Breads, pies, cookies, fudge, candy, etc. – think about what YOU would like to find at a fall bake sale, and get out those favorite recipes!

We will be getting things set up in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 1 beginning at 9am. Donations of your homemade goodies may be brought during the day on that Friday up until 4pm or early Saturday morning before the sale. Please be sure to include information about your donation – what it's called, and ingredients (especially if there are nuts or if something is gluten-free, etc.).

This fundraiser will help the Presbyterian Women meet our commitment to mission projects and buying things for our own church. Thank you for your past support, and we hope we can count on your continued support!

## **CHRISTMAS PROJECT NEED**

Needed for a Christmas project - 18 (eighteen) 28 oz. empty and clean vegetable cans! Please see Pam Herman if you can contribute any!

## INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - DECEMBER 8 - 6:30PM

It's that time of year to consider giving your talents to the annual John Knox Intergenerational Christmas Show. The theme is "Christmas Giving." No lines to memorize, very little rehearsal is required, just a heart for telling stories and sharing them with others. The date of the show is Sunday, December 8 at 6:30pm. Four stories will be told and each story will have a director(s) leading rehearsals. Sign-up will be on Sunday, October 27, which is the distribution date of the Tidings. If you were not available to sign-up to participate after worship on this Sunday, please see the directors - Kelly Porten, Patty McKinnon, Pam Herman, Lisa Crismore or Dawnie Barnhouse to get a part. Thanks!

## JKPC DINES TOGETHER

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

## YOUTH UPDATE

It has been a great fall season so far. We had our cook-off last month and now we prepare to have a movie on November 17 at 5:00pm. The movie is "Do You Believe?" We had some visitors from the VBS that are showing interest in the youth group. We give thanks to God for that. We are coordinating our first retreat since my arrival and we are hoping to have it happening this December. More details coming soon. Thank you for your continued support in prayer and resources for our youth group here at John Knox!

Bendiciones,  
***Pastor William***

## DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

**TRASH BAG SALES:** Trash bags will **not** be sold in November. They will be sold in December. The December Tidings will have the date for sales. 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 week days during office hours. Proceeds from sales go to Debt Retirement. Thanks for your support!

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:** You raised \$159.80 at Kroger's during the third quarter of this year. If you are not participating in the program, instructions on how to enroll are on the table outside the church office. All you need to participate is a Kroger Plus card. It is such an easy way to earn money for the church. Contact Judy Ricketts if you need help enrolling in the program or have questions. Thanks for your support!

**DINING EVENT REPORT:** You raised \$76.00 at Portillo's in August. You raised \$90.15 at City Barbeque in September. Thanks for your support!

## DINING EVENT - NOVEMBER 18 BJ'S RESTAURANT & BREWHOUSE

On Monday, November 18, if you eat at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse on Rockville Road in Avon (in front of the Target Shopping Center) between 11am-11:00pm, 20% of your total food purchases (alcohol purchases are not included) 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 and on the church website on the home page under service projects. 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!



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND DINNER

The Presbyterian Women's Christmas Program and Dinner will be **Sunday December 15, 2019**. We are pleased the Circle City Bell Ringers will be entertaining us again. The bell ringers will begin their program at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. A catered dinner by Harry Greene will follow in Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm. A sign-up sheet will be going up in November for dinner reservations. A free will offering will be taken up for the meal and an additional free will offering will be taken during the concert. Meanwhile, start spreading the word to your friends and neighbors and let them know about the free concert. Friends and neighbors are also invited to stay for the meal but names must be added to the sign-up sheet so we can have an accurate head count. Mark your calendar now - you don't want to miss this amazing afternoon!

## CANDY/GIFT CARD BOUQUET

DEADLINE APPROACHING - GIFT CARD DONATIONS NEEDED! - As mentioned in the October Tidings, the Presbyterian Women are asking for donations of gift cards of any amount and from any number of stores/businesses to be included in a Candy/Gift Card Bouquet (or bouquets) to be used in a drawing at the Annual PW Christmas Program and Dinner on December 15. Tickets will be on sale beginning November 17, right up until the dinner on the 15th, so if you can donate any gift cards, **please do so by NOVEMBER 10!!** Gift cards can be brought to the church office or given directly to Sandy Jordan, who will be making the bouquet. (Sandy will accept donations even after the 10th, but would prefer to get them by then!!) Watch for the bouquet to be on display at the ticket sales table in the main church hallway on November 17. Thank you for your support of PW's fundraising efforts in missions and ministry!

## **NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE**

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:** The “New Beginnings” program offers hope and relief for so many in the community. Keep praying and giving. This month included the need for food, utility assistance, diapers, rent, bus passes, and gas. We were able to help 5 families with food, diapers, hygiene and cleaning supplies. Thank you for your support of the JKPC “New Beginnings” program!

*~ Amy Willis*

## **HONOR OUR VETERANS DONATE TO NEW BEGINNINGS**

In honor of our veterans, the Mission Team invites everyone to make a financial donation to the New Beginnings Fund. Our veterans have given so much to our country, and this is an opportunity we have to thank them by helping the least fortunate in our midst. As you can see every month, we are assisting many people in our community with food, clothing, transportation, and other pressing needs. Mark your donation “New Beginnings” and thank you for your continued, generous support which gives hope and peace to so many in our community.

## **HAT AND MITTEN TREE**

Isn't it a bit early to have a Christmas Tree up at church?! Well, yes, it might seem a bit out-of-season to have a tree out before Halloween and Thanksgiving. But the Mission Team this year wants us to help the children of our community BEFORE winter weather comes. So, you are invited to bring new hats, mittens, and scarves for children and place them on the tree. These will then be taken to local elementary schools for children who are in great need. We will deliver them to the schools by the middle of November. Thank you for helping the children in our community stay warm during these cold winter months!

## SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

Last year, we had the opportunity to adopt several children in our community for Christmas, through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. We had such success, we are going to commit to a total of 20 children this year! Here's how it works:

- In mid-November, we will turn the Hat and Mitten Tree into the Angel Tree in the main hallway. On the tree will be "angels" with the names and ages of children in the Indianapolis area.
- For each child, gift suggestions are listed which have come from him or her. You are invited to take a child's name, purchase the gifts, and then bring them back to the church by the end of the month.
- We will then deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army, who will give them to the parents of the children, so they might give them to their kids on Christmas morning.

If you have any questions, please see Frank Mansell or Bev Ray from the Mission Team. And thank you for bringing joy and love to the children of our community this year!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judy Ricketts	Nov 1	Betty Dunkel	Nov 18
Mariah Judy	Nov 2	Sharon Flannery	Nov 18
Pam Whitehouse	Nov 3	Jonathan Barnhouse	Nov 20
Goehrig Orr	Nov 5	Alexandro Turcios	Nov 20
Erin Mansell	Nov 7	Cheryl Morrell	Nov 21
Claudene Sullivan	Nov 8	Jeff Williams	Nov 23
Joe Annan	Nov 9	John Shaw	Nov 24
Carolyn Lyons	Nov 10	Jeffrey Orme	Nov 25
Lora Spargur	Nov 12	Allaire Schlicher-	Nov 26
Joseph Annan	Nov 13	Beutner	
Caitlin Whitaker	Nov 13	Nicholas Whitaker	Nov 27
Michelle Rethmeyer	Nov 16		

## WELCOME AIDEN!

We give thanks to God for the birth of Aiden Tunkara, son of Esther Berko, on October 15 at Eskenazi Hospital. All are doing well, and we celebrate with Esther and David, as well as big sister Amira!

## 20s & 30s GROUP AT JKPC

Did you know we have a young adults group that meets at John Knox? They get together for fun and fellowship at different times throughout the year, whether it's at Top Golf for an afternoon, or visiting a local farm in the fall, or getting together for dinner. If you fall into that age category and would like to join them for their next gathering, please feel free to contact Kelly Porten anytime ([kelly.porten@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.porten@gmail.com); 216-904-4294). We look forward to seeing you soon!

## FOLLOW-UP FROM OCTOBER SET

On October 20, Debbie Mansell shared about end-of-life issues for the Sunday Evenings Together program. Debbie covered a great deal of information, including living wills, healthcare representatives, and how to have these conversations with your loved ones. If you were unable to join us that evening, or if you have further questions on these topics, please feel free to talk to Debbie or Frank. We have additional copies of the information that was distributed that evening in the office.

We also hope to have further programs after the new year about other issues that weren't covered, including estate planning, funeral planning, and other topics of interest to you. If you have suggestions for such topics, please feel free to talk to either Frank or Debbie, and we will look forward to continuing the conversation!

## THANK YOU!

Thanks for your participation and/or support of the Trunk-or-Treat event held at Westview Christian Church. It was great to join the folks at WCC as well as Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana in this event and to offer the children of our community a safe place to celebrate Halloween!

**-- Lisa Crismore**

## PERIOD POVERTY THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for your generosity in giving to our Period Poverty Project. Thanks to you, we raised over \$300, and received thousands of menstrual products, which will be given to domestic violence centers around the Indianapolis area. We have already started to put together the packages that we will be donating. We are so incredibly grateful for all that you've given. Know that your generosity is well received and will impact the lives of women in a positive way here in Indianapolis.

**-- Heather Mansell and Morgen Bedwell**

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9am Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11am Worship
<b>Sept 29</b>	44		24 (@ PYOCA)
<b>Oct 6</b>	56		26
<b>Oct 13</b>		99	
<b>Oct 20</b>	64		28

## **RING THE SALVATION ARMY BELL! THURSDAY - DECEMBER 12**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Salvation Army needs our help. We will be “Ringing the Bell” on Thursday, December 12. We again will be at the Kroger’s on Crawfordsville Road, from 10:00am-8:00pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted this month on the bulletin board outside the church office. Put this date on your calendar now so you won’t forget. And thank you for helping in this important way!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Hanging of the Greens** - Saturday, November 30

**Christmas Program** - Sunday, December 8

**Mission Team Christmas Cookie Sale** - Sunday, December 8

**PW Christmas Banquet** - Sunday, December 15

**Blue Christmas Service** - Tuesday, December 17

**Christmas Eve Service** - Candlelight/Communion Service at 7:30pm

**Sunday After Christmas** - December 29 - Traditional Worship service at 11am (no 9am worship or Church School)

**Ronald McDonald House** - December 31

## HANGING OF THE GREENS SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 30

The Worship Team and Chancel Guild invite everyone in the church to join us in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. You are invited to come on **Saturday, November 30**, for Hanging of the Greens. We will gather at 9am for a scrumptious breakfast, then work throughout the morning placing decorations around the church. We hope you will join us for this great opportunity for fellowship. Thanks for your willingness to assist in making the church look beautiful for Christmas this season!

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Chancel Guild will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias again this year. Orders are being accepted from now through **December 15**. The cost this year is \$10 per plant.

### ORDER FORM FOR POINSETTIAS

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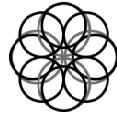
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*Please return by December 15th*



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