



# Knox United Methodist Church

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## *Pastor's Ponderings*

*Pastor Sheri  
LoCasio*

It's Sunday evening (June 27) as I write this... today's Worship Service was a fantastic toast to our faith's founding father- John Wesley- as we celebrated his 318<sup>th</sup> birthday and held a Service reminiscent of Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service!

For all those in attendance today, thank you for your positive words about the Service and your experiences in learning more about Wesley, our faith, and even learning more about yourself and your discipleship. And, if you need another copy of John Wesley's Covenant Prayer, just let Cheryl or me know. Also, there's a copy of his Covenant Prayer on page 2 of this newsletter.

As we enter July, we have so much planned! Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup>- we've entered in the city's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade! You are invited to walk or ride with us! Line up begins at noon by the high school and the Parade begins at 1pm.

On the 4<sup>th</sup>- we're holding a special 4<sup>th</sup> of July Worship Service and after Worship we're hosting a cookout! Hot dogs and buns will be provided; we invite you to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share, beverages and table service. We'll be celebrating America's 245<sup>th</sup> birthday with our sister-church, Hamlet UMC. Come out and enjoy lots of fun and fellowship, and food!

After the cookout, Starke County's Historical Society is hosting its annual ice cream social from 1-3pm, also on the 4<sup>th</sup>, at the History Center.

Everyone is invited to all these festivities as we celebrate America! Plan to join us, and if you have family and friends in town, bring them with you!

But wait, there's more! The Starke County 4-H Fair is also this month! Pay a visit to the Hamlet Lions stand where you may see Jack & Sandy.

On a side note, we have also resumed Coffee & Fellowship time after Worship Services, fyi. And, this month also sees Fun Night! resuming... meet us at church at 4:30pm on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month).



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### Church Office Hours

Mon: 8:30 am - 11:00 am

Tue: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wed: 8:30 am - 11:30 pm  
& 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Thu: 8:30 am - 11:00 am

And before the month's over, we'll also see Vacation Bible School! This year, VBS will be held during the final week of July, from July 26-30, each day from 4pm-6pm. Children ages 3 years through just-finished-6<sup>th</sup>-grade are welcome. If you have any questions, please talk with our Education Director- Debbie Mix.

A friendly reminder as there are many of you and one of me- if you want, or need, to talk with me or would like a visit, please let me know. I'm happy to pay you a visit, but I need to know you want me to. I make many calls, texts and emails every day, and if I haven't yet reached you, please reach to me.

As we are in the 'Season After Pentecost,' the season of green, the season of growth... let us also be aware of our personal need to grow- our spiritual growth and our growth into discipleship, giving of ourselves- our time, our prayers, our presence, and our finances... all those commitments we vowed to God when we were baptized, confirmed, and/or reaffirmed our baptism- for God's Kingdom... May we each share in the blessings we've received and the privilege we get to enjoy as people of this nation, under God... with peace and liberty for all!

In Christ's love and mine,

pastor sheri



### John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.  
 Put me to what thou wilt,  
 rank me with whom thou wilt.  
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
 Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
 exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
 Let me be full, let me be empty.  
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
 I freely and heartily yield all things  
 to thy pleasure and disposal.  
 And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
 And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
 let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

## **Knox United Methodist Church - Church Council 2021**

**Senior Pastor** - Rev. Sheri LoCascio  
**Church Council Chair** - Jack Miller  
**Church Council Vice-Chair** - vacant  
**Lay Member to Annual Conference** -  
 Debbie Mix

**Reserve Lay Member to AC** - vacant  
**Lay Leader** - Georgia Pope  
**Staff/Parish Chair** - Mitch Martinkus  
**Finance Chair** - Shirley Fosler  
**Treasurer** - Lisa Nichols  
**Trustee Chair** - Lee McIntire  
**Trustee Treasurer** - Sally Oliverius  
**Lay Leadership Vice Chair** - Lyn Allen  
**Education Chair** - Debbie Mix  
**Recording Secretary** - Shirley Fosler  
**At-Large Member** - Melba Shilling

*Ex Officio Members with vote:*

**Historian** - Dan Miller  
**Men's Group** - Jack Miller, Mitch Martinkus  
**Missions & Outreach Chair** - Sandy Miller  
**Prayer Coordinator** - Sandy Miller  
**Women's Group** - Shirley Fosler, Lisa Nichols  
**Youth Representative** - vacant

*Ex Officio Members with no vote:*

**Financial Secretary** - Cheryl Tellman



## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2021

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY FOSLER

**Members Present:** Jack Miller      Pastor Sheri      Shirley Fosler      Mitch Martinkus  
Sandy Miller      Debbie Mix      Lisa Nichols      Georgia Pope  
Melba Shilling

**Others Present:** Pat Carroll-McIntire

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Church Council Chair Jack, and was opened with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Sheri.

Last month's Meeting Minutes were read. Motion made to approve by Mitch, and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa shared financial reports as of May 31, 2021. All bills are paid to date; Lisa is using actual amount paid. Last month's giving increased. Church Windows software's annual tech support plan will be \$345. After discussion, Mitch moved to continue with the support as it is used and to pay it; Debbie seconded. Motion carried.

#### FINANCE REPORT

Shirley had nothing new/additional to report.

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

On behalf of Trustees, Lisa reported that a new sound board computer was purchased; Mitch reported that the parsonage's water pipe issue is still being investigated.

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Debbie reported that VBS will be held July 26-30, from 4pm-6:10pm and will have a "Mars" theme. Please contact Debbie Mix or the office if you can help with this year's VBS.

#### WORSHIP REPORT

Pastor Sheri reported that speakers are needed for Sunday, July 20, for Father's Day. Pastor will be off but has the Service planned, just need some additional speakers to share about their dads.

June 28<sup>th</sup> is John Wesley's 318<sup>th</sup> birthday, Pastor is planning a celebration of Wesley at June 27's Service. Coffee & Fellowship after Worship will resume on June 27; Sandy will set up the coffee, Lisa will get cookies/snacks.

After Worship on July 4, we will host a hot dog cookout, hot dogs and buns will be provided. Everyone is invited and welcome to bring a side dish, dessert, and/or drinks to share along with their table service. Games are being planned. A gas grill and pop-up tents will be contributed. Hamlet UMC has been invited to attend Worship and the cookout.

#### LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (f/k/a Nominations)

Pastor had nothing new to report.

#### MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Sandy reported that the Food Pantry will be here on Wednesday, June 23 from 10am-12pm. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 8:45am.

Fun Night! will resume in July. The next gathering will be July 18, from 4:30-6:30pm.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES, CONTINUED...****METHODIST MEN REPORT**

Mitch shared that the Men's Group met on June 12. Nine men attended, Bernie cooked, and Charlie shared a devotion on wisdom; they enjoyed fellowship and a good breakfast. The next meeting will be on July 11 at 7:30am at the Starke County 4-H Fair at the Hamlet Lions stand. All are welcome.

**WOMEN'S GROUP REPORT**

Shirley shared that the Women's Group met on June 6 at 8am in the dining room for breakfast and devotion. Six women attended. They also discussed recognizing the high school/college graduates on July 13 and the fellows on Father's Day, July 20.

The women are interested in working with the congregation and the Men's Group to enter in the city's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in July 3.

They also discussed helping with Kid's Closet. Kid's Closet uses tall kitchen trash bags with the drawstring. If clothing and shoes are received that Kid's Closet cannot use, they will be taken to the collection box at AutoPro. If men's or women's clothing is collected, there is another outreach program in Knox that helps adults with clothing to get ready to enter the workforce.

The decision was made to skip July's meeting and resume on Sunday, August 1 at 8am.

**STAFF-PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mitch reported that Pastor will take twelve days of vacation in June as she has not had any actual vacation time yet this year; the Conference year is June 30 to July 1.

Pastor reported that Cheryl will take vacation on June 23 and 24. Pastor will include an announcement on Sunday asking for bulletin folders for June 27's Service.

It is important to remember that Pastor Sheri is available to everyone. You are urged to reach out to her. People often talk amongst themselves about their needs and concerns; when you want to talk with Pastor, let her know. If you're unable to reach her on her cell phone, contact Mitch who will share your message with her. People are also encouraged to reach out to the Prayer Team and prayer list as needs arise. If you know of someone who is hurting, after getting their consent, contact Pastor to let her know of the person in need.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

Pastor was able to contract with a company to have 500 free post-cards with the church's information mailed to Knox residents.

Pastor was also able to contract with the same company to obtain 1,500 invite cards with the church's information printed on one side, "Reconnect to faith" on the other side. She was able to get these for free; they can be passed out at the Parade and as pocket-sized invitations for the congregation to use in inviting family, friends, and strangers to church.



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# COMING SOON TO A GALAXY NEAR YOU... AN OUT OF THIS WORLD VBS EXPERIENCE



**4:00 -  
6:00 PM**

**Ages 4  
through  
just  
completed  
6th grade**

**WE NEED YOU!  
HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP.**

Just like the Apollo missions we can't "blast off" without a full team at "Mission Control". Please help us to welcome our little astronauts and give them an out-of-this-world VBS experience. A volunteer sheet is located on the table in the narthex.

**VOLUNTEER:**

- Crafts
- Science
- Dance
- Music
- Recreation/Games
- Teaching

**DONATE:**

- Toilet paper rolls
- Paper towel rolls
- 2 liter bottles
- Newspaper
- Glue
- Paint & small brushes
- Cellophane tape
- Duct tape

**PRAYER**

**Questions? See Deb Mix.**



**VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL**

The Starke County Historical Society  
invites you to

**Celebrate  
Summer!**

at our



**ANNUAL**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

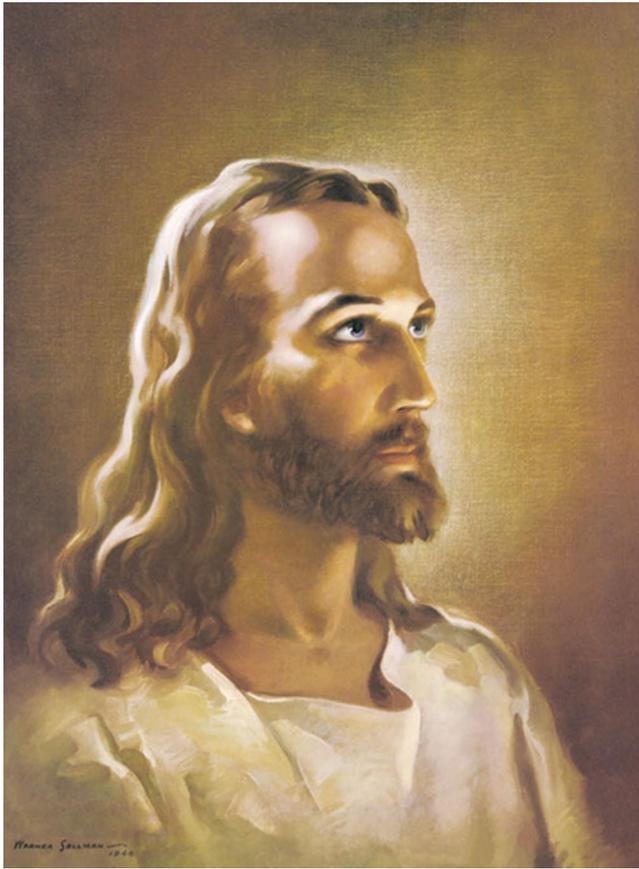


At the Starke County History Center  
July 4, 2021 from 1-3 p.m.

Free Ice Cream and Cookies, Antique Cars,  
Trucks and Tractors on display.

History Center located at 1520 S. Heaton in Knox.

# 10 Ways to Be More Like Jesus



*"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12*

The final installment...

1. HANG OUT WITH SINNERS
2. AFFLICT THE COMFORTABLE
3. COMFORT THE AFFLICTED
4. PROMOTE THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF WOMEN
5. PROTECT CHILDREN
6. CARE MORE ABOUT REACHING THE LOST THAN CATERING TO THE FOUND
7. CARE NOTHING ABOUT POWER, PROMINENCE, POSITION OR PRESTIGE
8. LIVE SIMPLY

## 9. Be Anti-Racist.

*"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)" John 4:7-9*

## 10. Make Sure It's Never About You.

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

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### GOOD OF ORDER

We will enter Knox's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, held on July 3. Everyone is welcome to participate. Walkers can also pass out information on VBS and the church. A golf cart will be available for the Parade. If anyone else would like to decorate and bring their bike, motorcycle, gator, or golf cart to the Parade, please let the office or a Church Council member know. Lineup begins at 12:00 by the high school. Pastor will create a slide to share in announcements.

Kid's Closet training will be held at church on Monday, June 21 at 6:00pm. Anyone interested in learning more about the Kid's Closet program and/or wanting to assist with sorting or distributing is welcome to attend. Pastor will create a slide to share in announcements.

The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00pm.

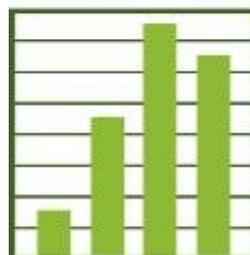
**With no other business coming before the Board**, the meeting was adjourned by Jack with Debbie closing in prayer.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## MAY 31, 2021

**INCOME**

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
<i>Income</i>				
4.10.140	Tithing by Envelope & Checks	31,348.33	42,030.00	100,870.00
4.10.142	Use of Building	730.00		
4.10.143	Misc. Other Offering	490.00		
4.10.144	PPP Loan Forgiveness Income	11,200.00		
4.30.350	Flower Fund Receipts	330.00		
4.30.352	Mission Fund Receipts	300.00		
4.30.353	Memorial Donations	475.00		
4.30.354	Education Fund Receipts	137.00		
4.30.356	Kitchen Fund Receipts	320.00		
4.30.359	In/Out Receipts	773.31		
4.30.363	WKVI Receipts	250.00		
4.30.364	Griefshare Receipts	150.00		
4.30.365	Womens Group Receipts	83.00		
4.50.540	Tithes Received	925.00		
4.50.549	Building Fund Interest	1.60		
4.50.551	Interest Music Media	0.05		
4.50.553	Mission Savings Interest	0.45		
4.50.555	Education Savings Interest	0.17		
4.50.556	Discretionary Fund Interest	0.03		
4.50.558	Heritage Savings Interest	0.06		
4.50.563	ROWENA PRESCOTT SAVINGS RECEIPTS	1.44		
4.50.564	Heritage CD Interest (502753)	215.33		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$47,730.77*</b>	<b>\$42,030.00</b>	<b>\$100,870.00</b>



**EXPENSES**

<i>Expenses</i>	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
5.10.150 Conference Tithes	3,059.74	3,125.00	7,500.00
5.10.151 District Tithes	305.98	315.00	750.00
5.10.152 Annual Conference Expense	0.00	145.00	350.00
5.10.155 Pastor Salary	14,305.74*	14,305.00	34,334.00
5.10.156 Custodial Salary	723.75	2,350.00	5,640.00
5.10.157 Musician Salary	1,200.00	2,165.00	5,200.00
5.10.158 Travel Reimbursement/Prof. Expense	438.02	835.00	2,000.00
5.10.159 Administrative Assistant	4,425.00*	4,165.00	10,000.00
5.10.160 Pastor Pension Expense	1,877.60	1,880.00	4,508.00
5.10.170 Supplies (Alter & Communion)	81.58*	40.00	100.00
5.10.171 Pulpit Supplies	0.00	40.00	100.00
5.10.172 Music (Copyright License, etc)	0.00	125.00	300.00
5.10.173 Advent/Lent Expense	0.00	40.00	100.00
5.10.180 Church Utilities - Gas/Electric	2,072.00	2,590.00	6,220.00
5.10.181 Church Utilities - Water/Trash	1,173.15	1,250.00	3,000.00
5.10.182 Church Utilities - Telephone	556.58	565.00	1,350.00
5.10.185 Parsonage Utilities - Telephone	724.95	925.00	2,215.00
5.10.186 Parsonage Utilities - Water/Trash	416.05*	415.00	1,000.00
5.10.187 Parsonage Utilities - Gas/Electric	903.77	940.00	2,253.00
5.10.188 Insurance Church/Parsonage	290.00	3,210.00	7,700.00
5.10.190 Office Supplies	245.29*	190.00	450.00
5.10.191 Postage	165.00*	125.00	300.00
5.10.193 Cleaning Supplies	66.00	210.00	500.00
5.10.200 Computer Programs/Updates	0.00	165.00	400.00
5.10.205 Equipment Maintenance	1,686.41*	835.00	2,000.00
5.10.207 Office Equipment Purchases	0.00	210.00	500.00
5.10.210 WKVI	680.00	875.00	2,100.00

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
5.30.380	Flower Expenses	248.50		
5.30.384	Education Expense	70.50		
5.30.389	In/Out Expenses	1,223.49		
5.30.391	Cantata Expenses	125.00		
5.30.393	WKVI Expenses	160.00		
5.50.545	Building Use (Refund) Exense	50.00		
5.50.559	<i>Building Maintenance Expenses</i>			
5.50.562	Electrical Maintenance Expense	1,200.00		
	<i>Total Building Maintenance Expenses</i>	<i>\$1,200.00*</i>		
5.50.561	Building Maintenance	1,195.00		
5.50.563	Ground Maintenance Expense	590.00		
5.50.564	Furniture & Fixture Maintenance Expense	652.69		
5.50.569	Parsonage Bldg Maintenance Expense	390.00		
5.50.570	Parsonage Equipment Maintenance	2,461.21		
5.50.572	Parsonage Property Tax Expense	20.00		
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$43,783.00*</b>	<b>\$42,035.00</b>	<b>\$100,870.00</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b><u>\$3,947.77</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5.00)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>

\* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date



4	George Fort
4	Rose Raderstorf
6	Norma Wakefield
13	Dan Roscka
17	Brad Shilling
19	Julie Henricks
23	Gary Singleton

27	Sally Povilaitis
28	Cheryl Tellman

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



9	George & Sherry Fort
14	Mark & Brenda Krom

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**





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### Mission Statement of The United Methodist Church:

*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*



# KNOX KNEWS

JULY 2021

**Next month's submission deadline: July 20th**



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