A Mote From Rev. Deb Roberts

On Being God's Family

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes it's name. I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit." Ephesians 3:14-16

Dear Friends,

Imagine you are standing before a very large, new suitcase. Curious you open it only to find another. What's this about you wonder as you look at a smaller, more tattered suitcase inside. A note says, "Unpack me!"

Even more curious, you fling it

open. Surprise! There's a picture of your family - your extended family in fact: your grandparents and parents, siblings, cousins and your own children and their children, significant people that were like family and more. "What an unexpected portrait." you say, and you can't help but marvel. What can it mean you ponder and why the larger, more lovely suitcase?

This is an image that has come to me many times of late as I have studied and taught the book of Ephesians throughout the fall. It has come to me as I have moved into the realm of societal nomenclature entitled "the sandwich



generation". Also, I hear again and again from members of Knox that they are so very appreciative for their 'church family'. "My church family has <u>been there for me",</u> they say, "and I am so grateful for this". Whether it is in times of illness or difficulty or because someone is single or widowed or their families are far away, or life is just hard, Knox becomes like family. We are, all of us in fact, God's family.

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Ephesus, speaks passionately of a new identity because of Christ. He speaks to Jews and Gentiles, men and women, slaves and refugees, people without any family. Paul gives them a new name -

"You are no longer strangers and foreigners...you are God's family...we who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the lord...

Follow God's example in everything you do, because you are God's dear children.

Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ....created in God's likeness, live as children of light." (Ephesians chapters 2,4,5 - selected, New Living Translation)

Family. For all of us in one way or another, there is some baggage associated with that word and with the experience of --- family. Yet all of us long for familial ties in which we experience belonging, identity and love. Sometimes those experiences are true of our family of upbringing and many times we become "like family" with friends, neighbors or members of our church. I think it's time to unpack our negative experiences of family in light of God's great gift of being his family. That's why I always see a smaller, worn suitcase within the larger one which enfolds each of us and all of us. I believe this sends us (back) into our own families, our work families, our neighborhoods and the world with hope and strength.

Paul urges the members of God's family to understand who they are and to see the riches of their inheritance - grace, example, fellowship, hope - the indwelling of the Spirit and so much more. Then he calls them to live with these traits as people who are indelibly tied to one another - warts and all - love and all - and he wants them to ever widen the family circle.

I too have received the love of Knox as my 'family'. I see week after week what we already do as brothers and sisters of Christ *through* Knox.

- --we welcome the visitor or get to know the new family by name, for these persons have come into "our home"; into our kitchen, our living room, our parlor Who would leave the visitor standing alone in the entry while we eat?
- --we go out to unfamiliar places to help others in need, for they are part of God's family too our family.
- --we invite someone to an event in "our home", because we are a people of hospitality.
- --we offer a meal when someone is ill, because we want to take care of our family.

In widening the family circle and in continuing to meet needs of God's family beyond our doors, I look forward to what God will call us to do this year!

.."So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So, then whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith!" - Galatians 6:9-10

Blessings in Christ, Deb

Ash Wednesday Services

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Each year this day in the Christian calendar marks the time after Jesus baptism of temptation, fasting and wilderness.

For 40 days and nights Jesus contended with the kingdoms of the world over and against God's kingdom. The words of Isaiah 9 reassert themselves in heart and mind as we consider what he understood. He was to become - "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."...our Emmanuel.

Two Ash Wednesday Service Opportunities - March 5:

At River Glen, our sister church
7:00 pm - 1140 Raymond Drive, Naperville, IL 60563

At Knox, Family Friendly Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm - Knox Sanctuary



Adult Education

SUNDAYS:

A Study of Revelation Leader: Jim Clinton

10:30 am in Room 202

The February study is of the author Luke. We will begin with how we know what we know about the man and then compare his writing to comparable material in the New Testament.

2/2 Who is Luke? 2/9 Luke, Matthew and Mark 2/16 Acts and Paul's epistles 2/23 How do we read the Bible?

The Way Leader: Brooks Reid

9:00 am in the Sr. High Room

This group will be studying "With: Re-imagining the Way You Relate to God" by Skye Jethani through beginning of January. New people are welcome to join us!

Sunday Night Small Group Leader: Frank Mayer

7:00 pm in Middle School Room

Join us to study 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, using a guide by Max Lucado. This study begins January 12. New members are welcome. Contact Frank Mayer at firmayerxage@comcast.net for details.

TUESDAYS:

Men's Study of The Gospel of Luke Leader: Frank Mayer

9:00 am in the Parlor

Contact Frank Mayer at firmayerxge@comcast.net for details.

Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories by Beth Moore Leader: Sue Curry

9:00 am in Room 202

September through March, contact Sue at curry.sue21@gmail.com for details.

Bible Study: Forgiveness Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts

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

"Forgiveness – Finding Peace Through Letting Go" By Adam Hamilton

Read the Bible in 90 Days Leader: Eric Heinekamp

7:30 in the home of Eric and Patty Heinekamp

Join us as we Read the Bible in 90 Days. Yes, the entire Bible in 90 days! Have you ever wished you had a better understanding of the Bible? We will follow a well-known program that includes daily readings and weekly discussions. Readers can follow one of two tracks. "Every Word" participants will read about 12 pages per day and read the entire Bible. "Highlights" readers will read 2 pages per day that hit the key points of every book. We will meet at the home of Eric and Patty Heinekamp for 1 hour each week. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact Eric at eheinekamp@knoxpres.org with any questions.

WEDNESDAYS:



<u>Women on Wednesdays</u> Women on Wednesdays is off and running, studying the book of James using Beth Moore's James: Mercy Triumphs. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. It is not too late to join us in this exciting study. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible

knowledge and includes childcare and activities for infants through Kindergarten. We meet on Wednesdays from 9:15-11:15 am in Fellowship Hall and would love to have you join us!

Contact Margaret Lambka <u>mllambka2@gmail.com</u> or Robin Kolar <u>skolar7227@aol.com</u> for more information

Click HERE to register for WOW

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

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

THURSDAYS:

<u>Daybreakers</u> Leader: Rev. Clinton Roberts 6:00 am in the Coffee Bar

<u>Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke:</u> Leader: Rev. Cindy Karis 9:30 – 11:00 am in the Middle School Room

We begin a new study On Thursday, January 9, 2014 - the <u>Gospel of Luke</u> by Horace Weaver. Child care is provided. Please email <u>ckaris@knoxpres.org</u> or call her at 630-615-4308 if you are interested in joining this class.

A Bereavement Workshop is being offered for 8 weeks beginning on Thursday, February 13 @ 7:30 - 9:00 pm. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one in the past few years and would like to understand the healing process, please call or email Pastor Cindy Karis 630-615-4308 or ckaris@knoxpres.org. One of our trained Stephen Ministers will also co-facilitate.



The Knox Book Club will gather Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Fran Lukes (2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A). Choose any biography to read and come ready to share. New readers, as well as book recommendations, are welcome any time throughout the year. Book club will continue to meet the second Tuesday evening of each month. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or email wilesjan@gmail.com with any questions.

March 11 - Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn April 8 - The Roots of the Olive Tree by Courtney Miller Santo May 13 - The Story of Beautiful Girl by Rachel Simon

Presbyterian Women

Mary Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 11, at 9:00 am at Sue Mortenson's home (28W641 Leverenz Rd). All are welcome. Please contact Ineke Pelella at 630.357.3350 for more information.

Rachel-Rebekah Circle will gather Tues, February 11, at 9:30 at the home of Eileen Engstrom, 1253 Jane Ave, for fellowship, goodies and Bible study. Please read lesson 6 from our study book "An Abiding Hope". RSVP "YES" if you can join us Feb 11to Eileen at eae626@sbcglobal.net or 630-369-1774. (She can give directions if needed) Please come!

We are looking forward to baking, making crafts, and setting up for Presbyterian Women's "Valentines Bake Sale" on Sundaymorning, Feb 9. Come join in setting up Sat, Feb 8 at 1 pm or bringing a food donation to the staff kitchen or buying some wonderful goodies or crafts for that 'special someone' for Valentines Day! It's a fun day for all as well as all proceeds going to our mission projects.

Missions at Knox

Please join us at any or all of our Go and Serve 2014 Fundraisers.

We have many opportunities!

Mark your Calendars for **February 6**, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.: Knox night at **bd's Mongolian Grill** (221 S. Washington St) Come 'grill' your favorite Knox guest Griller, enjoy a good dinner with friends and family, and support Go and Serve 2014. Mention **Knox Go and Serve** to your server and we will receive 15% of your dinner bill and all of the grilling tips received that evening! Invite friends, family and neighbors for a great dinner out.





Our annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held in Lehman Hall at Knox on Wednesday, **February 26**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please come out and support our youth mission trip this year. Go & Serve location will be announced at the dinner if it has been finalized. Cost is \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Sign-ups will be taken in the Commons after services on Sundays, February 9, 16 and 23.

Join other members of Knox at Hopvine Brewing Co (4030 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora (next to The Comedy Shrine)) for lunch or dinner! Every third Thursday of each month (all year!) mention Knox Go and Serve (or provide the coupon below to your server) and we will receive 10% of your dining bill! The next day at Hopvine is **February 20**. Extra coupons are available in the Commons Area. Friends and family welcome!



Please hand this coupon to your server to ensure that Knox receives credit for your meal.





Plan to have your car hand washed and dried by our Go and Serve youth on **May** 18 during the morning services. (Rain date June 1)

FEED THE NEED 2014

Be a part of an ecumenical city-wide Feed My Starving Children MobilePack. Join over **2,000 volunteers** from the community to pack **over half a million meals** in just three days.

This three day event will take place on Feb. 14, 15, and 16 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Naperville. This is an opportunity to learn about hunger related issues, pray for those in need, raised funds to cover the cost of meals and pack meals for the hungry.

Be a part of this powerful event. You can help impact the lives of thousands of children. Feed the Need 2014 needs YOU! Sign-up sheets are in the commons area. Contact Joan Tanck at jtanck@knoxpres.org.



The Annual Knox Adult Mission Trip is coming...

When deciding where we are to serve and provide disaster assistance, we unfortunately have had more than enough options in the past few years. As our weather gets more and more crazy, there is no question that there have been opportunities across our county and beyond. Our challenge has been to discern where we are most needed, where we can make a difference, and where there is local and congregational support in place for work and housing. In January of 2013, efforts were made to plan such a trip to the "Jersey shore" following Storm Sandy. After many calls and a scouting trip to Atlantic City, it was determined that congregations we spoke to were not ready to provide that on the ground support. It could well have been that the vastness of the geographic area that was affected made this It became evident that the coordination of the recovery there was very different from what we experienced in New Orleans or Joplin. This past December, a trip was made to Washington, IL with the thoughts that perhaps the adults could help with the recovery in the spring of 2014. What was

actually found was that the community was doing an excellent job, that major disaster assistance recovery agencies were actually pulling out because of this, and that 90% of the homes affected had insurance. This was also the scenario in Moore, OK.

So that brings us to 2014 and asking where can we serve? When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in August of 2005 and the levees broke, all agreed that it would most likely take at least 10 years for the city to recover. That fall Knox was able to respond to the needs of Parkway Presbyterian Church in Metairie, LA due to the relationship Rev. Cindy Karis had with Rev. Tom Payne that dates back to their seminary days. In the Spring of 2006, Knox made it's first adult mission trip to the Crescent City and continued to serve there for five consecutive spring breaks. A strong relationship/partnership was developed with Knox "South" and Parkway "North".

Eight years after Katrina, one in five home are still blighted (abandoned) in New Orleans. Project Homecoming, who we have partnered with for work projects, continues to help families whose homes were damaged and work with families who are hoping to become homeowners by building new homes on previously blighted properties. In the spring of 2010, Project Homecoming became a 501c3 and continues to receive support from the Presbytery of South Louisiana and Presbytery Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Due to Knox's continued strong relationship with Parkway and the ongoing need of the residents of New Orleans, the decision has been made to return to NOLA in May. We will once again work with Project Homecoming and will be housed at Parkway Church.

May 3 - May 10 When:

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Cost: \$450, includes air fare, food, housing and ground transportation

Deadline: April 2, 2014 Scholarships are available

For questions or additional information, please contact Jeneane Ryan 630-631-9702 or Ed Wiles 630-310-2003.

Christmas in Sisseton

Christmas is long gone, but for a few children in Sisseton, South Dakota it lives on. Dakota received another sled. The one she received last year finally had to be thrown away, and now it is replaced. Her grandmother,



Doris, joked that she was going to use it. I can just imagine; she is not a spry a chicken. The thought that she can joke and laugh when she lost her daughter just three months ago to a car accident is a miracle.

Morrey's electric keyboard that he received so many years ago has finally broken. All these years he has been able to play the Dakota Christian Songs and others. I hope the new one has soothed the pain of preventative removal of his stomach. Sure many

presents have gone by the way but the initial joy for those kids is lasting. One family told me not to expect to give their kids Christmas presents this year. They have struggled for so many years but now are in a good place. They have bought a house. I had to pause many times as she so delightfully showed me all parts of the house, even the man cave.

We do small things for the people of Sisseton, but I am richly rewarded every time I go up there. I just wish you could see and feel the appreciation that those people have for us. Dane says dropping off the presents at the Eastman's home is a Christmas present enough for him. Thank-you for allowing the Dakota Partnership

to have the ability to continue this mission. Through your prayers, monetary and physical donations you made many children and people happy this Christmas. I must pause and thank all the Magnificant Seven that went up to Sisseton. Randy Johnson (God's gift to the stranded), Jeff Goeringer (Santa's delivery man), Ron Wacholtz (keeper of people on task), Ross Lorenz (calm in the midst of the storm), Ineke Pellela (holder of baby) and Dane (driver extrodiener and problem solver). The sorters were Doug and Cheryl Hansen, Cindy Darling, Michal Baker, Ineke Pellela, Rose Smilgys, Mark and Alyssa Storey, Chris, Sally Kenaston, The Twaddles, Cole Williams. Please forgive me if I have inadvertently left someone off the list. Every volunteer was needed and appreciated.

Julie Milldrum

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **February 2**. The donation theme for this month is:

"Have a Heart" – please donate healthy foods: canned chicken breast, tuna, fruit, & vegetables

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





Hesed House

It's been 50 years since President Johnson declared the War on Poverty. While great progress has been made, much, much more needs to be done, particularly in terms of creating new opportunities for people to learn, grow and succeed in their own right. Hesed's Transitional Living Center works to provide these opportunities for residents and their children, and guests in the overnight shelter are offered individual assistance through Hesed's Seeds Case Management. In offering such comprehensive services, Hesed instills hope, presents opportunity and

enables both self sufficiency and self respect.

Please join others at Knox in supporting Hesed House on the fourth Saturday night of each month. We provide dinner, bagged lunches and breakfast as we oversee the overnight shelter for the evening. Shifts start at 5:00 p.m., and sign-up sheets are in the narthex. If you can't join us for a shift, we welcome your contribution for the meal; recipes are available in the narthex as well. It's a wonderful way to meet others at Knox and make a real difference in the lives of many. We hope to see you!

Joan Schaeffer

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: February 22

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



Are you looking for an opportunity to help Teenage Moms and Dads and their children this New Year?

Why not sign up to provide and serve a pre-planned meal to TPC young parents and their toddlers on a Tuesday evening? There are dates available February through May for you to get involved. Meals need not be home cooked or complicated; instructions, reimbursement and personal support are available. Dinner is served at 6:00 allowing you to finish by 7:30 p.m.!! Please check out the

TPC Calendar which is now available on the Knox website and consider choosing a date for you or your organization to help. http://knoxpres.org/ocapp/cms/missions/teen_parent_connection.html TPC participants continually express their gratitude for the wonderful meals, hospitality and love they receive from our congregation.

Bonnie Olson 355-4417 <u>bdolson@ntsource.com</u> and Heidi Paulius 630/548-4179 <u>hpaulius05@sbcglobal.net</u> will be happy to sign you up and answer any questions you may have.

We sincerely thank you for your past and continued support! Barb Ebling, Dotty Mobley, Bonnie Olson and Heidi Paulius, TPC hosts

Click HERE to go to TPC's webpage on knoxpres.org

IPC (Teen Parent Connection) is a local nonprofit organization which provides programs and services related to teenage pregnancy and parenting. Knox Church has hosted and provided the facilities and family style meals as a vital mission and outreach program for over 20 years. To learn more about Teen Parent Connection please refer to their website: http://www.teenparentconnection.org/

Children's Ministries



Children's Day Out will begin accepting applications for Fall 2014 on January 21st. As a ministry of Knox Church we strive to provide a loving, safe and fun environment for children age 15 months through 4 years. Making CDO your child's first school experience will bring a love for learning and excitement about making new friends and going to kindergarten when it is time. Children may attend 1 or 2

days per week from 9:00am-1:00pm. Registration for Knox members is \$50 for the first child and \$20 for each sibling. Please contact us to schedule a tour; www.knoxpres.org, 630.355.7544 or or or

Pre-school Play Group – Come meet other young families!

Families of Toddlers and Preschoolers -



Want to get out of the house and meet other young families of Knox? Then join us for a time to play and socialize. Many toys will be put out for the kids during this open house play group.

February 8 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am March 15 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Acolytes Needed - An opportunity to serve

3rd - 7th Grade

What: Acolytes light the candles on the communion table at the beginning of the service.

When: Sundays at the 9:00am Service

Who: Kids in 3rd Grade through 7th Grade

If interested, please contact Jenny Hubbard. 630-615-4318 or jhubbard@knoxpres.org.





KIDS MUSICAL FOR 3rd - 5th Graders

Our show this year is entitled "Fish Tales." Boys and girls of all ages will love grabbing their gear and heading to the "Fish Tales Fishing Tournament" to hear Bible stories that are anything but "fishy!" And the songs used to tell these stories are guaranteed to "hook" both the singers and their audience. The show has individual speaking parts, many solos and duets, and great choreography for all the kids and for individual dancers. The kids will wear "Fish Tales" t-shirts and caps, straw hats, visors, bandanas, jeans, jean shorts, fishing vests, floppy fishing hats, waders, flip-flops, or boots. Our set will look like a fishing tournament with tackle boxes, camp stools, buckets, and coolers.

Practices take place during the Wednesday Evening Program from 5:00 – 5:30 pm.

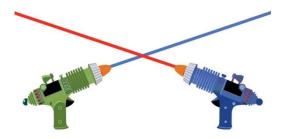
If interested in having your child be part of this fun opportunity, please contact Jenny Hubbard at 630-615-4318 or jhubbard@knoxpres.org

Families of Fourth Graders - An Opportunity for your child to Serve

As an offering of the Wednesday Evening Program Pastor Clint works with the 4th Grade Bible Study class to prepare a worship service for the congregation. You do not need to be registered on Wednesday Evenings to participate. If your fourth grader is interested in being a part of the worship service, please contact

Jenny Hubbard at 630-615-4318 or ihubbard@knoxpres.org.

Middle School Fellowship



Lazer Tag

Date: Saturday, January 25 Time: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Cost: \$15.00

(includes, 2 games lazer tag, pizza, pop and \$4 game tokens)

Cyberspace, 24125 111th St, Naperville

Snow Tubing Villa Olivia, Elgin

Date: February 8

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. (Meet at Church)

Cost: \$20.00 + kids need to bring money for lunch/snacks

Click HERE to Register Online

Questions? Contact Jenny Hubbard at ihubbard@knoxpres.org or 630-615-4318.



High School Youth Activities



February 2014

• Feb 1, Saturday – 7PM-7AM – Lock-In

March 2014

- Mar 14-16, Friday Sunday Spring Retreat @ Stronghold
 May 2014
 - May 2, Friday 8:30-11 Broom Hockey
 - May 24, Saturday 7:30 PM Baccalaureate Service for Seniors

Click HERE to visit KNOXBLOG.ORG



High School Ministries

Wednesday Fellowship In the Basement Dinner 6-6:30pm Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 pm

Sunday Night Bible Study 7-8:30 pm

Young Adult Discussion on Tap

Quigley's Irish Pub Downtown Naperville

Wednesdays 8-9:30 p.m. Usually the first room on the right.



Church Mews

VALENTINE CRAFT & BAKE SALE

On Sunday, February 9, you will once again be able to buy delicious homemade baked goods, cards and crafts for your loved one while helping those in need. The annual Valentine Craft & Bake Sale will be held BETWEEN services on Sunday, February 9th, in Lehman Hall. All proceeds go to the missions that the Presbyterian Women of Knox support.

For any of you bakers and crafters in our midst, we are happily taking donations on Saturday, February 8th, by 1:00 P.M.

in the office kitchen at Knox. You can bag your donations, if you wish, but it is not necessary. However we do ask that you label what it is and if there are any nuts in it. We love the baked goods and crafts from all of you.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Lorenz at 630-898-4738 or rnclorenz@comcast.net. Thank you for your support.



Scout Sunday

"February 2, 2014, is Scout Sunday, as designated by the Boy Scouts of America. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to help build awareness of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their

"Duty to God" pledged each week. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". Look for the Scouts participating in the church service on Scout Sunday!

Knox is the Charter Organization for three Boy Scout organizations, Boy Scout Troop 505, Venture Crew 505 and Cub Scout Pack 105. Knox provides a place for these Scout groups to meet, as well as provide storage for their gear. Troop 505 meets weekly on Mondays and Pack 105 holds its monthly meeting at Knox.

Troop 505 is celebrating its 50th Year in Scouting in 2014. The Troop 505, nicknamed "The Prairie Troop", was chartered in 1964.

Inquiries about these organizations can be directed to Neil Golfermann (ntgolfermann@aol.com; 630-750-2 5863)."

Troop 505 Pancake Breakfast

"Boy Scout Troop 505's Annual Pancake Breakfast is being held on Saturday, February 22, 2013, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets will be available for advance purchase from Scouts in the Narthex on February 2, February 9 and February 16, after church services. If you have any questions please contact Neil Goltermann (630-750-5863; ngoltermann@aol.com)."



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Knox Presbyterian Church Blood Drive



Saturday, February 22 7:30 am - 11:30 am

Located in the Lower Level of the Church, Rooms 1-3

To make your appointment to donate, please sign up online

at www.heartlandbc.org

or call Neil Goltermann at (630) 369-0563.

Please donate blood if you are eligible in honor of National Heart Month! Donors who are sixteen years old must have a parental consent form.

Also enjoy pancakes before or after you donate at Boy Scout Troop 505's Pancake Breakfast!

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Family Sweetheart Dance

All are invited! February 15

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Need a date night, some family fun or time to socialize with friends? Then join us for a Valentine Themed dance where a DJ will play music from various decades and get us all dancing. This will be a night to remember and fun for all!



lots of dancing, dancing games, crafts, a picture booth station (bring your cameras), light refreshments and more dancing.

Event is free but we still need to know you are coming so we can plan accordingly — Please register online or sign up in the coffee bar between services starting February 2nd.

Click HERE to register for the dance.



Vital Signs Survey

We need your help and input! The Vital Signs survey link is available at knoxpres.org The survey is 90 questions long. We ask that everyone (members and non-members) to fill out this survey and submit it, because everyone's input is important, and because the more feedback we get the stronger the data. It will be available as an online survey, and we will have paper surveys available for anyone who prefers to fill it out in that format.

Click HERE to take the survey.

We truly appreciate your help! The Knox Long Term Planning Team



Church Life Council Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to get involved at Knox? We have service opportunities waiting for you through Church Life. Want to help with special events like a family potluck dinner? How about serving at coffee hour one Sunday? Or, are you interested in joining our Church Life Council? Church Life welcomes you to join us! Our council promotes fellowship through hospitality.

If you are interested in or have questions about getting involved in Church Life, please contact Jan Reid at (630) 961-0180 / jareid00@aol.com or Jan McCombs at (630) 369-4606/ imccombs4@wideopenwest.com.

Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2014. Contact the Church Office for an application form. Applicants should be persons pursuing a full time career in Christian Service. If you have questions please contact Anne Sherren at 630-932-0481 or atsherren@noctrl.edu.



New Member Reception & Reunion

The outreach and membership council will be hosting a celebration on February 2nd for all of our new members. If you have recently joined the church, please come to the parlor after the 10:30 service for fellowship and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people

and reconnect with friends.

February 9 is Second Sunday!

Please join us in the parlor BETWEEN SERVICES to learn more about the life and faith of Knox. Membership Elders will be available to answer your questions and offer a



guided tour of the church. If you want to know more about membership, consider joining us at this event.

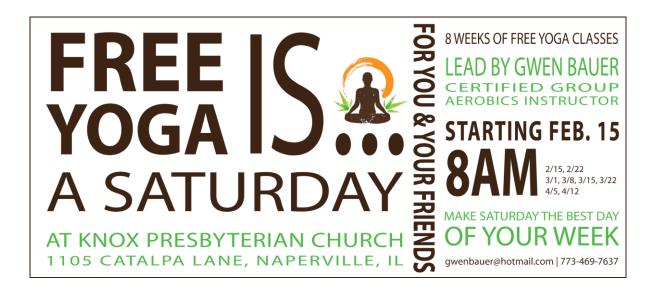


Ukulele Night!

February 23 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Think warm....
Think great friends...
Think good food...
Think fun music...
Think ukuleles...

Ukuleles? **Yes!** Knox will be hosting the first EVER Ukulele Night! You don't have to play – just throw Mama and the babies in the car and head on down to Knox for a potluck and a good music time with the Ukulele Guys! Watch the announcements for further details.



Save the Date! World Day of Prayer 2014

STREAMS IN THE DESERT Prepared by WDP Egypt

March 7, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Wesley United Methodist Church 21 E. Franklin St., Naperville, IL



Ministry to Seniors



Seasoned Citizens

Join us for

The Naperville Municipal Band Winter Concert

on Sunday Feb. 9 3:00 pm the Naperville Central Auditorium Admission Free

(Sign Up at Knox Sundays Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 2)

Hall of Famers

Hall of Famers will meet on Thursday, February 13. We will be entertained by the Summer Place Singers. Lunch begins at noon. Chapel services are held before lunch, at 11:30 in the chapel.

Care Ministries

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.

Illness/Health Concerns:

Pete Aument (friend of Dee Dee Porter) Megan Betti (friend of Brooks & Jan Reid) Alma Lou Bonham

Mary Jo Brischetto (Molly's mother-in-law) Henry Carter (friend of the Dunhams)

Bunny Cox

Angie Deatrick

Sallie Delahouse (cousin of Anne Sherren)

Jeff Egan

Kari Erwin

Matthew Gill (friend of Morten family)

Maureen Glade (Jenny Hubbard's brother-in-

law's mother)

Mary Isley (Doug's mother)

Esther Jacobson

Thera Leiah

Bob Kirk (Thera Leigh's brother)

Abbi Klopp

Rebecca Klopp

Don Martin (Amy Kendryna's father)

Sharon Mulqueen (Ed Wiles' sister)

Charles Nelson (Dick Nelson's father)

Tom Nyman (Terri Wigger's stepdad)

J.P. Owen (friend of Heidi Paulius)

David O'Leary (uncle of Lin & Pat Carter)

Thelma Parry (Curt Parry's mother)

Louise Pogue (Phil Pogue's mother)

JoAnne Pollack (friend of Bergesens)

Marilee Slick

Joan Stempel

Marilyn Tambling

Ed Tanaka (Sandi Hurford's father)

Cassy Taylor (Lori Rose's cousin)

Betty Truitt (Linda Gerner's mother)

Gloria Velino

Josephine Velino (Steven Velino's mother)

Dick Walker

Allie Wiles (Ed Wiles' mother)

Pam Williams

Ted Winbigler (Alice McGregor's father)

Leon & Margie (Friends of Carol O'Neil)

Father of Brian Lowery (co-worker of Heidi

Paulius)

Grieving:

The Sifri family on the death of Vera Sifri (Awad's mother) The Thompson family on the death of John Thompson

The Engstrom family on the death of Norm Everett (Eileen's brother)

The Charles family on the death of Diane's uncles Foy and Van Clark, Bob's aunt Maxine Kajander, and friends Gail Hamilton and Andy Otto

Sally Steinkamp (former member) on the death of her son David

Trestler and Ferry families on the death of Avery Ferry

The Guths on the death of Bob Coffey (Pam's father)

The Engelking family on the death of Evelyn Engelking

The family, friends, and Highland Elementary School community on the death of Principal Susan Stuckey

The Miers family on the death of Russell Meyer (RJ Miers' brother)

Congratulations to:

Wesley & Brigitta Gruenberg on the birth of their daughter Lola Bea on December 9. Proud great grandfather is Dave Massaro, proud great aunt and uncle are Lori & Jim Dickens.

Tim & Sarah (Loftus) Haggerty on the birth of their daughter Stella Jo Augusta on December 28.

Military:

Jonathan Ballew

Adam Barns

Matt Concotta

Matt Krempel

Andrew Whitmer

Morgan Plummer

Calvin Warren

Scott Zwiers

All military personnel & their families.