



The Knoll Word

MAY 2019

Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church

Easter Sunday at Knollwood



Easter at KBC was a glorious celebration of the great, glad news of Easter: "The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!"



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“Where’s Mr. Merlin?”

By BOB SETZER JR.



Not long after our last church administrator, Marlin Yoder left KBC, one of the preschoolers in the *Through the Week School* asked Chris, “Where’s Mr. Merlin?” This child was used to seeing “Merlin” ambling through the halls of the preschool and she missed seeing him

Naturally, I chuckled upon hearing this story. But I also wondered: how did that child learn *my* favorite name for Marlin? Early in his tenure at Knollwood, I christened Marlin, *Merlin*, because of all the magic he seemed to do.

After losing our resident administrative magician, I faced the interim that followed with some trepidation. How could we possibly learn and do all the things Marlin did to keep our campus and ministry humming?

Fortunately, I didn’t face this challenge alone. Instead, KBC’s leadership pulled together a crack team of some of our best and brightest folks to help. John Boehme agreed to lead our administrative transition and search team, Mary Ann Davis stepped forward to provide guidance and support to the office staff, and Larry Hewitt, chair of facilities, became our go-to guy for failing systems (or falling wall panels!) in need of immediate attention.

Alongside these key players, a number of other folks stepped forward to make our administrative transition as seamless as possible. Because of their able efforts, along with those of our administrative, program, and ministerial staff, we not only survived the interim, but thrived. Our church’s ministry of hospitality--which at its heart, is what much of church administration is, or should be--continued to be gracious, warm, and inviting.

And now the best part! We have a new church administrator, Robin Spainhour (see article on page 3), who has already wowed us with her competence, positive energy, eagerness to serve, and warm, winsome personality. Robin came to us from a successful career in finance and has served extensively as a volunteer leader in a sister church in our city. I have every reason to expect (and hope!) that Robin will have a long and fruitful career at Knollwood Baptist Church.

In the place and time where I was trained for ministry, divinity students were groomed to be pastor-scholars who wouldn’t deign to dabble in church administration. But I soon learned, in my on-the-job training in the real world of the church, that nothing much got done unless the infrastructure was in place to support the church’s mission. These last two months without an administrator, when I and others have dived deep into the inner workings of our church, have reminded me anew how vitally important that work is.

There’s a reason “administration” is listed as a “gift of the Spirit” in 1 Corinthians 12:28 (sometimes translated “guidance,” “governing,” or “leadership”). It’s because the ancient church, like the modern church, could not long thrive without skilled, able stewards to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to us.

So welcome to Knollwood, Robin. God knows, and now we do too, how important your new work is.

Blessings,

“Welcome to
Knollwood,
Robin.”

Knollwood's Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 6:15 PM

By *LEN PRESLAR*

Diaconate Vice Chair

Come share in the good work of congregational governance--reports of the church year past and plans for the year ahead. This annual meeting includes a church-in-conference.

We are proposing minor changes to our Bylaws, to be voted on at our annual meeting, where we'll also vote on the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee's report to elect committees, ministry team leaders and chairs. The Bylaw changes are simple ones, such as deleting several outdated requirements which we've not fulfilled in some time, and rewording several sections for clarity. The Leadership Development report and a redacted version of the Bylaws are posted online: <https://www.knollwood.org/media-documents>. Please contact me at preslar.len@gmail.com, if you have questions or concerns.

New Church Administrator Joins Knollwood Staff

By *DOROTHY WAGENER*

Knollwood's new church administrator is Robin Spainhour, who began work April 23. She brings a wealth of experience in banking, accounting, finance, leadership, and supervision to the position, says John Boehme, search team chair.



Robin Spainhour

"The church administrator position attracted more than 30 applications, but Robin's resume exhibited such rich experience that she was a top candidate prior to the actual interviews," Boehme said. When the team met her, they were convinced within the first few minutes that Robin was the right person. "With her genuinely engaging personality, we believe she will continue our tradition of excellent service to members," he added.

Spainhour has decades of experience in the banking and financial services industry, most recently more than 20 years with BB&T in Winston-Salem. There she led a team of financial analysts to support the branching network, collaborating with other senior leadership to provide support for 1,800 branches in 15 states and the District of Columbia.

"I was really ready for a change from the corporate environment to a new setting where I could utilize my skills and experience to assist another organization," Spainhour said. "I consider this opportunity to work at KBC the answer to my prayers."

A member of Highland Presbyterian Church, she is a native of Winston-Salem with two bachelor's degrees from High Point University. She and her husband, Kevin, have a dachshund named Yogi.

Other members of the search team were Beth Fields, Debbie Yancey, Scott Francis, Larry Hewitt, and Bob Setzer.

May Missions Offering

By *MARY ANN DAVIS*

Diaconate Chair

Knollwood is a remarkably generous congregation. Missions are very important to us, and we support a number of worldwide, national, state and local missions.

May is the month for our annual special offering that benefits North Carolina agencies: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, NC Baptist Children's Homes, WFU Baptist Hospital Benevolence Fund, and NC Baptist Retirement Homes.

These agencies directly impact the lives of so many. Please consider offering your financial support through our May offering. Envelopes are available in the pew racks and in the church office. You may also give online: <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/Giving/Knollwoodgiving>.

Music Ministry/Transition/Search Committee Report

By *JANET RAY*

Committee Chair

The Music Ministry Transition/Search Committee is encouraged that its work may be nearing completion. Pray for us during this critical phase of our work.

As chair, I have observed and am grateful for the work of this outstanding committee. Ministerial searches are not like most church tasks. Every member of the committee must work hard on each task and take great care to preserve the confidentiality of the candidates. Besides the frequent meetings (sometimes weekly) committee members work quietly to review reams of material, talk with references and interview candidates.

The Music Ministry Search committee has worked together since last March, first listening to our members to determine what attributes of leadership were most desired in our next Music Minister and then working to find candidates that possessed those attributes. Hopefully, this good work will bear fruit soon. Share an encouraging word with our members: Susan Edge, Ben Floyd, Ben Heinsohn, Mark Jensen, Bill Leathers, Rebecca Neiberg, Beth Sanders and with Bob Setzer who has been an active member of the committee every step of the way

Celebrating Children

Wednesday, May 15

6:15 PM

MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Choirs Program

By LAUREN WINKELMAN

Music Ministry Associate and Organist

When we gather for our program on Wednesday, May 15, we will celebrate our children and their growing faith. More than 40 children participated in our children's choirs this year, and 12 of our 3rd-5th graders in the Chapel Choir will receive awards for memorizing 20 hymns in our Hymns for a Lifetime Program. Hymns, anthems, and songs teach our children about God and how to live and love like Jesus. Memorizing hymn texts allows the seeds of God's Word to be planted deeply within their hearts to grow, and expressing our faith through singing is something we will all do for the rest of our lives.

Many thanks to our children's choir leaders and assistants for their dedication throughout the year – Charlotte Brown, Becky Ball, Laura Robinson, Kimberly Maner, Rebekah Edwards, and Beth Sanders.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Memory Verse Challenge

By CHRISSEY HARDY

Children's Ministry Associate

Each month of this school year, our children have worked to memorize a Bible verse related to our theme of that month. I'm sure many adults in our congregation still remember some of the verses they memorized as children. It is our hope that these children will also treasure these words in their hearts as their faith grows and develops. In May, we review those memory verses together at church through interactive games and also ask families to study up at home for our big challenge night. Parents, use the flashcards that came home on May 1, or ask Chrissy if you need a set, and help your child do his or her best on our memory verse challenge night May 8! There are 10 possible verses to say from memory - with the correct references. How many will your child be able to do? We'll recognize all participants at our end of the year choir program on May 15.

See the Wednesday Night Schedule on page 6.



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. Recorded worship services are available on CD for \$1.

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

Fun with Father

at the Wellness & Community Center

Offenders with strong family ties during their incarceration have lower rates of recidivism, less drug use, and a greater likelihood of employment when paroled. The impact of incarceration in families can be devastating:

- 46% of incarcerated fathers were living with their children before their convictions
- more than 1.5 million of America's children under 18 have a parent who is incarcerated
- the average sentence for imprisoned parents is 6.5 years
- children of inmates are 6 times more likely to become involved in criminal behavior
- children experience learning and behavior difficulties

The Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries offers several family-builder programs throughout the year for inmate fathers to connect and affirm their children. Knollwood Baptist Church's Wellness and Community Center was the meeting location for this year's Fun with Father Program, which is designed to strengthen offenders' family relationships. To qualify for this program, the offender attended parenting classes that taught skills to encourage and support their children. Thirteen offenders and their 21 children participated.



The ministry staff and volunteers led activities that included: recreation, arts and crafts, spirituality sessions, and ended with a scavenger hunt. John Danforth coordinated the recreational module that kept the dads and children moving. At lunchtime, the children's caregivers arrived to share a pizza lunch with the offenders and children. Families were given the opportunity to share what this time meant to them. The program ended with big hugs and tearful goodbyes. Chaplain Rodney Stilwell said, "Knollwood's hospitality was appreciated by many. This was an important time for broken families to begin healing."



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AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We continue to remember
Larry Hewitt, and Civil Archer
who were released from the hospital.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to
The family of *Betsy Parsley*, on her death,
March 30.

Mark Tamer and David Tamer and families, on the
death of their brother, *Richard Tamer*, April 2.

Jonna Yarbrough and family on the death of her
grandmother, *Jeanette Anderson*, April 6.

John Danforth and family on the death of his
brother *William L. Danforth*, Friday, April 12.

Cliff Pennell, Melanie Broyhill, Jennifer Gortney
and families, on the death of their father, charter
member, *Dr. Tim Pennell*, on April 13.

Sue Vogler on the death of her husband, *Frank
Vogler*, and to *Ellen Meyers* on the death of her
father, April 19, 2019.

Anne Haxton, on the death of her husband,
Manford Haxton, April 20.

Ken Bass and family, on the death of his sister,
Mary Dell, on April 19.

Rob Robertson and family, on the death of his sister,
Sonya Robertson Bishop, April 24.

Chris Cutler and family, on the death of his father,
Douglas Cutler, March 31.

NEWSLETTER

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KNOLLWOOD
BAPTIST CHURCH
Grace Unbounded

Knollwood Amid Baptist Networks

By *DIANE LIPSETT*

Back in January, a high-interest series on “Why Baptist? Why Knollwood?” explored some Baptist distinctives we value at Knollwood, even as we are shaped by members and friends who’ve traveled varied denominational (or non-denominational) paths. “Autonomy of the local church” is one such defining mark. Indeed, we work hard ’round here at congregational self-governance. But “autonomous” shouldn’t mean “isolated” or “solitary.” All congregations benefit from connections to networks beyond themselves, finding inspiration, resources, and missional investments that no single congregation can create on its own.

Members and ministers at Knollwood therefore benefit from gatherings of the Baptist networks with which we’re affiliated. The Annual Gathering of the Alliance of Baptists just concluded in Washington D.C. April 26-28. Ben Wagener and Corinne Causby were among those able to attend, so if you have a chance, ask them about the worship and workshops they found most meaningful.

The General Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will gather June 17-21 in Birmingham, Ala. This year’s gathering will feature a racial justice education track, part of a three-year commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Black Enslavement in America. Along with sessions on church life, mission and advocacy, and evening worship experiences, Friday’s service will feature Krista Tippett on healing our fractured civic spaces. I’ll be going, as will others from Knollwood. Read more at <https://cbf.net/general-assembly-2019>

Such gatherings spark new ideas, broaden our vision, and remind us that being part of the body of Christ is greater and more mysterious than any single local church.



*Diane Lipsett,
Minister of Faith Formation
and Education*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

SCHEDULE

4:30 PM Playground Pals

5:15 PM Children’s Choirs

Concord Choir (4 yo-K)

Carol Choir (1st / 2nd graders)

Chapel Choir (3rd-5th graders)

5:15 PM Middle School Bells

5:15 PM Dinner line opens

(Childcare begins for children
5 and under)

6:00 PM Dinner

kids.connect

Sharing celebrations &
concerns

Youth gather in Bldg. C

6:15 PM Adult Learning

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

7:00 PM Open Gym in WCC

Wednesdays in May

6:15 PM

May 8 Knollwood’s Annual Meeting

What did our church accomplish and learn in the past church year? What are we aiming for next year? Who will lead us? Len Preslar, incoming chair of deacons, will convene our annual meeting, exploring these questions, presenting our annual report, and calling for a vote on lay leaders and committees for next year. Jazz pianist Dan Knight will enliven the evening with music. From 5:30–6:15 PM we will share a meal and the joys and concerns of our community. The program is offered from 6:15–7:00 PM.

May 15 Children’s Choir Program

A favorite Wednesday evening of the year as we enjoy all our children’s choirs (even the youngest) and recognize children’s achievements in the Hymns for a Lifetime program.

May 22 End of Year Celebration! Big Games, Big Fun!

A super-sized games night for all ages will provide the fun finale for our Wednesday evening gatherings for this church year. Come for BBQ and fixings from 5:30–6:15 p.m. From 6:15–7:00 p.m., let’s play board games, card games, and some giant versions of classic games.

Faith in the City: Deepening the Conversation

The Struggle for Equity in Education

Monday, May 6, noon – 1 PM

We have one more opportunity this spring to attend this provocative and informative series of community conversations. On May 6, G. Leonard Starnes II, principal of Gibson Elementary School, will describe the noteworthy progress his school has made in improving student outcomes and reducing disparities in achievement. (*Note the change from our usual Tuesday gathering to this one Monday*). All are welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. We'll provide tea, lemonade and cookies. Dining Room, Bldg. B. For more information, contact Diane Lipsett, diane@knollwood.org.

Plans are taking shape for a 2019-20 series, continuing the conversations that have drawn Knollwood and community members together to explore high-stakes issues in our city.

Faithful Responses To Climate Change

An All God's Children Lunch Event

Just after celebrating Earth Day, let's consider our call to faithful care of the earth. On Sunday, May 5, after worship, the All God's Children Ministry Team invites you to a lunch-and-learn event with speaker Bill Blancato, attorney and leader of our local branch of Citizens' Climate Lobby. Childcare will be provided. To help us plan for lunch and childcare, please RSVP to Spence O'Neill at allgodschildrenkbc@gmail.com. In the Fellowship Hall, Knollwood Building B, 12:15-2:00.

Summer Wednesdays:

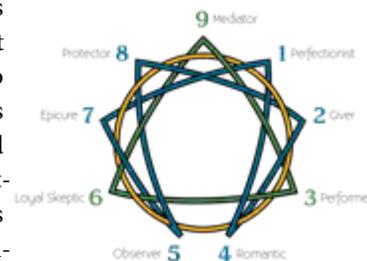
July 10 and August 14

During the summer, we take a healthy break from weekly Wednesday gatherings. But we also want chances to stay connected. Mark your calendar for two "Performance and Potluck" summer Wednesdays, July 10 and Aug. 14. On both nights we'll share a potluck dinner, then enjoy stories, poetry, and musical performances from an array of our talented members of all ages. On July 10, we challenge the men of our congregation to compete in an "All Men's Bake-Off" (and provide us with fun and fabulous desserts). Then on Aug. 14, we'll feature a "Youth and Children's Bake-Off." Jot the dates on your calendar and let's look forward to summer togetherness.

Spirituality and the Narrative Enneagram

A Summer Knollwood Retreat, July 19-21 Haw River State Park

The Enneagram is a powerful tool that can help us recognize the habits and patterns of our personalities, which are deeply rooted in illusions we carry about ourselves, the world, and God. Through teaching, small group work, sharing stories on panels, and spiritual practices, this summer weekend retreat will invite participants to consider new narratives about themselves and God that interrupt these habitual thoughts and feelings and cultivate greater compassion and freedom.



The retreat leader is Christopher T. Copeland, Director of Leadership Development and Spiritual Life, and Assistant Professor of the Practice of Spirituality at Wake Forest School of Divinity. Chris is an ordained Baptist minister, spiritual director, and certified Enneagram teacher through the Narrative Enneagram where he serves as an adjunct faculty. For the past 25 years, Chris has been learning and teaching about the Enneagram to universities, non-profits, and religious organizations, helping more people to discover this tool for building self-awareness, cultivating compassion, and deepening spiritual growth.

The retreat brochure is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxemz3pv> On-line registration is available here: <https://forms.gle/NbkjN4RKKpozCDck9> Payment may be made online at knollwood.org or by check (due July 1). Early signs look as though available spots could fill up, so you may want to reserve early. For more information or to request scholarship assistance, please contact Diane Lipsett, diane@knollwood.org.

An Early-Summer Adult Sunday School Elective

Mark your calendar for a June 30 Sunday School elective – An opportunity to hear from CBF field personnel Eddy and Cindy Ruble about their vital work in Malaysia and Indonesia, focused on disaster relief (Eddy's expertise) and innovative ministry to those who have experienced human trafficking (Cindy's work).

Children's Trip to the Zoo

By *CHRISSEY HARDY*

Children's Ministry Associate



The summer schedule for KBC kids will be out in the next newsletter, if not sooner, and it's going to be a stellar summer of fun. But in the meantime, please join us for our final special event of this school year - a trip to the Greensboro Science Center. Read all the details below and be sure to register by Monday, May 13. We need at least 10 people in order to get the group rate.

GO WILD!

The Greensboro Science Center May 18

We will go as a group to the Greensboro Science Center on Saturday, May 18. We have to enter the museum, zoo, and aquarium all together in order to receive the group rate, so it is important that all families arrive promptly at 10 AM. Once we have arrived and entered you will be free to explore the museum as you wish and leave whenever you need to. The zoo closes at 5 PM.

- Plan to bring a picnic lunch for your family, or you can purchase lunch at the museum. There are wonderful inside and outside spaces, so we will go no matter the weather. Learn more about the zoo, aquarium and museum here: <https://www.greensboroscience.org/index.html>
- Group rate for children and adults is \$12.50 per person. Children 2 and under are free.
- Please register online: <https://tinyurl.com/yxgor9w5> Email chrissy@knollwood.org with any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24-27

Sunday Open House on June 23.

Registration is now open to all - only about 10 spots left, **register online here:**

<https://tinyurl.com/y6xbnzw7>

HELP US collect toilet paper tubes for a project: Collections bins are in Bldg. A & B.



World Down Syndrome Day 2019

By *LUCRECIA NORMAN*

Minister to Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool



In March we observed World Down Syndrome Day 2019. We rocked our crazy socks in the classrooms and our teachers participated on this special day.

"When you wear your 'crazy' or 'wild' socks on Thursday, 3/21, they aren't meant to be hidden. Instead they are intended to start conversations, raise awareness and to remind us all how we can

support our mission: To facilitate inclusion and respect for individuals with Down syndrome within the community, ensuring that they have access to the support and resources necessary to reach their full potential at all stages of life."

~Down Syndrome Connection



Friends enjoying a beautiful day on the playground, and planting vegetables in our garden.

Deacon Nominees Class of 2022

Called Church-in-Conference

Sunday, May 19

There will be a brief Church-in-Conference at the close of Sunday worship for the purpose of electing deacons.

These Knollwood members have been nominated for the Diaconate and have agreed to serve 3-year terms.

All members of the Knollwood congregation may vote.



Sandra Boyette

Previous Service:

Wellness & Community Center planning team; Visual Identity Task Force, chair; Bolton Buddies



Beth Fields

Previous Service: Deacon, Personnel Committee chair, Missions Affiliations & Allocation chair, Elementary Sunday School teacher, Bolton Buddies, local and international missions



Joy Vemillion Heinsohn

Previous Service:

Missions Affiliations and Allocation chair, Adult Education, Racial Equity Task Force, Worship Care, Communion Team, Youth Group adult leader



Brent Martin

Previous Service:

Deacon, Worship Care, Finance chair, Missions Affiliations and Allocation chair, Nominating



Cliff Pennell

Previous Service:

Deacon, Diaconate chair, numerous committees, ministry teams, and ad hoc task forces



Chase Smith

Previous Service:

Worship Care



Rebecca Wells

Previous Service:

Worship Care, Vacation Bible School



Melanie Wilkinson

Previous Service: Women's Retreat Planning Team chair, Enneagram Group facilitator, Companions in Christ, Visual Art for Worship coordinator, volunteer for the Agape Meal, and St. Timothy overflow shelter

IN MEMORIAM

Betsy Mae Allen Parsley
October 4, 1934 - March 30, 2019

Timothy Clinard Pennell
October 31, 1933 - April 13, 2019

Francis (Frank) Vogler
May 5, 1923 - April 19, 2019

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

THANKS

Dear KBC,
I wanted to once again thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, emails, love, support, concern and of course food you have showered me with these past few weeks. It has been a slow process recovering from my surgery, but your kindness has been instrumental in helping me to improve some each day. I feel blessed to be a part of KBC. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Debbie Smith

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa Ehlers, May 3 – 9 years
Please take this opportunity to thank Lisa for her dedication and service to Knollwood.

WELLNESS & COMMUNITY CENTER

Sunday WCC Access: 336-496-0403
1:30-4 PM.

This number is activated for Sundays only.

GYMNASIUM SCHEDULE ONLINE
www.knollwood.org

WCC WALKING TRACK

MON, TUES, THURS - 8 AM - 8 PM
WED - 8 AM - 5 PM
FRI - 8 AM - 5 PM

Small Group Offerings Opportunities at Knollwood

Monday Morning Men meet at 7 AM. 380 Knollwood, Ste. 700.
Contact Chip Mims, 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 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 or Diana Long, dlong1221@gmail.com.

Seasons, Bible Study for Moms of Young Children meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9:30 - 11 AM, led by a group of Knollwood moms. This small group is focused on encouraging mothers of preschool and elementary-age children through scripture and prayer, providing a space for them to renew their spirit through biblical study and fellowship. Contact Chrissy Hardy chrissy@knollwood.org.

Women & the Word Evening Bible Study for Moms-This group of moms with young children is gathering on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7:30-9 PM in a home. This small group is focused on encouraging mothers of preschool and elementary-age children through scripture and prayer, providing a space for them to renew their spirit through biblical study and fellowship. Contact Chrissy Hardy chrissy@knollwood.org.

Daytime Book Club meets the 2nd Monday at 1 PM in the seating area near the library.

May 13 - *Sing, Unburied*, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

June 10: *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass

Anyone interested is welcome. Contact Dean Clifford, cliffordconsult@mindspring.com.

Evening Women's Book Club The Evening Women's Book Club will meet in Judith Kuhn's home (1825 Elizabeth Avenue) at 7 PM:
June 3 - *The Factory Man* by Beth Macy

July 15 - *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny

August 19 - *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

(Books can be purchased at Bookmarks for 20% off the retail price.)

For more information, contact Rachel at ledalucy21@yahoo.com.

Enneagram group meets the 1st / 3rd Mondays, 5:30-7:30 PM.
Contact Melanie Wilkinson: melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com.

Companions in Christ

This dedicated group draws from the *Companions in Christ* program of Upper Room Ministries, encouraging practices of the Christian spiritual life through weekly small group meetings, Mondays 10 AM – noon. For information about fall offerings and other plans, contact Melanie Wilkinson at melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com or at 254-715-0073 or Evalynn Davis at ebdavis@yad-tel.net or at 336-466-3181.

Encountering God

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation



When I first started out in ministry, it was really challenging to worship with the congregation on Sunday mornings. My focus was on the service itself rather than the heart of what was happening. I would default into facilitator rather than participant and fall away from being an active worshipper with my family of faith. It became easier to be a participant leader with time and practice, but sometimes that habit still comes back.

However, there is one kind of special Sunday morning that I can always count on to fight this old habit, one Sunday morning when the spirit of worship hits me so hard my only choice is to dive into it: Youth Sunday.

**YOUTH SUNDAY
MAY 5**

This may seem antithetical to my point. How could Youth Sunday, when I am more heavily involved than ever in the planning and doing, be the one Sunday when it is easiest for me worship alongside my congregation? It really comes down to those who lead Youth Sunday.

I've said before but I can never say enough just how incredible our young people are. They are intelligent, curious, joyful, and powerful. I hope you were able to see this on display on Youth Sunday this year. Those moving litanies and spoken words? Written by the youth. That piece of music that moved you to near tears? Sung or rung by the youth. The powerful prayers that engaged your heart and mind? Direct from the heart of our youth. The indelible witness of God's presence in the life of our church family? You need look no further than our young leaders.

I look forward to Youth Sunday more than any other week of the year. On Youth Sunday, our congregation is able to encounter God in the lives of our young people the way I am every week. Our family of faith is blessed with leaders in every stage of life, from the most experienced to the newly called. I am grateful for Youth Sunday, when you are able to see what I know and love about our young people: they are part of the evidence to God's presence among us then, now, and to come. I hope you were able to encounter God through their shared leadership on Youth Sunday.



Youth Sunday 2018

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Monday, May 20

Joy Club Munchers at noon

Join us at 12:30 every third Monday for lunch and fellowship. Adults 55 and over are invited. Bring lunch to join in the fellowship. Rehearsal will follow after lunch, then a trip to Salem towne to sing to our church members there. ALL VOICES needed.

D105, Art Room

Tuesday, May 14 - Sink Luncheon

Gather at 11:30 AM in the KBC Dining Room.

Lunch at noon, entertainment by Pepper Choplin, composer, conductor, & humorist.

Reserve by Thursday, May 9,

336-725-1343.

Wednesday, June 12 - Summer Picnic

5:00 PM All Senior Adult are invited to a complimentary BBQ picnic with all the trimmings. Donations will be accepted. More information to come later. It was a hit last year, so you don't want to miss it.

Reserve your seat soon, 336-725-1343.

Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 17

Joy Club Munchers at noon

Bring your own lunch and voices.

D105, Art Room

KNOLLWOOD GRADUATES

If a member of your family is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, etc., please e-mail colleen@knollwood.org with graduate's name, school, and degree. A listing of this spring's graduates will be printed in an upcoming newsletter.

MINISTRY BUDGET

	March 2019	March 2018
Budget	\$364,158	\$364,158
Income	\$385,021	\$312,833
Expenses	\$361,814	\$343,949



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