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KNOX NEWS

“God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and of love and of self-discipline.” (II Timothy 1:7)

Paul’s years are slipping away. From his prison cell he knows his time is limited. When that happens, you remember. You journey back through years that have gone by but are not gone.

Paul remembers the tears when he parted from Timothy. Maybe he doesn’t know if he will ever see his young friend again. Paul remembers Timothy’s honest and sincere faith. A faith handed down from Timothy’s grandmother, Lois, and mother, Eunice, and now Paul reminds Timothy, “I’m sure it lives in you.”

And finally, Paul remembers when Timothy started out in the ministry. He remembers people gathering around Timothy. He remembers the prayers, the anointing, and how he placed his hands upon Timothy to bless him and set him apart for this holy calling. He reminds Timothy of the ministry entrusted to him.

We will do the same on May 14 when we welcome confirmands as members of our church. We will do this in a few months when we ordain and install new officers. Some will do this after worship when we have healing prayer.

This is what we do as a community. We remember, we commission, we anoint, we bless one another forward on brave ventures and humble service. We mark one another as beloved children of God, gifted by the Spirit, entrusted to this community and sent in service and witness into the neighborhoods near and far.

If years seem to be slipping away, who do you need to encourage and bless forward in life?

If you are wondering of your place and call, let yourself be found by those who are welcoming others into service.

Step forward and gather input, release timidity, and let this community surround you with prayer and celebrate your giftedness.

Tom



You're not alone.
God cares about you. So do we.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY CALENDAR

May 2

Staff Appreciation Lunch
11am—Trinity Hall

May 6

Scouts Flower Sale
10am—South Parking Lot

May 15

Deacons
7pm—Lounge

Session

7pm—Fellowship Hall

May 21

Spring Concert & Ice Cream Social
4pm—Sanctuary

May 23

Community Meal
5:30pm—Drive-thru

Stephen Ministers

7pm—Lounge

May 28

Healing Prayer Meeting
11am—Lounge

May 31

Fresh Fork Pickup Begins
7pm—South Parking Lot



MAY HYBRID WORSHIP

May 7

Communion

Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan

I Peter 3: 8-16

Do Not Repay Evil for Evil

Flute Ensemble - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

May 14

Healing Prayer

Confirmation Sunday

Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan

I Peter 4: 7-11

Stewards of Grace

JKPC Choir - *Living Hope & Captured By His Grace*

May 21

I Peter 5: 1-11

What To Do With Anxiety

REMIX Band

May 28

Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Tom MacMillan

Acts 2: 1-21

Filled With the Spirit

JKPC Bell Choir - *Sweet, Sweet Spirit & Spirit Song*

THANK YOU!

Thank you John Knox Church! I received the most beautiful Easter Lily and homemade card from you and absolutely love them. I was so surprised! Thank you for thinking about me.

Blessings, Yvonne Petrigac

THANK YOU!

Your thoughtfulness means so to me. Thank you for your kind words, your caring actions, and your constant prayers.

God heard all of your prayers for me. My surgery went well, and I am healing so nicely. God bless all of you.

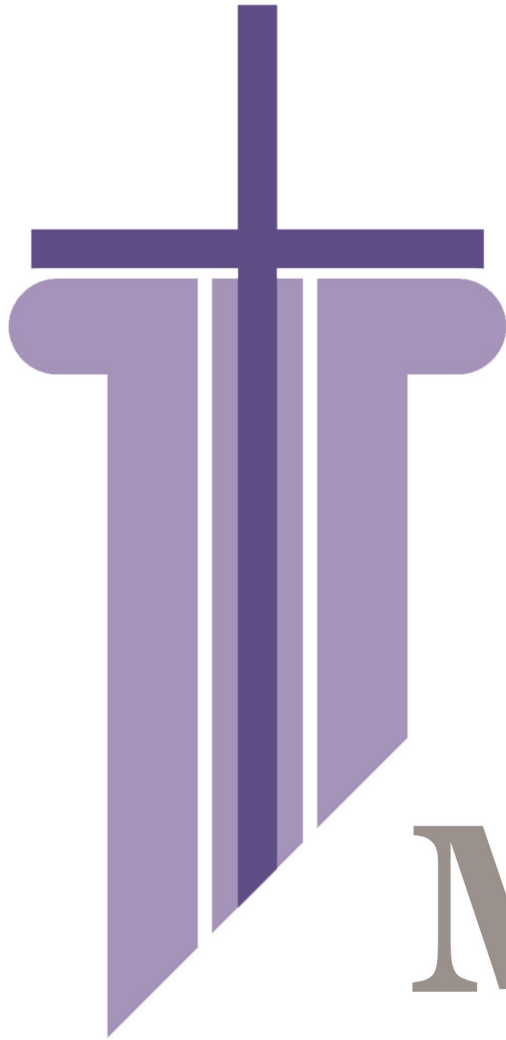
Thank you for your calls. Beautiful cards, and prayers.

Marge Hegedus

KNITTING GROUP

Folks are interested in reviving a knit and crochet group, and we would like you to join also. Work on your own project, teach each other, and pass on some of your "fruit" to charity. Evening or Saturday meetings have been suggested. Express your interest and availability by May 14 to Kari Steinetz at cz29231820@gmail.com





MORTGAGE TO MINISTRY

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”

Hebrews 12:1

JOIN US
MAY 7
KICK OFF

We are excited to announce the Mortgage to Ministry Campaign to become debt free and live into a vibrant future full of unencumbered ministry!

John Knox Church

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School for children and youth is continuing this month. Mark your calendars for May 14. Not only is it Mother's Day, but we will have all age worship in the Sanctuary for Confirmation Sunday. Come and support our confirmands on that day.

The Closet Clean Out is here! Please bring soft items to the church through May 7. Thank you for supporting youth mission!

Sign up for an out of this world VBS! Our theme is *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light!* This year, things will be different as VBS will be in the evening, Monday- Thursday, **June 26-29, from 5:30-7:30pm** with a light dinner. Cost will be \$30 per child with a family cap of \$75. VBS Sunday and the church picnic will be on July 2. Questions? Would you like to volunteer? We are excited about these new developments.

Sign up here: vbspro.events/p/36b3c1

Youth Spring Dates 2023

May 7 After Church, Confirmation with Session

4 pm Youth group

May 13 Fund Drive Clothing Drop off- 10am- 12pm

May 14 Confirmation Sunday

May 21 Ice Cream Social after the Spring Music Concert



SPRING CONCERT

SPRING CONCERT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday, May 21, the Music Ministry of John Knox will stage its annual Spring Concert in the Sanctuary at 4:00 pm. The concert will be a live performances and will also be live streamed. Come and enjoy the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Flute Ensemble as they “let their hair down” and have fun with music you don’t hear during worship. Following the concert, join us in Trinity Hall for an ice cream social. Enjoy Weber's Ice Cream (a big thanks to Dave Ford) and support youth mission. We hope to see you there.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our Dean's Greenhouse spring fundraiser has started! Dean's will be donating 20% of your sales to the preschool for purchases made from May 1st-June 15th. Show them the paper flyer, take a photo to show on your phone or let them know you are with the preschool. Flyers are available at the Welcome Desk and outside the preschool rooms (rooms 133 & 134 at the end of Handprint Hallway). There is no limit on the number of times you may shop during the event dates.

Openings are available in our preschool classes for the 2023-2024 school year. If you or anyone you know is looking for a preschool, please have them contact Nancie.

If anyone has any questions about the preschool-enrollment, events etc. please contact us at director@jkpreschool.org , www.jkpreschool.org, or at 440-777-5878.



THANK YOU FOR THE TOY DONATIONS!

Dear donors,

Thank you SO MUCH for your generous outpouring of toys for the toddlers in the Knox Nursery. The kids had a blast exploring them all, going from one toy to another. We now have a good variety of entertaining and educational materials for them. Stop by and see them in action some Sunday!

Gratefully yours,

Claire Troha & Lynne Youseff



MISSION

Building Hope In the City has become an important partner to John Knox. The ministry within the organization is vast and touches so many in the Cleveland area. We will be sharing opportunities for you to become involved in the many events that take place at both the Hope Center and through the City Development ministry on the west side.

Many of these opportunities are just one day or even only a couple of hours on a given day. They all touch people's lives and will most certainly touch your hearts as you begin to learn more and experience first hand through these events.

We will be posting opportunities in our monthly Knox News publications, Mid-Week Blasts, and our John Knox website.

I will be acting as a liaison between BHITC and John Knox and will communicate opportunities as they become available. Please feel free to contact me at 440-773-8576 or email ckh649@gmail.com if you have questions or want to learn how to become more involved with the ministries that Building Hope In The City offers.

- Chris Hoffa

BUILDING HOPE IN THE CITY UPDATES: MAY 2023

Opportunities:

- **[Community Development Info Session](#)**: May 4th at 6pm at W 58th Street Church of God (3150 W 58th Street Cleveland, OH). Meet the on-the-ground team, hear what God has been doing in the community, and learn more about ways to get involved.
- **Pop Up Cafe**: May 5th from 6-8pm at the Hope Center. Enjoy a Somalian meal prepared by Chef Kifaya. RSVP to lauren@buildinghopeinthecity.org by April 28th.
- **[Hope Center Cleaning Day](#)**: Saturday, May 6 from 9am-12pm at the Hope Center. We need your help with outdoor Spring Cleaning, especially in the outdoor children's space, mulching, and cleaning the grounds around the building. Lunch provided. [Register here](#).
- **[Neighborhood Prayer Walks](#)**: Tuesday, May 9th 6-7pm @ W 58th St. Church of God (3150 W 58th St.) - These walks will last an hour and will include contemplative and intercessory prayer, deeper understanding of the history and current stories that shape the neighborhood, and reflective prompts for you to reimagine your presence in the neighborhood God has called you to. These are monthly taking place May-October.
- **[Spring Festival](#)**: Saturday, May 13 from 12-4pm at 3397 W 67th St, Cleveland, OH 44102 - Help put on a Spring Festival put on by a neighbor of BHITC. This festival will include Free Food, Fun Games, Live Music, Giveaways, Egg Hunt, and more. Contact anthony@buildinghopeinthecity.org for more information.
- **[Volunteer Appreciation Happy Hour](#)**: Tuesday, June 6 from 4-6pm at Forest City Brewery (2135 Columbus Rd. Cleveland, OH). We want to say Thank You to our volunteers with pizza, a drink on us (beer, wine, or soda), and a look at what's upcoming at BHITC. [RSVP here](#).

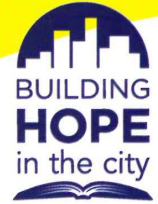
Upcoming Trainings:

- **[Building Hope 101](#)**: An introduction to BHITC and volunteering: May 23 at 6pm
- **[Refugee/Hope Center 101](#)**: An introduction to the Hope Center and volunteering: May 31 at 6pm
- **[Christian Community Development](#)**: An introduction to Christian Community Development: May 25 at 6pm.

Other ways to support BHITC:

- Shop and donate at [Common Threads Thrift Store](#) in Fairview Park and Book Park to support the work of Building Hope, provide jobs, and find great deals!
- Buy a Candle or fragrance from [Peripeti Home](#)
- For questions about any of these, contact David Van Hal at david@buildinghopeinthecity.org

2022 IMPACT REPORT



61 new volunteers incorporated into city ministry, contributing to **\$219,150** in labor value invested by our committed volunteers.

The Hope Center assisted **250** people to become U.S. citizens.



Rally CLE hosted **9** community improvement projects in Clark-Fulton and Stockyards with neighborhood leaders, leading to over **\$50,000** invested into the neighborhood.

Engaged **115** children through Education Enrichment opportunities on the near west side and at The Hope Center, which include after-school and summer programs. Plus, **90+** youth took part in the The Hope Center's youth soccer camp!



The annual Christmas Store blessed **410** children through nearly **4,000** donated gifts.

Common Threads generated over **\$1,400,000** in sales.

Peripeti Home made more than **4,000** candle and fragrance products poured and provided employment to refugee women.



Common Threads locations provided employment to **47** people, contributed to almost **225,000** pounds of textiles responsibly recycled and kept from landfills, bringing the total to more than **400** tons recycled since opening.

On average, The Hope Center welcomed **300** people on a weekly basis. In total, over **7,276** refugees and immigrants walked through the Center's doors in last year.

The Hope Center provided **75+** adults with job placement assistance, including job applications, resumes, and job placement within partner companies; **62%** of Center ESL students advanced in learning.

Launched **FLOURISH**, a campaign to raise \$6M+ for new ministry, including the construction of **28** new units of affordable, supportive housing in Stockyards. In 2022, secured \$1.8M needed for construction of initial 14 units, which will begin in early 2023.

Installed **2 high-yield microfarms** producing hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables and greens for neighbors.





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