



The Knoll Word

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Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church



LET **JUSTICE** SING DOWN Congregational Songs for Our Times

Friday, Nov. 3–Saturday, Nov. 4

This free two-day music festival unites individuals and choirs, clergy and laity from the Winston-Salem area faith communities in musical celebration of shared worship and common concerns of social justice in our city, our country, and our world. Worship leadership involves six of the best-known church musicians in the United States and will take place at First Baptist Church on Fifth Street.

Friday, Nov. 3

7:00 p.m. Festival I: *From Racism to Grace+ism* - D'Walla Simmons-Burke, Winston-Salem State University; James Abbington, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta; Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard, Wake Forest School of Divinity, Preacher

Saturday, Nov. 4

9:00 a.m. Festival II: *Sing Justice in the USA*- Mark A. Miller, Organist and Composer, Summit, N.J.; Yale Institute of Sacred Music; Brian Hehn, Center for Congregational Song, Dallas, Texas; Rev. Dr. Jill Crainshaw, Wake Forest School of Divinity, Preacher

11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Breakouts I, led by Conference Special Guests

11:50 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own

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1:50 - 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Festival III: *Songs for a Suffering World: Singing in the Sanctuary and the Streets* - C. Michael Hawn, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; Jorge Lockward, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. Dr. Darryl Aaron, Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., Preacher

For further details on events: divinity.wfu.edu/songfestival

See page 3 for information on a special All Saints Day worship and Sunday School elective with Dr. Michael Hawn on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Family Fall Retreat

By *CHRISSE HARDY*

On Friday afternoon, 17 Knollwood families with children ages 2-12 will arrive at Camp Merriwood in Clemmons for an overnight family retreat. It has been many years since we've had a retreat like this for our Children's Ministry, and we're excited for the opportunity to escape away – even if it's still in Forsyth County!

Our theme for the weekend is Becoming Faithful Families, and we will be exploring what it's like to worship, study, pray and play together with our family units as we search for the Spirit in the midst of our everyday lives. Our theme verse for the weekend is Galatians 5:25: "God's Spirit has given us life, and so we should follow the Spirit."

I'm grateful to these families who have made time and space during a busy time of year to connect with each other, others in their church family and with God. Of course, both parents and children will also be eating s'mores and singing campfire songs, playing large group games, canoeing and paddle boating on the lake, playing Frisbee golf, creating art, singing songs, enjoying meals and giggling in our bunk beds together, too. Please pray for us as we strive to follow the Spirit this weekend and as we bring these practices back into our own homes after it ends with a deeper sense of connection to each other and to God.



Spence, Steven, Frank, & James O'Neill
Photo by *Chrissy Hardy*

Knollwood's Public and Private Self

By BOB SETZER JR.



It is sad that, in far too many churches, the more one knows about the congregation, the more disillusioned one is apt to become.

Instead of authentic community, there is rivalry and conflict. Instead of a passionate sense of mission, there is an anxious, defensive fretting about survival. Instead of an openness to all people and a joyous, Jesus-style welcome, there are hurdles and barriers meant to define who's "in" and who's "out."

But nearly six years into my ministry at Knollwood, I can say with an ever-deepening confidence: the more one knows about Knollwood, the more one is apt to love her.

It's natural that as pastor, I see both the public and private sides of Knollwood. The public side of Knollwood, as evidenced by the rich offerings detailed in this newsletter, is a marvel to behold. Yes, we are gifted with a lot of talent. Yes, our congregation is blessed with a remarkable staff. Yes, most members of our congregation are highly educated, and many are affluent. Still, I don't know of another congregation Knollwood's size that does so much impactful Kingdom work with the privilege bestowed upon her.

But even more than Knollwood's public face, it is her private side that astounds me most. I am regularly in conversations with Knollwood folk whose savvy and compassion, character and commitment, knowledge and expertise, far exceeds my own. I sit in meetings where some thorny issue or daunting challenge is engaged as smart, sensitive people come up with an innovative solution. Again and again, my faith is renewed as the Spirit shows up to lead us forward in a way I never would have imagined.

Someone defined "character" as what one does in the dark. If character is congruence between one's public and private self, then Knollwood is a congregation with real integrity. And I'm in a position to know.

At present, our Personnel Committee is working to envision "life after Ken Wilson" at Knollwood. Talk about a difficult challenge! And yet, while it's too soon to reveal specifics, a promising transition plan is taking shape. That plan will include conversations with the congregation, stake-holders in our music ministry, and experts in the ministry of worship and music. By the time this process is complete, I am confident we'll have an emerging sense of what this next chapter in Knollwood's life will look like.

That future will not be the same as what was before, but it will be a good, rich, promising future. Trust me. I know. Because I have an ever-deepening confidence in Knollwood. And an ever-deepening trust in God.

Blessings,

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does in the dark.

A Special All Saints Day Worship

and Sunday School Option for Nov. 5

By KEN WILSON

Minister of Music

On Sunday morning, Nov. 5, Dr. Michael Hawn will be at Knollwood to lead music in our special All Saints Day worship. The music for that day will be a smattering of songs celebrating All Saints Day from around the world.

During the Sunday School hour at 9:45, Dr. Hawn will offer a program which he describes with these words: *An overview of how creation theology has evolved from Francis of Assisi ("All Creatures of Our God and King") through the 21st century with the idea that there is little hope for peace (shalom) among people unless we take care for the resources of the natural created order.*

Prayerfully Considering Our Year-end Giving

By MICKEY BOLES

Generosity and Stewardship Chair

As we approach the end of the year, our mailboxes fill with appeals for year-end donations from many worthy organizations. The causes are just, and the needs are there. So, too, are the needs at Knollwood, both for our outreach efforts that touch the lives of so many and for the basic needs of our church family.

Before the rush of the holidays sets in, please take stock of your annual commitment to God as it relates to your support of Knollwood. By finishing the year in a positive financial condition, we can go into the New Year, confident in our ability to carry out the work God wants us to do. If you find that you can go beyond your original annual giving intent for this year, rest assured that the additional resources will be put to good works. Prayerfully consider all we are doing and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Generous KBC Hurricane Relief Response

By PHYLLIS TATE

Chair, Missions Affiliations and Allocations Committee

Many thanks to our Knollwood family for responding so generously to the needs of this summer's hurricane victims in Texas, Florida, the Caribbean, and Puerto Rico. As of mid-October, our congregation has donated \$9,540.99 for hurricane relief. The Missions Affiliations and Allocations Committee (MAAC) allocated an additional \$5,000.

All monies have been sent to support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Hurricane Relief effort (wherever it is needed) and the American Baptist Church's relief effort in Puerto Rico. CBF and ABC are two of our signature missions partners, and both have a long history of relationships and work at home and abroad. The needs of the hurricane victims are great and recovery will be an on-going process. Any additional donations for hurricane relief are welcomed and will be sent to CBF/ABC to support their relief programs.

AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We continue to remember **Bob Davis** and **Jewel Benton**, who were recently released to interim care.

We continue to remember **Bubber Felty**, **Phyllis Marshall** and **Pam Boehme**, who were recently released from the hospital.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to **Marty Farmer** and family on the death of her mother, **Jan Samuel**, Sept. 26.

to **Shirley Stump** and family, on the death of her sister, **Hilda Lewis**, Oct. 11.

to **Becky Bullard** and family, on the death of her husband, **Jack**, on Fri., Oct. 19.

Congratulations to **Amy Powers** on the birth of her granddaughter, **Addyson Grace**, born Wed. Sept. 27 to **Sydney Cole**.

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Bullard

June 19, 1932 - October 19, 2017

The members of Knollwood extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved and pray for God's healing presence in their lives.

NEWSLETTER

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KNOLLWOOD
BAPTIST CHURCH
Grace Unbounded

A New School Year Begins

By LUCRECIA NORMAN

Minister of Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool

New and Old in the Library

By BONNIE MCCARSON

Resource Center Coordinator

I'd like to thank the people who have made some good suggestions for new adult books to add to our collection. Watch for those books to show up in the coming weeks.

We will be adding several nonfiction titles encompassing Bible study, spiritual practices and how we live in times like these. Also, there will be several new fiction titles. Some of those are from our book club lists, and others are of current interest.

In the meantime, I'd like to call attention to some of the hidden gems we have already. Recently I pulled a small book off the shelf and checked it out. It's called *Memories of God: Theological Reflections on a Life* by Roberta Bondi. This book is described on the jacket as "neither a work of technical theology nor simply an autobiography," but it is a bit of both. Bondi uses her personal experience to reflect on theology and shares some moments of important personal insights.

I call this a hidden gem because it is small and can easily be overlooked on a shelf full of larger books, but it is one that I found to be very readable and relatable.

So, in the coming weeks, we invite you to take some time to browse. If you are interested in something in particular, please ask.



This has been a fun month. We talked about fall, ate apples and made applesauce, sang for the State Meeting for Retired Teachers, and celebrated Fire Prevention Week.



Making applesauce



Celebrating Fire Prevention Week with firefighters



Abdulrahim and his birthday crown

Photos by Stephanie Spencer

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

- Dec. 10** Flowers to Homebound
- Jan. 16** Game Day Soup Luncheon
- Feb. TBA** Valentine Trip
- Mar. 18** Flowers to Homebound
- TBA** 2018 Spring Trip
- May 8** Spring Sink Luncheon
- TBA** End of the year Picnic

It Takes a Village

By *CHRISSEY HARDY*



I am a part of a Facebook group for leaders of children's ministries from churches all across the country. It's a place where people share ideas, ask questions, and vent. Any Facebook group made up of strangers has more than its fair share of venting. The number one thing that children's ministers in that group complain about is finding reliable volunteers to run their activities. I understand why that

is hard. It takes a lot of people to run all the children's programming in a church – far more than the staff alone can possibly provide.

We're so blessed at Knollwood to have some of the most incredible and faithful weekly teachers and leaders. Our children have the cream of the crop for their Sunday School teachers, Worship Care leaders and Children's Worship leaders. But that's not enough. I still find myself sending emails and asking people face-to-face weekly for help on Wednesday nights and for special events. It's a wonder that people don't just go running in the other direction any time they see me coming. Remarkably, you don't.

This month has been particularly full. I've been asking folks to help with our Refugee Celebration, Trunk or Treat, and our Family Retreat. But unlike those strangers in my Facebook group, I have nothing to vent about. On a gorgeous Saturday afternoon in the fall when you could have been doing any number of things, you showed up to play soccer and monitor bounce houses as we hosted a celebration for newly arrived families to our community.

On a Wednesday night when you could have been cozied up at home, you decorated your vehicles, passed out candy and trinkets, and picked up bean bags and ring toss games so more than 100 children from our church and community could delight in a safe and fun Halloween Carnival.

And this weekend, you'll drive out to Clemmons to play guitar, lead in worship, and share your talents and hobbies with the children and families of our church.

You are a joy to work with, and I am so grateful for a community who invests in your children. Thank you, Knollwood, for being our village.



Sixty children and adults participate in the Children's Ministry excursion to Tanglewood for a hayride and to visit the Pumpkin Patch. Photos by Chrissy Hardy



*Halloween Carnival and Trunk or Treat
Photos by Stephen Ball*

KBC.KIDS CALENDAR

- NOV 3-4** *Family Retreat/Camp Merriwood*
- NOV 15** *Friendsgiving*
- NOV 29** *Advent Wreath Building*
- DEC 6** *An Improvised Christmas Pageant*
- DEC 17** *Agape Sunday*
- DEC 24** *Christmas Eve Service*
- JAN 7** *Family Bowling*
- FEB 10** *Churchwide Valentine's Dance*
- FEB 23** *Parents' Night Out*
- MAR 3** *Children's Sunday Rehearsal/Lunch*
- MAR 4** *Children's Sunday*
- MAR 31** *Easter Egg Hunt*
- APR 21** *Spring Hike*
- MAY 12** *Family Putt Putt*
- JUN 25-28** *Vacation Bible School*

Faith Formation and Education

Refugees, Neighbors, Friends

An Interfaith Celebration

They came from all over our city. Many came from distant points around the globe. Some came from crises that forced them to flee their home countries and prevent them from returning. But on Saturday, Oct. 21 the atmosphere was joyful as more than 350 gathered for a “Refugees, Neighbors, Friends” celebration at Knollwood, cosponsored by our church and Interfaith Winston-Salem.

Children and youth played soccer, had faces painted, jumped and slid in bounce houses, got creative with arts and crafts. Adults and children joined together making a peace quilt. Many browsed information booths staffed by professionals in literacy programs, child safety, legal services, cancer care, reproductive health, and more. Everyone seemed to eat (and then go back for more) – savoring food prepared



*Diane Lipsett,
Minister of Faith Formation
and Education*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM

Worship Service 10:55 AM

SUNDAY AUDIO RECORDINGS

Dr. Bob's Sunday sermons are available online at knollwood.org. Recorded worship services are available on CD for \$1.

Contact the church office, 336-725-1343, or frontdesk@knollwood.org.



by Egyptian and Syrian chefs. One Knollwood volunteer stationed at a bounce house slide remarked, “My job was to remind the children over and over, ‘Feet first!’ And it was fun, because with each child, I didn’t know if I would see Congolese feet, or Burmese feet, or Syrian feet, or just plain old American feet coming down that slide.”

In the fellowship hall, both a video and a personal conversation offered stories of the refugee experience. An insightful panel of volunteers reflected on how their faith has motivated them to offer support to those arriving in our community as refugees. Bob Schwarz of Temple Emmanuel spoke of the Jewish concept of *tikkun olam* – mending the world. Anna Rubin of Ardmore Baptist spoke warmly about Jesus’ love and her expanding sense of God’s family. Knollwood’s Dean Clifford reflected on scriptural calls to welcome the stranger. Dina Shehata of Anoor Islamic Center shared passages from the Qur’an urging assistance to the needy and the migrant.

Guest speaker Stephan Bauman, former President and CEO of World Relief, now executive director of the Cornerstone Foundation, challenged his audience with “Why We Need Refugees:” to show us how to love the least of these; to learn how to love each other; to learn how to love our enemies.

One Arabic speaking guest looked around at people talking, laughing, and eating, and remarked, “This afternoon gives me hope.” Another participant said, “I think love is hanging in the air.”

The event drew volunteers from all over the city: from Knollwood, from Interfaith Winston-Salem, from Salem College and Wake Forest (including the medical center), from Diggs-Latham Elementary School, and more. (Naming those who made the event happen means running the risk of leaving some out). Chrissy Hardy and Janet Ray stand out for their exceptional organization of the children’s activities. We received generous support from the Rice-Cunningham Fund, and we sincerely hope the event helped honor the deep investments the Rice and Cunningham families made in Knollwood and our city.



Photos by Courtney Coghill

Wednesday Faith Formation Offerings

NOV. 1

AMOS Health and Hope

Reflections from the mission team that recently traveled to Nicaragua to work alongside some extraordinary American Baptist partners.

NOV. 8

Knollwood's Ministry Plan for 2018

Presented by the finance committee. All ages will gather at the end to pack Thanksgiving food boxes for some families at Bolton elementary school.

NOV. 15

"O give thanks..." – Richard Vinson guides a study exploring biblical prayers of thanksgiving from both testaments. Pause before the holiday season begins its swirl and find old words that prompt new calls to contemplation and gratitude.

NOV. 22

No Wednesday night gathering

NOV. 29

The Coming One: Embracing Advent Together Let's discover and create practices to help observe Advent in our homes and hearts.

DEC. 6

Entering the Story: Embracing Advent Together We'll enact and explore key parts of the Jesus story and reflect on our own culture, challenges, and devotion.

DEC. 13

Christmas Jazz and Knollwood's annual Service of Remembrance

DEC. 20 & 27

No Wednesday Night gatherings

Small Group Faith Formation Opportunities Continue

Companions in Christ, meets Monday mornings, 10 a.m. – noon. For information, contact Melanie Wilkinson, melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com, or Evalynn Davis, ebdavis@yadtel.net.

Early morning Women's Bible Study #1

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:15 a.m. For information, contact Dean Clifford at cliffordconsult@mindspring.com or 336-418-0278.

Early morning Women's Bible Study #2

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 a.m. For information, contact Rachel Wiggins, rdwiggins@triad.rr.com or Diana Long, dlong1221@gmail.com.

Monday Morning Men, 7:00 a.m.

380 Knollwood, Ste. 700. Contact Chip Mims, cpmims3@gmail.com

Seasons, Children's Ministry's Bible Study for Moms of Young Children, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9:15-10:45 am, led by a group of Knollwood moms. E-mail chrissy@knollwood.org if you are interested.

Lunch With Luke: A Brown Bag Bible Study For Women, Thursdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m. It is facilitated by Evalynn Davis and uses a personal study guide on the Gospel of Luke. For information, contact Evalynn Davis, ebdavis@yadtel.net or Linda Yellen, lindasyellen@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Dinner is served

5:30-6:10 PM

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Sharing celebrations and concerns

6:00-6:15 PM

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Evening program

6:15-7:00 PM

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KidsConnect

6:15-7:00 PM

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Middle School Bells

5:15 PM

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Children's Choirs

5:15 PM

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Chancel Choir

7:00 PM

KIDS.CONNECT SCHEDULE

Nov. 1 Board Games

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Nov. 8 Thanksgiving Service Project

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Nov. 15 Friendsgiving

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Nov 22 No Wednesday Night (Thanksgiving)

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Nov 29 Advent Wreaths and other Advent Practices

Habitat Forsyth Faith Build

By TERRY OBERLE

The Habitat Forsyth Faith Build for 2017 is nearing completion and might be by the time this newsletter gets to your mailbox.

The Habitat construction crew members said early last week that they expected all the interior work to be finished by this week and a Certificate of Occupancy to be issued after the final inspections later this month. A landscaping work day was scheduled for Saturday for the two houses.

The houses, which are on adjoining lots at 1759 and 1763 Richard Allen Lane in the Glen Oaks neighborhood, will be dedicated after closing, probably in early January. Habitat dedications are meaningful, inspirational events, and Knollwood members are encouraged to attend. The date and time will be made available as soon as scheduled through Terry and Sylvia Oberle and Rich Habegger.

The Faith Build was financed and supported by work forces from 13 Winston-Salem churches, mosques and its synagogue, including Knollwood. It was also the beneficiary of the ongoing BB&T Challenge, which provides up to \$25,000 in matching funds for up to 10 Habitat houses each year.

Work on the houses began in July with a wall build and has continued each week since.

Anna Stevenson and her three children -- Catravia Green 20, Brian Carter 15 and Treasure Cobbs 2 -- will live in the house at 1763 Richard Allen Lane, and Norman Graham and Phyllis McKey Graham will be their new neighbors.

All Habitat homeowners go through a rigorous screening and educational process and most spend several months on a waiting list. Besides taking on a 25-30 year no-interest mortgage, they must "pay" sweat equity, 200-300 hours of work on Habitat houses, their own and others', or in the Habitat ReStores.



The Stevenson Family



The Graham Family



2018 Annual Gathering Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Of NC

By JOSH GODWIN, MARLIN YODER, PHYLLIS TATE

Knollwood will be hosting the 2018 Annual Gathering for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC (CBFNC) March 15-17. People from all over the state will attend workshops, special presentations, peer learning groups, worship services, meals, and informal gatherings taking place all over our campus. You are invited to attend events, and as the host church, we hope to have your assistance during the three-day event.

The theme for the conference is "Nurturing Healthy Congregations: FitChurch." During the Annual Gathering, multiple volunteers will be needed to assist attendees with hospitality, registration, meals, childcare and the like, and several local churches will help by providing volunteers in these areas. The host church is asked to assist attendees with parking and to be friendly faces on campus to help attendees find their way around. Members may also be needed to help with preparations in various areas and with AV needs.

In the months to come, you will receive more information about the Annual Gathering, how you can sign up for events, and what you can do to help.

AMOS Health and Hope



Eleven Knollwoodians participated in a missions trip with Project Amos in Nicaragua (www.amoshealth.org/) from Oct. 6-15. Amos Health and Hope is one our church's mission partners. Photo by Corinne Causby

Hunger Emphasis in November

By PHYLLIS TATE

Chair, Missions Affiliations and Allocations Committee

The problem of hunger is significant in Forsyth County, ranking as one of the worst in the nation. Our 2017 missions budget includes several items targeting local food needs: \$9,200 for Crisis Control, \$3,500 for Samaritan Ministries, \$5,000 for Second Harvest Food Bank, and \$14,000 from the Celebration Fund for the Bolton Backpack Program.

However, the needs are far greater than this. You can make a difference and have a direct impact on hunger, both locally and internationally, by contributing money to our World Hunger Offering and nonperishable food items to our annual ingathering for Crisis Control.

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Throughout November please consider making a special offering beyond your normally budgeted gifts by simply noting "World Hunger Offering" on a donation check and dropping it into the offering plate or at the church office. We collected \$1,585 in 2016. Let's see if we can increase this amount this year.

These funds are divided and distributed through two channels:

Locally: Samaritan Ministries provides the only seven-day-a-week soup kitchen in Forsyth County. In 2016, the Samaritan Kitchen served 154,566 meals.

Internationally: Baptist World Aid, funded through the Baptist World Alliance, feeds the starving and malnourished, especially in countries suffering from drought and food shortages. For over 80 years, these funds have been used to provide food, medicines and medical equipment and to support agricultural and educational projects.

INGATHERING FOR CRISIS CONTROL

Grocery bags will be handed out after worship services on Nov. 5 and 12 and after dinner on Wednesday nights, Nov. 8 and 15. On the bags will be a list of non-perishable food items in particularly short supply at Crisis Control (also listed at right). Please return your filled bags to the chancel area of the church on Sunday, Nov. 19. There will be individuals at the glass narthex doors to assist you.

Both November offerings give us opportunities to share the bountiful blessings God has given us. Please give generously.



Ingathering 2016
Photos by Stephen Ball

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19

5:30 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian
2380 Cloverdale Ave, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Join in an interfaith worship service thanking God for our many blessings. Please bring a can of corn for Crisis Control Ministry.



KNOLLWOOD INGATHERING

for Crisis Control Ministries
Sunday, November 19

Regular-sized packages, no glass jars, please

- Juice
- Canned Greens
Collards, Kale, Mixed Greens, etc.
- Canned Meats
Salmon, Ham, Roast Beef, Tuna, Chicken
- Pinto Beans, 1-lb. bag
- Cooking Oil
- Baking Items
Cake Mixes, Brownie Mixes, etc.
- Spices
- Grits
- Condiments
- Toilet Tissue

Please use this list as a guide only. Crisis Control is happy to receive any food collected, as well as cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items.

Please bring your donation to the chancel area Sunday, Nov. 19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED CHURCH IN CONFERENCE

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m. Vote on Proposed Ministry Plan - You may read it online: www.knollwood.org/resources/kbc-documents, or pick up a paper copy in the narthex, or foyer B.

HONORING KNOLLWOOD VETERANS

Sunday, Nov. 12 Knollwood veterans will be honored with their photographs on display in the Narthex. American flags will be placed at the interment site of each veteran buried in the Memorial Garden.

THE AGAPE CELEBRATION IS DEC. 17.

As this celebration hosts the entire congregation, we welcome your participation in decorating, food preparation, serving and clean-up. Please contact Debbie Pruitt, debiepruitt@icloud.com or 336-782-3198, to join this vibrant, fun-filled team.

WOMEN'S RETREAT is March 9-11, 2018

SCHEDULES

WALKING TRACK HOURS

MON - Thu. 8 AM-8 PM

WED - 8 AM-5 PM; 7 - 8 PM

FRI - 8 AM - 5 PM

SUN - 5 - 8 PM

GYMNASIUM

www.knollwood.org/exercising-faith

ARTS & HEARTS CLASSES

Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30-8:30 PM

Intro to Zentangles®

Sunday, Nov. 12

2 -4 PM Zentangles® Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, Nov.14, 10 am -12 PM / 6 -8 PM

Christmas Card Class with Carolyn Hurst

Contact 336-725-1343 or frontdesk@knollwood.org to sign up for these classes.

Info: www.knollwood.org/filerequest/6658

RECREATION MINISTRY

Making Friends with Soccer Balls

By JOSH GODWIN

Young people were either screaming with joy while they ran, grimacing when their shots went wide, or shouting directions to each other in numerous languages and dialects. Soccer balls were whizzing back and forth through the air like hummingbirds in flight. It was a joyous sight to behold on Oct. 21, and an exciting occasion in which to be a participant. KBC created a very special day, hosting neighbors and friends, some who moved to this city as refugees, and others who have lived here their whole lives. Young people uprooted from their homes and places of comfort found a level of normalcy playing soccer on the grass outside the WCC. Inside, they ran rampant around the basketball court, throwing all manner of balls up into the hoops. Those who paused long enough to receive some coaching from our phenomenal volunteers were rewarded with a swish, while others kept trying until they got it on their own.

While our recreation ministry continues to grow, days like that serve to remind us of the access we have to God's kingdom through play. On that day, soccer balls and basketballs replaced words as the medium through which the love of God was shared. There was so much more than just recreation though, so the team of folks who planned and orchestrated the entire event deserve all the thanks and applause they can receive.

Apart from this special event, our recreation ministry does indeed continue to grow. The weekly pickleball sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays (10AM-12PM, 4:30-6:30PM both days) are always buzzing with players of all experience levels playing this fun and very easy to learn sport.

Also, we are excited to be hosting two Hoops4Him teams this season. Now that we have a fantastic facility to practice in, KBC will be fielding both a middle school and high school boys team. There are still some slots open on both teams for young guys to join and show off their prowess on the court!

EACH YEAR our church is filled with beautiful decorations for the Advent Season. **To honor or remember a loved one, you may make a contribution of \$15 to help maintain the decorations.** Remembrances will be taken through **Dec. 10** and presented in the worship order on Agape Sunday. Please complete the form below, include your payment, and drop it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office.

(Sorry, no phone orders, please.)

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please print clearly.

October Brings Over-Nighter & More

By JOSH GODWIN



Last time you probably read my writing in this newsletter you were reading about the time I woke up at the crack of dawn only to turn around and (attempt to) wake up teenagers. If you thought that was crazy, wait until you hear about what happened in October.

In the middle of October, KBC.ym conducted an experiment to determine exactly how much fun a person can have in one continuous, overnight spell. We called this grand social experiment OverNighter 2017. Twenty-seven teenagers and seven brave adults gathered in the Noffsinger building at 8 PM and embarked on an evening of adventure at a local corn maze, team-building escape rooms, and late-night milkshakes. Returning to KBC in the wee hours of the morning, some of us continued the good times while others chose sleep. Whether they made it the whole night or slept away the last few hours, it was an incredible night!

October was an insanely, fantastically busy month. October is always an unexpectedly busy month. There are more unforeseen games, meetings, school events, etc. than we seem to plan. Yes, the law of averages held true for KBC.ym as October was power-packed. We started off serving our community through our Adopt-A-Stream program, and we ended it with an evening celebrating our group's costuming imagination at our Halloween Extravaganza. We engaged with our growing community alongside our refugee neighbors and friends, and spent some quality time around a campfire during our 5th Quarter hangout.

On top of all this, we continue to explore what it means to listen authentically to each other, to ourselves, and to God. Our group has contemplated the difference between just hearing and really listening. We've practiced listening to God with our entire selves to better experience God's love and grace for us. With all the busyness in our lives, especially for teenagers, it is far too easy for our spiritual ears to become numb from all the noise thrown at us. But we are practicing what it means to listen, and growing together in listening for God's voice in our lives. Come and listen with us.



Youth OverNighter 2017 - A Grand Social Experiment

New Members



We welcome the **Caudle** family
Robert and Marissa (not pictured)
and Braden and Sophie.

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Continue to Welcome Our New Members

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By BEN WAGENER

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Sometimes we welcome new members at the door and forget them.

Please take time to seek out at least one or more of our new members. We will be putting up pictures of the newest members on our white board in the narthex.

Let us grow in our capacity of sacred hospitality: *"I was a new member and you remembered me."*



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