

## *A Note from Rev. Deb Roberts*

### Winter's End

Dear Friends,

I looked out my study window today, the place where I often retreat to write and report. I had been thinking about our winter, this one just past, that kept on giving...and giving.

I gazed out the window to see the robins at play on the greening grass. It's that color of spring green, intense, bright and surprising all at the same time. The grass seems to suddenly appear almost as a serendipitous exclamation: "Winter is done!" Now, on to the beauty and grandeur of creations' rebirth. Why linger on winter's end?

I believe we will be telling the tales of the long and bitter winter of 2014 for a while--and perhaps it will become a grand tale of endurance. All of life's wintry blows will be lifted up along with the stories of the world's parallel events. "How long O Lord?" we said too many times...

Endings and beginnings. This winter's end. There are times when it is a very good thing to be able to say, "Well, that's the end of that! Onward!" We don't always know the specifics of "onward"--what it will look like or where it will take us. The important thing to one's very soul is moving, moving forward, moving forward with hopefulness.

A poem by K. Pemberton says this:

"Replace my heart with a shining star.  
Drip the shine of morning in my veins  
And I'll have the fresh green grass for my hair...  
Make my tears have a honey-suckle taste.  
My breath would be the pollen sifting through the air..."

Indeed we are ready for winter's end. As it says in the Song of Songs,  
"Arise, my love, and come away with me! For lo, the winter is past...the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land!"

Restore us with your Easter promises, O Lord!  
Fill us with the greening of our hopes.  
Blessings in Christ,  
Deb

## *Adult Education*

### Adult Ed. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Seminar Series Continues

Events will begin at 6:30 pm with dessert and coffee. Please bring a dessert to share.

Sunday evening, May 4 at 7:00pm, Lehman Hall

#### Lessons from the Desert Fathers & Mothers

An intimate look at the monastic times of the early church



Presented by Professor Perry Hamalis, faculty member of North Central College where he is the Cecelia Schneller Mueller Professor of Religion and director of academic opportunities. Hamalis holds a B.A. from Boston College, a Master of Divinity Degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. A faculty member since 2004, his expertise and publications in the field of Eastern Orthodox Ethics have made him a sought-after lecturer at conferences and universities. He also serves as a consultant for the World Council of Churches.

### SUNDAYS:

A Study of Revelation Leader: Jim Clinton

10:30 am in Room 202

What do you think of when someone mentions the book of Revelation. Beasts! Cataclysm! Destruction! The great battle with the Antichrist!

What if I told you that Revelation was a book of comfort, joy, encouragement and rejoicing? What if I told you Revelation is a logical presentation consistent with much of both the Old and New Testaments? Are you aware of the tremendous influence Revelation has had on western thought, art and music (Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, When the Saints Go Marching In)? Last autumn this class raced through the video course "The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History." We found the course so meaningful and inspirational that we wanted to do it slower and savor the content. Please join us to explore the meaning of this controversial and misunderstood book.

5/4 The Harlot and the Imperial Economy  
5/11 The Battle, the Kingdom, and Last Judgment  
5/18 New Creation and New Jerusalem  
5/25 Antichrist and the Millennium

**The Way** Leader: Brooks Reid

9:00 am in the Sr. High Room

This group is taking part in the study that partners with the Lenten Sermon Series - Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore. New participants are always welcome!

**Sunday Night Small Group** Leader: Frank Mayer

7:00 pm in Middle School Room

This group is taking part in the study that partners with the Lenten Sermon Series - Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore. New members are welcome. Contact Frank Mayer at [fjmayerxge@comcast.net](mailto:fjmayerxge@comcast.net) for details.

**TUESDAYS:**

**Men's Study of The Gospel of Mark** Leader: Frank Mayer

9:00 am in the Parlor

Contact Frank Mayer at [fjmayerxge@comcast.net](mailto:fjmayerxge@comcast.net) for details.

**Character: Who you are When No One's Looking by Bill Hybels** Leader: Sue Curry

9:00 am in Room 202

Five week study, thru May 27. Please contact Sue to register and reserve a study book at [curry.sue21@gmail.com](mailto:curry.sue21@gmail.com).

**Bible Study: With** Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts

1:15 - 2:30 pm in Rev. Deb's office

"With: Reimagining The Way You Relate To God" by Skye Jethani

**Theology on Tap** Leader: Eric Heinekamp

7:30 at Hopvine Brewing Company

This group meets at Hopvine Brewing Company, 4030 Fox Valley Center Dr, in Aurora. The topic is TBD. All are welcome.

**WEDNESDAYS:**



Women on Wednesdays

**Women on Wednesdays** will conclude our study of Beth Moore's "James: Mercy Triumphs" on May 7. It has been a wonderful time of learning and applying scripture towards our goal: To understand how real faith is the result of knowing God's truth and living it out in our lifestyles and with God, growing and acting on these truths. We will join with Presbyterian Women on May 14 for the annual spring "Garden Party" party luncheon

at 11:00 am and then take a break for the summer. Continue to check the website for news on our fall study and plan to join us then! Contact Margaret Lambka [mllambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mllambka2@gmail.com) or Robin Kolar [skolar7227@aol.com](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) for more information.

**Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study** Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts

7:00 - 8:30 pm in Rev. Deb's office

"With: Reimagining The Way You Relate To God" by Skye Jethani

**THURSDAYS:**

**Daybreakers** Leader: Rev. Clinton Roberts

6:00 am in the Coffee Bar

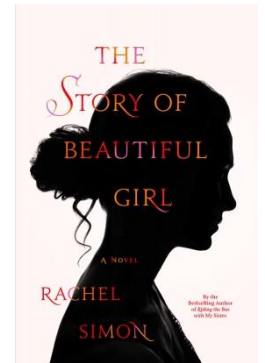
**Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke:** Leader: Rev. Cindy Karis

9:30 - 11:00 am in the Middle School Room

Child care is provided. Please email [ckaris@knoxpres.org](mailto:ckaris@knoxpres.org) or call her at 630-615-4308 if you are interested in joining this class.

**Book Club** continues to meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering will be May 13, 7:30 pm, in the home of Fran Lukes (2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A). We are reading *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon to discuss in May. Our June selection is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. New readers, as well as book recommendations, are welcome any time throughout the year. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or email [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions.

- June 10      *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- July 8        *Made in the USA* by Billie Letts
- August        No meeting
- Sept. 9        *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin and *The Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
- Oct. 14        One of the Jack Reacher novels, to be determined, by Lee Child
- Nov. 11        Reader's choice of a children's or young adult book to share
- Dec. 9         *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton
- Jan. 2015      *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline



## *Presbyterian Women*

**PW Flower Sale**—Don't forget to pick up your flower orders after

**10:00 am on Thursday, May 8.**

If you did not order...no worries....there will be plenty of extras for sale all day!  
Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.



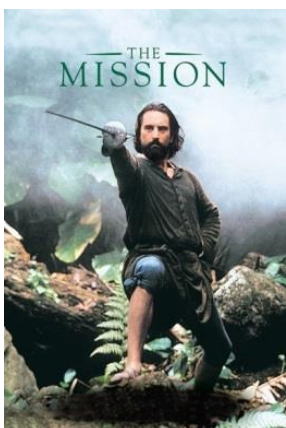
### **Women of Knox Garden Party**

Presbyterian Women and Women on Wednesdays invite all women of Knox, and their friends, to our annual spring "Garden Party" luncheon.



- DATE: Wednesday, May 14, 2014
- TIME: 11:00 a.m.
- PLACE: Knox Fellowship Hall
- BRING: a salad to share
- SIGN-UP: In the Commons

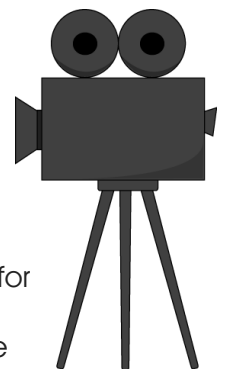
Our guest speaker will be Amanda Thomsen, author of the blog, "Kiss My Aster!", who will give us a humorous, timely, presentation. If you would like to bring a decorated garden party hat for judging, you could win a prize! Presbyterian Women are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year, and their annual Birthday Offering for mission will be received. Please plan to join us for this special spring day! (Babysitting is provided with sign-up of number & names of children.)



### **Chick Flick May 16 6:15 Dinner, 7:00 Movie**

Join us for the final Chick Flick of the season with the big-budget, riveting Hollywood extravaganza "The Mission" starring Jeremy Irons and Robert DeNiro.

- Dinner:** a South American feast & suggestions will be encouraged for next year's film series!
- Advanced registration is requested, signups will be available online and in the Commons.



**[Click here to register online.](#)**

## Did You Know?

Please take a moment to read about some of the ministries our church families are involved with here at Knox.

### YMEN



*One hundred years from now, The world will be a better place, Because you made a difference in the life of a child.* Most Saturday mornings throughout the school year, Knox volunteers partner with middle school youth from YMEN (Young Men's Educational Network) to encourage and academically support them through a tutoring and mentoring program called **Saturday University**. Three Saturdays a month we travel to North Lawndale, and every 4th Saturday the youth come to Knox for tutoring, lunch and games. YMEN is an organization based in the North Lawndale community of Chicago that provides resources and programming to underprivileged young men and women. Please see Robin Kolar or Ginny Van Blaricom with questions or to participate in this highly rewarding ministry.

### Hearts of Hope for Single Moms



We are excited to share about a new small group at Knox Church which met for the first time this winter!

It was an 8-week nurturing experience for younger single mothers hosted by single mothers with grown children entitled Hearts of Hope. In the home of one of our host moms, we shared dinner and a Bible study on the book entitled "Finding Joy in Life's Ups and Downs". Remembering the demands of being young single mothers ourselves, we wanted to serve and encourage others through God's word and Christian fellowship.

At the end of our 8 weeks one of the participants wrote, "My sincerest gratitude in blessing me and the other moms by taking the time to listen

to me and try to meet a need in my life."

Hearts of Hope will meet again next winter. For information please email Karen Van Iten at [kdvi3@wideopenwest.com](mailto:kdvi3@wideopenwest.com)

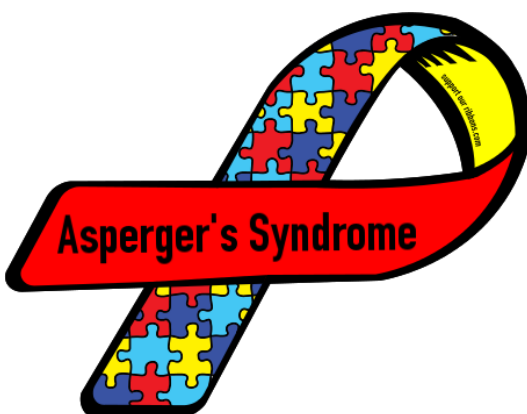
### Stephen Ministry



'People don't always need advice. Sometimes all they really need is a hand to hold, an ear to listen, and a heart to understand them.'

Stephen ministry is a Christ centered listening ministry. We provide confidential encouragement, emotional and spiritual support to those experiencing all kinds of life needs and difficulties. Please see one of the Pastors if you are interested in receiving Christian one-to-one care!

### Asperger's Support Groups



Knox hosts two support group for folks with Asperger's. One for Adults with Asperger's and one for Parents of Children with Asperger's. The Adults with Asperger's group has been meeting for 8 years and meets the first Thursday of every month. It is run by a number of adults in the group but David Mancini-Conway is the contact person for the group. He can be reached at [a.team.naper@gmail.com](mailto:a.team.naper@gmail.com). The Parents of Children with Asperger's support group has been meeting at Knox for 13 years and meets the first Thursday of every other month during the school year starting in September. It is run by Julie Parker and she can be reached at [julie@jparkerlaw.com](mailto:julie@jparkerlaw.com). Anyone that would benefit from these support groups is welcome to attend. No RSVP is required.



# Missions at Knox

## Project Homecoming: A Mission to New Orleans

On Saturday, May 3 a team of 16 Knox members will travel to the "Crescent City" for one week to assist Project Homecoming with the building of new homes for persons still made homeless by the ravages of Hurricane Katrina--and the resulting floods in the city. Please pray for them as they seek to be the hands and feet of Christ to "the least of these our brothers and sisters."

Team members include:

Palma Aikins	Neels & Nico de	Jack & Judy Hunter	Revs. Clinton and Deb
Beverly Ainsworth	Coning	Randy Johnson	Roberts
Michal Baker	Jeff Goeringer	Frank Mayer	Jeneane Ryan
	Neil Goltermann		Ed & Janice Wiles

Jeneane Ryan, Mission Coordinator  
Revs. Clint & Deb Roberts

## Spring is Coming, Really, But a Little Later Than Usual!

On Sunday, May 4 Knox will sponsor and host the Wayside Cross Ministries truck for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Fill-A-Truck" Sunday. Clean your closets, dresser drawers, and storage areas. Give the men and women of Wayside Cross your outgrown or gently used clothes.

Your donation of CLEAN CLOTHING will help serve hundreds of people with meals, clothing, and lodging. Your clothing will either be distributed through the Community Outreach Program or turned into \$\$\$ for WCM in the Hope Chest Resale Store. Even ripped or torn clothing is turned into \$\$\$ by recycling to organizations that provide clothing to third world countries.

- Because of a limited number of personnel and the large variety of donations we can only receive clothing; games and small children's toys, toiletries for both men and women; and unopened versions of seasonal allergy medicine.

Arrangements can be made for pick-ups of furniture, larger items or appliances, by calling Wayside Cross Ministries at 630-892-4239 or filling out the form on the WCM website, [www.waysidecross.org](http://www.waysidecross.org). If you have any questions about this event or Wayside Cross Ministries, call Gary McGregor at (630) 926-2603.



## Wayside Cross Ministry: Master's Touch Friendship Banquet May 13, 2014, 6:30 pm

Mission Council invites all members of Knox to join us for the Annual Master's Touch Banquet at Gaslite Manor, 2485 Church Road, in Aurora (near the intersection of Butterfield Road and Kirk Road). We have reserved two tables of 8 people each to join us at No Charge to hear about this fascinating and inspirational ministry. The doors open for the banquet at 6:00 PM, with dinner served at 6:30 PM.

As many of you know, Master's Touch Ministry is a Christ Centered, Bible Based ministry for men that has been serving the DuPage area for more than 80 years. The resident facility averages 90 men, who spend over 6 months through intensive rehabilitation of men through the power of Jesus Christ. They provide 24 hour services for a cost of less than \$ 285 per man per month, with an average of nearly 40% graduating from the program and making the transition from incarceration & substance abuse to responsible members of society. The ministry is significantly supported by volunteers from local churches, like Knox Presbyterian Church.

The Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet will again be Mark Elfstrand, a well-known radio personality, and the guest speaker will be Karl Glauson, host of a daily program heard on AM-1160 WYLL. Karl is a gifted speaker and was pastor for 10 years in Anchorage, Alaska, as well as, racing in the 1,100 mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race at the age of 18 years old. Ben Adair, who sings the national anthem for the Chicago Bulls, and is worship leader at Compass Church in Naperville, will be ministering in song.

For further information regarding this event or to make reservations for the Knox tables, call Bob Badertscher (630) 851-5198 or e-mail him at [r2b2@vetrad7.com](mailto:r2b2@vetrad7.com). With the Lord's blessing we plan to fill more than 2 tables with Knox members, in supporting this outreach Mission of Knox.

[Click here to register online.](#)



## Girls for Girls Craft Sale to Benefit Water for Life

"Girls for Girls, International" is a girls' crafting group through Knox that will be having our very first bake/craft sale on Mother's Day Sunday, May 11! 100% of proceeds from the sale will go to Water for Life to help nourish impoverished countries. Come on out and support the organization and if you are able to donate a baked good for the sale, bring it to the allocated table on May 11!

## Dakota Partnership – Sisseton, SD

The **Dakota Partnership** was formed in 1990 and incorporated in 1993. Its primary mission is to enhance and enable Christian values in the Native American community. It does so through an ongoing outreach, assisting churches, individuals, and the Dakota Presbytery with actions to help restore hope, encourage healthy values, promote responsible behaviors, and enhance their worship experience through education, hands-on training, and continual fellowship and support.

**The South Dakota Mission Trip** is led by Knox Presbyterian and is intergenerational and family friendly. Their partnership while in Sisseton is with Family Life, the Assembly of God Church. The cost for the trip is \$225 for an individual and \$450 per family (one room). This includes lodging in a motel and meals while in South Dakota. Campground facilities are \$350 per family and \$175 per individual.

**Volunteer Needs** for vacation bible school and construction and repair work on churches on the reservations in South Dakota

- Chefs/cooks/cooks' assistants
- Construction/repairmen and women
- Musicians, particularly guitarists
- Teachers/teachers' assistants
- Young helpers and/or students

Transportation to and from Sisseton is at your own expense. Shared transportation can be arranged, and drivers of rental vans are needed.

[Click here to register online.](#)



## Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **May 4**. The most needed items this month are:

**Tuna, pinto beans, black beans, chili, cereal, pasta, rice, crackers and oatmeal**

Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. you!



## Hesed House



Meet our new Hesed House Co-coordinators! We welcome Diana Oshiro, who joined Knox in 1998, Tina Caldwell, who joined Knox in 2009 and Janet Gravel, who joined Knox in 1998. We are grateful for their leadership. Please be kind and helpful when they call asking for support for our Hesed House monthly serving.

Please join other members for service and fellowship by signing up for a shift or providing a dish. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Commons.

**Next Volunteer Night: May 24**

Please sign up in the Commons to bring food or to work one of the three shifts:

**6:00 pm    11:00 pm    3:00 am**

## Scott Moreau Scholarship Awarded

The Scott Moreau Pastors Education Fund Steering Committee awarded Ezekiel Kimosop one of the five available scholarships in September 2013. He is one of the students at the International Leadership University (ILU) in Nairobi, Kenya. The SMPEF provides scholarship assistance and supportive relationships for students at ILU preparing for ministry in Africa.

Recently, the SMF Steering Committee received word from Ezekiel:

"Greetings in Jesus' Name! I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your scholarship support that has gone a long way in assisting me to complete my studies at International Leadership University – Kenya. The support has come at a very timely period when I am doing my final year for my M.Div. program in Biblical and Theological Studies. May the Lord bless you richly for considering me among those to whom you have extended financial support."

Ezekiel and his wife Ruth have four children and reside in Kenya. He expressed gratitude towards the Lord for His continued grace and providence. It is Ezekiel's vision to serve the Lord as a Bible teacher and trainer of a church group. Being an associate pastor in a local Kenyan church is also a path he is considering.



Scott Moreau Pastors Education Fund would like to thank Knox very much for its continued support of the students of the International Leadership University.

The Scott Moreau Pastors Education Fund Steering Committee

# Children's Ministries



Registration for **Summer Children's Day Out** is happening now. Summer CDO welcomes children age 2 through 5 and entering kindergarten. We will be in session Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-12:30pm from June 10 to July 3. Join us for playtime and singing, learning and crafts! We provide a nurturing and loving social environment where children can learn about themselves and others

while having a great time! Registration forms and more information are available online. Please call the CDO office at 630-355-7544 with any questions.



## THANK YOU, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

Please add your THANKS to mine when you next see this year's Sunday School Teachers. Below is a list of our Sunday School Teachers. They are a dedicated and caring group! -Jane

### Teaching Teams at 9:00

Preschool: Kari Walker, Jamie Hill, Colin Whittaker, and Camille Liotine  
K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Alison Grumbles, Melissa Naffziger, Kathryn Storey, Karin Glenn, and Chloe Wiczorek  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Josh and Marisela Weir, Liz Renc, Amy and Tom MacDonald  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Doug Varney, Ken Noreen, Kathy and Don Fleschut  
Middle School: Heather Pfeil, Bruce Burkelman, Sheri and Tom Berk

### Teaching Teams at 10:30

Preschool: Bailea Pakkebier, Ineke Pelella, Hannah and Je Lee, and Kevin Schulte (for 1<sup>st</sup> semester)  
K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Jenny Payne, Kim Harper, Kelly and Kurt Gabrielse  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Linda Livorsi, Chris Schlegel, Brian Hicks, Madalyn Sadler, and Caroline Schlegel (for 1<sup>st</sup> semester)  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tom Zielinski, Joan Stempel, Anne and Jim Kingsbury  
Middle School: Pat and Rick Warren, Hal Spinka, and Kristy Cortright

Thanks are also due others who contribute to the success of our Sunday School Ministries<sup>o</sup>

Frank Whittaker and Vivian Sullivan for their help on Sunday mornings

Tracy Olsen for her help in preparing for Sunday mornings

Substitute Teachers who are a blessing and too numerous to mention

## Sunday School Calendar Important Dates:

May 18: Last Sunday of the School-year program  
May 25: Memorial Day Weekend - SS does not meet  
June 1: Summer Sunday School begins

*Children are always welcome in worship. Children through PreK are also welcome in childcare.*

## Summer Sunday School

- For age 3 (potty trained) through children entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall
- Two Sessions: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- June 1 through August 24 (except July 6)

### Two Classes:

**SANDBOX SET** is for children age 3 & potty trained to entering Kindergarten

Children meet in room 14 in hallway behind Fellowship Hall, beginning with the start of worship.

**PLAYGROUND PACK** is for children entering 1st to 5th Grades

Children sit with their parents for the beginning of worship.

After the service, these children are picked up in Lehman Hall (gym).





## (Summer Sunday School continued...)



**Registration:** Registration is not required but very helpful.

Registration for Summer SS is online.

Registration begins May 1 and last through August 24.

**Summer Sunday School needs your help in the classrooms!**

**Curriculum is provided. ~ Activities are prepared for you!**

Contact - Jane Burkelman, Co-Director of Children's Ministries, 630-615-4303, [jburkelman@knoxpres.org](mailto:jburkelman@knoxpres.org)

[Click here to register online.](#)

### Denim Bible Covers

It's time again to make the Denim Bible Covers for the Third Grade gift bibles which are presented in September.

**NEEDED:** People to Cut Out Fabric and Jean Pockets - This can be done ahead of time or on the morning we set up "shop".

**NEEDED:** People to Sew - We set up "shop" here at church. With enough of us, we can finish in a morning. We'll pick a date once we know who wants to sew.

**NEEDED:** Old Jeans - These can be dropped off at Jane's office.

**COME JOIN US!** We always have a good time!

Please contact Jane Burkelman if you'd like to help: 630-615-4303 or

[jburkelman@knoxpres.org](mailto:jburkelman@knoxpres.org)



### Safe Haven Policy Trainings

Anyone planning to serve in Knox's Youth or Children's Ministries must comply with the requirements of the Knox Safe Haven Policy (adopted August 2012). These requirements are:

1. Read the SHP Policy and sign the Policy's Covenant Statement
2. Complete a Volunteer Application which is the last page of the SHP
3. Attend a SHP Training Session

Volunteers are required to attend a SHP Training Session every 3 years. If you attended a Training Session less than 3 years ago, you need only comply with steps 1 and 2 above.

Completed paperwork is to be dropped in the secure silver drop box which is located on the landing outside of the receptionist's office. This landing is at the top of the half flight of steps just inside of the front doors.

If you need to meet the above requirements...

- You can pick up a copy of the Knox SHP from the sign-up tables or church office.
- Before attending a Training Session, read the Policy and bring it with you to the session.

**Available Dates:**

**Trainings will take place in Room 203**

Wednesday, May 7 - 6:30pm

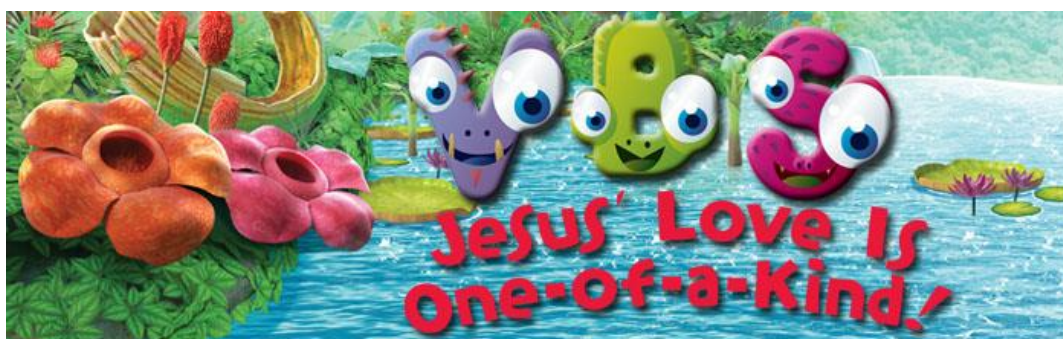
Sunday, May 25 - 11:45 am

Wednesday, May 28 - 6:00pm

Sunday, June 1 - 10:00am or 11:30am

Wednesday, June 4 - 6:00pm

### Vacation Bible School



#### One of A Kind Animals

June 16—June 20

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Activities Includes: singing, story time, recreation, crafts, snacks, and time with Chadder the Chipmunk.

[Click here to register online.](#)



## (VBS continued...)

Early Registration until May 15 - \$35

Late Registration May 16 - June 14 - \$50

We will **NOT** be accepting registrations after June 14.

### VBS Program for Kids with Special Needs

June 17 - June 19 • Time: TBD • \$20

Activities will be similar to the morning VBS program but will be adapted to fit the needs of the kids. A team of professionals with experience working with kids with Special Needs will be planning and leading this VBS. All children are welcome at all of our programs and if you feel your child would benefit from being included in the morning program we will work with you to make that happen.

Those interested in helping should contact Jenny.

[Click here to register online.](#)



### Arts Camp

July 14 – 18 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm • \$30

Activities will include: woodworking, painting, acting, singing, and a flash mob type dance.

The week will be focused around the scripture Matthew 21:16b

*"...Do you hear what these children are saying"*

[Click here to register online.](#)

### Student Volunteers Needed

Students entering 6th Grade and above are needed to help with Vacation Bible School.

Applications are available at [www.knoxpres.org](http://www.knoxpres.org) on the VBS page.

## High School Youth Activities

### Go & Serve Fundraising Opportunities

Please consider supporting our June Go and Serve mission trip in any of the following ways. Watch our fundraising progress on the thermometer located on the South wall in the Commons Area. Thank you for helping our youth Go and Serve this summer!

Roses for the Mother in your life! On Mother's Day, **Sunday May 11**, our Go and Serve youth will be selling roses for that special mother in your life! Roses will be available for purchase between services from Go and Serve High School students in the Commons Area. They can be purchased for \$3/stem or \$8/3 stems.

Time to wash away winter from your automobile! Have your car hand washed and dried by our Go and Serve youth on **Sunday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**. Drop your car off in the parking lot along Gartner on the way into church and it will be cleaned and ready for pick-up after the service. Donations welcome. (Rain date June 1)

Third Thursdays at Hopvine! Join us every third Thursday at Hopvine Brewing Co (4030 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora (next to the Comedy Shrine)) for lunch or dinner! Our next day at Hopvine Brewing Co is **May 15**. Mention Knox Go and Serve (or provide the coupon below) to your server and Knox Go and Serve will receive 10% of your dining bill! Extra coupons are available in the Commons Area. Friends and family welcome!

We have partnered with Colonial Cafe for an all-day Colonial Cares event. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and/or dinner at Colonial Cafe on **Thursday, May 22** and Colonial will donate 15% of the net sales from the event to Go and Serve! You must present a flier to the cashier at checkout for Knox Go and Serve to receive credit, so be sure to pick up a flier in the commons area at Knox before you go. Everyone welcome!

### G&S 2014 Registration is Live!

- We are headed to Cedar Rapids, IA - June 8-14
- [Click here to register as an adult online](#)
- [Click here to register as a student online](#)
- Cost & Due Date: \$300 thru May 8; \$350 thru May 21
- Scholarships are available. Talk to Pastor Robert.
- Contact Pastor Robert with any questions @ [rquiring@knoxpres.org](mailto:rquiring@knoxpres.org)

## Baccalaureate Service – You are Invited!

Special invitation for family and friends of our graduating seniors.

You are invited to the Knox Baccalaureate Service for our graduating seniors on May 24 at 7:30 pm. in the Sanctuary. This is a unique worship service and a special time for our seniors, as many of our graduates will be speaking and leading us in worship. It also includes an opportunity for each senior to come up with their family and receive a blessing. The event begins at 7:30 pm with worship and ends with dessert (dinner is not included).

If you would like to have your senior included we ask you to do two things by May 10:

1. RSVP to [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org) / [630-615-4309](tel:630-615-4309) yes or no regarding attending the service.
2. Send a short bio of your senior with a photo to [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org). We need a digital copy of the bio and photo. Please send the bio even if you are not able to attend as we display them for several weeks in the Commons. The congregation enjoys seeing our seniors and reading their bios!

We hope you will join us for this cool recognition of our seniors by Knox.

[WWW.KNOXBLOG.ORG](http://WWW.KNOXBLOG.ORG)



<p><b>High School Ministries</b>                  Wednesday Fellowship                  In the Basement                  Dinner 6-6:30pm                  Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 pm</p> <p>Sunday Night Bible Study                  7-8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Young Adult Discussion on Tap</b>                  Quigley's Irish Pub                  Downtown Naperville</p> <p>Wednesdays                  8-9:30 p.m.                  Usually the first room on the right.</p>
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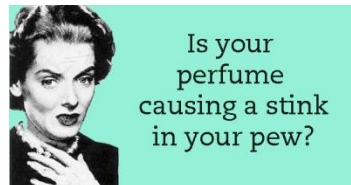
## Church News

### The Merry Month of May Celebrations

- May 11** On Mother's Day we honor Tim Sleep's 10 years with Knox with a reception between services. Our gratitude continues!
- May 18** Pentecost Sunday we celebrate Katie Hartwell's ministry with us with a reception between services. Katie will graduate with both her MDiv and an MATS from McCormick Seminary this month. She will be looking for a call as an ordained pastor.

### Young Families Fellowship Meet and Greet May 18 • 11:45 - 1:00

Following the 10:30 service there will be a light lunch in the Coffee Bar and Fellowship Hall for all of Knox's young families to meet one another. There will be childcare following lunch when we will share about Fellowship Groups at Knox and about upcoming young family events. Join your hosts Katie Palazola, Ann Smith, Deb Roberts, Jenny Hubbard and Jane Brukelman. Bring your ideas and your questions. Please RSVP to church office or any one of the hosts!



Is your perfume causing a stink in your pew?

### Fragrance Sensitivities Awareness

Many folks have sensitivity to the fragrances of cologne and hand creams. On a Sunday morning you can imagine that there are many fragrances afloat in the sanctuary. We invite you to consider saving your lovely fragrances for use outside Sunday worship.

### Your Newsletter and the Web

The Knox website is your center for information and signing up for all kinds of things. Many of you are already receiving your newsletter electronically. We hope to continue toward this 'paperless' venture. Let us know if you would like 'to make the change' and go paperless with us. In August we will change over to an online edition, you will need to notify the church office if you would like to continue receiving a paper copy in the mail after August at 630-355-8181. We will always continue to send the newsletter to those who request it in paper form. Give it a try!



## KNOX'S ENDOWMENT MINISTRY (PFMC)

Is a planned giving program designed to inspire future generations through a legacy of generosity. What are some of the benefits in participating with PFMC?

- Your gift will make a difference beyond your lifetime
- Leaving a living legacy as a memorial to you or a loved one
- Reducing your income and estate taxes
- Wise financial security while supporting your Knox family
- PFMC supports Knox's capital and mission projects
- As of 2014, the PFMC Fund has grown to approximately \$360,000

If you are interested in such a program, please feel free to contact the church office or visit our website: [www.knoxpres.org/ministries/endowment](http://www.knoxpres.org/ministries/endowment)

### Knox Spring Blood Drive

In partnership with Heartland Blood Centers, Knox will be hosting our spring blood drive:

**May 27**  
**3:30 pm to 7:00 pm**  
 Please consider donating.



### Tim Sleep celebrates 10 years with Knox Presbyterian Church

Please take a moment and consider what our worship services would be without the skill and mastery of Tim Sleep's musicianship. Quiet. Very quiet.

We celebrate Tim's anniversary with us with great joy! His talents and gifts are beyond whichever keyboard he plays: organ, piano, keyboard. His knowledge and expertise in sacred music is deep, and his sense of humor keeps us all delighted during rehearsals. Knox is deeply grateful that he has chosen to remain with us and lead us in worship every week. Let Tim know how much you appreciate him during the coffee hour May 11.

### Mailman or Musician?

*"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these people from the gifted completion of their dedicated service."*

Yes, this could be the motto of the gifted musicians at Knox who joyfully give up their time and talents each and every week to lead us into God's presence with passion, tenderness and love.

We thank the Chancel Choir, the Praise Team and the Handbells for their dedication and devotion. We are deeply grateful.

#### Chancel Choir:

Alan Fry  
 Alice Snelgrove  
 Barbara Miller  
 Bill Langham  
 Bob Casper  
 Bob Ellig  
 Brianne Smith  
 Carol Boals  
 Carol Brand  
 Cindy Wills  
 Connie Janke  
 Curt Parry  
 Dave Findling  
 Dick Wheeler  
 Ed Wiles  
 Gordon Friday  
 Harriet Friday  
 Janice Wiles  
 Jerry Johnson  
 Jill Poskin  
 Jim Clinton  
 Jim Nauta  
 Jim Snelgrove  
 Jo Ann Sault  
 Joanne Hsu  
 Joyce McClure

Judy Loftus  
 Karen Van Iten  
 Kim Lynn  
 Liz Bradley  
 Maggie Nelson  
 Margaret Lambka  
 Mary Ellen Neumeister  
 Mike Loftus  
 Nancy Fry  
 Peg Little  
 Ruth Browne  
 Sally Lambert  
 Sue Pollard  
 Susan Weiner  
 Tim Sleep  
 Tori Klopp  
 Wayne Bunker

#### Praise Team:

Candice Sunblade  
 Corey Richier  
 Curt Parry  
 Jeff Foltz  
 Julia Dunne  
 Karen Elmgren  
 Lenny Richier  
 Lisa Bennett

Matt Sunblade  
 Pete Elmgren  
 Scott Solenberger  
 Sue Goll  
 Taylor Hubbard  
 Tim Sleep

#### Handbells:

Annie Miers  
 Arlene Beslic  
 Bev Meyer  
 Brianne Smith  
 Cathy Eyberger  
 Dawn Pakkebier  
 Diane Greenawalt  
 Diane Heintz  
 Dick Wheeler  
 Janice Wiles  
 Jim Nauta  
 Jo Ann Sault  
 Joanne Hsu  
 Julie Sadler  
 Kim Lynn  
 Marilyn Wilgocki  
 Phyllis Wheeler



## Congratulations to our 2014 Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholars

**Brian Tanck** who will be a fourth year student at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey

**Je Lee** who will be a second year student at McCormick Seminary in Chicago

**Joel Lynn** who will be senior at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois

**Lara Musser Gritter** who will be a second year student at Duke Divinity School in North Carolina



### A Knox Church Family Gathering

About 60 Knox folk met with the Session on Sunday evening, April 13<sup>th</sup> to share their thoughts and feelings consequent to the sale of Presbyterian Camps in February. Facilitated by staff from the Samaritan Center for Congregations, the meeting was both courteous and candid, representing an important step forward in planning for Knox's camping ministries in 2015 and beyond. A compendium of comments made during the meeting is available at Knox's Office.

## Ministry to Seniors

### Hall of Famers

Hall of Famers will meet Thursday, May 8.  
11:30 am Worship • 12:00 pm Lunch • 1:00 pm Program

## Care Ministries

### Illness/Health Concerns:

Leslie Elliott  
Helen Aiken  
Bob Kirk [brother of Thera Leigh]  
David O'Leary [uncle of Lin and Pat Carter]  
Dorothy Benesh [Jane Gilkes' mother]  
Mickey Jackson [friend of Daisy Trimnell]  
Paul Gartner [Rosalie Gartner's son]  
Louise Pogue [Phil Pogue's mother]  
Chery Hansen  
Steve Clinton [Jim Clinton's son]  
Peter Pfeiffer [Eric Pfeiffer's brother]  
Larry Sieczynski [Tom Sieczynski's brother]  
Ann Schumacher [Elliott family friend]  
Susan Walton [Ann Smith's sister]  
Evelyn Ireland [Sherry Berk's mother]  
Wayne Barcheski  
Matthew Gill [friend of the Morten families]  
Esther Jacobson  
Ed Tanaka [Sandi Hurford's father]  
Rollyn Storey [Mark Storey's father]  
Abby Swanson

### Congratulations to:

Lauren & Eric Maddox on the birth of their daughter Sadie Jane on March 13. Proud great grandmother is Doris Walker.

Lauren & Ryan Pierce on the birth of their son Wyatt Michael on April 9.

### Nursing Home/Home Bound:

Pick up a weekly prayer concerns card in the Commons for a list of our members who are in nursing homes & home bound.

### Grieving:

The Leigh family on the death of Thera Leigh  
The Korkowski family on the death of Donna Korkowski [Kim Harper's grandmother]  
The Mathison family on the death of Fred Spears [Sharon Mathison's father]  
The Lemke and Cornell families on the death of Marshall Cornell [Cathy Lemke's father]  
The Silverman family on the death of Cleone Wilson [Barb Silverman's mother]  
The Lynn family on the death of Elsie Guernsey [Kim Lynn's mother]  
The Rowell family on the death of Ena Gray [Elecia Rowell's mother]  
The Jung family on the death of Wilbur Harrison [Missy Jung's grandfather]  
The Mobley family on the death of Terry Akins [Ron Mobley's cousin]  
The Gravel family on the death of John A. Bessey [Janet Gravel's father]  
Toni and Terry Betti on the death of their daughter Megan Betti [friends of Brooks and Jan Reid]  
The Mair family on the death of Robin.

### Military:

Jonathan Ballew  
Adam Barns  
Matt Concotta  
Matt Krempel  
Andrew Whitmer  
Morgan Plummer  
Calvin Warren  
Scott Zwiars  
All military personnel & their families.

## On a Personal Note

### Farewell & God's Blessings

We are sad to say "Good-Bye" to the Holman family and the Ryan family. Both families are moving south this next month. We want to **Thank** them for their service to Knox and to their community.

**Jill Holman** and her family have been active with the Asperger's Support Groups and Families Helping Families. Jill has also been a faithful Bible Study participant for many years. Their son Adam is staying in Naperville.

**Jeneane & Tom** have been involved in Mission trips to Haiti, New Orleans and Joplin. Jeneane served faithfully as an Elder on Mission Council and won an award for her years of volunteering at Naperville C.A.R.E.S. She has also been active in Bible Study for years.

We wish both these families God's safe traveling mercies as they make new homes in North & South Carolina respectively!"



### Happy Birthday Paul

Paul Jones, Jr. celebrated his 70th Birthday among family and Knox friends on Sunday, March 23. It was a wonderful party for Paul with cake and ice cream and lots of presents! Paul graced us all by singing "*The Lord's Prayer*" as he did for years during worship here at Knox. He enjoys having visitors and hearing all about his Knox family, whom he remembers fondly. Please contact any of the Pastors if you are interested in going to see him at Alden in Bloomingdale.