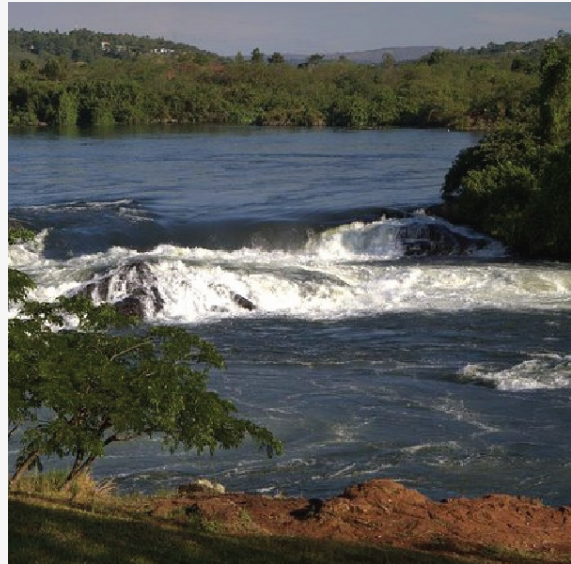




Our Response To COVID-19

Click Here For
Resources & Updates

During this time please visit
knoxpres.org or click on the above
graphic for updates on events.



A Note From Pastor Pat

John Hanning Speke is not an immediately recognizable name for most of us. In 1858, Speke and his expedition co-partner, Richard Burton (not the actor of 20th Century fame), set out to find the source of the Nile River. Speke was the first European to see Lake Victoria which he took to be the source. A year later, on another trek, he proved that to be true.

Among many noteworthy articles about life in this Coronavirus chapter, one caught my attention last week. Researchers have been able to identify the RNA sequence of COVID-19 back to its source in a 25-year-old man who had been in Wuhan Province in China and returned to his home in the state of Washington on January 15th. From that source, scientists have tracked how this particular strain branched out in the US and other parts of the world.

This leads me, paradoxically, to notice another trajectory, one of a totally different kind, one for which we can be immensely grateful. It is the trajectory of love and care that we feel toward one another and that we show to one another within the Knox community and beyond. It's the love that deepens our affection for everyone so we look for ways to shelter-in-place and practice physical distancing for our own well-being and for that of others. It's what moves us to seek out ways to make



Knox Stewardship and Cash Management Council Update

Click the graphic for more details

Ways To Help



Mission Update

As we adapt to our new normal, I want to assure our congregation that we are still on the forefront alongside our Mission partners. We are very grateful for the ability to keep up our Mission commitments, which are so important. We are finding creative ways to stay involved in vital ministry around us. Someone recently sent me an email stating: "The church building may be closed but the people have been deployed!"

I stand in awe with a grateful heart for the continued support of Mission through on-going gifts to Knox. Thank you Knox team! Bless you all,
Pastor Cindy

Loaves & Fishes Needs

Select Virtual Food Drive

[Donate online](#) - on Knox website and select fund Loaves & Fishes

Hesed House Updated Needs

View current needs or [donate directly](#)

Please Pray for everyone preparing and delivering food, as well as for the guests

[Donate online](#) - on Knox website and select fund Hesed House



Drive & Drop - Fill A Truck Sunday!

Put your items in your trunk, drive to Knox and drop them off without leaving your car.

Click the graphic for more details.

During this difficult time, many of our neighbors are in great need. On behalf of

meaningful connections hour-by-hour and day-by-day.

The source of this love and care is, of course, the heart of God who loves without limit and without fail. May we all, even as we deal with our own individual needs and circumstances, remember we are carriers of the heartfelt connection we all need. I pray that Knox will live this out in ever-deepening ways that show up in the most extraordinary places as the love of God spreads through us to everyone.

Pat

Sermon Theme For May **"The God Who is Near"**



None of us likely could have imagined living under the restrictions that have been set for us over these past two months: no closer than six feet from others, fewer than ten people in any gathering, essential travel only. It has been bizarre. It has been necessary under a strategy that is intended to keep as many of us as healthy as possible in the face of a worldwide viral threat.

We were not made for isolation. The opening pages of the Bible paint a picture of humans created to be in relationship with God and with each other, a way of life affirmed as both "good" and "very good." Then a fracturing occurred as Adam and Eve are depicted as mutineers, those who did not stay to their appointed place. Their mutiny breaks fellowship with God and leads to their being thrust out of the life God intended them to enjoy forever.

Right on the heels of this forced distance, God begins to show up over and over again. The insatiable, relentless love of God is constantly on display as people are alerted to the existence of God and to the ways of God. Some people have typified God as far off, uninvolved, uncaring and disinterested in us humans and our world. That's not what the Bible tells us at all.

Knox, the Mission Council has designated additional funds from its budget to help a few of our mission partners: Loaves & Fishes, Wayside Cross, and Hesed House.

These partners are serving those who are especially hard hit during this time, and we are grateful that Knox can help support them.

Please contact Mission Council Elders [Rachel Koritala](#) or [Suzanne Harris](#) with any questions.



Click on the Prayer Ministry Graphic to view the prayers for our Congregation. It is updated every Friday.

Send prayer requests to:
ourprayers@knoxpres.org

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are here to serve you during this difficult time. They are lay people trained in Christian caregiving. They are available to any person experiencing a wide range of needs or crises. They offer encouragement and support through times of both joy and concern. It's a one-on-one listening and praying time. Please call Pastor Cindy 630-369-9197 or email ckaris@knoxpres.org

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the Lord's people." *Ephesians 6:18*

Ways To Stay Connected

Over a period of about 1,000 years, songs were written by various people that affirm in almost every line that God is, above all, intimately invested in us and in our world. In a time when pandemic has kept us apart, we might think God is apart from us as well. Nothing could be further from the truth. The ancient Jewish songbook, what we know as the book of Psalms, celebrates God is always very, very near.

In times of need, people from all walks of life seek out the comfort of this songbook. Between now and summer, we're going to do a countdown of the five most-searched-out Psalms. As we look into the lyrics of each one, we will see God and ourselves more clearly. Each one will invite us to joyously affirm God's desire to be in close relationship with us and all people. Separated from one another as we have been, now is a great time to remember "The God Who is Near."

May 3 - "God Knows" - Psalm 139

May 10 - "God Helps" - Psalm 121

May 17 - "God Saves" - Psalm 27

May 24 - Memorial Day Sunday
"God Protects" - Psalm 91

May 31 - Pentecost Sunday!
"God Shepherds" - Psalm 23

Some Songs For Week One

[Hello Love](#) by Sanctus Real

[He Knows](#) by Jeremy Camp

[Psalm 139 \(You Are There\)](#) by MercyMe





Pray For Others

Upper Room Devotional

If you would like an Upper Room they will be inside the box outside the front doors at church. There are limited copies left for May - June issue.

Zoom Bible Study

Contact info@knoxpres.org

Zoom Kids Bible Study

Contact ehartman@knoxpres.org

Zoom Young Adult Bible Study

Contact dnettleton@knoxpres.org

VBS

[Click Here](#) for updates.

Stay tuned for a new summer plan.

G3 Virtual Gathering

Interested in joining?

Contact ehartman@knoxpres.org

Scripture Readers For Worship

If interested in reading scripture for Worship please contact

ehartman@knoxpres.org

Summer Sunday School Helpers

[Click Here](#) for more details or

Contact ehartman@knoxpres.org

Other Resources For Kids

[Knox Kids Group On Facebook](#)

[Children's Day Out On Facebook](#)

You are invited

We would like to invite you to have a casual conversation with Pastor Pat. While it would be nice to have it on a park bench or at a coffee shop, it will need to be through FaceTime, Zoom or a phone call while we practice "physical distancing."

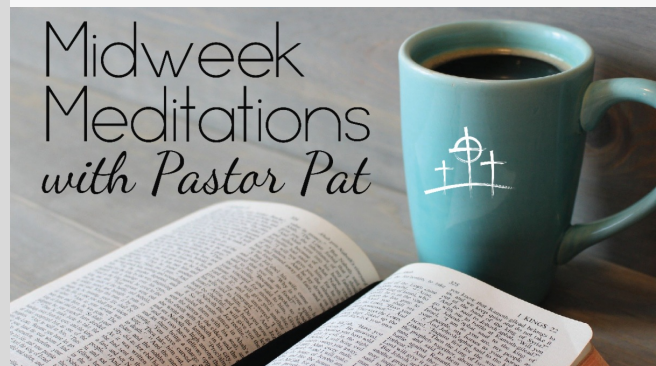
A topic of discussion could be one of the following:

- * hear your story
- * catch up on life
- * consider what God is up to in your life
- * consider what God is up to at Knox
- * consider what God is up to in the community
- * consider where God might want you to make a difference

When: Monday & Thursday mornings or Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons

Schedule a time by contacting:

Bev Mayer at bmayer@knoxpres.org or 630-202-5097

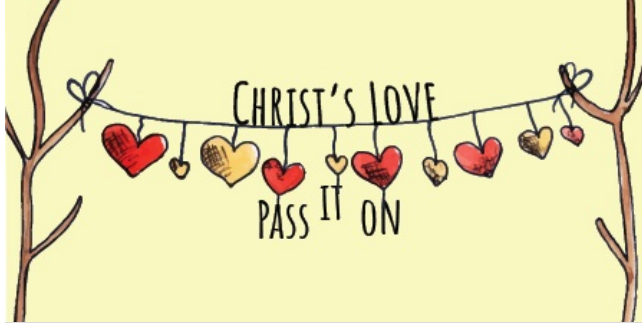


Click graphic to view Midweek Meditations



Need Assistance?

Knox has a committed group of volunteers and staff that want to provide whatever assistance is needed. Please email



Agape Love

A box has been set up outside of the main doors of Knox. Everyone is welcome to put notes, pictures or little crafts in the box that will be given to various members in our congregation that may need more love right now and something to make them smile.

You can sign your name on them or leave them anonymous.

Let's spread the love of Christ to each other and be God's hands and feet during this time!

Thank You Letter From Jana Minor of Companions Journeying Together:

She wrote to thank the members of Knox for our help with the annual Christmas Card project for prisoners. Because of our witness in this quiet way 2500 cards were mailed to those incarcerated and over 11,000 signed cards were delivered to jails, juvenile facilities and others confined. A special thank you to Mary Ellen (Mimi) Neumeister for her coordinating efforts. Thank you Knox for your visible reminder that God's love does make a difference in so many lives!

Thank You & Blessings,
Pastor Cindy

**The church office is closed but
if you need assistance please
call the church office
630-615-4324 or email
messageknox@knoxpres.org**

Worship
TOGETHER



SUNDAYS ONLINE @ 9AM

CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR LIVESTREAM
REPLAY ANYTIME AFTER 9 AM

**Other places to view is [Facebook](#) or
Knox Presbyterian Church [Youtube](#)
Channel**



Contributions Can Still Be Mailed To Knox

We are still collecting incoming mail at Knox, so if you normally send in your contributions by mail please continue to do so.

[Contribute Now](#)

Each Week we will upload a new Bulletin, Prayer Card and Sunday School Activities to knoxpres.org and also send info through an email blast on Saturday.

Happenings at Knox



Procedures to pick up flowers at Knox.
Please display your name in the dash of your car. Open your trunk and a volunteer will put your order in the car.

If you would like your order to be delivered to you please email [Dee Dee Porter](#)

There are limited extras available.



Congrats 2020 Seniors

As you may have heard, Knox Presbyterian is keeping its facilities closed throughout the month of May. This means the Baccalaureate Service, originally scheduled for May 23rd, has been postponed.

Youth and Young Adult Council are busy brainstorming ways to celebrate our grads, and to that end we still would like a photo and a brief bio of your student.

Please send in a brief bio (150 words or less) & picture for your Senior to [Joan](#)

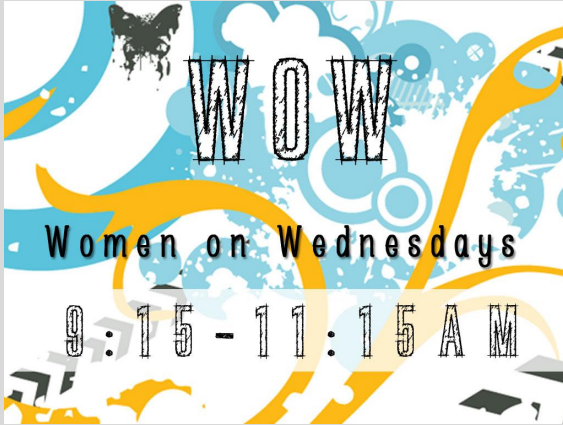


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Bio & Picture due by May 11
Thank you for your quick response!



Click the graphic to visit knoxblog.org for the most up to date info for the youth and young adults.



Covid-19 has not cancelled Women on Wednesdays! We are continuing to meet on Wednesday mornings via Zoom and are sharing in group emails.

It has been wonderful to see many faces as we gather virtually to discuss the book of Acts using the study "Relying on the Power of the Spirit". Paul is a great model for us at this time as we read how he handled trials with the power of the Holy Spirit.

WOW will finish the study in mid-May and then take a break for the summer. We're praying we'll gather together In person next September with a new study.

Questions? Contact [Robin Kolar](#) at or [Margaret Lambka](#)

Jim Clinton's Bible Study

As soon as we can meet again we will use the video series "Living the Questions." Contemporary church leaders and theologians discuss basic Christian beliefs.

Dear Hall of Famers'

We are sorry that our April and May Luncheons had to be cancelled due to the Pandemic. We look forward to seeing you next fall.
 Stay safe until we meet again.



It is with great sadness that we are suspending the 2020 VBS trip to Sisseton, South Dakota.

The Board of directors had two meetings over the last two months and reached a consensus that the challenges to the health and safety of the Native American community, and our volunteers was too great to risk keeping the trip on the calendar.

We look forward to returning to Sisseton in 2021, and we pray you will join us.

Ralph Lambka, President Dakota Partnership.

Evening Book Club- All Are Welcome!

The Knox book club has put our meetings on hold, during the Covid 19 quarantine period. Once this period of isolation is over, we will continue to meet every second Wednesday (taking August off) in the Knox parlor at 7:30 p.m. Our reading list for future months can be found on the Knox website, under 'Groups'. We will shift the current list forward, and add to it, when we are meeting regularly. If you are not currently on the email list for book club reminders, and would like to be added, please contact Janice Wiles, at 630.310.4197 (mobile) or wilesjan@gmail.com.

O Lord,
you have searched me
and known me...

Psalm 139



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