

Knox United Methodist Church

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NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

Our Monday book study group just wrapped up a challenging ten weeks in discussing "The Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs" by pastor Don Adams. This book gave us much history about the Methodist movement to discuss, as well as many of John Wesley's perspectives that we found new and interesting!

One thing that was emphasized in this book study was the importance that community played in the faith formation of the early Methodists. John Wesley believed that there was little growth in faith that could be accomplished outside of Christian community. Community, he believed, nourishes our discipleship journeys and holds us accountable in living out our lives in Christ.

So, as we head into the month of October, I challenge you to think about these traditional Wesleyan values of community. I encourage you to reconnect with friends or family, to join some of the groups here at the church (including our next book study, more info in this newsletter!), and to continue to spur one another on in growing in love.

Grace and Peace.

Rev. Mathan Matee



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Church Office Hours

Mon 1:00-4:30pm Tue 1:00-4:30pm 1:00-4:30pm Wed Thur 1:00-4:30pm

Pastor's Office Hours

Mon 8:00am-4:00pm Wed 8:00am-4:00pm

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Outdoor Worship



We had wonderful outdoor а worship service on Sunday, September 7 at Sandy Acres Park on the south side of town! We celebrated Holy Communion and had a yummy potluck lunch with 50 friends and family in attendance! A big thank you to everyone who came and brought food items for the lunch!

New Lay Servants!

We celebrate Angie and Khloe Owens as Knox UMCs newest certified Lay Servants! They have taken the basic course and can now continue their journeys as Lay Servants in the church through future classes and education. Make sure to tell them congrats when you see them next!

Fall Decorations

Thank you to all those who helped us decorate for Fall!



| September's Attendance | | | | |
|------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| September 7 | 50 | | | |
| September 14 | 41 | | | |
| September 21 | 36 | | | |
| September 28 | 46 | | | |

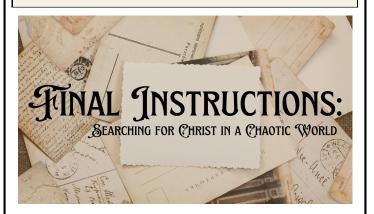
| September's Giving Report | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--|--|--|
| September 7 | \$1,153.00 | | | |
| September 14 | \$1,429.00 | | | |
| September 21 | \$717.00 | | | |
| September 28 | \$1,341.00 | | | |

Don't forget that you can give online now! It's quick, easy, and simple! Visit knoxumc.org/give to check it out today.

Next Food Distribution

The next mobile food distribution is scheduled for Monday, November 11 from 11:30 to 1:00pm. This will be held in the parking lot of the church. If you would like more information on the distribution or how to volunteer, you can reach out to the church office or Sandy Miller.

New Worship Series



We live in a chaotic world. Yet, as Christians, we are called to not only live in this world a specific way; but we are called to respond in a way that is counter-cultural, too. Join us the four Sundays of October as we dive into what the early church can tell us about how to live our lives in the midst of chaos and turmoil.

New Book Study

Our book study group is taking a few weeks off before returning on Monday, October 20 at noon in the library to begin a study over The Lord's Prayer by Rev. Adam Hamilton. This is open to all and is a great time of discussion and conversation! If you would like to join this group, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table next to the sanctuary doors. The cost of the book is \$18.99 (paperback) on Amazon.

Choir Has Resumed!

Choir practices at 4:00pm every Wednesday at the church. Talk to Nan Folkers if you would like more information about joining the choir!

Bell Ringing

If you are interesting in learning how to make songs with bell ringing, please contact Shirley Fosler!

If you would like to add an event for the church's calendar, contact the office or Pastor Nathan!

Note from the SPRC

Reaching fall is an exciting and busy time of year for everyone. Our Church is no different as we juggle fall cleanup, decorating for the season, filing important conference paperwork, working with and around our farmers harvest schedule. Would just like to share a few October events with you. October

5th is World Wide Communion Sunday. Imagine sharing this sacrament with everyone around the world. October is Pastor Appreciation month as well. Let's not forget Sunday, October 12th is Pastor Nathan's birthday.

Enjoy the crisp days of fall.

Your SPRC Committee

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet before worship on **Sunday, October 12 at 7:30am** in the library. All men are invited to join!

Women's Group

The Women's Group will meet after worship on Sunday, October 12 at 10:40 am in the Pastor's office. If you would like more information about the Women's Group, please contact Shirley Fosler!

Pastor Nathan Gone

Pastor Nathan will be gone on **Sunday, October 19**. We will have a wonderful guest preacher. More info will be given soon.

Trunk-or-Treat!

Get your car decorations out! Once again, we will be hosting Trunk-or-Treat at the church that coincides with the town-wide festivities on **Saturday**, **November 1**, from 5:00-7:00pm! It is our goal to have 10 trunks this year! If you would like to bring candy to donate, please bring it to the church office. We hope to see a lot of kids this year!

If you would like to add an event for the church's calendar, contact the office or Pastor Nathan!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Oct. 1 Lisa Nichols

Oct. 2 Nan Folkers

Marilyn Hayes

Oct. 8 Debbie Mix

Oct. 12 Nathan McFee

Oct. 23 Jack Miller

Happy birthday and a happy anniversary to all of your loved ones who are celebrating this month!

Prayer Requests

Here at Knox UMC, we have an active prayer team and many prayer warriors who would be more than willing to pray with you or for you. If you would like to send in a prayer request, don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Nathan at his contact information below, or submit a prayer request at knoxumc.org/connect

Contact Pastor Nathan

Cell Phone: (405) 612-9280 Email: nr.mcfee555@gmail.com

Worship Times

Join us in person on Sunday mornings at 9:30A.M., or listen to our weekly radio broadcast on Sunday mornings at 7:30A.M. on WKVI 99.3 FM

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Knox United Methodist Church - Knox IN Treasurer's Report as of August 2025

| | Account Name | Annual Budget | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Annual Budget Remaining | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| EXPENSES | T . | | | | | | |
| INUMC Titl | hes Expenses | | | | | | |
| 5.10.150 | Conference Tithes | 8,500.00 | 0.00 | 6,219.42 | 2,280.58 | | |
| 5.10.151 | District Tithes | 850.00 | 0.00 | 621.94 | 228.06 | | |
| | Total INUMC Tithes Expenses | \$9,350.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,841.36 | \$2,508.64 | | |
| Payroll Expenses | | | | | | | |
| 5.10.155 | Pastor Salary | 24,089.00 | 2,218.60 | 16,587.42 | 7,501.58 | | |
| 5.10.156 | Custodial Salary | 6,650.00 | 127.50 | 821.25 | 5,828.75 | | |
| 5.10.157 | Musician Salary | 6,500.00 | 575.00 | 4,050.00 | 2,450.00 | | |
| 5.10.159 | Administrative Assistant | 11,648.00 | 1,239.00 | 7,376.34 | 4,271.66 | | |
| | Total Payroll Expenses | \$48,887.00 | \$4,160.10 | \$28,835.01 | \$20,051.99 | | |
| Montly Exp | enses | | | | | | |
| 5.10.180 | Church Utilities - Gas/Electric | 6,300.00 | 773.00 | 4,929.00 | 1,371.00 | | |
| 5.10.181 | Church Utilities - Water/Trash | 2,850.00 | 237.13 | 1,897.04 | 952.96 | | |
| 5.10.182 | Church Utilities - Telephone | 1,440.00 | 119.71 | 958.13 | 481.87 | | |
| 5.10.210 | WKVI - General Expense | 2,080.00 | 160.00 | 1,400.00 | 680.00 | | |
| | Total Montly Expenses | \$12,670.00 | \$1,289.84 | \$9,184.17 | \$3,485.83 | | |
| 5.10.152 | Annual Conference Expense | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,025.55 | (25.55) | | |
| 5.10.158 | Travel Reimbursement/Prof. Expense | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 811.39 | 1,188.61 | | |
| 5.10.170 | Supplies - | 480.00 | 105.26 | 288.68 | 191.32 | | |
| | Worship-Alter-Communion-Advent-Lent | | | | | | |
| 5.10.171 | Pulpit Supplies | 400.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 300.00 | | |
| 5.10.173 | Advent/Lent Expense | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| 5.10.174 | Cleaning Choir & Acolyte Robes | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | | |
| 5.10.185 | Parsonage Utilities - Telephone | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| 5.10.188 | Insurance Church | 11,500.00 | 0.00 | 290.12 | 11,209.88 | | |
| 5.10.190 | Office Supplies | 500.00 | 42.00 | 384.23 | 115.77 | | |
| 5.10.191 | Postage | 350.00 | 0.00 | 178.38 | 171.62 | | |
| 5.10.193 | Cleaning Supplies | 450.00 | 0.00 | 97.17 | 352.83 | | |
| 5.10.200 | Computer Programs/Updates | 890.00 | 114.00 | 1,908.35 | (1,018.35) | | |
| 5.10.205 | Equipment Maintenance | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 | | |
| 5.10.215 | Dedicated Funds Payback | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| 5.50.207 | Office Equipment Purchases | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | | |
| | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$90,877.00 | \$5,711.20 | \$49,944.41 | \$40,932.59 | | |