



# The Knoll Word

DECEMBER 2018

Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church

## Knollwood Celebrates Advent & Christmas

### Worship

**Sunday, December 2**

10:55 AM **The First Sunday of Advent: HOPE**

**Sunday, December 9**

**The Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE**

10:45 AM and 5:15 PM

**Christmas Music Festival**

**Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come!**

Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choirs,  
Handbell Choirs, Knollwood Brass

(see page 3)

**Sunday, December 16**

10:55 AM **The Third Sunday of Advent: JOY**  
**Agape Communion and Feast**

**Wednesday, December 19**

5:30 PM **Christmas Jazz**  
7 PM **Service of Remembrance** (see page 10)

**Sunday, December 23**

10:55 AM **The Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE**

**Monday, December 24**

5 PM **Christmas Eve Family Service**

*Come as you are* – child-friendly service with an original Christmas story for the children by Dr. Bob. Music by Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, Youth Choir Alumni, Guitars

11 PM **Candles, Carols and Communion**

**Sunday, December 30**

10:55 AM **The First Sunday after Christmas**  
*Sunday School will not meet.*

**Sunday, January 6**

10:55 AM **Epiphany Sunday**

*Sunday School 2019 begins January 6.*



### Agape Sunday, December 16 A Knollwood Tradition

By **DEBBIE PRUITT**

*Agape Team Chair*

On Dec. 16 Knollwood celebrates the birth of Christ with Agape Sunday, a time to experience the love of the Father and fellowship among Christians. It is a special worship service and Communion, followed by a shared meal in the Fellowship Hall and Dining Room. All are welcome to attend. To read more about the history of this celebration, please go to [www.knollwood.org/about-us/agape-traditions](http://www.knollwood.org/about-us/agape-traditions).

Each family attending is encouraged to bring a dessert (cookies, sweet breads, un-iced cakes, etc.) to share, in a disposable container. Those items should be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall before the worship service. There will be special dietary offerings for those requiring gluten-free, sugar-free, nut-free and vegetarian options. This table will be near the Christmas tree and marked with balloons. Contributions for the purchase of food are welcome and appreciated. These may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate (designated for Agape).

As this event hosts the entire congregation, we welcome your participation in decorating, food preparation, serving and clean-up. Most tasks will only require a couple of hours of your time on Dec. 14, 15 or 16. If you can help, please e-mail Debbie Pruitt at [debbiepruitt@icloud.com](mailto:debbiepruitt@icloud.com) or call/text to 336-782-3198.

## The Music That Stirs Hope When Nothing Else Does

By BOB SETZER JR.



For me, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, was a cold, dreary day. And not just outside the window but inside my soul.

I spent the day in Greensboro's Moses Cone Hospital with my mom who was, and is, gravely ill. I did my best to keep her comfortable, fluffing her pillow and giving her chips of ice. The blinds were mostly drawn so she could rest and hopefully doze through the pain.

The nurses dressed in blue floated in and checked the IVs, and the white coats, the docs, were thoughtful and kind. But despite my best efforts to create a protective cocoon in room M 501, the bad news kept cascading in. I felt like mom and I were in a failing submarine, taking on water and running out of air.

Finally, that afternoon, the nurses got mom up in a chair. She sat there like a rag doll, unable to sit upright without the support of strategically placed pillows. Seeing my once strong, independent mom reduced to such a state was sobering and sad.

That's when I decided to play her some Christmas music on my smart phone. I pulled up the "Christmas Traditional Radio" channel on my streaming music service and turned up the volume. Then I placed the phone on the arm of her chair.

The first song played was "*The First Noel*," a beautiful, full-throated choral offering of this beloved hymn. Upon hearing it, my mom's face brightened and her parched lips spread into the hint of a smile.

Next came the calming classic, "*Silent Night*." And then, as if to add some mirth to the mix, the phone broke out in a happy rendition of "*It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas*."

As Christmas music sounded in mom's once dark, dismal room, her spirits lifted. She continued to smile warmly, her eyes sparkling with the advent of each new tune. For the first time during that long, harrowing day, she was content and at peace.

When my sisters, Linda and Susan, and I were small, mom would ferry us about town while doing her Christmas shopping. The three of us would sit in the back of a 1960s-something black Rambler station wagon as mom cheerily sang and taught us the songs of Christmas. Mom was a gifted vocalist who, most years, offered a stirring solo of "*O Holy Night*" in the church Christmas cantata.

Now, decades later, after mom first taught her children to love and sing the songs of Christmas, she was tapping into a resource I, her preacher son, was powerless to give: the gift of music, the gift of memory, the gift of hope.

Before mom's Christmas music reprieve was over, the "*Hallelujah Chorus*" sounded on the smart phone. This time, mom stirred as though reclaiming dormant muscles and sat up a little in her chair. Then she started to sing. Haltingly to be sure, but she started to sing: "King of kings and Lord of lords! And He shall reign forever and ever!"

The music of Christmas is a vibrant expression of God's light shining in our darkness, the Light that no darkness can extinguish (John 1:5). This year, I'm going to need that music more than ever.

Blessings,

Bob

“As Christmas music sounded in mom’s once dark, dismal room, her spirits lifted”

# Christmas Festival 2018

*“Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come”*

Sunday, December 9 • 10:55 AM and 5:30 PM

By BRYON GROHMAN

*Interim Choral Director*

Every autumn I find myself longing to return to my hometown in the Appalachian mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania to experience the beauty of the fall season. When I was a boy, picking apples, raking leaves, and chopping firewood served as physical reminders that winter was fast approaching. Darkness advanced earlier with each passing evening as the rich kaleidoscope of the autumn landscape gave way to an earthly solemnity of walnut-brown, ash-gray, and coal-black.

The seasons vividly showcase the circle of life and remind us of our mortality. It isn't surprising that the early church organized its liturgical calendar alongside the changes of the equinox. As nature demonstrates the reality of birth, death, and new life, the church points us to the Gospel and its message of redemption through Christ.

As winter approaches, so do the cold and the dark, leaving us longing for warmth and light--both physically and spiritually. It is during this time that we are drawn to the manger, where we glimpse the Christ Child and behold his great light shining in the darkness. Here, the prophet Isaiah commands us to respond: to rise and shine, to reflect the light of hope born in the manger.

This year's Christmas Festival will feature music that portrays how light triumphs over darkness and cold gives way to warmth. Works will include Norwegian composer Kim Andre Arnesen's "His Light in Us," Daniel Pinkham's majestic "Gloria" for choir and brass, and Eric Whitacre's eternal a capella work, "Lux Aurumque," which translates, "Light warm and heavy as pure gold, and the angels sing softly to the newborn babe."

We hope you will plan to join this celebration, and invite your friends and neighbors.

**Note:** *Please enjoy the booklet of compiled Advent and Christmas worship services placed in the pews of the sanctuary. At the conclusion of each service, we ask that members leave this booklet in the pew for coming services. Visitors are welcome to take a booklet. Everyone is invited to take a booklet on Jan. 6.*

***“Show up and Sing”***

**A Choir Invitation for Sunday, Dec. 23**

**10 AM**

Any interested adults or youth are invited to be a part of an impromptu choir. We will meet in the choir room to learn Christmas anthems for morning worship. This is a wonderful opportunity if your schedule doesn't allow you to sing in choir regularly, or if you want to just give it a try. Contact Lauren Winkelman at [lauren@knollwood.org](mailto:lauren@knollwood.org) with questions.

## AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We continue to remember  
*Manford Haxton, Carey Hedgpeth, Broughton Correll, Verlene Venable, and Timothy Pennell*  
who were released from the hospital.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to  
*Lucy Davis*, and family, on the death of her step-mother, *Betty DeVault* on Nov. 12.

to *Brad Fowler* and family on the death of his father, *Fred Fowler*, Nov. 10.

to *Steven Davis* and family on the death of his father, *Charles Davis*, Nov. 13.

Congratulations to *Denise Patterson* on the birth of her granddaughter, *Hattie Quinn English*, born Nov. 2 to *Philip* and *Emily Patterson English*, Chapel Hill.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Betty Jean Cloyd (Colgin) DeVault*  
Jan. 3, 1924- Nov. 12, 2018

## NEWSLETTER

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BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Grace Unbounded*

# Music Ministry/Transition/ Search Committee Report

By JANET RAY

## Committee Chair

The Music Search Committee is currently receiving and reviewing resumes and letters of reference from candidates for our Minister of Music position. We are gratified with the quality and diversity of the candidates who are interested in serving at our church.

The Committee will continue to review and research the applicants through the end of the year. Our plan is to begin conversations with the top candidates in January.

Please continue to include the members of the Search Committee and our work together in your prayers.

## New Nativity Figures for Advent



*Two Marys on the work table... one is standing for the journey and one is kneeling for the manger scene. A shepherd is on the right.*

## Telling the Story

Some captivating, hand-crafted Bible figures will help tell the story of Advent and Christmas this year in the sanctuary. Each week during worship, look for the new figures added as the story unfolds: the prophet, the shepherds, the nativity, and the wise men. These figures were designed and crafted by Knollwood's own Sylvia Marvelli.



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages .....	9:45 AM
Worship Service .....	10:55 AM
Knollwood Brass rehearsal.....	8:45 AM
Knollchat .....	9:15 AM
Children's Bells.....	3:30 PM
HS Handbells .....	4:00 PM
Youth Choir .....	4:45 PM
Chancel Bells.....	5:45 PM
Youth Fun and Food.....	5:45 PM
Sunday Night Youth Group.....	6:45 PM

## SUNDAY AUDIO RECORDINGS

Dr. Bob's Sunday sermons are available online at [knollwood.org](http://knollwood.org). Recorded worship services are available on CD for \$1.

Contact the church office, 336-725-1343, or [frontdesk@knollwood.org](mailto:frontdesk@knollwood.org).

## Giving 2019

By GAYLE ANDERSON

Stewardship Chair

Our mustard seed has sprouted; its branches are growing, and opportunities are developing for Knollwood to make a meaningful difference in lives here and around the world. As this newsletter went to press, a total of 207 pledges have been received with a commitment of \$1,184,615 toward securing our 2019 ministry plan. That is more than 80% of the 2019 budget pledged, which based on past years' results, is a very high percentage. We are grateful for the strong response to our



campaign, "the mustard seed that changes everything," and we hope that as our final pledges are returned, all will see our mustard seed becoming the greatest of all shrubs. As the mustard seed shrub puts forth large branches,

we will have the resources we need to realize our hopes and dreams of living and loving like Jesus with head, heart, and hand.

If you have not yet returned your giving promise for the next year, we encourage you to do so now. The mustard seed pledge card can be found at [www.knollwood.org/resources/giving-online-](http://www.knollwood.org/resources/giving-online-), or requested by calling the church office. Please remember that we are asking you to make your mustard seed commitment by increasing your giving to Knollwood by 1% of your income for 2019.

Through the grace of God, we are improving lives every day and offering God's love to others. With your generosity, Knollwood's mustard seed can continue to grow and allow us to further extend the kingdom of God.

*"He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'"*

Mark 4:30-32 New Revised Standard Version



## Prayerfully Considering Year End Giving

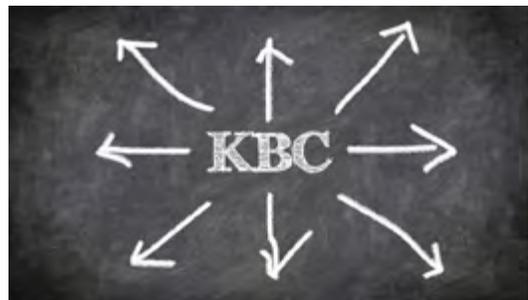
By GAYLE ANDERSON

Stewardship Chair

Every year at this time, we receive what sometimes seems to be an endless stream of appeals for year-end donations from many worthy organizations.

As you consider how to respond, please give prayerful consideration to supporting Knollwood first. Our church's outreach efforts touch the lives of so many. 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 work, here and around the world. Prayerfully consider the kingdom work Knollwood is doing and all the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead.



## Voting On The 2019 Ministry Plan Wednesday Night, January 30

The 2019 ministry plan and budget were reviewed on Wednesday night, Nov. 28. That plan can be reviewed at [www.knollwood.org/resources/kbc-documents](http://www.knollwood.org/resources/kbc-documents) or a print copy can be requested by calling the church office.

The ministry plan and budget will be voted on at a 6:15 PM church conference on Wednesday night, Jan. 30. That way the total amount of our 2018 giving can be known before the 2019 budget is passed. The Finance Committee believes this is a sounder plan for adopting our ministry plan for the new year.

Depending on the total giving for 2018, as well as the total pledged support for the new year, it is possible the 2019 budget will be amended.

After testing this new process for ensuring fiscal soundness in our budget planning, this practice may be continued.

## Resolutions and the Bible

January 2019 approaches. You can see it from here, right? Along with New Year's resolutions for fitness or self-care or budgeting, what would you think about a 2019 commitment to renewed Bible reading? Technology and on-line resources can help. Search for "read the bible through in a year" or "Bible reading schedules" and you'll find an amazing array of plans and aids. On-line schedules offer beginning-to-end plans (Genesis to Revelation), immersive plans (read the NT several times and the OT once), chronological plans (following a possible order in which stories happened or books were written), blended plans (a mix of Old and New Testament readings daily), or focused plans (a Psalm-a-day or Proverbs-every-month). Some apps and websites will even email you chapters daily.

In my view, however, a good study Bible helps with navigating these fascinating and sometimes difficult ancient texts. If you do decide on a 2019 Bible reading goal, I'd be keen to hear about it. If a cluster of us choose a shared or similar goal, perhaps we could check in with one another periodically – to share insights, reading practices, questions, or accountability. I'm seeking a plan that will help me be more disciplined, patient, attentive, and open: *"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope"* Psalm 130:5.

~Diane Lipsett



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Diane Lipsett,  
Minister of Faith Formation  
and Education

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

#### SCHEDULE

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4:30 PM Playground Pals

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5:15 PM Children's Choirs

Concord Choir (4 yo-K)

Carol Choir (1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> graders)

Chapel Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders)

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5:15 PM Middle School Bells

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5:15 PM Dinner line opens

(Childcare begins for children  
5 and under)

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6:00 PM Dinner

kids.connect

Sharing celebrations &  
concerns

Youth gather in Bldg. C

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6:15 PM Adult Learning

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7:00 PM Chancel Choir

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7:00 PM Open Gym in WCC

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## Wednesdays in December 2018 and January 2019

6:15 PM

**Dec. 5 Advent: Making Nativities**

**Dec. 12 Advent: The "No Rehearsal" Christmas Pageant**

**Dec. 19 Christmas Jazz and the Service of Remembrance** (*see page 10*)

**Jan. 9 Epiphany – An intergenerational time of learning and celebrating**

**Jan. 16, 23, and 30 - Why Baptist?**

Guest speakers and "Knollwood experts" will help us explore questions such as, What does it mean to be Baptist? What is distinctive about being Baptist? Is there a distinct geographical/racial/ideological difference in Baptists? What are the challenges about being a Baptist now? What is Knollwood's unique history as a Baptist church? These evenings are being planned by Sylvia Oberle and Spence O'Neill for the Faith Formation and Education Committee.

**Please note:**

On Jan. 30, a church conference will also be convened to vote on our 2019 Ministry Plan.

**Jan. 16 and 23 - Yoga as a Christian Living Practice**

with Gayle Anderson (a small group alternative)

**Jan. 16, Genesis 2:7** "God breathed the breath of life into the earth creature's nostrils, and the earth creature became a living person." Gentle yoga postures, exploration of additional breathing practices, and a guided meditation and relaxation. Asking ourselves for what special purpose God created us.

**Jan. 23, Psalm 46:10** "Be still and know that I am God." Repeating the yoga postures and breathing, and guided relaxation to release tension throughout the body. Asking ourselves what is God saying to me in the stillness? A164, 6:45-7 PM.

## Faith Communities and Disabilities: A Wider Welcome

Saturday, Feb. 23

Noon – 4 PM at Knollwood

*An afternoon of workshops, speakers and resources presented by Knollwood Baptist Church and Interfaith Winston-Salem*

We're excited to be planning and hosting this half-day community event aiming to deepen congregations' ministry by, to, and with people who live with disabilities, differences, or special needs. Watch for the full schedule in January. To volunteer or find out more, contact Diane Lipsett, [diane@knollwood.org](mailto:diane@knollwood.org).

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Bill Gaventa, is currently the Director of the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability and the Director of the Collaborative on Faith and Disability. Until 2013, Dr. Gaventa served as Director of Community and Congregational Supports at the Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, and as Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey. He now lives in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Gaventa's address will be titled "All of God's People Finally Showed Up": Moving from Inclusion to Belonging." He offers this preview: *"Everybody is Welcome" is one of the most familiar lines on congregational signs around the country. What happens when everyone shows up? Genuine hospitality as practiced in faith communities for centuries means that our definition of "all God's people" widens and deepens. Secondly, moving from "welcome" and "inclusion" to "belonging" is as much a gift to the congregational community as it is to people being welcomed. Challenging at times, yes, but as in any form of new and effective ministry, challenges can be overcome with learning and love.*

## Announcing: 2019 Summer Retreat on Spirituality and the Narrative Enneagram

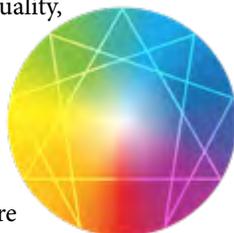
July 19-21, 2019

With Chris Copeland,  
Director of Leadership Development and Spiritual Life, and  
Assistant Professor of the Practice of Spirituality,  
Wake Forest School of Divinity

Held at Summit Conference Center,  
Haw River State Park

**SAVE THE DATE**

Watch for a registration brochure and more  
information in January 2019.



## Small Group Offerings Opportunities at Knollwood

**Monday Morning Men** meet at 7 AM. 380 Knollwood, Ste. 700. Contact Chip Mims, [cpmims3@gmail.com](mailto:cpmims3@gmail.com).

**Early Morning Women's Bible Study #1** meet Tuesdays at 7-9 AM For information, contact Dean Clifford at [cliffordconsult@mindspring.com](mailto:cliffordconsult@mindspring.com) or 336-418-0278.

**Early Morning Women's Bible Study #2** is studying the Gospel of Matthew. Wednesdays 7:30-9 AM Contact Rachel Wiggins, [rdwiggins@triad.rr.com](mailto:rdwiggins@triad.rr.com) or Diana Long, [dlong1221@gmail.com](mailto:dlong1221@gmail.com).

**Seasons, Children's Ministry's Bible Study for Moms of Young Children** meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9:15-10:45 AM, led by a group of Knollwood moms. Contact Chrissy Hardy [chrissy@knollwood.org](mailto:chrissy@knollwood.org).

**Women & the Word Evening Bible Study for Moms**-This newly formed group of moms with young children is gathering on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7:30-9 in a home. This semester we are reading selections of spiritual texts written by women and discussing these reflections. It is an open space for those who wish to study the Bible and pray together while sharing their experiences of motherhood. If you're interested, contact [chrissy@knollwood.org](mailto:chrissy@knollwood.org).

**Daytime Book Club** meets the 2nd Monday at 1 PM in the seating area near the library. On Monday, Nov. 12, the group will discuss *Swimming Between the Worlds* and *On the Brink of Everything*. On Monday, Jan. 14, the group will turn to *The Great Alone*. Anyone interested is welcome. Contact Dean Clifford, [cliffordconsult@mindspring.com](mailto:cliffordconsult@mindspring.com).

**Evening Women's Book Club** will meet Dec. 17 to discuss, *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon, at Rachel Stinehelfer's home, 2813 Regency Drive. Books can be purchased at Bookmarks for 20% off the retail price. Contact Rachel at [ledalucy21@yahoo.com](mailto:ledalucy21@yahoo.com).

**Enneagram groups**-Group 1 meets the 1st / 3rd Mondays, 5:30-7:30 PM. Group 2 meets the 1st / 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:45 AM. Contact Melanie Wilkinson: [melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com).

## A New Evening Men's Group

*"Iron sharpens iron as one man sharpens another"*

Proverbs 27:17, NIV adapted

A new group is forming to give men of our church regular opportunities to socialize, bond, talk, and "sharpen" one another. Interested? Have ideas? Contact Ben Heinsohn, [benheinsohn@gmail.com](mailto:benheinsohn@gmail.com), or Robert Hardy, [wroberthardy@gmail.com](mailto:wroberthardy@gmail.com).

# Anticipation and Preparation

By *CHRISSEY HARDY*

*Children's Ministry Associate*

You know the feeling of looking ahead at the calendar to something special? Maybe it's a trip or a big celebration, but the anticipation of a day ahead is just so exciting. Thinking about it, planning for it, counting down to it... sometimes the waiting for something special and exciting is the most fun part of all.



That's how I feel about Christmas. I have always loved this season, but I think even more than Christmas day itself, I love all the fun that leads up to it. I love the visits with Santa and the Christmas parties. I love finding perfect gifts for people I love and wrapping them up. I love watching the parades and the Christmas tree lightings and the music and the decorations and every last bit of it. It really is the most wonderful time of the year.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas at Knollwood, we will have many opportunities to anticipate the joy of Christmas day:

- Creating our own nativities (Dec. 5)
- A Christmas parents' night out (Dec. 8)
- Our Christmas festival music (Dec. 9)
- An unrehearsed Christmas pageant (Dec. 12)
- The traditional Agape Feast (Dec. 16)

There are so many opportunities for our families to prepare to come close to the mystery of Christmas. If you're here on Christmas Eve, we hope you'll join us at 5 PM for our family service, complete with candlelight and carols. And through it all, we have a special advent devotional for you to use as a family at home during this sacred season. It's my prayer that in the waiting, you will discover the peace and joy that Jesus brings.



*Christmas Eve 2017*

*Photo by Stephen Ball*

## Children's Ministry Calendar



**Wednesday Dec. 5**

**Creating Nativities** (all ages with parents)  
Transforming wooden peg dolls into a special homemade nativity for your family to enjoy during Advent.



**Saturday, Dec. 8**

**10-11 AM Rehearsal**

Carol and Chapel choirs rehearse for Sunday's Christmas Festival Music.



**Saturday, Dec. 8**

**5:30-8:30 PM - Parents' Night Out**

Preschoolers and Elementary  
Children may buy a pizza dinner (\$5 per kid) or bring a bag supper. Elementary children will take a field trip to carol at a care community with Christmas fun after. Preschooler activities will be on campus. Must register.



**Sunday, Dec. 9**

**Christmas Festival Music**

10:55 AM and 5:15 PM  
Children in Carol and Chapel choirs will be participating.



**Wednesday, Dec. 12**

**6 PM**

**Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant**  
All ages



**Sunday, Dec. 16**

**10:55 AM**

**Agape Sunday**  
**Agape Communion and Feast**



**Wednesday, Dec. 19**

**5:30 PM**

**Intergenerational Evening**  
**Christmas Jazz**



**Monday, Dec. 24**

**5 PM**

**Family Service**  
**Christmas Eve Services**

# International Missions Offering

By BRENT MARTIN

Chair, Missions Affiliations and Allocations Committee

Each December, as we begin our observance of Advent and Christmas, we also transition from the focus on hunger in November to a focus on international missions, with a special Christmas offering. This offering is to bring additional support to international mission endeavors reflecting the purpose, vision and values of Knollwood. The offering sponsors four organizations, each with active connections with and support from members of our congregation:

- Africa Exchange provides the program support for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries to partner in Christian missions with local, national, and international groups in Kenya.
- CBF Field Personnel Cindy and Eddy Ruble serve in Malaysia in many different ways, including disaster response and fighting human trafficking.
- Pico Escondido, a Young Life camp and retreat center, is located in the Dominican Republic. Groups of our members have traveled there three times to work with Roy Clifford, who grew up at Knollwood and serves as Camp Director, and whose wife Rebeca oversees operations and finance for Young Life’s work in the six countries of Central America.
- Project AMOS is a Christian non-profit that works to improve the health of impoverished communities in Nicaragua.

Given the religious turmoil in the world today, we are acutely aware of the need for Christian missionaries around the globe and the vital importance of thinking carefully about what constitutes effective and appropriate Christian witness in our world. It is our strong belief that each of the endeavors included in this offering are effective, appropriate, and life-giving.

Although all of us may not be able to go to these areas for direct personal involvement, we are all able to support them through financial gifts, prayer, and encouraging communication. Please prayerfully consider making a significant contribution this year to the work of these missions. We believe this is one way to joyfully remember whose birthday we celebrate.

## THROUGH THE WEEK SCHOOL

### TTWS Preschoolers Learning Through Play

By LUCRECIA NORMAN

Minister to Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool



During the month of November, our school talked about harvesting and planting. One class of four-year old created a turkey Toss.” It was hilarious.



## MINISTRY BUDGET

	2017	2018 (through Oct. 31)
Budget	\$1,214,320	\$1,213,861
Income	\$1,010,614	\$1,023,191
Expenses	\$1,069,821	\$1,119,148

## An Evening of Christmas Jazz

Wednesday, Dec. 19

5:30 - 6:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for an evening of Christmas jazz. The music will be played during the dinner hour and in concert after dinner.

## The Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, Dec. 19

7 PM in the Sanctuary

A special tradition at Knollwood, this service is an intimate time when members of our community of faith gather with families and friends to remember loved ones who have passed away this year. Family and friends are invited to bring photographs or other small mementos to place on the altar table. Feel free to contact Dr. Bob or Rev. Chris Norman with any questions you may have.



Christmas decorations in the Wellness and Community Center atrium

**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. 17** 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.*



Artwork by Robyn Churn

## FAITH IN THE CITY

Deepening Community Conversations

A new once-a-month series of speakers and conversations, focusing in 2018-19 on inequities in education. *First Tuesday of the month (except in Jan. 2019, when we'll skip to the second Tuesday).* With a brown bag lunch, in the Community Room of the Wellness and Community Center. We'll provide tea, lemonade and cookies. The series is open to anyone in our community.

**Dec. 4, noon – 1 PM (Doors open at 11:30 AM)**  
**Community Listening Sessions – What We Heard about Education and Equity** with Andrea Hulighan and Layla Garms of the Winston-Salem Foundation.

**Jan. 8, noon – 1 PM (Doors open at 11:30 AM)**  
**How We Got Here: Historic Steps for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools** With Toni Bigham, retired career administrator, principal and teacher, WS/FCS and Kenneth Simington, chief academic officer, WF/FCS, and product of our local schools.

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## Overflow Shelter Opens Dec. 1

For a sixth season, Knollwood will partner with local nonprofit City with Dwellings and our neighbors St. Timothy's Episcopal Church to offer Winston-Salem's only Women's Overflow Homeless Shelter for the four coldest months of winter.

Our commitment is to staff the Women's Shelter every Thursday evening from **Dec. 1 – Mar. 30**.

Each Thursday, we need:

- 2 overnight volunteers
- 2 check-in volunteers
- a meal for 25 people
- 25 morning snack bags for the women to take with them



If you or your Sunday School class or small group can help, please sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/sttimoverflow2018>

For more information, contact Virginia Sparkes at [sfvsparkes@me.com](mailto:sfvsparkes@me.com) or Diane Lipsett at [diane@knollwood.org](mailto:diane@knollwood.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

# An Example in Service

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation



Too often, young people's capacity for working and serving others is discredited. Cultural norms expect laziness, apathy, and cynicism from young people that is directly correlated to a disinterest in serving other people, both near and far. While this may be true for part of the youth demographic, it is not the absolute truth. For the young people involved with our congregation, it could not be further from it.

Our Knollwood young people are passionate about serving others; it is one of the biggest parts of who we are and what we are about with KBC.ym. In the last year, the KBC youth have taken part in more than eight service projects, both local and global. Some of our older teens have accounted for more than 60 hours of service in the past five months. We have supplied food to Second Harvest Food Bank, prepared pre-made desserts for families experiencing food scarcity in our city, given toys to Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries for incarcerated fathers at Christmas time, cleaned a local stream to care for our environment in our city, and just recently put our hands to drills and sanders to build bunk beds for children in Winston-Salem who do not have a bed in their home.

There is still so much more that we could do. There always will be. This is not a brag about all the things we do, because it still pales in comparison to the needs surrounding us. This is a brag about the serving spirits of our young people. Every time we present an opportunity for service to our KBC.ym young people, they meet the task with joy and cheer. Can you imagine the sound of laughter ringing out at the comradery of donning plastic blaze orange vests to pick up litter off the side of a road?

Our young people are an incredible bunch not just because they are smart, funny, joyful, and talented; they are an incredible bunch because of their compassion, grace, and love for others. I am constantly reminded and

taught a new lesson on Jesus's words to "love your neighbor as yourself" by their example. It's a lesson we all need reminding of now and again, if ever you feel the need for a refresher course, come spend some time with the young people at KBC.ym.



Photo by Virginia Sparkes

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

**JOY CLUB MUNCHERS** (Just Older Youth)

**Lunch and Fellowship for Seniors**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** We will NOT meet Mon. Dec. 17 because of so many activities during this holiday season..

Our next Joy Club Munchers will be **Monday, Jan. 14**. Soup will be provided. Bring a friend whether a church member or not. A great opportunity to reach out to someone living alone or someone who would enjoy some company. Games will be available after lunch if you like. D102 (Bldg. D. Community Room)

**Christmas Flower Pick-up**

**Sunday, Dec. 9** – Pick up in Lower Narthex for delivery to our homebound.

## WELLNESS & COMMUNITY CENTER

**Sunday WCC Access:** 336-496-0403

**1:30-4 PM.**

This number is activated for Sunday only.

**GYMNASIUM SCHEDULE ONLINE**

[www.knollwood.org/exercising-faith](http://www.knollwood.org/exercising-faith)

**WCC WALKING TRACK**

MON, TUES, THURS - 8 AM - 8 PM

WED - 8 AM - 5 PM

FRI - 8 AM - 5 PM

## HOOPS4HIM BASKETBALL

Hoops4Him is gearing up for a new season beginning in January. Any guys currently in grades 7 through 12 are welcome to join the team. Contact [josh@knollwood.org](mailto:josh@knollwood.org) for details.



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***Weekend Minister on Call***

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