



The Knoll Word

NOVEMBER • DECEMBER 2020

Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church

Knollwood Celebrates Advent & Christmas

Sundays in Advent

Sunday Worship Videos

November 29 • December 6 • December 19 • December 20

Online Services

Sunday Worship Videos led by our Ministers and Staff from our Sanctuary, which will bear some of the beautiful visual symbols of Knollwood Advent Worship, such as the Advent Candles, Evergreens, and colors of purple and blue. Knollwood Children, Youth and Adult musicians will lead us in song. See more detail about each week's service on page 8.

Service of Remembrance

December 20 • 2 PM

In-person service in the Courtyard between the Sanctuary and Bldg. B

Not everyone experiences the holidays as a time of joy and cheer. If you are experiencing grief or loss, join us for meditative music, prayer, and a quiet space for comfort and support. Liturgy led by our Ministers, with music led by Rozanna, Lauren, and guest cellist, Lauren Shriver. You're encouraged to bring a special photo or memento of the person you're particularly grieving this year.

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

December 24 • *Online service* by the Knollwood Music Ministry

This pre-recorded service premieres Thursday morning on YouTube.

Beautiful music of Christmas is sung and played by the gifted choirs and handbell ensembles of Knollwood. A guest orchestra accompanies the choirs on familiar carols and anthems, while the readings walk us through the story of Christmas.

You can find the video on Youtube, or on www.knollwood.org.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5 PM and 6 PM • *In-person*

Come hear, feel, see, and sing of Christ's birth with your Knollwood family!

5 PM Service in the parking lot at KBC, stay in your car for the service, short in duration.

6 PM Service in the Courtyard beside the Sanctuary, socially distanced, and short in duration.

Must reserve a space to attend.



A Drive-Through Miracle

By BOB SETZER JR.



Sunday, November 15, was an amazing day at KBC.

Starting at 2 PM, a steady line of cars showed up for our Stone Soup Stewardship Commitment event. The drivers and passengers, eyes sparkling and smiling beneath their masks, were warmly greeted by KBC youth, stewardship committee members, and the ministerial staff. It was a sweet time of reunion and I was flush with the sheer joy of seeing my KBC family face-to-face. Even some beloved KBC family pets show up for the big day!

After dropping a commitment card signifying service and giving commitments into the kettle, the drivers inched their vehicles toward the Crisis Control truck in the middle of the parking lot. There, KBC helpers, both youth and adults, lugged a seemingly endless supply of grocery bags bulging with food to the truck. By the time the KBC Ingathering and Community Food Drive were done, we had collected two-and-a-half tons of food for our hungry neighbors. Amazing.

After turning in commitment cards and donating food, many cars headed over to the porch of the Wellness and Community Center. There folks picked up a beautifully wrapped box of resources to help families celebrate the Advent season at home (see pic at the bottom of page 4).

“...that Sunday afternoon felt like a miracle to me.”

Seeing the KBC parking lot overflowing with love and joy, generosity and faithfulness, fellowship and mission that Sunday afternoon felt like a miracle to me. And it made me yearn for that time when we can safely gather in person Sunday by Sunday, Wednesday by Wednesday, and at other times.



Sadly, the virus trends are spiking in the wrong direction. It looks like our community and nation are in for a tough winter when conditions will allow the dangerous and lethal coronavirus to thrive. Aply advised by our KBC Medical Team (see article on opposite page), our church continues to be cautious about all gatherings and especially indoor ones. At present, indoor gatherings at KBC are discouraged but if required, are limited to a maximum of 10 persons, as per the Governor’s latest recommendations.

Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas will look very different this year, both at home and at Knollwood. But our endlessly creative staff, lay leaders, and members have planned a rich potpourri of opportunities for worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission during the sacred season now upon us.

In fact, our staff has proved so adept at transitioning to online worship and other forms of remote “gatherings,” I have sometimes wondered if people will come back “to church” when we can finally throw the doors open wide again.

But after our Stone Soup Stewardship Commitment and Ingathering Sunday, I no longer worry about that. Because on that Sunday, I was powerfully reminded that ours is an incarnational faith, as in “The Word became flesh” (John 1:14). And there is no substitute for being personally, physically present to the people we love.

We haven’t seen the last of long lines of cars filled with people who love God and KBC showing up at 330 Knollwood Street, a way station on the road to the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,

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

KBC Medical Team Update

With the return of colder weather, we are unfortunately seeing the forecasted increase in the number of Covid cases, in hospitalizations, and in deaths resulting from the virus. The Medical Team has supported the ministers and staff by providing professional advice to protect our members and staff since the pandemic arrived and will continue its work in the face of negative trends with the virus.

While we have been able to have more outdoor opportunities for small group meetings and outdoor worship the current trend of the virus makes it unlikely we will be able to move to any significant indoor activities on campus in the near term. We will continue to follow the guidance of local, state and national health authorities as we operate under the safer-at-home status. Our faith formation and church meetings will continue to be conducted virtually.

We all yearn for the day when we can gather safely but the well-being of our members, ministers and staff, and the community require us to act prudently and with caution.

Joe Long, JD, Chair
Rebecca Erwin Wells, MD, MPH
David Ramsay, MD
Grover “Chip” Mims, MD
John Roach, III, MD

Handmade Agape Ornaments

In the Agape Feast tradition, Christmas ornaments were given out to our Knollwood children as part of their Advent-in-a-Box. We are grateful to Mary Cutler who started making Moravian Stars



in late summer to be given out to our Knollwood children to decorate their Christmas tree. She made 131 stars and yes, they are beautiful. Thank you Mary for your hard work.

If you would normally take an ornament from our Agape tree for your children or grandchildren and have not yet received one, please come get one from outside the WCC (Bldg. D) between 8:30-4:00 M-F.

AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our prayers and support are offered to *Nancy Maranhao* and *Carolyn Cockayne* who were released from the hospital.

We congratulate *Susan and David McBride* on the marriage of their son, *Sean*, to *Emily Gamiel*, Oct. 25.

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

to *Rob Hampson* and family on the death of his father, *Len Hampson*, Nov. 13, in San Antonio.

to *Dan Knight* and family on the death of his brother-in-law, *Rick Miller*, on Thursday, Nov. 12.

to *Bert Sanders* and family on the death of Bert's step-mother, *Nancy Sanders*, Sunday Nov. 8.

to *Karen Dawkins* on the death of her cousin, *Robin Spiers*, Nov. 2.

to *Rick Vinson* and family on the death of his uncle, *Larry Vinson*, Nov. 3

to *Sharon Underwood* and family on the death of her aunt, *Carolina Ferguson Finley*, Oct. 26.

to *Marilyn Barnhill* on the death of her brother-in-law, *Jud Ammons*, Oct. 25.

to *Katy Hites* and family on the death of her grandmother *Lou Ann Hites*, and her uncle *Lewis Hites, III*, Oct. 24.

to *Ruby Elmore* on the death of her brother-in-law, *Joe Elmore*, Oct. 21.

to *Betty Ann Upshaw* and family, on the death of her brother, *Sturgeon Leathers*, Oct. 17.

to *Mitch Cox* and family on the death of his mother, *Martha Anne Tally Cox*, Oct. 15

to *Forrest Causby* and family on the death of his grandmother *Betty Upchurch*, Oct. 12.

to *Clyde Cash* and family on the death of his mother, *Dorothy Pearson Cash*, on Oct. 12.

to *Demrice Hayes* and family, on the death of her cousin, *Paris Cockerham*, Oct.12.

to *Ruth Venable* and family on the death of her mother, *Nancy Venable*, Oct. 11.

to *Nancy Patterson* on the death of her granddaughter, *Julia Hankins*, Oct. 10.



From Outside In

By *CHRISSEY HARDY*

Children's Ministry Associate



The beautiful fall weather has provided our church body with some opportunities to gather safely outside on campus, and our Children's Ministry has been no exception. We had a really fun day on Halloween, carving pumpkins tailgate style and parading through the parking lot in our costumes. It was a fun way for us to be together while still staying very safe by being masked, distanced and outside. Many thanks to the many of you who donated extremely generously with candy. Our kids took home heavy and generous treat bags that would have rivaled many hours of door to door trick-or-treating.

As the weather turns cooler and we watch metrics in our community rise, our attention turns back to ways that we can bring faithful practices to our families at home. Each Knollwood family with children is receiving an Advent-in-a-Box this year filled with resources and activities that we will engage with together in our own homes during Advent. We are using the book *Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas* by Traci Smith, and each family receives a copy of that text. Some of the activities and materials included are: *An Advent Paper Chain*, *A Hot Chocolate Gratitude Party*, *Salt Dough Nativity Ornaments*, *Birthday Party for Jesus* and more. Every child also receives their Agape 2020 ornament and each family is given an Advent calendar, devotional, and a special Advent candle to light together during family devotions. It is our hope that families will use these resources to deepen their Advent experience at home and to feel connected to our community as we are engaging in these activities together. Many thanks to Debbie Pruitt, Pam Stallings, Mary Cutler and the **Arts and Hearts Ministry Team** for supporting this ambitious project!



Children's Ministry Pumpkin Carving and Costume Parade



The Martin family carves their pumpkins in the KBC parking lot.



The Advent-in-a-Box is filled with resources and activities.

The Through-the-Week School Is Open

By LUCRECIA NORMAN

Minister to Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool



TTWS Opened on Nov.2 with our 3 Year Old Pod and our PreK Pod. We have 22 children and 7 staff members. Our next group to start will be our 2 Year Old Pod on Nov. 30 and the younger children will start on Jan. 11. TTWS has full classes in our toddlers through 3's.

We have openings in our Pre-K program at this time. Call 336.724.6676 if you have any questions or interest in a spot.



We have many firsts for opening during a pandemic:
Our first drive-through open house:
Our first time taking temperatures and completing COVID questions at the outside doors of our classrooms.
Having fun with friends is not a first for us.



The staff and children are excited to be back in school.



Christmas Offering For International Missions



Teens in Pico Escondido in the Dominican Republic

By BILL DAVIS

Missions Committee

Every December, Knollwood focuses on giving to international missions. This “beyond the budget” special offering is yet another way we offer financial support to international mission endeavors that reflect the Spirit of Knollwood, as expressed in our Purpose, Vision and Values Statement.

Each of the organizations chosen for inclusion in our International Missions Offering is an organization with which Knollwood has an extended history and direct involvement, through the participation of Knollwood members and mission teams. Our goal this year is to direct a minimum of \$25,000 to the following mission organizations—working on four continents:

- Africa Exchange in Kenya
- Pico Escondido in the Dominican Republic
- AMOS Health and Hope in Nicaragua
- The work of Eddy and Cindy Ruble in Malaysia

Letters, descriptive information and envelopes will be mailed to all members. We invite you to give generously, in the spirit of Christmas, to these four groups who are spreading the good news of Christ and doing God's work around the world.

Faith Formation and Education

By KATHARINE MARTIN

Interim Minister of Faith Formation and Education



In Advent, we begin again. An annual surprise, the near end of the calendar year signals the start of the Christian church year. Especially in this strange and often stressful time, how blessed we are to begin again, liturgically, just when the dark and the cold have set

in, and our days, as well as our hearts, feel constrained. As the days turn to night on a dime and we miss a less limited, less restricted way of life, the church year issues the calm, yet bright, invitation to begin again.

Advent, which means “the coming,” is a time of expectant waiting. Along with Mary, we celebrate the coming of the Christ child, what God has already done, a gift that God has already given. And we wait for the coming of God’s kingdom on earth, “as it is in heaven.” We keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open for what God will yet do.

In Advent, a season of tension between what we have and what we hope for, we begin again to tell the story of Jesus. We read of those who prepared the way for him, and of the angel’s incredible announcement. We prepare the way for Jesus in our own lives and strive to welcome his birth as Mary did. In the story of Jesus, we find God’s story, and our story, too.

Advent Devotional

In the coming weeks, each Knollwood household will receive an Advent devotional, *And The Word Was God: Inspiration from Henri M. J. Nouwen*.

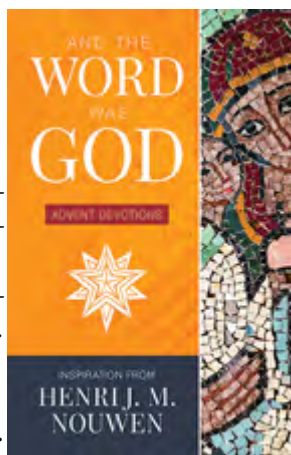
Along with the Faith Formation and Education committee, I hope it will bring you daily inspiration and a prayerful and reflective Advent season.

Advent Morning Prayer

December 4, 11, 18 at 9:00 AM.

On the three Friday mornings of Advent, all are invited to bring Advent Devotionals and join Katharine on the Knollwood Facebook Page for a brief time of reflection and prayer.

You do not need a Facebook account to access the Knollwood Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/knollwoodbaptist>



Virtual Sunday Morning Adult Groups

Barnabas

Leadership: Rebecca Neiberg, David Yarbrough

Contact for Zoom link:

Rebecca Neiberg rneiberg@hotmail.com

The Barnabas class is welcoming to newcomers and supportive of one another. Ranging in age from 30ish to 50-something, group members have varied backgrounds. We share thought-provoking discussions about the complexities of faith and life prompted by the Bible and other sources.

Kindred Spirits

Leadership: Joe Long, Roger Underwood

Contact for Zoom link:

Len Preslar preslar.len@gmail.com

This group seeks community through study, service, and shared life experiences. We range in age, with many empty nesters who have not yet retired. We often choose multiweek biblical and topical studies and enjoy shared service projects and social gatherings.

Faith Matters

Leadership: Katharine Martin

Contact for Zoom link:

Katharine Martin

katharine@knollwood.org

This group values open discussion, mutual support, acceptance of diverse people, and involvement in social ministries. With varied ages but tilting toward younger adults, we begin our time together with prayer, then explore questions of faith, biblical interpretation, and cultural relevance.

Pilgrimage

Leadership: Chip Mims

Contact for Zoom link:

Peggy Mims, cpmims3@gmail.com

With a lively mix of retired and not-yet-retired members—but open to all adults—this class enjoys vigorous teaching and serious Bible study, often following the Lectionary. We bring biblical teaching into the challenging arena of 21st-century living.

Sheltering in Place, Together in Grace

Leadership: Melanie and David Wilkinson

Contact for Zoom link: Melanie Wilkinson

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A Sunday morning gathering via Zoom for adults structured around readings of the Lectionary texts, with reflections, prayers and visual and/or musical art, designed as preparation for worship and an opportunity to connect with each other.

Knollwood Small Groups - Fall 2020

Small groups are currently meeting via Zoom or in outdoor spaces; contact leadership for meeting times and locations.

All God's Children - This ministry team initiates advocacy and activism focused on social justice. Jeff Stallings, allgodschildrenkbc@gmail.com

Companions in Christ - This committed spiritual formation group explores practices of the Christian spiritual life through weekly small group meetings. Companions in Christ will be on hiatus for Fall 2020. The Way of Prayer is the next offering in the Companions in Christ study series. Melanie Wilkinson melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com; Evalynn Davis, ebdavis@yadtel.net

Ennea-Group - The Enneagram is an ancient tool that offers each of us a way to discover who we really are and encourages us toward transformation in our relationship with God. This group is currently meeting once a month for faith formation discussions using the tool of the Enneagram. Melanie Wilkinson, melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com

Evening Book Club A wide range of ages meet monthly to discuss high-interest contemporary fiction and nonfiction. 2020 - 2021 Books

Dec. 14 *Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See

Jan. 25 *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*
by Kim Richardson

Feb. 15 *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdich

Mar. 15 *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkinson

Apr. 19 *Tell Me a Story* by Cassandra King Conroy
Sarah Pennell, sarah.r.pennell@gmail.com

Monday Morning Men - Consisting mainly of men in late career stages or early retirement, this group gathers to discuss current events, reflect on the Christian life, and support one another. Chip Mims, cpmims3@gmail.com

Seasons and Women of the Word: a combined Bible Study for Moms - Sponsored by the Knollwood Children's Ministry, this reflective group of moms meets to study the Bible and share life. For fall 2020, Seasons and Women and the Word will combine via Zoom. Chrissy Hardy, chrissy@knollwood.org

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

This supportive group gathers weekly for Bible study and supports each other through life's many changes. Dean Clifford, deanmclifford@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

This lively group shares life, laughter, and Bible study. In fall 2020, the healing stories of Jesus will be explored. Rachel Wiggins, rdwiggins21@gmail.com; Diana Long, dlong1221@gmail.com

All God's Children (AGC)

By JEFF STALLINGS

AGC Ministry Team Leader

In a recent book study, we read and discussed "*From Here To Equality – Reparations For Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century*"

The facts presented lead us to believe our history knowledge was very "white washed." These facts were not pleasant. We as a group were amazed, angered, depressed... how can we have reached this age in our lives, supposedly well educated and well read, and have so little knowledge of our past?

Reparations is not a new concept by any means. Even before the Civil War ended, President Lincoln and others were devising plans, and invested land, money, and the help of government officials, to provide reparations for freed slaves. There have been reparations from Germany to the Jews, reparations from the USA to Japanese Americans, reparations to the victims of the massacre in Florida, etc.

Education. Reconciliation. Then Reparations. I was skeptical when we decided to study this book. Even after 3 years of learning about white privilege and how our Black and Brown brothers and sisters perceive us – I still questioned reparations payments being made to individuals. Our study group openly and courageously discussed what reparations might look like.

We have several action items we would like to pursue. If you have interest in what these choices are, please call or write and I will get you more information. Jeff Stallings 336-462-1710, or stallingsj@triad.rr.com.

Wednesday Night Zoom Programs

Wednesday Faith Formation Zooms will take a break for Thanksgiving, and will return in December with a special Advent series.

December 2, 9, and 16

Light in the Darkness

John 1:5 assures us: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* What are your favorite scripture passages or hymns that speak of light in dark spaces? As we enter into Advent in this particular year, what comes to mind about seeing, and having faith in, God's light? On two Wednesday evening Zooms, we'll ask Knollwood guests these questions and more, benefit from their insights, and explore what it means to watch and wait for the Light. Our last Wednesday program for 2020 will include a virtual Christmas pageant and story-telling by Knollwood's children.

Music Ministry and Worship

Worship during the COVID - 19 Pandemic:

Looking Back and Looking Ahead

By ROZANNA GOOCEY

Minister of Music and Worship



Have you wondered how each week's Worship Video is created? Perhaps you wonder what is happening on the other side of the camera. Below are some highlights from how we've approached Worship these past few months, and where we hope we are headed:

March: when Knollwood needed to cancel in-person worship, we quickly moved to recording worship and live-streaming using one of our personal smartphones. After two weeks of using this method, we realized that it wasn't working smoothly enough to continue live-streaming. We also wanted to include as many congregants as possible in our worship.

April: Beginning with Holy Week Services, Lauren Winkelman became our video editor. This allowed us to worship together via pre-recorded clips from so many in our congregation throughout the summer. We enjoyed seeing and hearing many of our gifted Knollwood musicians of all ages lead us through the liturgy.

September: Sensing the need for a return to the Sanctuary, the Ministers began meeting on Wednesdays to record most of the coming Sunday's Worship Video. Still incorporating lay voices from the congregation, as well as the addition of our Adult and Youth Choirs, Chancel Bells, and solo musicians, we continue to gather Worship Videos recorded during the week and edit them together for a Sunday premier. These are recorded on an iPad and other smartphones.

January 2021: Coming Soon! Through generous gifts made to our Memorial Fund at KBC, we were able to purchase a camera system for our Sanctuary. With cameras that record even more of our beautiful space, those gathered to lead worship will safely spread out throughout the Sanctuary while worshipping. This camera system is also able to live-stream as well as record, so it will be an important part of our worshipping life for years to come.

How has our Music Ministry met this fall?

Adult and Youth Handbell Choirs: Beginning this past September, several adult and youth handbell ensembles rehearsed on Sunday afternoons. To record these groups, Lauren and I set up multiple iPhones and iPads to record a piece of music. These groups largely rehearsed outdoors and stood six feet apart at all times. Unless it was raining, of course.

Highlights on Each Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Youth Handbells

Children Hymn Leaders:

Elena Madan and Lincoln Heinsohn

Katharine Martin, Preacher

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Chancel Bells

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent and Christmas Jazz Music for the Liturgy led by John Ray, Bill Poole, and Dan Knight

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Chancel Choir and Youth Choir with Guest String Ensemble

Choral Ensembles: Adult and Youth singers rehearsed in the courtyard between the Sanctuary and Building B every Thursday evening this fall. While we've recorded a couple of hymns together for the weekly Worship Videos, our primary focus is to prepare for our Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Video. We will gather on Thursday, Nov. 22, to record with a small string orchestra, lighting crew, and professional video crew. We can't wait to share this beautiful offering of Advent and Christmas music with you on Christmas Eve morning.

Our Children's Choir rehearsed each week of October with Charlotte Brown and me. They will also record with the video crew on Dec. 6, and their video will be part of the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols.



Making the music happen, even in the rain.

Photo by Lisa Sykes

Welcome New Members

Welcome Don and Connie

Don and Connie Harvey are “returning home” to Knollwood, after having been away for over 10 years in Virginia. Don is a retired minister, having served churches in Virginia and North Carolina for more than 40 years and currently works with the Center for Healthy Churches. Connie is a retired educator, having taught math in middle and high schools in Winston-Salem and Virginia. The Harveys recently moved back to Winston-Salem to be near their family, Corinne and Forrest Causby and their three children, and Justin and Skye Harvey and their daughter.



Email them at donharvey53@gmail.com and Harvey.connie@gmail.com.

Welcome Beppie LeGrand

Beppie was introduced to Knollwood Baptist Church in 1983 when she met her life partner, Judy Noffsinger. Judy, a charter member of KBC, is the daughter of Knollwood’s founding pastor and wife, Jack and Louise Noffsinger. Beppie and Judy married in 2011 in Des Moines, IA, as soon as they legally could



A native of Columbia, SC, Beppie is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Her career started in development for the state and later expanded to community planning and historic preservation for cities across the United States. Beppie can be reached at bjl2@bellsouth.net.

Welcome Morgan Fralick

A native of South Carolina, Morgan is an optician who runs the optical department at Costco.

Morgan loves to sing and has a heart for working with internationals. He has participated in several mission trips to Romania.



Morgan comes to Knollwood from a sister Baptist church in South Carolina. Drop him a note of welcome at mifralick6772@gmail.com.

Ministry Plan Finances YTD

The Finance Committee offers thanks for your continued contributions to the KBC Ministry plan.

Financial snapshot as of Oct. 31, 2020

	<u>OCTOBER 2020</u>	<u>OCTOBER 2019</u>
Year-To-Date Budget	\$1,295,865	\$1,213,861
Year-To-Date Income	\$1,149,061	\$1,188,537
Year-To-Date Expenses	\$1,047,511	\$1,108,943



FAITH IN THE CITY

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
12 – 1 PM**

All Children are Our Children:
The Community’s Role in Education
via Zoom

For link to the Zoom meeting
email faithinthecitykbc@gmail.com.

How can the remote learning centers set up to enhance instruction for local school students be used to strengthen community and family involvement even after schools reopen? The experience at one such center, led by a faith partner, provides an encouraging model in the critically important work of educating all children.

PRESENTERS:



Rev. Dr. Nathan Scovens
Senior Pastor
Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

Alicia Bailey
Principal
Petree Elementary School



Tricia McManus
Interim Superintendent
Winston-Salem/
Forsyth County Schools

Knollwood Baptist Church offers this monthly series of conversations, running October-May on the first Tuesday, noon-1 PM.

These gatherings will explore Faith in the City, inviting participants to deepen community conversations about complex issues and find ways to work together to address injustices that might seem overwhelming to us as individuals.

Gratefulness and Uncertainty

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation



The air has begun its downward turn towards frigid. Leaves have left their limbs. Our attentions turn toward beloved holidays that will undoubtedly look different this year, continuing a yearlong theme none of us asked for. We have endured a hard spring, enjoyed the small reprieves of summer, made what we could of a half-way fall, and now we enter into a winter of uncertainty.

Our youth group has enjoyed the privilege of being able to gather these past several months. We do not take for granted that this is something most groups have been unable to enjoy and for it we are grateful. Weekly small group times of gathering on the grassy area between our beloved Noffsinger and the WCC have been oases for our parched social souls. Moreover, being able to gather in this way over the past few months has allowed us to connect with God and one another in ways just familiar enough to feel comfortable.

Yet now as we look toward the uncertainties of winter brought about by Covid-19 metrics trending in the wrong direction, these occasions are made all the more precious in our memories. Even though we don't know definitively what the winter will look like, we will continue to find ways to feel the bonds of our group. What brings us together even when we are apart?

Arts and Hearts

The Arts and Hearts Ministry of Knollwood Baptist Church is offering an at-home Advent project for any members of our Knollwood family who are interested.

We will provide you with directions for making salt dough and a set of nativity cookie cutters to cut out your ornaments. You will need: flour, salt, string or ribbon, and paint to decorate. A full set of the directions can be found here: http://content.knollwood.org/2020Children/Instructions_for_Salt_Dough_Ornaments.pdf.

Reserve your kit now (while supplies last) and we will contact you about picking it up outside the church office. We hope you will share a photo of your creations on social media or consider making a set to gift to another friend. Reserve your kit. <https://forms.gle/sz5ZEEztYERdAA2F7>



Social distanced gatherings in the Noffsinger Building courtyard.

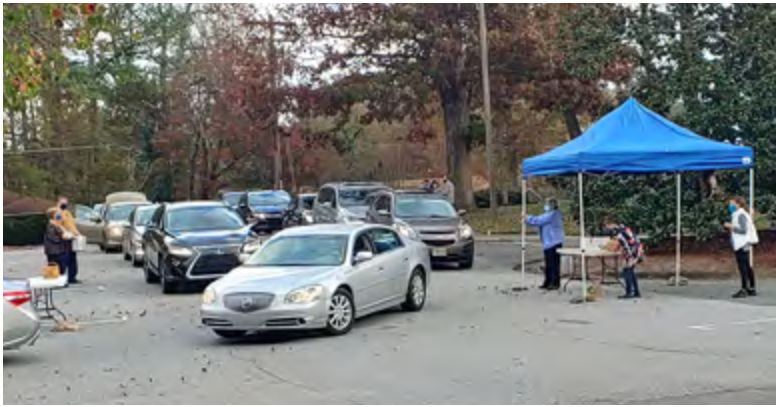
We'll continue to pray for and with one another. At our latest small group gathering our groups embarked on a prayer walk around the Noffsinger building to help us reflect on the ways we can pray both as individuals and as a group. We'll continue to find ways of serving others in our community and our family of faith. Without our normal KBC.ym holiday traditions, we'll find new ways to celebrate the season together like none before.

This winter will be strange. But if these last 8 months of strangeness have taught us anything, it is having a group of beloved folks around you makes the strange times a little easier. So as we approach a winter full of unanswered questions, I am grateful for our KBC.ym community. I am grateful for the times we have been able to spend together this year in new and unexpected ways. We have all been forced this year to become a little more okay with uncertainty, but it has also brought the chance to be more aware of our gratefulness for one another.



Knollwood Community Food Drive

Volunteers assist in unloading cars, and loading and sorting goods into the Crisis Control Ministry truck.
Photo by Stokes/Grippe



Stewardship Drive-Through

Photo by Zack Boyd

Stone Soup Stewardship

By LINDA BROWNE

We hope you enjoyed bringing your family's Commitment Card to our KBC Stewardship Drive-Through on Nov. 15. If you missed it, you may mail your commitment card to the church or email your commitment to our Finance Coordinator, Michelle Anderson at finance@knollwood.org.



Your Stewardship Committee is happy to have the cooking pot on the fire, our living stones in the simmering water, and to see the fragrant, bubbling soup enriched by the contributions of all of us.

We build our community on the Living Stone, Jesus, as our foundation, our life together is enriched by the generous

contributions of everyone's time, treasures, and gifts. Together, we further the Kingdom of God on earth as we freely serve, pray, reach out, contribute our offerings, worship and work together in the spirit of Jesus.

We've heard what gifts Don VonCannon, Katy Hites, and Zack Boyd are bringing to the soup pot of our church family; and we know others are pledging their commitments to our Kingdom work. As we "offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ," remember that we are being "built into a spiritual house." (1 Peter 2: 5) Thank you for your participation in making KBC's Stone Soup with us.

Knollwood Ingathering and Community Food Drive for Crisis Control Ministry

Many thanks to the Knollwood members and friends who gave two-and-one-half tons of food (5,234 pounds) to help feed our needy neighbors. This food will be distributed through Crisis Control Ministries, one of our church's signature mission partners.

Thanks be to God!



STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Bob Setzer, Jr.

Nine years as of Nov. 16.

Please take this opportunity to thank Bob for his long and faithful service to our church.

MINISTER ON CALL

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

This number is staffed 24/7 by a Knollwood minister.

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Video and audio recordings of Knollwood's

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THANK YOU

I am a very grateful recipient of love from so many of my church family. One of the gifts of getting older is being on the list of elderly. It means there is a group of KBC friends who are regularly reaching out to let me know I have not been forgotten. I suppose I finally must except the reality that I am now in this new demographic. But I like this part of it. Thanks to KBC for making us a priority and to those who are keeping me involved with calls and notes. I look forward to the day we can return to Congregational worship.

Anne Compere



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