

OCTOBER 2019

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GRATITUDE TO GOD STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - OCT. 13

How do we express gratitude to others? The tried and true way is writing a thank you note and putting it in the mail, right? I wish I was as good at this as others. I am always so touched by words of thanks that people send to me, especially because I know the time and effort it took to sit down and write those words. Unfortunately, I seem to resort to emails and texts to send words of thanks - they express my gratitude, but not with the same personal touch!

Sometimes, when we are wrapped up in our personal lives and all the busyness that comes with it, we can forget to acknowledge our gratitude to others. We may not notice when someone covers for us when we are late to work, or takes care of a household chore, or pays us a compliment. Gratitude can get lost in our stresses and self-centeredness.

The same can be true of our faith and gratitude to God. We complain about all that's wrong in our lives, without recognizing the goodness that God has given to us. We stress about not having enough, without acknowledging how much we truly do have. Like the other nine lepers who are healed by Jesus, we often can keep walking away from the source of our new life, and fail to turn around, toward the giver of health and love, and say, "Thank you!" (Luke 17)

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 13, we will bring to God our gifts of gratitude.

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 2020. 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

IN SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of Lois Charboneau and her entire family, as her husband, **Don Charboneau**, died on September 9, 2019. A service to celebrate Don's life was held on September 16, 2019, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, with a committal service at Washington Park North Cemetery. Don was DeAnne Baker's father, and Jillian Flynn's grandfather.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works shall follow them

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SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6

COMMUNION: Sunday, October 6 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, October 6, or during office hours the week before.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

On Sunday, October 6, 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 the peacemaking efforts of The Storehouse Food Pantry here in the Speedway community. 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 15

The Prime Timers will be returning to the Rustic Root Tea Room in Beech Grove on Tuesday, October 15. We had such a great time there in May so we thought we would go back. 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). Everyone is welcome and you won't be sorry!

TRICK-OR-TREAT OCTOBER 31 FROM 6-8 PM (ARRIVE AT 5:30 PM)

Trick or Treat ... smell my feet ... give me something good to eat! Do you remember being excited as a child for Halloween to arrive? We have plans to join Iglesia Hermanidad Cristiana and Westview Christian Church on Halloween night, October 31, and distribute candy in a safe place for the children in our community. Plan to dress festive and fun! The church is located at 5925 W. 34th Street (just down the street from John Knox). Last year they hosted over 400 children! We had such a great time partnering with Iglesia Hermanidad Cristiana at John Knox during the week of Vacation Bible School. This gives us a chance to partner with them at their church. **The church has asked that we plan to arrive at 5:30pm so we can find out where we will be indoors.** Please sign-up on the bulletin board and let us know if you plan to attend and/or if you can donate candy. To ensure that there is enough candy, the church would like to have it ahead of time so please plan to have it at John Knox by Sunday, October 27.

INDY ELEVEN SOCCER GAME - OCT. 5

Patty McKinnon has 20 free tickets for the Indy Eleven Soccer Game on Saturday, October 5, at 7:00 pm at Lucas Oil Stadium. If you'd like to go, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. It's first-come/first-served, so once the 20 tickets are distributed, that's it! Feel free to talk to Patty if you have any questions.

JKPC DINES TOGETHER

We will gather at 12pm on **Monday, October 28** 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).

FALL BAKE SALE SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 2

After much consideration, PW has decided to try something new this year. We will hold a Fall Bake Sale instead of the Holiday Bazaar we have held in the past. The sale will be held on Saturday, November 2, from 10am-2pm.

In order for this fundraiser to be a success, we need lots of baked goods for this sale. We are looking for **homemade** items, such as breads, pies, cookies, fudge, candy, etc.

We will be serving lunch from 11am-1pm. Lunch includes vegetable soup, chili, hot dogs, chips & crackers, and the usual drinks.

Mark your calendar now and plan to participate in some way. Maybe you could:

- make your own fudge, candy, jelly, jams or salsa;
- bake your favorite quick breads, cakes, pies, cookies;
- help set up the day before the bake sale, help with the lunch or the sale the day of the bake sale.

There will be sign-up sheets posted in October for you to indicate how you would like to help.

Questions or comments about the bake sale can be directed to Carol McKeown (317-459-8528, McKeown123@att.net).

We welcome ideas and we have ideas to share. Let us hear from you!

Donations of food items may be brought either Friday, November 1st, during the day, or early Saturday morning, November 2nd. For baked items, please include information about ingredients, such as nuts and peanut butter.

DINING EVENT - DAWSON'S ON MAIN TUESDAY - OCTOBER 22

If you eat at Dawson's on Main in Speedway on Tuesday, October 22 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!

DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING

TRASH BAG SALES: Trash bags will be sold on October 20 between services. They are \$13 per roll. We have a new supply of bags so we have plenty available in all 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 on week days during office hours. Proceeds from sales go to Debt Retirement. Thanks for your support!

RECYCLING PROCEEDS: Metal: \$72.20

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **NOVEMBER 2019** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, OCTOBER 16.**

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Everyone struggles. Each of us deals with that struggle in a different way. We gather our resources, reaching out to friends, and family. What if there was no one? Where would you turn? Who would pray for you? Would you wonder if anyone even cared? The “New Beginnings Program” is a way for John Knox Church to show our community they can turn to us to have their physical and spiritual needs met. This month I met Michelle. She came to visit the pantry and have a physical need met. She shared with me her recent diagnosis of breast cancer and loss of employment. I asked her if I could put her on the prayer list. Now there is an entire church praying for Michelle! God is good all the time! We have several people that visit the pantry on a regular basis. They think they are just here to have their physical needs met. How wonderful is it that even when they’re not aware of the spiritual need we keep praying as well as providing. The “New Beginnings” program offers hope and relief for so many in the community. Keep praying and giving. This month also included the need for food, utility assistance, diapers, rent, bus passes, and gas. We were able to help 9 families with food, diapers, hygiene and cleaning supplies. Thank you for your support of the JKPC “New Beginnings” program! ~ *Amy Willis*

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	9 a.m. Worship	C o m b i n e d Worship	11 a.m. Worship
Aug 25	73		32
Sept 1	61		24
Sept 8	59		27
Sept 15		95	
Sept. 22	62		26

FAITH CONVERSATIONS SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27

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, October 27 (the date has changed since last month).** 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. And mark your calendars for these dates the rest of the year: November 10, and December 22. 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!

SUNDAY EVENING TOGETHER END-OF-LIFE CONVERSATIONS SUNDAY - OCTOBER 20 - 6PM

We will have a Sunday Evening Together for this month on October 20. **We will have a pitch-in supper at 6pm (please note the later start time);** please bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share with others. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the church office; please sign-up to let us know you're coming and what you'll bring.

Our program will be led by Debbie and Frank Mansell, and will be around a topic many of us would rather not discuss, but truly need to face with honesty and faith: end-of-life issues. Through their own work and life experiences, they have learned a great deal about how to make decisions, plans, and who to have conversations with around health care, medical power-of-attorney, hospice, and so on. They will be sharing with us some new resources on this important topic. The program will begin around 6:45pm. We hope to see you then, and know this will likely be first of several such presentations.

GIFT CARD DONATIONS NEEDED

Gift Card Donations Needed! PW (Presbyterian Women) has decided to have a drawing for a **Candy/Gift Card Bouquet** (or bouquets) again this year at the annual Christmas dinner/program. Drawing tickets cost only \$1. Last year we had two bouquets – one worth \$500 and the other worth \$325!!! Sandy Jordan has graciously agreed to put together another one (or two) for a fundraiser this year, 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! Drawing tickets will be on sale on Sunday mornings beginning November 17 and right up to the time of the dinner on December 15!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Alberta Montgomery	Oct 1	Genesis Mendez	Oct 16
Will Shaw	Oct 1	Barbara Brown	Oct 17
Don Holden	Oct 3	Bill Burgan	Oct 19
Lisa Crismore	Oct 4	Josh Gillespie	Oct 19
Sara Taylor	Oct 4	David Barnhouse	Oct 21
Jeremiah Phillippe	Oct 8	Debbie Mansell	Oct 21
Roberta Auble	Oct 9	Sue Hartman	Oct 24
Tina Davis	Oct 9	Kareena Larrick	Oct 25
Tyler McKinney	Oct 9	Betty Orr	Oct 25
Madelyn McKinney	Oct 9	Vavia Joseph	Oct 26
Gulzar Salik	Oct 10	Ben McKinnon-Duggins	
Saralyn McKinnon-Crowley			Oct 27
	Oct 13	Charles Viefhaus	Oct 28
Karen Rose	Oct 15	Stephen Morris	Oct 29
Rilda Cox	Oct 16		

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND DINNER

Save the date of Sunday December 15! We are pleased the Circle City Bell Ringers will be entertaining us again this December. The bell ringers will begin their program at 3pm in the Sanctuary. A catered dinner by Harry Greene will follow in Fellowship Hall at 5pm. A sign-up sheet will go up in November for dinner reservations. A free will offering will be taken up for the meal and during the concert. Meanwhile start spreading the word to your friends and neighbors they are invited to this free concert!

YOUTH UPDATE

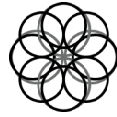
At this time we are celebrating and enjoying our new youth members and those who are still with us from the past few years. We just initiated our new curriculum, "Why Am I Presbyterian?" Looking at the history, foundations and life of the Presbyterian church and ours here at John Knox. We just had our Roller Skate party and we are getting ready for our cooking contest during the month of October. We will be having guest teachers for special occasions and we will share with you in the near future. Thank you all for your support and prayers, our youth, their families, including my own, are extremely grateful for all your love and care. Thank you, may God continue to bless all of us, as we continue our ministries together. Blessings to all! **Pastor William**

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