



# The Knoll Word

MAY 2020

Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church

## Easter and New Life at Knollwood



### The Easter Flower Cross

Decorating the cross on Easter morning is a much beloved Knollwood tradition. Thanks to all the KBC members who reminded us of its spiritual importance. When current COVID-19 restraints made this tradition difficult for this year, Jennifer Davis was able to step in.

For the Easter cross, Jennifer used eliagnes, Solomon's seal, Lenten roses, and white azaleas. "Since we are all experiencing a 'dark' time, I wanted to use some 'sunny' flowers, so I purchased sunflowers and golden mums to represent the face of Jesus on the center of the cross. It was a real joy to create, but I know we all missed the opportunity to add our own flowers to enhance the beauty of the Easter cross."

### Online with Knollwood

#### WEDNESDAYS

posted by 6 PM

A Time of Prayer led by Dr. Bob  
and a Faith Formation offering  
with Katharine Martin

[www.facebook.com/pg/knollwoodbaptist/posts/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/knollwoodbaptist/posts/)

Wednesday for Children

Contact [chrissy@knollwood.org](mailto:chrissy@knollwood.org)

#### SUNDAYS

Worship posted by 7 AM

[www.knollwood.org](http://www.knollwood.org)

Sunday School for Adults

with Katharine Martin

posted by 10 AM

[www.facebook.com/pg/knollwoodbaptist/posts/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/knollwoodbaptist/posts/)

#### WORSHIP VIDEOS

[www.knollwood.org/media-documents](http://www.knollwood.org/media-documents),

or on the Knollwood Youtube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMoH\\_8u5TBh2rTwO4-Pmhiw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMoH_8u5TBh2rTwO4-Pmhiw)



Photo by Robin Spainhour

## New Life at KBC

By BOB SETZER JR.



So why revive our print newsletter? After all, just about every facet of our church's life has gone virtual in the wake of the coronavirus crisis. And well over 90% of Knollwood's households are using email, Facebook, and other forms of electronic communications. Given all the connections forged in this digitally rich environment, is a print newsletter really needed?

The answer to that question is "Yes," as it is difficult to get a full picture of our church's life and witness using digital communications only. For one thing, most of us are deluged with email messages right now as virtually every vendor or service provider send frequent updates. Hence, as we all play a never-ending game of managing incoming communications, it's easy for an update from the church to get lost in the flurry of messages.

And even if one is careful to review all emails from KBC, there are a number of emails that go only to particular groups. So if one is not on the children's email list or Facebook group, on the youth group distribution list, or receiving updates from a Sunday School class, there is lots happening at Knollwood likely to be missed. Hence, the purpose of this print newsletter is to give an overview of the many ways the life and ministry of our church continue to thrive in this new KBC virtual age.

Just before the coronavirus crisis forced Knollwood to become more an online than physical presence, a deacon team was tasked with finding new ways to help members of the congregation connect with one another. Ironically, that work is now mostly done given all the emails, Facebook postings, Zoom meetings, phone trees, and other ways of connecting now popping up in the congregation. As the saying goes, "Necessity is the mother of invention."

These new and deeper ways of connecting are only one of many blessings our endlessly resourceful God is eking out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Others include (1) extending our church's witness through online worship services and other offerings (2) reconnecting with one's family and children while staying-at-home together (3) finding new ways to support KBC members who live alone, especially those homebound or living in nursing homes (4) seeing record attendance at KBC meetings, now held online (5) reduced impact on the environment as simpler living becomes the norm (6) and recognizing anew all the blessings we took for granted in the past, from enjoying good food and company in a restaurant to seeing our friends at school or our colleagues at the office.

Meanwhile, I'm missing a lot about the "old" KBC, such as our remarkable choirs, robust congregational singing, the soaring, uplifting space of our sanctuary, and in-the-flesh encounters from around the tables on Wednesday night to warm greetings in the narthex or hall.

But I'm grateful to God, our visionary staff, and skillful lay leaders for helping our church connect and care, even during this strange, unsettling season. This will make the real reunion even sweeter when it comes.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".

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## *Transition/Search Committee Survey Underway*

By SYLVIA OBERLE

*Committee Chair*

The Transition/Search Committee for Faith Formation and Education Minister is developing a congregational survey to assist in its assessment of this significant ministry at our church. The survey will seek feedback on the nature and future direction of the ministry as well as important qualities and attributes of the person who might fill the role.

An e-mail providing the link to the online survey will be sent in early May to all Knollwood members and regular attendees. For those members without computer access, hard copies will be mailed and can be returned to the church office by mail.

All adult and youth members of households are invited and welcome to complete the short survey.

The survey is part of the initial phase of the Transition/Search Committee's work, which has continued despite church services not being held in person.

We had hoped to have conversations with the congregation as a whole in mid-March, followed by a survey, but obviously that plan had to be changed. We have now refined the survey to be the main tool for seeking broad congregational input, hopefully as people have a little more time to complete it and perhaps reflect on their thoughts.

The committee also hopes that the creativity and new ways of connecting and relating to the congregation and community in the current environment may spawn ideas about growing and sharing faith at Knollwood in the future.

Last month, the committee met with members of the Diaconate in virtual discussions to help guide the content of the survey. Virtual sessions, seeking additional input, are being scheduled with Sunday School teachers in the coming weeks.

The actual search process for the minister will not begin for several months, after time for assessment and for the church as a whole to understand current realities when in-person services are resumed.

The Transition/Search committee appreciates the continued enthusiasm and interest in our work. We look forward to hearing from you. Please be on the lookout for our e-mail about the upcoming survey.

Thanks to committee members: Beth Fields, vice-chair; Clyde Cash; Trevor Anderson; Spence O'Neill; Jerry Francis; Kimberly Maner; and Bob Setzer, ministerial liaison. And special thanks to Janet Tooze, for her help in the survey format.

## **AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Our prayers and support are offered to *Becky Bullard* in health rehab, and to *Glenda Correll* and *Rebecca Wells* in the hospital.

We extend our condolences the families who have experienced loss in recent months –

*Dorothy Wagener* and family, on the death of her mother, *Elizabeth Spencer*, March 18.

*Kelly Strauss*, *Bunny Hawley* on the death of their father, and *Andrea and Erin Strauss*, and *Deaton Hawley* on the death of their grandfather, *Max Herrin*, March 18.

to the family of *Minda Fuller* on her death, March 31.

to *Brent Martin* and family on the death of his great aunt *Dorothy Durham*, March 30.

to the family of *Nell Miller* upon her death, March 28.

*Mike Cherry* and family on the death of his son, *Michael Layton Cherry*, April 4.

*Caroline Gentry* upon the death of her brother, *Bud Lee Good, Jr.*, who died on Easter Sunday. Caroline requests prayer for herself and her only remaining sibling, *Lydia Fitzgerald*.

*Mary Hix* and family on the death of her sister *Dianne Schuster*, April 25 in Florida.

*Carol Danforth* on the death of her sister-in-law, and *V. B. Lougee* on the death of his daughter-in-law, *Teresa Lougee*, on April 25 in Richmond.

Congratulations to *Sylvia Oberle* for being elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the Alliance of Baptists.



**KNOLLWOOD**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Grace Unbounded*



# Singing Together

By ROZANNA GOOCEY

Minister of Music



I miss your voices. I miss our voices mingling in the Sanctuary at Knollwood, rising as a fragrant offering to God. Nevertheless, the people of Knollwood's Music Ministry have joined their voices virtually, drawing us all into deeper prayer and praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We've all continued to live into our calling to be creative in fulfilling the fundamental work

of any Christian: worship.

If you haven't been able to watch each week, here are some of the beautiful and inspiring ways we've been invited into deeper praise and prayer over these last six weeks:

- Four families led us in singing the traditional *Palm Sunday* hymn, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, from their homes. This is one of the hymns that the children learn and memorize in Ken Wilson's legacy program, *Hymns For a Lifetime*. Thanks to Joy, Ben, Emma Gibson, and Lincoln Heinsohn; Mary Ann Davis, Clara and Eloise Hardy; Matt, Mary Lyndon, and Henry Jamison, Adair Sutton; Rebecca and Kimberly Maner.
- *Maundy Thursday's liturgy* led us from the Upper Room to the Garden, and with help from Josh and Chrissy, we practiced the *Stripping of the Altar*. While this ancient ritual took place, Rozanna sang and Lauren played a much beloved anthem that our Chapel Choir had planned to sing during Lent. We hope our Chapel Choir, led by Charlotte Brown, sang along at home for their families.
- For our *Good Friday Service*, Annie Winkelman played oboe on *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*, Mark Jensen sang *Psalms 22*, Tom Edwards and Claudia Stinehelfer recorded themselves singing a cappella the haunting spiritual, *Were You There*. KBC's friend, Lauren Shriver, played one stanza on cello, and Cooper Jackson played one stanza on sax. A group of seven readers also gathered on Zoom one evening to record the Passion Reading, leading us to recall more acutely the many difficult moments of Christ's trial and crucifixion. Thank you to Anna Ball, Davis Churn, Joshua Goocey, Daniel Joyce, Charlie Massler, Rebecca Neiberg, and David Winkelman.
- On *Holy Saturday* we heard from Rebecca and Marty Edwards as they offered the beautiful music *My Worth is Not In What I Own*. The text recalls in each verse that "our strength is not in flesh and bone, but in the costly wounds of love, at the cross."
- *Easter Sunday's Liturgy* ushered in the *Alleluia*, and we were led by four families to sing a new *Celtic Alleluia* together! Patricia Hughes Ball played the tune for us on flute, while we heard other congregants singing the *Alleluia* from their backyards! Thanks to Bert, Beth, and Iris Sanders; Tom and Rachel Wiggins; Meredith,

## ONLINE SCHEDULE

Online worship service is posted each Sunday morning by 7 AM on the Knollwood's homepage: [knollwood.org](http://knollwood.org).

An Adult Sunday School lesson is posted on the KBC Facebook page by 10 AM on Sunday morning.

The children have a Sunday School Zoom class at 10:30 AM. Many adult Sunday School classes are meeting virtually on Sundays, or on other days of the week.

## VIDEO & AUDIO

Video and audio recordings of Knollwood's Worship services are available online: <https://www.knollwood.org/media-documents>

John Derham, and Emma Robbins for leading us so well.

- Beginning on *Easter Sunday*, the Deacon of the Week reads scripture and offers the Prayer of Thanksgiving in each week's liturgy. Thanks to each one for leading us in these essential parts of worship: Spence O'Neill, Len Preslar, and David Ramsay.
- On the *Third Sunday of Easter*, the 2019 Christmas Festival Choir's singing of the beloved anthem, *Stay With Us*, led us to consider anew Jesus' walk to Emmaus. Thanks also to Palmer Francis who offered our Prayer of the Day, and Alyssa Godwin who joined Josh for the reading of the Gospel.

In the weeks ahead, as the novelty of virtual worship may wear thin, I hope you'll continue to join your hearts and minds together in bringing our best offering to God. Sing boisterously from your sofa, pray fervently with your ministers and deacons, and be led through this sometimes excruciatingly lonely and overwhelmingly uncertain time by the church's ancient song:

*O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guide while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!*

Paraphrase of Psalm 90; Isaac Watts, 1714

## Staying Connected in Community

By *CHRISSE HARDY*

*Children's Ministry Associate*



By the time this newsletter reaches you, our children will have been out of school for seven weeks. Seven weeks without seeing their teachers and friends. Seven weeks without playing on a playground or going to an afterschool sports practice or dance class. Seven weeks they've stayed home with their families and had their worlds turned upside down.

They log in to websites to access their daily school assignments and email their teachers. They learned (maybe faster than some of the adults) how to do video calls for social interaction. Some are keeping journals. Many have more time to create art projects or build with legos. They've been outside A LOT.

There's no doubt that their lives look very different than anything they've ever been used to before this. But there are some things that are the same. They have worshipped with their families. They have sung hymns together and read scripture together and heard "I love you." They have stayed connected with their church families, through a variety of online activities, through snail mail sent by their Sunday School teachers, through photo challenges and Zoom calls and Facebook live videos. We've actually done a lot in the last seven weeks and I'll list some of it below. But my goal is not to produce a lot of content or try to make every event that would have been held on our campus into a virtual event instead. My goal is not to overwhelm these families with another set of expectations or assignments – they're already pretty overwhelmed with work and school.

We simply want to stay connected in community, remind these children and their families that they are deeply loved, and provide some sense of normalcy for them in what is an extremely disruptive time in their young lives. I hope when they are older and look back on the year of COVID that they remember that church – and the people who tried to love them like Jesus – was one of the constants in their lives. After all, church is the people.



*Adair Sutton & Children's Sunday Zoom*



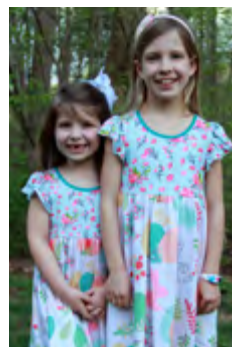
*Frank & Steven O'Neill's Easter greeting*



*Owen & Sophie Chan waving palms*

Here's a sampling of the things our Children's Ministry has done during this time:

- Facebook Live family prayers
- Family Night IN
- Facebook Live storytimes
- Godly play storytelling
- Spring Break at Home
- Children's Easter Celebration on ZOOM
- Weekly Sunday School with music, devotion and prayer
- Coloring pages for home
- Writing notes to our elderly and homebound
- Celebrating birthdays and other big life events like the adoption of Jaelyn Joyce!
- Easter Scavenger Hunt
- Kids Connect on ZOOM
- Earth Day Challenge
- Participate in worship leadership
- And more!



*Clara & Eloise Hardy*



*The adoption of Jaelyn Joyce*

## Faith Connections

By KATHARINE MARTIN

*Interim Minister of Faith Formation and Education*



The Adult Faith Formation ministry at Knollwood during the coronavirus outbreak has shifted, through a collective effort, from in-person gatherings to online opportunities. We have missed greeting each other in Sunday School classrooms after coffee and donuts at Knollchat and coming together throughout the week for small group Bible study and spiritual growth. On Wednesday evenings, we miss penning our nametags and moving through the fellowship meal food line, checking in with each other over the salad and rolls, hoping that Trina has made banana pudding for dessert. We miss praying, learning and discussing together around the tables during the Faith Formation program.

Though we grieve the normalcy of in-person connections with our church family, Jesus assures us that “where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” This promise holds true even for Zoom meetings! Not surprisingly, Knollwoodians have quickly found ways to continue accompanying each other on the spiritual journey. Sunday School classes have remained connected through phone calls, emails, notes, video lessons and Zoom classes. Peggy Haymes, a teacher in the Faith in Action class, has graciously posted her weekly Sunday School lesson in the KBC Facebook group so that all might benefit. The Kindred Spirits class holds Sunday morning gatherings via Zoom and touches base with each other on Thursday evenings. Barnabas connects and studies together virtually on Sunday mornings, and Faith Matters shares life updates and prayer requests on Sunday afternoons. The Searchers class stays connected via email and phone calls, as do the Agape, Mary Martha, Pilgrimage, and Roddick-Discovery classes.

Various small groups have also taken advantage of virtual meeting spaces to continue their study and spiritual formation together. All morning and evening Bible studies are connecting regularly via Zoom. Diana Long, a leader of the Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible study, has even made early morning iPad deliveries so that Peggy Ruble can participate. All God’s Children has continued their study of articles in The Chronicle and plans to focus next on Bishop Desmond Tutu and Reconciliation. Both Ennea-groups are up and running through Zoom meetings, and Companions in Christ has met once to catch up.

I stay in touch with Sunday School teachers and small group leaders via email, and have utilized the KBC Facebook page and group to engage the Knollwood community in continued faith formation and education opportunities.

On Wednesday evenings in late March and early April, the video series Spiritual Practices for Troubled Times explored Breath Prayers, Practicing the Presence of God, and Gratitude as tools for mental and spiritual wellness during the initial adjustment period of social distancing. During Holy Week, I joined with Rozanna and Josh to offer Evening Prayer via Facebook Live.

The remaining Wednesdays in April have featured Conversations on Faith, an online interview series in which Knollwood members Rebecca Wells, Rodney Stilwell, and Linda Browne share reflections on issues of faith and spirituality in this time of crisis.

On Sunday mornings, Adult Faith Formation and Education has taken the form of Sunday School lessons posted on the KBC Facebook page and group. I offered a series of three meditations on the lectionary psalms of Lent, and discussed the symbols of Easter as part of an Easter morning Intergenerational Sunday School collaboration. Most recently, I posted a Sunday School lesson on Eastertide, and led a Lectio Divina practice via Facebook Live on The Road to Emmaus.

Concurrently, vital and dearly valuable faith formation has taken shape as various Knollwood members have posted photography, scripture verses, poetry, and prayers in the KBC Facebook group. Inspiring musical offerings of piano and voice have been shared, along with daily devotionals brimming with warmth and insightful reflections on faith in this time of crisis. Our Facebook group has become a vibrant virtual gathering space for spiritual growth and community support, where all are welcome both to minister and be ministered to.

After one member posted a prompt for a collective prayer, many members contributed a phrase or sentence to create a group offering, creative and full of love:

God of Solace, hear our prayer.  
May we be ever mindful of...  
Those who are alone,  
Those who are living in fear,  
Those who can’t see the light of hope.

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**ONLINE GATHERING**

# Faith in the City

**JOIN US:** <https://zoom.us/j/94139427818>

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

**12 – 1 PM**

## *Equity and Access: Now, More than Ever*

The North Carolina Justice Center will provide an overview of the history and recent developments in *Leandro* - the state's landmark constitutional education case. *Leandro* is at a historic juncture that will guide how North Carolina responds to the longstanding inequities in our education system that have been laid bare by the current crisis.

*This session is a collaboration with Action4Equity.*

**Presenters include:**

**Matt Ellinwood**, Director, Education & Law Project,  
NC Justice Center

**Dr. Angela Hairston**, Superintendent, WSFCS

**Dr. Edwin Bell**, Action4Equity

## ***Faith Connections***

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And God of Wonder, may we  
Always feel your love as we ask your care for the healers.  
Protect and comfort the young children who don't understand what's happening around them.  
May we...  
Always be mindful of others and how our actions impact them,  
And know your love.  
Lord of Light, help us to...  
Share what we have,  
See the world through the eyes of another,  
Be aware of those alone,  
Find joy in the beauty of nature,  
Appreciate good health and the comfort of home and family and church and be ever mindful of those who do not have those comforts at this time.  
(God, we are grateful for our sense of humor.)  
And Lord, may we never take toilet paper and paper towels and hand sanitizer for granted anymore.  
Amen.



## **Zoom, Zoom, Zoom**

By **LUCRECIA NORMAN**

*Minister to Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool*

TTWS closed March 16, but our staff has continued to stay connected with our families and preschoolers. The staff sent out ideas for parents to do with their children while at home, adapted their lesson plans to be completed at home, and have hosted Zoom meetings to do stories, music chapel, and circle times.





*The Stinehelfer family has been fostering their three year old son for a year and a half and is on track to finalize his adoption this summer*

## National Foster Care Awareness

By RACHEL STINEHELPER

May is National Foster Care Awareness month, and it seems like a good time to share our story about foster care. There are several KBC families who are or have been foster parents some have also adopted through the foster care system. Right now the foster system is in crisis due to the number of children affected by the opioid epidemic. Sadly, with all of the children staying home from school or daycare for “shelter in place,” there will likely be a spike in cases as well. There are many reasons children, are in foster care usually neglect or abuse. Reunification with the biological family is always the main goal of foster care, but if that cannot be achieved then finding a forever family becomes the goal.

There are currently more than 12,000 children in foster care in North Carolina. Despite the rumors, foster parents are not paid very much. Monthly foster stipends in NC range from \$475/ month to \$634/month per child. Luckily, foster children qualify for Medicaid and day care vouchers to cover health and childcare expenses. Being a foster parent is definitely a decision based on the heart.

Our family has been fostering our son for 16 months. We didn’t know what to expect or how we would feel as we went through this journey. I can say without reservation that the biggest joy of having our foster son in our lives is seeing the bond he has with our biological children. However, the unexpected sadness in the process has been the empathy for the parents who usually want to parent their children but for various reasons cannot. Being a foster family isn’t easy, and the amount of paperwork is ridiculous, but at the end of the day it is all worth it.

If you would like to become a foster parent there are several paths to take --- go through Forsyth County DSS, or use a private agency like Crossnore, Children’s Home Society, or Seven Homes. There are also ways to support foster children and families by donating items or volunteering. We were lucky that we reached out to our Sunday School class and neighbors for many baby and toddler items as we had given all of ours away! If you have any questions I will try to answer them. You can reach me at ledalucy21@yahoo.com.

## Project Mask WS

By MARISSA JOYCE

In times of crisis, Knollwood folks can often be seen responding to needs and offering care in the community. As the coronavirus virus threat loomed, many of us wondered what to do or how to help. News began rolling in about the lack of protective gear in hospitals nationwide. KBC friends Marissa Joyce and Melissa Vickers joined with partner Katie Sonnen-Lee to provide masks for those working in healthcare settings. They found a simple mask pattern online, and began sewing. They set a big goal: 200 masks for healthcare workers.

What started as a Facebook post became a Facebook page, and the cause snowballed. Currently, the Facebook page has 2500 members. A production schedule has been created, and the group has sewn 32,000 masks and counting. Several Knollwood members have washed and cut fabric, sewn masks, and written thank-you notes.

Project Mask WS began as a grassroots effort to provide fabric masks free of charge to medical workers and front-line responders battling the COVID-19 epidemic. Masks are made from materials shown by Wake Forest Baptist Health’s research to be the most effective. To maintain current mask production, materials cost about \$8,000 per week. The Knollwood community is proud of Project Mask WS. To learn more about the initiative or get involved, visit <https://www.projectmaskws.org/>



*A stack of a few of Marissa’s completed masks to be donated*



# 2020 Finances at KBC

By CAROL DANFORTH

Finance Committee Chair

Please see YTD financial report at the bottom right of this page.

We are grateful that we have had strong financial support for our church in recent months, even in these trying times. Knowing that our church's level of contributions may well decrease, given the economic downturn now unfolding, we are especially thankful that in the first quarter we received a little more income than we budgeted to receive. We are keeping all flexible expenses to a minimum, focusing instead on maintaining church payroll, paying our utility bills and supporting our mission efforts. All of our staff members have been extremely resourceful in providing excellent worship and study opportunities. They have also been nurturing relationships with all in our congregation, from the youngest to the most senior and all in between.

If you are able to support the church financially right now, thank you! And if you are not, please know we understand and are grateful for other ways you are supporting our church's ministry through prayer, connecting, caring and serving.

## Recent MAAC (Missions) Allocations

In spending some of its discretionary funds, MAAC decided to focus on helping some of the most vulnerable members of our community during the COVID-19 crisis. Hence, a \$19,000 gift has been made to the following partners and needs:

- World Relief to help refugee families
- A local Hispanic church to help families most in need
- Rent payments to help two financially stressed refugee families.

In addition, a \$1,000 gift has been made toward supplies for the mask-making projects being led by Knollwood's own, Marissa Joyce. See the article titled, "Project Mask WS" on p. 8 of this newsletter.

MAAC is grateful that our church's generous missions giving makes it possible for us to help our at-risk neighbors.



## Continuing Our Stewardship

By GARY HERRING

Stewardship Chair

Although we are unable to physically be together, the ministry of Knollwood continues, although in different ways. In fact, our ministry needs have increased during these challenging times. While as faithful servants of God, we are not able to bring our tithes and offerings to worship services, our church has been blessed that so many have continued to honor their financial commitments to God's work.

Knollwood continues its commitment to support a variety of thoughtfully chosen mission efforts with 10% of all received contributions. Our Christian faith calls us to offer food, shelter, safe refuge and hope to those in need.

For the first quarter of this year, payments totaling more than \$40,000 are going to our budgeted mission partners, our Baptist affiliates, and to specific mission projects. Local mission efforts include Crisis Control Ministry, Samaritan Ministries, Battered Women's Shelter, and Second Harvest Food Bank.

In addition, MAAC (missions committee) has made a gift of \$19,000 from discretionary funds to help with other pressing community needs (see article on this page).

While we recognize that some may have had their income affected because of coronavirus, we will greatly appreciate your continued financial support as you are able. Online giving allows you to make a one-time donation or to schedule recurring contributions, or you can send a check to the church office.

## Ministry Plan Finances YTD

As of 3/31/20

Ministry Plan Budget	\$388,759
Ministry Plan Income	\$408,514
Ministry Plan Expenses	\$346,222
<i>(including \$40,218 given to mission partners)</i>	

## Bolton Elementary Food Pantry



Volunteers from Knollwood Baptist, Wesley UMC, and Trinity Presbyterian continue distributing food items by curbside service to Bolton Food Pantry clients. Photo by Sarah Pennell

## A Note or Card of Value

By TED PHILPOTT

*Pastoral Associate for Congregational Care*

This week I received an email from Lu Ann Mangum, the daughter of senior KBC Member Alma Estes. Alma now resides at Vienna Village in the Assisted Living area. Her limited health has not affected her amazing gratitude for God, family and Knollwood Baptist Church. Lu Ann has not been able to visit Alma in over a month which is a burden for both of them (names shared with permission).

Lu Ann writes, “The supervisor at Vienna Village mentioned how important mail is to residents now. Residents who normally didn’t care about mail are now asking if the staff has any mail for them each day. Everyone is looking for a way to stay connected. Thank you for getting the word out at Knollwood to remember the Homebound and Healthcare residents with a note or card. It may seem like a small act but it means a lot to the recipients now.”

Some of us have some extra time available at home now. We have lonely KBC members who would treasure a note or card from you simply reminding them that you are thinking of and praying for them especially now. Check out “Caring Connections” on the “Wednesdays with Knollwood” weekly emails and the KBC directory of current members’ contact information on the KBC Website. You are encouraged to find names of KBC friends or even acquaintances who would be pleasantly surprised and appreciative to receive a card, note (or phone call) from you in the days and weeks ahead. As Lu Ann reminded us, “a small act means a lot to the recipient now.”

## Welcome New Members

**Linda Denney**

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## Community Wellness

By JOSH GODWIN

*Minister of Youth and Recreation*

The sameness of this stay-at-home order has thrown harsh light on our need as physical creations to find some form of activity. Our bodies cry out to be used even as our daily motions and schedules are changed and made more fluid by the day. Even though we cannot gather together in the WCC or around the KBC campus, there are still ways for us to promote wellness with one another.

The KBC website’s “Wellness” page is serving as a hub of resources for you to use. There you can find guides for Gentle Yoga provided by our own Gayle Anderson, as well as at-home workout plans provided by our own Whitney Preslar. In the coming weeks we will be adding more resources to reflect a fuller range of wellness materials.

Our hope is that this page can serve as a place for each of us to offer our gifts, trainings, and ideas to one another in our community. If you have wellness resources, whether they be physical or mental, that have been a great help to you and would like to offer let us know; they may be featured on the website. Staying well in body, mind, and spirit is a faithful calling we all share. Together we can be a faithful community supporting one another in this way.

# Community within Crisis

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation



We may think young people are especially equipped for these digital days, but that is not the case. Adults may see through the sheer facade of basing community in social-media identities, but adolescent eyes are not so trained. Society has hard-wired young people to see the ties of social media friendships as evergreen, but social distance and stay-at-home orders have proved that a lie. Young people are being forced to relearn the necessity of physical presence in a world robbed of that possibility, leaving them stranded in a badland between the growing weariness of digital relationships and an unquenchable thirst for being with others in spirit and body.

Isolation is hard for all of us, but for young people it robs them of their most basic community. Without the school environment, there is no rhythm to life; without the social exchanges of friends, there is no dynamic movement to the days. Safety becomes monotony and monotony becomes drudgery.

How then do we serve our young people best in the time of COVID-19?

The first order of business is doing what we can to provide spaces for essential community. Without the ability to gather for our weekly SNYG sessions, we have shifted to virtual small group gatherings on Sunday evenings. We share about our lives, pray together, and are right now using those times to plan the Youth Sunday service. In the last few weeks, we have added times for intentional community building with large group virtual game nights and movie nights. No wrestling with hard questions and tough answers, only taking time to just be together as best we are able. These small glimmers of community have been balms for our spirits in these isolated days.

Community has become the foundation upon which we are building our worship together for Youth Sunday on May 17. Fostering that community has become the main method of our ministering and walking alongside our young people. Additionally, creativity has become our main tool in managing monotony. Creativity, coupled with the admission that the sound of laughter truly can be good medicine, led us to start the “KBC.ym News” segment. A series of weekly videos released on YouTube, find them through a YouTube search if you need some levity in your day.

While these times of social distance will continue to be challenging, our young people have reminded me of the promise that Christ makes to never abandon us. Even as we feel further and further apart, our family of faith is near to one another through the Spirit’s shared presence in our lives. I pass that promise along to you, with another invitation to join us in worship led by our young people on May 17.

## IN MEMORIAM

Max Herrin  
*September 20, 1932 - March 18, 2020*

Minda Fuller  
*October 10, 1925 - March 21, 2020*

Nell Miller  
*April 20, 1921 - March 28, 2020*

Dorothy Durham  
*October 13, 1931 - March 30, 2020*

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

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

*Demrice Hayes*, April 5 – 29 years

*Robin Spainhour*, April 23 – 1 year

*Lisa Ehlers*, May 3 – 10 years

Please take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and service to Knollwood.

## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

### POSTPONED EVENTS

*April 30, Duke Homestead*

The trip to Durham has been postponed until the Spring of 2021.

*May 26, Sink Luncheon*

The luncheon has been postponed until Fall 2020, or Spring 2021.

These decisions were made after conversations with Knollwood’s Medical Advisory Team, the KBC ministers, and Norman Turnham (for the Sink Luncheon).

## MINISTER ON CALL

If you need a Knollwood minister, please call our Minister On-Call at 336-283-5067.

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