



# The Knoll Word

OCTOBER 2020

Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church

## Gathering Together – Outside at Knollwood



### Sunday Morning Prayer and Communion

In addition to Sunday Morning Worship Online, we will gather in person at 11 AM for Morning Prayer and Communion in the Memorial Garden at Knollwood. Join us as we pray, sing, and receive Communion in individually wrapped packets.

- We will be socially distant for this in-person gathering.
- Masks are required.
- Maximum attendance is 35 people
- Reservations are necessary to attend.  
Sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3c5lx4r>

### Outdoor Music Circles at KBC

*Wednesdays through October 14.*

Join Rozanna and other music leaders at Knollwood on Wednesday evenings drumming and playing percussion instruments together. Each participant or family will sit together. Sign-up is mandatory. <https://tinyurl.com/yxgt2c3a>

Families are encouraged to attend together.

Children age 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear a mask.

Instruments will be sanitized before and after use.



Oct. 3, *kbc. kids* Hot Wheels and Cool Treats



Women's Bible Study meeting in the Memorial Garden

# The Last Song

By BOB SETZER JR.



On Sunday, October 4, a small group gathered for in-person worship on our campus for the first time since Sunday, March 8. Thus, it had been nearly seven months since our congregation last sang, prayed, and heard the Word while physically present to one another.

The October worship service was held at 11 o'clock in the side yard of the memorial garden. For safety reasons, the attendance was capped at 35 persons.

I was not prepared for how moved I was to be part of this epic new beginning. Preaching while looking misty-eyed at a congregation for a change, instead of a smart phone screen--and then being able to interact personally, if socially distant, after the service--was life-giving for me.

In my Communion meditation, I spoke about the "Last Song" Jesus and his disciples sang after the Last Supper: "When they had sung *the hymn*, they went out to the Mount of Olives" (Mark 14:26). Note that it was "*The Hymn*" for the song sung for this Passover Seder would have been the Hallel Psalms from 115-118.

What was the last song our congregation sang when we last gathered for worship on our campus? The spiritual, "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me." Who could have known at the time how apt that song, that prayer, would be. Imagine walking through this Pandemic without Jesus walking along beside us!

At the time, many of us thought we'd be out of church for 90 days or so, adjust to our new reality, and then be back. How naive that expectation proved to be.

Since then, our church has been cautious about in-person gatherings, not wanting to imperil the health of our members or community. And in light of what happened to the President that is now looking like a very wise decision. As the President's health, and that of his inner circle, has been compromised and imperiled by this dreadful virus, it's a sobering reminder that No One is beyond this pathogen's reach.

Still, many of us have ached for small, safe, in-person gatherings where we can connect in deeply personal ways that aren't possible with online platforms. In many ways, this edition of the newsletter is an exploration and celebration of all the ways we've found to do that from a Saturday children's gathering, "Hot Wheels and Cool Treats," to Centering Prayer on Mondays at 6 PM in the Memorial Garden.

But it was the re-creating of our worshipping community on campus on Sunday, Oct. 4, that gave me the most hope for the future. For that was a sign that we are slowly, incrementally, and as safely as possible, moving from being the "scattered church" to becoming once again the "gathered church."

Granted, we will not likely be gathering for congregation-wide worship, at least in the sanctuary, before there is a safe and effective vaccine for the coronavirus and widespread inoculation.

But in the meantime--and the times these days really are *mean*--our congregation, staff, and lay leaders continue to awe and inspire me with their creativity, commitment, perseverance, and "can do" spirit.

And what was the First Song we sang when worshipping together again in-the-flesh for the first time on campus in seven months? "Now Thank We All Our God."

It was the perfect choice, for that hymn was written from the depths of the Thirty Year's War (1618-1648). Even as war and pestilence and death took a terrible toll, God and God's people found ways to sustain the church's life and bear her witness.

And so shall we.

Blessings,

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

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for 90 days or so..."**

# Knollwood Schedule

## SUNDAY

- 7:00 AM Worship Video**  
posted at [www.knollwood.org](http://www.knollwood.org)
- 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School Zoom**  
Elementary-aged children gather for Hymns for a Lifetime, followed by a lesson in breakout rooms
- 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School** A new semester begins.
- 11:00 AM Outdoor Worship** in the Garden
- 11:30 AM Children's Choir** in the Garden
- 3:30-7:30 PM Sunday Night Youth Group**
- 4:15 PM Adult Handbell Ensembles**
- 5:30 PM Youth Handbells**

## WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 PM Wednesday Evening Prayer Service with Dr. Bob**  
Posted on the church's Facebook page no later than 6 PM. One does not need a Facebook account to access this service at <https://www.facebook.com/knollwoodbaptist/>.
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Faith Formation Program**  
Join us as we gather together for a new (and different) year of seeking wisdom as a faith community. Through presentations, interviews and panel discussions, we will explore topics relevant to growing in Christian discipleship.

## THURSDAY

- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir/Youth Choir**



Rozanna Goocey and Charlotte Brown direct the Children's Choir.

## AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our prayers and support are offered to *Betty Bowman, Jean Rogers, and Carolyn Cockayne* who were recently released from the hospital

We congratulate *Matt and Victoria Tamer* on the birth of *Olivia James Tamer*, on Sunday, Sept. 20, and *Evan and Kyla Sieges* on the birth of *Elsie*, on Oct. 5.

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

to *Judy Williams* on the death of her brother, *Barry Wilson*, Sept. 19.

to *Peggy Ruble* and family on the death of her aunt *Betty Cook*, Monday, Sept. 14, in Florida.

to the family of *Vista Harrington* on her death, Wednesday, Sept. 16.

*Fred and Chris Norman* and family on the death of Fred's father, *Fred Norman, Sr.* Friday, Sept. 11.

*David Yarbrough* and family on the death of his grandfather, *John Davis Yarbrough*, Sunday, Sept. 6.

to *Sylvia Oberle* and family, on the death of her aunt, *Evelyn Martin* of Sevierville, Tenn., Aug. 17.

to *Bill Oakley* on the death of his wife *Judy*, on Aug. 28.

Our family would like to extend our sincere gratitude for all the care we received during the death of *Fred's* dad, *Fred Norman, Sr.* We have been overwhelmed with the notes and cards. We have found comfort in reading each one of them. Also, the garden plant from the church is absolutely beautiful. I felt the Knollwood presence during the service for *Fred Norman, Sr.* Thank you. *Fred, Chris, Casey, Russell, and Allie*

## NEWSLETTER

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**KNOLLWOOD**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Grace Unbounded*



*kbc.kids* Hot Wheel and Cool Treats event in the KBC parking lot on Oct. 3

## Children's Ministry

By *CHRISSEY HARDY*

*Children's Ministry Associate*



When this pandemic began we had a burst of energy for trying to do our part to “flatten the curve” and help keep our communities safe (Can you remember that phase?). We stumbled through spring school at home and then had a relief of summer without schooling demands, but also without all the joys that summer usually brings. Many of us have started our new school years remotely now (with others attending in small cohorts with masks and distancing so that school certainly looks different than ever before). Almost nothing about our lives looks like it used to. We are now seven months into this global pandemic with likely many months ahead and more uncertainty.

Today though, I'm grateful for Fall. I'm grateful for the relief from our high summer temps and humidity and the clear fresh air. I'm grateful the kids can play comfortably outside again. I'm grateful that when every day feels eerily like the day before, the changing weather reminds me that we are moving through this. Time is passing! A new season has arrived.

With the cooler weather has come an opportunity for us to safely gather outside on our Knollwood campus in several ways. Our Doughnut Drive Through was the first big opportunity to see faces in person after a long time apart. A gathering in the memorial garden of our two women's Bible studies and some intergenerational drum circles followed. And on the first Saturday of October, we all brought bikes and scooters and had time in the Knollwood parking lot to safely play and fellowship with one another. What a gift.

### Saturday, October 31 | 10:00-11:30 AM Pumpkin Carving and Costume Parade

Come as a family with your own pumpkin and all necessary carving tools. We'll spread out on picnic blankets, carve pumpkins together as family units, and have a distanced costume parade through the parking lot. Treat bags with candy for all!  
Registration coming soon.

We are probably headed back into the wilderness. Winter, darkness, flu season, and cold temperatures are coming. It will be harder for us to plan safe ways to be physically present with each other. But for now, I'm so grateful for Fall and for the reprieve in the middle of this pandemic to treasure some connections and community before we hunker down again.

*Chrissy*



# Youth Ministry: Moving Outside

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation



Social distancing rules have kept us out of our beloved spaces for a long time that keeps getting longer. For the safety of all our neighbors, we must refrain from gathering in the holy ground in which we are accustomed to standing. It's okay to admit: we miss our familiar spaces almost as much as we miss familiar faces.

For youth specifically, this absence has meant staying outside of our beloved Noffsinger. KBC.ym is abundantly blessed by the space dedicated to our ministry; truthfully, it is one of the finest youth ministry facilities I have seen. So being kept out of this space is made all the more painful because we love it so much. However, this does not mean that Noffsinger is going unloved. We are thrilled that in our absence we are able to welcome Imprints Cares to use the facility in hosting children from our community. This is a vital service right now, so we are honored to be a host site.

Yet being outside of our normal spaces has allowed us to reflect on other holy ground around us. At SNYG (Sunday Night Youth Group), we have traded mismatched couches for camp chairs and air conditioned rooms for brisk fall breezes. Our small group meetings outside have become an oasis of interaction after so many months in isolation. While different, these small gatherings outside have given us the chance to look differently at our activities and reconnect with one another outside of our expected routines. While this is weather dependent and will surely change when the air shifts from brisk to

downright cold, for now we can enjoy the sounds of creation around us as we pray, laugh, talk, and fellowship together.

Speaking of creation, our folks gathered in the creek bed at the end of September to take care of our natural community here at home. We put on masks and gloves, stuffed some spare trash bags in our pockets, and got our shoes good and muddy cleaning up our Adopt-A-Stream site off New Walkertown Road. All told, a dozen of our youth helped gather nearly 30 bags of litter from the stream and surrounding streets. Service opportunities have been hard to come by while maintaining safe social distance, so this was a sacred chance for us to serve our neighbors in a safe way.

## Summer Missions 2021 - mayyybe?!

We are getting some groundwork laid for Summer 2021 with some actual, real life missions opportunities.

We have TWO exciting missions activities penciled in for next summer:

- PASSPORT camp at Furman University on July 12-17
- Sending a work team to serve alongside our friends at PICO ESCONDIDO in Jarabacoa, DR on June 12-19

If you would have interest in either or both of these service experiences next summer we need to know now.

Email Josh for details. [josh@knollwood.org](mailto:josh@knollwood.org)



*A dozen youth across two different work groups gathered at our Adopt-A-Stream location to do some much needed cleaning. We donned our masks, grabbed some gloves, stuffed some trash bags in our pockets and got to picking.*

# Faith Formation and Education

By KATHARINE MARTIN

Interim Minister of Faith Formation and Education



Spring and summer of 2020 taught us much about flexibility and creative problem-solving, and fall 2020 continues to provide opportunities (this is my positive spin) to adjust to new realities. In each season of this pandemic, despite our buildings being closed, we have continued to be the

Church. Thanks be to God!

We found new ways to kick off the 2020-21 year of fellowship, study, and formation. Instead of congregating in the Fellowship Hall, we cruised through campus for warm greetings and scrumptious goodies on Sept. 16, Gather Together Wednesday. Knollwood members reconnected with the ministers from the safety of their cars, and received faith formation materials and a sampling of Trina Jackson's sweet treats.

We are experimenting with new ways to gather together for Wednesday night faith formation. This fall, we'll be sharing fellowship on Zoom at 7 PM and seeking wisdom from a rich and varied line-up of guest speakers. Through presentations, interviews, and panel discussions, we will explore topics relevant to growing in Christian discipleship. Each Zoom gathering will include time for small group conversation. Once a month, we'll come together for a Wednesday night version of Knollchat, a fun and relaxed time of catching up and connecting in small groups.

Our first fall series was *Parable Wisdom for Pandemic Times*. Sunday Worship and Wednesday night programs shared a common theme of four parables, inspired by the beautiful hymn *What is the World Like?* Marissa Joyce and Melissa Vickers connected the story of Project Mask to The Mustard Seed, Jennifer Bibb taught on The Prodigal Son, and Amy Shuman reflected on civic engagement in a contentious election season through the story of The Good Samaritan.

As the weather has turned cooler, we have experienced new ways to meet and engage in spiritual formation on campus. The Memorial Garden and the Courtyard between Buildings A and B have become Sunday School classrooms and small group meeting places. Centering Prayer, a practice of Christian contemplation in which we rest in God's presence, has been offered in the Memorial Garden on September and October Mondays at 6 PM.

Despite the necessary restrictions on our gathering together, we remain essentially Knollwood, paying faithful attention to how God continues to speak into our lives, and to how our faith is being shaped and deepened by this challenging time.

So... come grow in faith and find your place amidst the many ways we are staying connected in community, and vital in spirit.

## 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: Bill Hearn, Joe Long, Roger Underwood

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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

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Katharine Martin

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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

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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. In fall 2020, AGC will explore the concept of reparations for racial injustice through studying *From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century* by William Darity and Andrea Mullen. Sunday evenings at 8 PM, beginning Oct. 4. 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

**Sept. 21** *Oona Out of Order* by Margarita Montimore

**Oct. 19** *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker

**Nov. 16** *Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See

**Dec. 14** BYOB (*Bring your own book to share with the group*)

**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

## Cruisin' KBC

Faith & Formation August Drive-by



## Wednesday Night Zoom Programs

**Oct. 14** - Knollchat

**Oct. 21** - Stone Soup Stewardship

**Oct. 28** - The Language of God  
with John Harrison

**Nov. 4** - Racial Justice Book Reports

## Faith Formation Opportunity

### Racial Justice Book Study

Thursdays, November 5, 12 and 19  
7:30 via Zoom

We will discuss *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown, a moving and eye-opening autobiographical account of growing up Black, Christian, and female in middle-class white America. Email katharine@knollwood.org for information.

## TTWS to Open in November

By LUCRECIA NORMAN

Minister to Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool



I am excited to announce that Knollwood TTWS will open for our Pre-K Pod and 3 Year Old Pod on Nov. 2.

The 2 Year Old Pod will start on Nov. 30 and the Infant - Toddlers will start on Jan. 11.

This will be an unusual year for the school, but we are ready to start.

## Music Ministry and Worship

By ROZANNA GOOCEY

Minister of Music and Worship



We've had wonderful in-person Music Ministry and Worship gatherings outdoors at KBC this past month. Some of those are listed below. If you'd like to participate in any of these offerings, email [rozanna@knollwood.org](mailto:rozanna@knollwood.org) about signing up to attend.

- Music Circles on Wednesdays in the Memorial Garden
- Chancel Choir/Youth Choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings in Building A/B Courtyard
- Youth Handbell rehearsals on Sunday evenings in Building A/B Courtyard
- Worship for 35 attendees in the Memorial Garden
- Children's Choir rehearsal on Sunday in the Memorial Garden

We continue to pour our efforts into our primary mode of communal worship at Knollwood, the weekly Sunday Worship Video. Thank you to all who offer their time, skill, and heart to leading worship through these weekly videos. I hope you will all find ways to continue singing in the days ahead, whether through the in-person gatherings listed above or through these weekly Worship Videos.

Even more, I hope that through all of these modes of worship, from drum circles to the Worship Video, you sense the Spirit of God at work in our midst. I've never been more certain that God's presence is among us in both our virtual and physical spaces. I'm grateful that I witness God in each of you living these difficult days faithfully trusting in God's promise to bring new life in the midst of suffering.



## Supporting Bolton Elementary

By BETH FIELDS

Knollwood, along with our Bolton Food Pantry partners Trinity Presbyterian and Wesley Memorial UMC, provided treats and expressed gratitude to the faculty at Bolton Elementary School. Teachers who are working from school came out to pick up their cupcake and handwritten thank-you note. Those who are working from home participated in a drive-by pick-up. It was great to see our friends at Bolton for a brief hello.

## If We Call You, Please Answer

By GAYLE ANDERSON

As the pandemic continues, several Knollwood volunteers have been calling on some KBC members with whom we have not had an opportunity to connect on Zoom or through other technological wonders. If you receive a call during October or November, the caller will identify themselves as a Knollwood Deacon or volunteer, will inquire if you need anything from the church, and may ask to verify your contact information. Any additions or changes in your information will be used only to update the church records. Thank you for your assistance.



# Congregational Views on Faith Formation and Education at Knollwood

By SYLVIA OBERLE

Search Committee for Faith Formation and Education Minister, Committee Chair

Starting last spring, the Search Committee for Faith Formation and Education Minister has sought the views of the congregation on this important ministry at Knollwood. Primarily through a congregation-wide survey, but also through small group discussions, the committee has heard from more than 200 people, representing a broad spectrum of church members.

Committee members, including those representing the personnel committee, have agreed that the actual search process should be on pause until more is known about future realities of the church.

But the committee does want to share with the wider congregation general themes that have emerged from this initial analysis phase, particularly as it relates to priorities for faith formation and education. **Most important** to those we heard from is that this ministry focus on:

- Strong biblical and theological education, including support and resources for Sunday School teachers;
- Providing opportunities for education about current issues in our community and the world, as well as guidance and support for community engagement;
- Overseeing a cohesive curriculum of faith formation and education.

In addition, in both the survey and small group settings, people were asked about the desired qualities and attributes of someone filling this ministerial role. Those deemed **most important** in response were:

- Openness to KBC philosophy and diversity of thought;
- Warmth/humility/approachability;
- Ability to work collaboratively; and
- A well-developed personal theology of faith

Also strongly noted were the flexibility to meet people where they are and the ability to engage people in learning, as well as a willingness to take a creative, bold or innovative approach to education.

The committee also sought views on the connection of the Faith Formation & Education Minister to the growing missions activities of Knollwood within the community. Overall, many members stressed that outreach and outward expressions are essential components of faith development as well as part of Knollwood's DNA. The majority of survey respondents (almost two-thirds) said that the FF&E minister should be involved in, but not primarily responsible for, this missional realm of the church. Further discussion/comments noted that lay people should lead such efforts, perhaps with the FF&E minister helping to oversee and coordinate these groups. Other suggestions were that the responsibility of oversight could be shared by all members of the ministerial staff or perhaps a dedicated coordinator. The full report on the congregational survey, with much appreciation to Knollwood member Janet Tooze for her analysis, can be accessed online on the Knollwood Media and Document page (<https://www.knollwood.org/media-documents>) under the Administration heading, or at this link: [http://content.knollwood.org/2020\\_Documents/FFandE\\_SurveyResults.pdf](http://content.knollwood.org/2020_Documents/FFandE_SurveyResults.pdf).

The committee thanks church members for their continued interest and stressed that much has changed since the committee started last spring.

"We call it a creative pause in our work, where we will be continuing to assess what is new and promising in our church and align that with the priorities the congregation has identified," said Sylvia Oberle.

## Two New Ministers to Be Ordained by KBC

Torie Zeiner and Corinne Causby have each completed Knollwood's requirements for ordination to the ministry of the church. Both of these called, gifted, and committed ministers have met multiple times with an ordination mentoring and discernment group composed of KBC folk. Here is a link to more about Knollwood's rigorous ordination requirements: [http://content.knollwood.org/2019\\_Documents/Ordination-Policy-Summary.pdf](http://content.knollwood.org/2019_Documents/Ordination-Policy-Summary.pdf)

Torie is a native of Indiana and grew up as an American Baptist. A May 2020 graduate of the Wake Forest School of Divinity,



Torie Zeiner

Torie is a Knollwood member who served as our first intern at the Bolton Food Pantry. She hopes to serve as a hospital chaplain and will begin a chaplain residency

in Seattle, Wash., next summer.

Corinne is a longtime Knollwood member and a 2017 graduate of the Wake Forest School of Divinity. After graduation, she served as Program Director for



Corinne Causby

City with Dwellings, helping to open their Community First Center in 2017. More recently, Corinne completed a chaplaincy residency at the Wake Forest

Baptist Medical Center and is currently the Palliative Chaplain Fellow for 2020-21.

In the coming months, services of ordination will be held for Torie and for Corinne.

# Stewardship 2020

You may remember as a child, hearing the Stone Soup story of a village that came together to help a stranger turn a huge pot of water and a large stone into a fulfilling stone soup. The stone was the foundation of the soup that was enriched by the villagers' donations of vegetables and meats.

Likewise, at Knollwood, our gifts enrich our faith in service to God. Jesus is the foundation of our faith and actions, and we bring our gifts to the church to fulfill our mission to love and live like Jesus with head, heart, and hands.

Stone Soup is the theme of this year's stewardship campaign. It comes from 1 Peter 2: 4-5: "As you come to him, the living Stone -- rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him -- you also,

like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

During this season of stewardship, as we examine our spiritual house, we are called to assess our talents, our time, and our treasures to see what sacrifices we can make to contribute to God's work.

Our stewardship commitment for the coming year will culminate on Sunday, Nov. 15. On that day, we will have an afternoon drive-through event where KBC members can drop their Estimate of Giving card in a kettle on campus and receive a treat. Those not wishing to participate in the drive-through are asked to make their commitment by mail or online the week before.



The Stone Soup story shows that the contributions of each of us, simmered together, make a richer offering. Might you begin to consider all that you can bring to God, even in these difficult economic and social times, to help expand Jesus' kingdom here on earth.

Joe Long,  
Stewardship Chair  
Gayle Anderson,  
Stewardship Vice Chair

## The Tale of Stone Soup

A *traveler* came into a village carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot. The villagers told the traveler there was nothing to eat in the village.

The traveler offered to make some stone soup to share with them. The traveler filled the pot with water and built a fire under it. Then the traveler dropped a large stone into the water in the pot. As the villagers gathered around, the traveler sniffed the stone soup and said that it was a tasty stone soup but it would taste better with a carrot in it.

A villager brought a few carrots. The soup continued to cook, and soon a villager brought some onions from the garden. Then the traveler said the soup might be good with potatoes, which another villager eagerly gave. Everyone wanted to have a hand in this mysterious soup. Very soon the pot was filled with celery, mushrooms, peas, and barley.

Soon the big pot was bubbling and steaming with enough to feed the whole village. Everyone was amazed that such a wonderful soup could be made from stones.

**Sunday, November 15 is Commitment Day**

## The Stewardship Of The Vote

By BOB SETZER JR.

Jesus said, "To whom much is given, from them much will be required."

~Luke 12:48

As citizens living in a democracy, we are blessed with the privilege and power of the vote. And, as disciples of Jesus, how we cast our votes on Nov. 3 should be an expression of our discipleship.

Those needing a North Carolina absentee ballot can request one here: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Forms/NCAbsenteeBallotRequest-Form.pdf>

Those needing to check their registration status, polling place, and other questions can do so here: <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

# Ministry Plan Finances YTD

The Finance Committee offers many thanks for your continued contributions to the KBC Ministry plan. Below is a snapshot of July and August 2020:

## Financial snapshot as of Aug. 31, 2020:

2020 Year-To-Date Income     \$930,441  
2020 Year-To-Date Budget    \$1,036,692  
2020 Year-To-Date Expenses   \$817,766

## Recent Knollwood Mission Allocations

- **\$10,000** for scholarships for under-served children to attend Imprints Cares E-Learning and Enrichment programs, such as the one presently meeting in the Noffsinger Youth Building. Preference to be given to families who participate in the Bolton Food Pantry or Kid's Cafe.
- **\$5,000** to support the Remote Learning site at Hope Community Church. This ministry provides mentors, resources, and internet connectivity for at-risk students during the pandemic.
- **\$2,025** to assist in the ministry of Lydia's House, a minority owned and operated ministry that provides housing for women transitioning out of homelessness
- **\$500** to support the KBC ministry of hospitality and support to the teachers and staff of Bolton Elementary

## Welcome Michelle Anderson

We welcome Knollwood's new Finance Coordinator, Etta Michelle Anderson (Michelle), who began work on Sept. 16. Michelle's accounting experience, personality, and team player attitude made her the perfect fit for the position.

She has nine years of accounting experience in the manufacturing industry and a CPA firm assisting small businesses with their accounting procedures while she was obtaining her education. Michelle also has experience with church accounting which led her to apply for the position at Knollwood. "I was ready for an opportunity to utilize my skill set and experience and find a position with an organization for the next 25 years," Anderson said.

Michelle is a graduate of Gardner Webb University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Accounting) and a graduate of Forsyth Technical Community College with an associate's degree in Finance, Accounting, and Office System Technology with honors.

Michelle has one daughter, Sametta Nicole Williams, who also graduated from Gardner Webb University, and a beloved grand dog named Diamond. Michelle is looking forward to grandchildren in the future.



**Michelle Anderson**  
Finance Coordinator  
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## IN MEMORIAM

**Judy Gentry Oakley**  
May 3, 1951-August 28, 2020

**Vista Harrington**  
March 16, 1933 - September 16, 2020

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

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

**Lauren Winkelman,**  
Seven years as of Sept. 11.

**Chris Norman,**  
Twenty-three years as of Sept. 29.

**Katharine Martin,**  
One year as of Oct. 16.

Please take this opportunity to thank them for their 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.

## STAFF ON CALL

Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM

The office is not open to the public, but it is partially staffed at this time. Call 336-725-1343 to check staff availability for dropping off and picking up items.

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