WCC Team Celebrates and Concludes Work

By SANDRA BOYETTE

One year after the building’s dedication, the Wellness and Community Center (WCC) Team met on May 20 to review and conclude its work.

Established by the Deacon Executive Committee in September 2015, the Team’s charge was to plan for the use of the building, with special attention to matching the needs of our ministries to construction and amenities.

“At the beginning of the process, I asked the team to think broadly and deeply about how the congregation wanted the WCC to serve Knollwood’s mission—keeping in mind that we didn't want to open the building and realize that we had missed important needs, large or small,” said Ben Floyd, who chaired the Team. “We reiterated that point at every meeting. We are happy that the adjustments that have been or are being made over the past year are minor ones, and use of the WCC is exceeding expectations.”

The building is being used extensively by members, neighbors of Knollwood, and our community partners. With the atrium opening to the church offices and a strong security system, the building is user-friendly and operating with fewer volunteers than initially envisioned.

Dr. Bob Setzer reported that the staff is extremely pleased with the new offices and enjoy visiting with KBC members who come by to use the walking track. The conference room is a very popular meeting space and much-appreciated by all who use it.

In addition to the many new and relocated activities taking place in the WCC, other ministries are using freed space, especially in Noffsinger. For example, the Baptist News Global has now located in part of the office space (see page 4), and the Through-the-Week School had added classrooms there.

Also during the May 20 meeting, Marlin Yoder reported that WCC capital campaign pledge payments are being received on or ahead of schedule.

Thanks to the many Knollwood members who make the ministries of the WCC possible through their financial gifts, leadership, and service.

COMMUNITY ROOM: The Sew & So's; Joanne Ritter, Marilyn Barnhill, Becky Dougherty, Judy Owen and Betsy Clauser work on projects

ART ROOM: Rodney Stilwell explains a clay project to KBC.kids
Children's Ministry and Mary Ann Davis

GYMNASIUM: Knollwood Partner Imprints Cares Summer Camp holds a recreation session
FROM THE BACK SIDE OF THE PULPIT

Where Wellness and Community Happen
One-Year Anniversary of the WCC

By BOB SETZER JR.

When it comes to celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Wellness and Community Center (WCC), it’s hard to know where to start. So I’ll start right where I am. Here. Now. Today. In the WCC.

It’s Tuesday morning, about 10:30 a.m. The WCC is buzzing with activity. In the gym, seniors are playing Pickleball, a game that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The gym divider is down, separating the gym floor into two distinct courts. Some seniors are lounging on the bleachers and enjoying one another’s company, waiting their turn. Many are not members at Knollwood but neighbors and friends from the wider community.

Meanwhile, squealing, smiling preschoolers are running and playing on the upstairs walking track. It is raining, and on wet or terribly hot days, the WCC is the rec-time refuge for our Through-the-Week School. The teachers of the preschoolers are walking in pairs, contentedly talking while keeping an eye on their charges. When pickleball is not in session and the whole gym is available, the preschoolers are endlessly inventive in playing downstairs with jump ropes, hula hoops, a parachute, and a colorful assortment of kickballs and beach balls.

Upstairs in the computer room, a Knollwood member is helping a Hispanic neighbor with her English. At other times, Knollwood members tutor refugee family members in English or American culture and customs, usually in the Community Room. But the Sew and So’s are in there this morning. Their already impressive productivity in creating woven expressions of KBC love has soared now that they have dedicated storage space for their equipment and supplies.

In the Arts and Hearts Room, chair yoga is quietly, serenely proceeding. But that room regularly births more flamboyant expressions of faith and life, like the amazing Pentecost Sunday pottery extravaganza that culminated in holy fire in the Noffinger traffic circle (ask Rodney Stilwell or Pam Boehme!).

When school is out later today, a couple dozen boys, mostly from the neighborhood, will descend on the gym to play basketball. This evening, a much larger and more diverse group, drawn from all over Winston-Salem, will play. The gym will thunder with their racing feet and triumphant shouts.

Throughout the day, a succession of guests make their way upstairs to the office reception area to ask a question, get help, or speak with a minister. This afternoon, our ministerial staff will gather in the WCC’s lovely, inviting conference room with windows and lots of light. It’s a far cry from D-100, the dark "dungeon" of the old house that used to sit on the edge of campus.

Well, I’ve run out of space, but I still haven’t told the half of what the Wellness and Community Center has come to mean since we dedicated the building on May 21, 2017. But in short, it has brought our church and community closer together through vital ministries of recreation, art, service, hospitality, and welcome.

These days, I can’t imagine life at Knollwood without the WCC. And I’m so grateful to God and this congregation that I don’t have to.

Blessings,

Bob
Knollwood

Annual Report 2018

Knollwood

The 2018 annual report detailing and celebrating our church’s many ministries is available online at www.knollwood.org/resources/kbc-documents. The report contains the Nominating Committee report for the new church year starting July 1. The report also includes committee rosters and ministry team coordinators for 2017-18 church year, as well as many photos of church life. Print copies of the annual report may be requested by calling the church office at 336-725-1343.

Sunday, June 10

Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser

Join us at 9 AM for a Pancake Breakfast provided by the youth of our congregation. Freshly made pancakes will replace the regular donuts at Knollchat. Youth will help serve and clean up, so just show up and enjoy the fellowship of friends around flapjacks before going on to Sunday School. This will be by donation only, with all proceeds benefiting the Youth Missions Fund.

The fund is used by the youth group for its various service activities, both in our community and more far-reaching. In the past year, we have donated food to a local mobile-pantry, purchased Christmas toys for Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries, and helped finance our work team to go to Pico Escondido this summer. Please come support our missions.

2018 KBC “Yearbook” Available

Knollwood SUMMER CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13
kbc.kids Pool Party at Westwood 5-8 pm
Registration required, family fee

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
Park Picnic & Play Date at Miller Park 5:30 pm

JUNE 16-23
Youth in Dominican Republic

JUNE 24-28
Vacation Bible School

JULY 2-5
PassportKIDS

MONDAY, JULY 9
Preschool Playdate at KBC, 10 AM-12 PM
Story, music, playground & bag lunch

MONDAY, JULY 9
Elementary & Middle Open Gym, 10 AM-12 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11
Dan Nicholas Park Family Outing
Parents & Children Registration required. Bring $$
to enjoy the train, putt-putt, zoo, gem mining & more

JULY 16-21
PassportMISSIONS (Youth only)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18
Performance and Potluck at Knollwood

TUESDAY, JULY 24
Park, Picnic, & Paddleboats at Tanglewood, 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
Performance and Potluck at Knollwood

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9
Park, Picnic, & Popsicles, 5:30 PM
Winston Lake Aquatic Park

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
Church-wide Dash Game
Registration required. $11 per person

Events Registration: https://tinyurl.com/y97jdq7z
Music Ministry Transition/Search Committee
Reports To Membership

By JANET RAY

Music Ministry Transition/Search Committee Chair

Since its first meeting in late January, the Music Ministry Transition/Search Committee has conducted interviews with nine people who are influential in current music ministry including successful music ministers and professors preparing students for music ministry. From these interviews, the committee determined the top trends of successful music ministry in the following areas: staffing, education and preparation, technology, choirs and ensembles, and musical styles. In addition to identifying and understanding the top trends in music ministry, the committee discovered common recommendations in each area from the pool of interviewees.

The trends and recommendations were presented to the membership in a meeting during the Sunday School hour on May 20. The meeting included time for participants to provide feedback on the recommendations to the committee. This meeting will be repeated after worship on June 3 from 12:15 pm-1:30 pm. Lunch and child care will be provided. If you were not able to participate in the meeting on May 20, please join us on June 3. We would like to hear from everyone.

The Music Ministry Transition/Search Committee will use the feedback from these two congregational meetings as well as conversations with the Chancel Choir, our youth and parents to develop a Leadership Profile for Knollwood’s music ministry. When the Profile is completed, the committee will share it with our membership.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 3
12:15 pm-1:30 pm

Lunch and child care will be provided.

Habitat for Humanity
Faith Build

Knollwood is excited to once again be working alongside other faith groups in serving our community with Habitat for Humanity through the Faith Build. The Faith Build is an opportunity to serve with our brothers and sisters from other Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities as laborers together for Habitat’s mission.

Knollwood is supporting the Habitat Faith Build in two ways. First, our missions committee (MAAC) has committed $5000 toward the project. Second, summer being around the corner means the physical work of building those houses is almost here. We will need hands to swing those hammers. Stay tuned for dates to be part of a Knollwood work team.

Baptist News Global – Our New Ministry Partner In the Noffsinger Bldg.

One of our church’s ministry partners, Baptist News Global (BNG), is now housed upstairs in the Noffsinger annex. The BNG staff shares space on that hall with the readiness class of our preschool.

BNG is a reader-supported, independent news organization providing original and curated news, opinion and analysis about matters of faith. The mission of BNG is to interpret Christianity and culture through compelling journalism that informs and motivates people to make a difference in the world.

Recently, BNG launched a new Storytelling Journalism Initiative. This initiative reflects BNG’s conviction that narrative or storytelling journalism, rooted in the Jesus Story, has the power to motivate, inspire and even transform.

You can follow BNG on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, subscribe to BNG Headlines sent every weekday via email, and read online at baptistnews.com.

Tasha Gibson is the Assistant to the Executive Director and Publisher, and will be welcoming most visitors to the BNG offices. The Executive Director and Publisher of BNG is Knollwood member David Wilkinson.
Celebrating the Week of the Child

By LUCRECIA NORMAN
Minister of Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool

The Week of the Young Child was celebrated the first week in May at TTWS. We kicked off the week on Sunday, May 6, with our Spring Carnival and Spring Music Program with our 2 year old classes through the Readiness Class. We sang, ate pizza, had ice cream, and a visit from a pit crew. Thanks to Sam Abney pit crew member for Ryan Newman.

We continue to remember John Roach, Gene Beck, and Brenda McSwain who were released from the hospital.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Weston Henderson and Mary Beth Henderson on the death of Walt Henderson, Weston’s grandfather, and Mary Beth’s father-in-law, May 24 in Elon.

Our deepest sympathy is also expressed to John Harrison and family, on the death of his cousin Les Harrison, in Great Britain,

and to Chip Mims and family, on the death of his brother, Joe Mims, May 30.

NEWSLETTER
This newsletter is published monthly by Knollwood Baptist Church.

Articles should be 300 words or less. Send articles to colleen@knollwood.org.

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Welcoming Refugees - A New Opportunity

A refugee family from the Democratic Republic of Congo will arrive on June 7. These are relatives of a family already served by a collaborative KBC and Temple Emanuel Good Neighbor Team. We are committed to helping furnish and set up a home for these new arrivals. We are also assessing whether we have members who would like to serve on a new Good Neighbor Team—usually a commitment of six months. If you have furniture to donate please contact Dean Clifford at either cliffordconsult@mindspring.com or 336-418-0278 right away (even after June 7, we'll be working to meet needs and fill gaps). If you want to be part of forming a new Good Neighbor Team or simply want more information about what would be involved, please contact Dean Clifford or Diane Lipsett at diane@knollwood.org. Thank you for considering involvement in this vital ministry of welcome.

Summer Women’s Book Club

August 20, 7 PM

Interested in a late summer gathering of one of our women's book clubs? The group will gather at Rachel Stinehelfer's home to discuss Amor Towles' A Gentleman in Moscow, 7 p.m. August 20, 2813 Regency Drive, Winston-Salem. This book can be purchased at Bookmarks for 20% off the retail price. For information and directions, contact Rachel at ledalucy21@yahoo.com.

Performance and Potluck

Two Wednesdays this summer

July 18, August 8, 5:30-7:30

in the fellowship hall

We’ll take a welcome break from our Wednesday night rhythms for the summer. Twice, however, all are invited for an evening of special performances and a potluck dinner. Watch for details for all ages as plans are confirmed – we’ll share specifics in weekly email and the worship order.

Companions In Christ: The Way of Forgiveness

Coming this fall

Over the last year, a Monday morning Companions in Christ group has fostered close spiritual companionship and led participants into deeper practice of spiritual disciplines. This Fall a new offering begins—Companions in Christ: The Way of Forgiveness. We will explore the difference between shame and guilt and how to use anger constructively. We will discover what forgiveness is and is not. We will explore the relationship between forgiveness and reconciliation. Various spiritual disciplines will be incorporated within our experience with scripture.

We already have a number committed to this study, with a few spaces open for others who wish to join us on this journey each Monday, Sept. 17- Nov. 12, 10:00-12:00. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Melanie Wilkinson at melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com or 254-715-00732 or Evalynn Davis ebdavis@yadtel.net or 336-466-3181. You may also sign up through the church office frontdesk@knollwood.org or 336-725-1343.
A Contemplative Retreat: July 20–22

Perhaps a retreat announcement has caught your eye in the past few months, or perhaps you’re just noticing this one for the first time. Either way, as you sort out the last details of summer plans, do consider this opportunity for renewal and retreat. For this brief but significant time, participants will leave behind daily distractions and engage different forms of prayer and reflection. Worship and small group conversation will alternate with opportunities for silence and solitude. You may walk a labyrinth, take a yoga class, walk on nature trails, swim in an outdoor pool, or canoe on a lake. Our retreat leader will be Rebecca Maynard, ordained Baptist minister and the founder of Stacking Stones, an ecumenical ministry of spiritual formation for churches and individuals. Building on two summers of meaningful KBC small group retreats, this contemplative weekend is open to all adults (note: retreats are not just for women). Retreat brochures are available. Scholarship assistance may be requested. Call 336-725-1343 or email frontdesk@knollwood.org to request a brochure or reserve a spot.

Faith Formation Ideas for the Fall?

Found yourself dreaming of a particular kind of small group experience at Knollwood? Had an idea for a topic, a Bible study, or a burning issue you’d like to have addressed at church? As we work on some already identified plans and goals, we’d also love to hear fresh ideas, longings, hopes, and dreams for faith formation offerings. Please pass your thoughts along to Diane Lipsett, diane@knollwood.org, or to any member of the incoming Faith Formation and Education Committee (formerly known as “Adult Ed”): Sylvia Oberle (chair), Evalyn Davis, Chip Mims, Spence O’Neill, John Roach, Jennifer Schwarz, Kathy Stillerman, or Andy Tooze.

Wednesday Night End of Year Celebration – May 23 Beach Party

A great time was had by all with beach games, board games, seashell crafts, beach music, and great food and fellowship.
Ready for Summer

By CHRISSY HARDY

Children's Ministry Associate

Summer is coming, but we're not slowing down. We've got lots of fun planned in addition to our week of Vacation Bible School and PassportKIDS camp at Montreat. I hope by now you've had a moment to compare your family's calendar with our Knollwood summer calendar and that you can be with us whenever you are in town. Stay tuned for details about each event as they approach— or feel free to ask me if you have questions. Our regular Wednesday nights have taken a break, but Sunday School will continue for children throughout the summer. Don't let the change in routine allow you to drop off our radar. We hope to see you for many of these fun events so we can stay connected. And bring a friend or neighbor to join us at a Park & Picnic or for Performance & Potluck. Many of our regular families now started out by attending a few special events with friends. Summer is a great time to welcome new faces into our community. (See our Summer Calendar on pg. 3)

KBC.KIDS POOL PARTY

Join us at Westwood Pool from 5-8PM on Wednesday, June 13. Your cost is $5 per swimmer, ages 6 and up (kids 5 and under are free and if adults don't plan to swim, you are also free). Bring your family's picnic supper or plan to order dinner from the Olive Tree Grill at Westwood. We have a picnic shelter reserved and extra lifeguards on duty to make sure we have a safe and fun time together. I do need to give them an idea of numbers, so be sure you've registered for this fun event on our ALL-SUMMER-REGISTRATION-FORM: https://tinyurl.com/y97jdq7z. This event is for KBC.kids, but of course older siblings are welcome to come, too.

Thanks to the Yarbrough family for hosting this great start to summer! If you have any questions, please email me!

VBS NEEDS

As we complete our preparations for VBS, we welcome your help. Here are a few ways you can support our children and leaders in advance of our week together:

- Collect empty, clean, 2-liter bottles with lids and drop in boxes in Narthex or Foyer of Bldg B. We will use these in our Science Station
- Loan us unlit artificial Christmas trees to be a part of our set
- We need camping lanterns, life jackets, paddles, and other “whitewater equipment” that will help bring our set to life
- Help us build the set and decorate the week of June 18-22, 9 am-1 pm.

Contact chrissy@knollwood.org

June 25-28
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM-12 PM
Children’s Choirs Celebrate End of Year Concert

By LAUREN WINKELMAN

Music Ministry and Organist

On Wednesday evening, May 16, the children's choirs presented their end-of-year program. We celebrate the four 5th graders who earned All-Star status in the Hymns for a Lifetime program, which means they memorized the first stanza of 20 hymns for 3 years, totaling 60 hymns altogether. One child reached the 2nd-year benchmark of learning 40 hymns, and 10 memorized their first set of 20 hymns and received their own hymnals engraved with their names. Congratulations to these boys and girls – may they hold these hymns in their hearts throughout their lives.

My heart was full as I looked at all the children who sang in our children’s choirs this year. These young singers are learning much more than how to sing a few songs and clap simple rhythms; they are learning what it means to worship through music, to raise up praise or prayer through song, and to lead our church in experiencing God’s presence among us. They are learning that the talents they have to offer are valuable, that we can work together to make something beautiful, and that we give our best because God deserves nothing less.

These are lifelong lessons, and singing in worship is a lifelong endeavor whether you are in a choir or a member of the congregation. Thank you to our choir leaders, parents, and Knollwood members for your helping hands, your encouragement, and all your support for these children.

"Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.” ~Ephesians 5:18b-19

Senior Adult Ministry Requests Your Input

If you are young at heart and 55 or over, please help our committee plan for activities and events you would be interested in attending and participating. Our committee (listed below) is working hard to do what you wish to do but we need to hear from you. Please feel free to share with them, send us a note or any way you are willing to speak up. We want to hear from you.

Senior Adult Ministry Committee: Chris Norman, Ann Adams, Civil Archer, Ed Archer, Edna Austin, Becky Dougherty, Anne Harrison, Jean Kirk, Betty Lanning, George McSwain, Brenda McSwain, Joyce Moser, Dewey Upshaw, Betty Ann Upshaw, Linda H. Walker, Diane P. West, and Doug West.
KNOLLWOOD Co-ed SOFTBALL

The softball season is nearing its end, which means the postseason is coming up quickly. Come to Washington Park on the evening of June 14 as we give our all to bring home another trophy!

Danny Stinehelfer at bat
Softball Team members: Corinne Causby, Jon Churn, Alyssa Godwin, Robert Hardy, Jackie Jackson, Cyndy Jones, Jeff Nichols, Wendy Oakley, Chuck Pruitt, Virginia Sparkes, Chase Smith, Jamie Southern, Ed Southern, Danny Stinehelfer, Rachel Stinehelfer, Ben Wagener, Rebecca Wells, and Josh Godwin, coach

GAME SCHEDULE

| JUNE 7  | 6:30 PM | JUNE 14 | TBD |

SUNDAY WCC GYM ACCESS
336-496-0403

For member access to the gym on Sundays 1-4 PM. This number is activated for Sunday afternoons only.

WCC WALKING TRACK SCHEDULE
MON - THURS - 8 AM - 8 PM
WED - 8 AM - 5 PM; 7 - 8 PM
FRI - 8 AM - 5 PM
SUN - 5 - 6:30 PM

GYMNASIUM SCHEDULE
www.knollwood.org/exercising-faith, or www.knollwood.org/filerequest/6794

Summer Brings a Shift

By JOSH GODWIN
Minister of Youth and Recreation

As the school year is wrapping up, we begin to turn our attention to the glories of summer time. Longer days full of adventure. Warm breezes cooling us on hot days. The smell of sweaty socks that you just can’t escape because it’s so muggy everywhere you go. Ah, the wonders of summer!

The summer season will bring some shifts in our recreation ministry. The WCC’s hours of availability and weekly programming calendar for the summer of 2018 will be coming out soon and will feature new hours. We’ll still be offering pickleball, zumba, yoga, basketball and our other regular programs. However, some of their times may shift, so be on the lookout for new times. The WCC will also serve as an air-conditioned haven on those extra-hot days by holding consistent and reserved times throughout the summer for families to come and enjoy some active play time for children without the burden of excessive heat.

We’re very excited about the coming summer months and we hope you’ll be part of it! Be on the lookout over the next week for a new and updated WCC calendar for the summer of 2018; it will be full of exciting new announcements and offerings!
Rain Plans and New Plans

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation

Our recent run of dreary weather has caused some casualties in our youth group plans. SLEEP-OUT on May 18-19 was intended to be a night spent out under the stars in youth-built cardboard box forts. We watched and waited for the rain to relent, but it never did. We knew the jig was up when the River Knollwood ceased being a peaceful trickle and became a roaring deluge. All hope seemed lost, until SLEEP-OUT became SLEEP-IN!

Rather than spend the night beneath the stars, we spent the night in the Youth Building. Not as adventurous, but much drier. We had fun playing games and building our cardboard forts with gusto. But it wasn’t all just fun, as we also had real conversations about the experiences of homelessness and hunger in our community and prayed for those living in those challenges. On Saturday morning, rather than tempt fate with our planned Adopt-A-Stream activity, we went to a local grocery store and purchased nearly 20 bags of food for Second Harvest Food Bank.

This was one of a number of local service activities the youth group has engaged in this past year. We are able to do all these thanks to your donations to the Youth Mission Fund. Originally set up to help fund the large mission trips, including our trip to the Dominican Republic coming up later this month, the Youth Mission Fund’s usage has expanded to spreading the love of Christ on both a large and local scale. By donating to the Youth Mission Fund, you play an irreplaceable role in serving alongside our youth.

If you’d like to be part of our youth ministry and service, come and enjoy the Youth Pancake Breakfast the morning of Sunday, June 10. We’ll replace the donuts of Knollchat with hot pancakes made fresh that morning just for you to come and enjoy. The breakfast will be by donation only, so we hope you’ll come be part of supporting our youth ministry.

Friday August 17

Dash Game

KBC.kids and KBC.ym invite you to join us for an evening at the ballpark. Your registration gets you a seat in our block together, a free hat and a game program. You can enjoy all the festivities of a night in the park for just $11 per person ($40 family maximum, ages 3 and under are free, but must sit in a lap). Stick around for Friday night fireworks.

In order to reserve our block of seats together, we ask that you please register by June 30.
REGISTER: https://tinyurl.com/yaee6obk

Thank You for Your Gifts

Our thanks to those who made a special, one-time gift to our church’s ministry plan for 2018. Thus far, we have received $23,265, a generous outpouring of love and support for the church and its mission. If you would like to make such a gift, you may do so at www.knollwood.org/give or by sending your check to the church office.

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