

JOHN KNOX

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We believe God is leading us to extend radical hospitality, build authentic community, and join in God's transforming work in the world.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VISITORS!

We welcome you to our church today. We hope you receive a blessing and will come be a part of our church family again!
Please fill out a pew card and ask for a welcome bag.

Today is World Communion Sunday. Wherever you are worshipping, we invite you to gather your elements so that we may all share the Lord's Supper.

Today's service is intergenerational. We welcome all children who are worshipping with us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 am | October 1, 2023

WELCOME

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

THANK YOU

PRELUDE *Quiet Reflection* Edward Broughton

MOMENT FOR MISSION

TIME FOR CENTERING

HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE *Deuteronomy 31:7-8, Isaiah 41:8-10*

SERMON Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG *Bread of Heaven, Cup of Salvation*

PRAYER & OFFERING

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prayer for Unity* Kevin Keil

PASSING OF THE PEACE

New to the prayer list this week: Savannah; Rudi; Keily Family; Donna Herbst; Kelly and Pat

Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan, Pastor

Rev. Susanne Bendoraitis, Executive Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kristian Bendoraitis, Director of Alternative Worship and Digital Ministry

Craig Galinski, Director of Music

Betty Dimond, Flute

Tom Tweedle, Worship Assistant

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Sunday, October 1 (World Communion Sunday):

- 10 am - Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 11 am - 2nd Hour Experience Poetry with Pastor Tom/ Lounge
- 11 am - Coffee Hour & Noah's Pudding/ Trinity Hall
- 4 pm - Broadway & Opera Concert & Reception/ Trinity Hall
- 7 pm - REMIX Practice/ Sanctuary
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Lounge
- 7:30 pm - AA/ 108-109

Monday, October 2:

- 11 am - AA Meeting/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Congregational Life/ Lounge
- 7 pm - Worship Committee/ Zoom
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Library
- 7 pm - Mission Committee/ 108-109
- 7:30 pm - CE Committee Meeting/ Zoom

Tuesday, October 3:

- 7 am - Men's Bible Study/ Trinity Hall
- 10 am - Staff/ Lounge
- 10:30 am - AA/ 108-109
- 1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Finance Committee/ Library
- 7 pm - FAW (MacMillan)/ Lounge
- 7 pm - BSA #700 Meeting/ Fellowship Hall, Youth Room

Wednesday, October 4:

- 9:30 am - Wednesday Morning Bible Study/ Trinity Hall
- 9:30 am - Women's AA/ Youth Room
- 10 am - OA/ 108-109
- 11 am - Bridge/ Gallery
- 6 pm - Membership Committee/ Library
- 6 pm - Spirit Moves Yoga/Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal/ 108-109
- 7 pm - Fresh Fork Pickup
- 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary

Thursday, October 5:

- 9:30 am - Quilters/ 108-109
- 10 am - Toddler Time/ Fellowship Hall
- 6 pm - Finding Pathways Through Grief/ Lounge
- 7 pm - Disciple Group/ Library

Friday, October 6:

- 8:30 pm - AA/ Fellowship Hall/Gallery

Saturday, October 7:

- 9 am - Grounds Cleanup
- 1 pm - Women's AA/ 108-109

Sunday, October 8:

- 10 am - Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 10 am - Youth Sunday School/ Youth Room
- 10 am - Sunday School/ 107 & 135
- 11 am - Healing Prayer/ Lounge
- 11 am - Coffee Hour/ Trinity Hall
- 11 am - 2nd Hour Experience Hiking with the Knowltons/ Rocky River Reservation Nature Center
- 7 pm - Al-Anon/ Lounge
- 7:30 pm - AA/ 108-109

John Knox Announcements – October 1, 2023

NOAH'S PUDDING

A special treat. Make certain you stop by the NOICA tables in Trinity Hall during Coffee Hour on October 1 as we continue to build our relationship with the Muslim community. Our friends with the Northern Ohio Intercultural Association will distribute Ashura or Noah's Ark Pudding to celebrate the joy of unity, harmony, peace, and diversity. You don't want to miss sampling this tasty treat and learn more of the history behind it.

SECOND HOUR EXPERIENCES POETRY WITH PASTOR TOM

Join Tom after worship today in the Lounge as he leads a session based on the poem that has inspired our fall theme, *New Beginnings* by John O'Donohue.

HIKING WITH THE KNOWLTONS

Next Sunday, October 8, meet at Rocky River Reservation Nature Center following worship for a short hike, granola bars, and a short devotion.

JOHN KNOX PERFORMANCE SERIES

Join us this afternoon at 4:00 PM in Trinity Hall for *An Afternoon of Opera and Broadway – Le Pilgrimage Noir* presented by Dwight Fleming, Artistic Director. Come enjoy some familiar opera and Broadway music performed by classically trained artists who have toured the world and presented in many different venues. A reception will follow outside of Trinity Hall.

LOVE INC COAT DRIVE

The annual Love INC Coat Drive will take place October 1 thru October 26. Coats can be dropped off at the church and placed in the collection box outside of Trinity Hall. All coats are appreciated, but highest needs are men's and women's sizes 1X – 4X and all children's sizes. Please contact Sarah D. with any questions at 216-337-1460 or sarahd@bilddesign.com.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Once again John Knox is partnering with the Oxcart Pantry to collect Thanksgiving food items to be made available to those in our community in need of assistance with the basics for a holiday meal. This will begin October 1 and run through October 22. There will be boxes at the entrance of Trinity Hall and the Gallery for donations. PLEASE do not put your donations in the Love Buggy. For questions, please call Lillian Predota 440-826-0794. The following is a list of the items Oxcart needs the most: Boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy (jars, cans, or packets), Jello (regular & sugar-free), canned sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes (boxes & packets), dessert items (boxed cake, cookie, brownie mixes, etc). Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks out to John Knox Church with Oxcart Thanksgiving designation in the memo. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

BRIDGE THE GAP

Join Be the Bridge on Sunday, October 22, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Trinity Hall for a program that will teach ways to have difficult conversations that result in learning another person's story. This is not a course on persuasion, but one of listening, learning, gaining insight, and building relationships. Registration is not required but strongly encouraged. You can register today by clicking this link: [Sign-up Link](#)

PLEASE HELP!

Our church yard needs you! Our next "regularly scheduled first Saturday" cleanup day is Saturday, October 7, 9:00 AM - Noon. If you get there early, don't worry, more folks will arrive soon. Bring your own tools, or we will supply them. Some tasks are leaf blowing, weed whacking, shrub trimming, litter pickup, etc. Julius will let you know where there's a need. Hope to see you there!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Congregational Life is hosting the annual Halloween Happenings on Friday, October 13. All ages are invited to join in the fun beginning at 6:30 PM and ending around 8:00 PM. There will be a magic show, balloon twister, games, prizes, S'mores, and pumpkins! Costumes make the evening more fun but are not required. We hope you can join us. The committee is accepting donations of individually wrapped treats or trinkets for the Halloween Trick or Treat bags. Donations can be left in the church office. A free pumpkin and Halloween Trick or Treat bag for the first 100 children.

BRAND NEW HAT CONCERT

Join us for another John Knox Performance Series Concert on Sunday, October 15, at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Brand New Hat presented by the popular northern Ohio quartet consisting of Dan McMillan (lead guitar, vocals), Dave Kennard (banjo, harmonica, vocals), John Hansen (bass, harmonica, vocals) and Roland Kausen (mandolin, vocals). Their music is a blend, drawing from the roots of bluegrass, traditional, folk, and contemporary stylings. A reception will follow in the Gallery. If you are interested in baking for the reception, please contact Dianne Magnani at dwmagnani@gmail.com.

NOW HIRING BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Handbell Choir is searching for a new director - our beloved Jim Traxler is retiring by the end of the year. We will miss him so very much and are grateful for the dedication, creativity, and enthusiasm that he brought to the position. The choir rehearses each Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8 PM from September through May and plays on the third Sunday of each month. Contact Barb Forslund at JKPChandbells@gmail.com if you are interested or with any suggestions of possible candidates.

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