## A Note From Rev. Clinton Roberts

"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Dear Knox Members and Friends:

In my office at church, two photographs are displayed above my bookshelf. The first one (taken in black-and-white) shows my parents and siblings all dressed up in their Sunday best. They are gazing (more or less) lovingly at an infant dressed in a long, white gown held by a personage dressed in a long, black one. The occasion was my baptism. It makes me think of Paul's words: "For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him" (Acts 2:39). My mom and dad made a promise that day to raise me in the Christian faith and to show me the love of Jesus. More than half a century later, I can say with deep conviction that they honored that promise with their lives and in their deaths. They were by no means perfect parents (I haven't met any of those yet), but as stewards of my siblings and me, they were "found faithful."

The second photograph (taken in color) depicts my father (dressed in black) baptizing our son Evan (dressed in white) as Deb and I stand gazing on lovingly. It reminds me daily that faithfulness is truly an ongoing gift of trustworthiness; something that must be first received before it can be "paid forward"—before it can be given away. "We love, because God first loved us" writes John the Evangelist (1 John 4:19). This is precisely why we are called to be stewards and not owners of God's mysteries of grace.

Soon there will be a third photograph displayed prominently above my bookshelf. This time, the personage dressed in black will be me. And the infant dressed in white (while Evan and his wife Ashleigh gaze on lovingly) will be our granddaughter Grayce Mae. More than half a century will separate the first photograph from the third. What will hold them together is the trustworthiness of God's promises—for our lives and in our deaths. What continues to hold us all together is *the old, old story of Jesus and his love*.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

With joy, Clinton

## November Sermon Series



"It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Corinthians 4:2)

The most valuable thing that we as human beings possess is trust or faithfulness between persons. This is also our most fragile possession. The NIV Bible rendering of the verse above is "Those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." We might define faithfulness as "love that lasts," that can survive tests and difficulties.

We talk more about love than about faithfulness, but what is love

without faithfulness? What is God's love for us without faithfulness? What is our love for one another without faithfulness? What is our love of God without faithfulness?

November 3 will be the beginning of a four-week stewardship emphasis for our congregation called "Found Faithful." We will learn how to become more faithful stewards as we explore what it means to be:

- found faithful
- faithful in little
- faithful with much; and
- faithful with all.

Watch for more information as we begin this exciting time of exploring how God is calling us to be faithful—as individuals and as a community of faith.

Nov. 3: "Called to be Faithful" Text: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Nov. 10: "Found Faithful in Little" Text: John 6:1-14

Nov. 17: "Found Faithful in Much" Text: Matthew 13:44-46

Nov. 24: "Found Faithful with All" Text: Luke 19:11-17

## Adult Education

## **SUNDAYS:**

#### A Study of Revelation Leader: Jim Clinton

10:30 am in Room 202

This group is studying the Book of Revelation. It will be based on a video course titled "The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History" taught by Craig R. Koester, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. The course will consider Revelation in relation to the entire Christian Bible and tradition rather than as a stand-alone book. Classes will be Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:40.

11/3 Revelation's Place in the Christian Bible - The Apocalypse and Spiritual Life

11/10 The Key to the Meaning of History - Apocalyptic Fervor in the Late Middle Ages

11/17 Luther, Radicals, and Roman Catholics

11/24 Revelation Takes Musical Form - Revelation in African American Culture

The Way Leader: Brooks Reid

9:00 am in the Sr. High Room

This group will be studying Adam Hamilton's book "The Way". New group members are always welcome!

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

7:00 pm in Middle School Room

Contact Frank Mayer at <a href="mayerxae@comcast.net">firmayerxae@comcast.net</a> for details.

### **TUESDAYS:**

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

9:00 am in the Parlor

Contact Frank Mayer at <a href="mayerxae@comcast.net">firmayerxae@comcast.net</a> 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: the Book of Ephesians Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts

1:15 pm in Rev. Deb's office

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul states his vision for the church, the Body of Christ, and why it must make a critical difference in the world. This Bible Study complements the Fall Sermon Series, "These Stones will Shout."

## 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 <a href="mailto:eheinekamp@knoxpres.org">eheinekamp@knoxpres.org</a> with any questions.

## **WEDNESDAYS:**



<u>Women on Wednesdays</u> Women on Wednesdays are enjoying the study of the book "With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God" by Skye Jethani. We have examined 4 postures of relating to God - Life Under God, Life Over God, Life From God and Life For God and are now looking at what it really means to live WITH GOD. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare and activities for infants

through Kindergarten. WOW begins at 9:15 am with fellowship and refreshments, followed by large group presentations and small group discussions that end at 11:15 am. WOW will NOT meet Nov 27th and will conclude with a Brunch on Dec 4th. It is still not too late to join us! Please contact Robin Kolar at <a href="mailto:skolar7227@aol.com">skolar7227@aol.com</a> or Margaret Lambka at <a href="mailto:mllambka2@gmail.com">mllambka2@gmail.com</a> for more information or visit the WOW section of knoxpres.org.

## Bible Study: the Book of Ephesians Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts

7:00 pm location in the Library

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul states his vision for the church, the Body of Christ, and why it must make a critical difference in the world. This Bible Study complements the Fall Sermon Series, "These Stones will Shout."

<u>Jesus and His Followers: the Impact of the Gospel on the Western World</u> Leader: Rev. Clint Roberts

7:30 - 8:45 pm at Knox

This eight week study is designed to complement the Fall Sermon Series, "These Stones will Shout".

## **THURSDAYS:**

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

An eight week study following the texts and topics of the fall Sermon Series, "These Stones will Shout."

Acts Leader: Rev. Cindy Karis

9:30 – 11:00 am in the Music Room

Rev. Cindy's Thursday morning Bible Study class will continue through December 12 (will not meet on November 28-Thanksgiving). Child care is provided. The class will study the Book of Acts using the Genesis to Revelations series written by James Sargent. Study guides are \$8.50 in Pastor Cindy's office. Please email <a href="mailto:ckaris@knoxpres.org">ckaris@knoxpres.org</a> or call her at 630-615-4308 if you are interested in joining this 13 week class.



## Deb and Clint's Excellent Adventure - The Whirlwind Tour

Two Opportunities to Hear and See

Hall of Famers Monday, November 11

12:00 pm Lehman Hall

Adult Ed Presents Sunday November 10

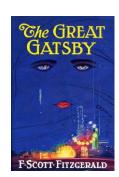
Dessert 6:30 Presentation 7:00 pm

Lehman Hall

Deb and Clinton will share an overview and pictures of their sabbatical trip. They will share some meaningful anecdotes and funny stories, country folklore, musical experiences and travel tips! Please come with any questions you'd like to ask!

## Evening Book Club - "The Great Gatsby"

This month's Book Club meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Fran Lukes (2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A) Our November selection is The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. You may want to read and discuss this before you see the movie. 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 and will be reading Patty Jane's House of Curl by Lorna Landvik for December. Contact Janice Wiles at 630 - 416 - 9537 or email <a href="www.wilesjan@gmail.com">wilesjan@gmail.com</a> with any questions.



## Presbyterian Women



## Carols and Cookbooks

Legacy Christmas will be available for a minimum donation of \$15 per CD. All proceeds benefit Living Waters for the World and the PW Birthday Offering. And with the beautiful Celtic music playing, create scrumptious recipes from Favorite Recipes Cookbook from our own Knox Cooks! Both items make perfect gifts! Available the first 3 Sundays in November in the Commons.

**Rachel-Rebekah Circle** welcomes you to our monthly gathering of women for fellowship, goodies, mission and Bible study (lesson 3 from An Abiding Hope). We will get together Tues., Nov. 12 at 9:30 am at the home of Jo Ann Sault, 375 Hoyer Ct. RSVP "yes" to Jo Ann at <a href="mailto:rsault1245@aol.com">rsault1245@aol.com</a> or 527-1133. She can give directions if needed. Please come!

Mary Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 9:00 am at Jenny Hallam's home (4147 Callery Rd). All are welcome. Please contact Ineke Pelella at 630.357.3350 for more information.



# Knox Chick Flick Night

Where film, faith and fellowship come together...

### November 15: Babette's Feast

Philippa and Martina turn down a chance to leave their town, instead staying to care for their father. Decades later, Philippa and Martina take in a French woman who prepares a grand feast in

gratitude -- a lavish meal eclipsed only by her secret.

You will enjoy this if: you like slice of life and foreign films, enjoy stories of women persevering through difficult times, you have some Scandinavian ancestry, are a Foodie....just in time for Thanksgiving!

- Register on-line by noon Wednesday, Nov. 13!
- Both sign-up and payment will be on-line or in the Commons.
- There is no RSVP required for only the movie.
- All film nights are held in the comfy Sr. High room.
- \$8 per person for dinner, there is no charge for movie only.



#### This month's dinner from Portillo's:

Seasonal salad - greens with pears and bleu cheese, chicken breast with mushrooms and leeks in a light cream sauce, roasted potatoes, assorted French Bread, and chocolate truffle torte.

Fellowship & dinner 6:30 - Film start at 7:30

See full description of movies and a schedule at knoxpres.org under Programs – Adult – Women's Fellowship.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

## Missions at Knox



### PIE -- YOU KNOW YOU LOVE IT!

October 27 kicked off the start of the Frozen Fruit Pie fundraiser to support the college mission trip to Haiti. Students and their adult sponsors will be leaving December 29 to do work projects at the New Life Children's Home. We will also be providing a Vacation Bible School for the children who live there. Funds raised from the sale of pies will help to purchase the supplies needed for both of these endeavors. Pies are handmade, delivered frozen from Michigan, and are ready to

pop into the oven. Several fruit flavors are available, including traditional holiday favorites like pumpkin and apple. Pies can be picked up November 24 following both services, just in time for Thanksgiving. If you cannot be at church that day but would still like to order, please let us know to see if we can accommodate your schedule. Any questions, please

contact Kelly Urbon at <a href="mailto:tkurbon@sbcglobal.net">tkurbon@sbcglobal.net</a>. CLICK HERE TO BUY PIES.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

When a child's life is turned upside down, moments of delight seem rare and fleeting. So when 11-year-old Amica Clement received her Operation Christmas Child shoebox last December she welcomed a reason to rejoice. "I never received anything like this before," she said. "I was so happy because everything I had was destroyed in the earthquake." She was one of hundreds of excited children who filled the sanctuary of Second Baptist Church in Titnyen for an Operation Christmas Child distribution last December.





Knox has been a part of this valuable ministry for many years and this year we have set a goal to collect 80 shoeboxes that will share hope and the promise of God's love for children all over the world.

If you would like to participate, pick up a "How to Pack a Shoebox" flyer in the commons. All donations must be returned to Knox by Sunday, November 17th.



## Loaves & Fishes

For a family struggling financially, a holiday meal is more than food. It can be a sense of normalcy for a child, the promise of a better future for someone without work, and a reminder of a community that cares.

With your help, Loaves & Fishes can show all those families impacted by our economy that they are not alone. For just \$25, a fraction of what most of us spend at the grocery store, Loaves & Fishes can provide a complete holiday meal for a family of 8.

Thank you for helping us provide hope this holiday season! (See food donation list on the following page...)

Loaves & Fishes 2013 Holiday Drive



#### Your donations of holiday food are also very helpful:

Store gift certificates (to purchase turkeys or hams)
1-3 lb. (non-refrigerated) canned hams
egg noodles or rice
boxed/instant potatoes
boxed or bagged stuffing mix
canned yams or sweet potatoes
canned gravy or broth

canned fruit or applesauce
canned green beans and corn
cream of mushroom soup
canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce
Jell-O & pudding mixes
brownie mix or pie filling

The next Hunger Sunday is **November 3**. The donation theme for November is: "Giving Thanks" Please choose items from the holiday food list above for donation. Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

#### **Hesed House**

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. Blessings to you all!

Next Volunteer Night: November 23

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



## Children's Ministries

### FAMILY DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, November 16 • 5:00-8:30 pm

The Classic:



Pizza Dinner • Concessions during movie
Dinner is \$5 per person, \$15 per family
Sign-ups Nov. 3 & 10 - Optional but Helpful!
Contact ⓒ Jane Burkelman • jburkelman@knoxpres.org • 630-615-4303
We'll be in the basement rooms.

## Prime Time and JAM Choirs to Sing on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24

Knox will celebrate and give thanks for all of God's blessings. And that includes the gift of singing!

Both Prime Time and JAM Choirs are invited to choose either the 9:00 am (meet in choir room at 8:40) or 10:30 am (meet in choir room at 10:10) service. (Although if anyone would like to do both services, that would be fabulous!) The song is the same for both services; "He's Got the Whole World with This Is My Father's World". What a great opportunity to glorify God and join voices that span generations. We can't wait!





### Dance & Music Ministry – Blessed Ones

Dancers/Singers Needed

Ages: 3-6

Practices: Thursdays - 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 11/21, 12/5, 12/12

Performances: 12/15 - 10:30 a.m. Service 12/24 - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

#### CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE.

Contact Jenny Hubbard if interested: <a href="mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org">jhubbard@knoxpres.org</a> or <a href="mailto:630-615-4318">630-615-4318</a>

## Middle School Fellowship



## Lock-in @ Church

Friday, November 15 - Saturday, November 16 8:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.

#### CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Bring a snack to share. Adult Chaperones needed.

## Christmas Party

Date: Friday, December 6 Time: 8:30p.m. - 7:00a.m.

Cost: Bring a \$5 gift to give during the grab bag game

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER** 

Questions? Contact Jenny at <a href="mailto:ihubbard@knoxpres.org">ihubbard@knoxpres.org</a> or 630-615-4318.



## High School Youth Activities



## Lean on Me: Teen Care Ministry

We are excited to announce the launch of Knox's peer to peer teen care ministry called Lean on Me. Under the guidance of clergy and trained supportive adults, carefully selected and trained teens are now available to care for their peers through this ministry. This is similar to the Stephen Ministry program, but with teens caring for teens.

If you have any questions, please contact David Newby, Rene de Coning, or Pastor Robert -rauiring@knoxpres.org.



Youth Winter Retreat

What: Winter Retreat

When: November 15-17; Leave 5 PM Fri; Return Noon Sun

Where: Wonderland Camp in Wisconsin - 9241 Camp Lake Road, P.O. Box 222, Camp Lake, WI 53109

www.wonderlandcamp.com

Registration: You MUST register online. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE.

Cost: \$100 thru Nov. 3; \$110 afterwards and not guaranteed a spot

Forms: We MUST have a fully completed "Annual Parent Permission for all Youth Activities." You can

complete at knoxblog.org.

Due: Sunday, Nov. 3 – Camp Wonderland needs a head count by this date. Registrations received

after this date are not guaranteed acceptance and cost more.



#### November 2013

• Nov 1-3, Friday - Sunday – Awakening in Indiana – youth version of Great Banquet

• Nov 15-17, Friday - Sunday - Winter Retreat @ Camp Wonderland, WI

#### December 2013

• Dec 11, Wednesday - Christmas Party - White Elephant Gift Exchange

#### January 2014

• Jan 20, Monday – 4-6 – Bowling/Laser Tag @ Brunswick Zone

#### 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

#### WWW.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



## Time Sleep Concert Sunday, November 3 at 3:00 pm

We are excited to host an organ recital by our very own Tim Sleep. The program will consist of a variety of literature from sacred to secular played on the organ as only Tim can do! We are very fortunate to have such a talented and brilliant musician inspiring our worship on Sundays.

The concert will be followed by a light reception of cookies and coffee. Indeed, a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

## Thanksgiving at Knox!

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all of your blessings and to surround yourself with good food and good company.

You are cordially invited to join Deb and Clinton Roberts for

Thanksgiving I Myer

Thanksgiving Day November 28, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Coffee Bar

The turkey and all its fixings will be prepared by Chef Clinton. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There is no cost for the meal. If you would like to be on the prep team, please call Bev or Rev. Deb at 630-355-8181. Call Bev Mayer to R.S.V.P. at 630-615-4325 or <a href="mayer@knoxpres.org">bmayer@knoxpres.org</a>



## CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

#### HOW TO BE HAPPY AND FUNCTIONAL WITH ASPERGER'S

Please join us for a fact-based and hope-filled interactive evening with Dr. Tim Wahlberg of The Prairie Clinic in Geneva, Illinois. The topic this evening, with time allotted for questions and answers, will be How to be Happy and Functional with Asperger's.

When: Thursday, November 7, 2013

Where: Lehman Hall Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Facilitator: Dr. Tim Wahlberg, clinical psychologist, and author of Finding the Gray: Understanding and Thriving in the Black and White World

of Autism and Asperger's

The Naperville Parent's of Children Asperger's Support group and the Naperville Adult Asperger's Support groups will be combining for an evening to

hear Dr. Wahlberg speak about Asperger's and to ask questions. This is an evening for Adults with Asperger's, parents of children with Asperger's, educators, school personnel, family, etc. Anyone that would benefit from this evening with Dr. Wahlberg is welcome to attend.

Space is limited, so PLEASE RSVP to Jill Holman at holmaniill@gmail.com or 630-904-4110, please contact Jill with any questions.

## **Knox Staff Opening...**

Our Facilities Manager, Dick Wheeler, will be retiring this December and Knox is starting our search for a special person to fill this role. The Facilities Manager position is responsible for maintaining and managing our Knox Campus. In addition to the required technical skills, we are looking for someone that has a genuine love for people, strong organizational skills and the ability to communicate well with both church members and the general public. This is a flexible part time salary position, working an average of 15 hours a week. To see a full description of the tasks, responsibilities and qualification for this position please go to knoxpres.org and click on Job Opportunities under Events & Announcements. Send your resumes to <a href="mailto:itanck@knoxpres.org">itanck@knoxpres.org</a>



Asperger's Syndrome



## New Knox Website Coming Soon!

Earlier this year our Knox website team asked members to complete a short survey on look, flow, and usefulness of information on our website at knoxpres.org. We reported in August that we had a great response to the survey. Members identified areas of the website that they liked and you also gave us areas that you wanted us to focus on improvement. As a result of your feedback we will be introducing a new and improved website by December 1st. We have selected a new website vendor and our committee is hard at work finalizing the design and adding details and information.

Based on your feedback the new site will have a cleaner look with the goal of making things easier to find. We will have simpler menus, a new search bar, and a revised calendar. Most of the current pages including Knox News, sermons, links to Knox Connections, and your favorite pages will be transferred directly to the new site. Some out of date pages will be eliminated. The site is also being designed to present information easier on mobile devices.

Our goal is to launch the site with no disruption in service so we will cut over to the new vendor as soon as we are ready. We hope you love the new site and welcome any comments once we have launched. If you have any questions please contact Joan Tanck at <a href="mailto:itanck@knoxpres.org">itanck@knoxpres.org</a>.

### Otis Clay Gospel Concert at Pullman

Pullman Presbyterian Church is hosting their second annual Otis Clay and friends gospel concert on Saturday, November 23 at 6:00 pm. Donations for the tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Please contact Betty Hefferson or Marlene Kirk at 773-928-9568



## Looking Chead to Christmas

The Church Life and Children's Ministries Councils invite you to an

#### ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER

(All Ages Invited)

Saturday, December 7 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Evening will include:

- Potluck Dinner Chicken provided Please bring a side to share:
   A-L: Salad or Fruit Dish M-R: Side Dish S-Z: Desert
- A telling of the Christmas Story by Santa Claus
- Meet and Greet with Santa Bring your cameras
- Singing Christmas Carols
- Making ornaments for a Knox Children's Christmas Tree

Sign-ups begin November 10 in the Commons or on-line through Knox Connections. When you sign-up, please let us know what you will be bringing.

Contact Jenny Hubbard at <a href="mailto:ihubbard@knoxpres.org">ihubbard@knoxpres.org</a> or 630-615-4318 with questions.



### CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

## Dakota Partnership Christmas Angels

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Many Native American children (and their parents) in Sisseton, South Dakota eagerly await the Christmas gifts that Knox generously provides, and we are continuing the tradition. Angels will be placed on the tree beginning the Sunday before Thanksgiving – November 17.

To help grant those wishes please:

Choose an angel and a volunteer will present you with a wish list and complete instructions. (A volunteer will be at the table after services on Sundays. If you take an angel when the table is unattended during the week please make sure that you leave the angel filled out and take the appropriate form.)

Wrap the gift(s) and put into a Christmas bag. (NO boxes, please).

Return the gifts to church and put under the Christmas tree by December 15 before the first service.

We always need extra gifts to supplement bags or give to children who have not returned their list, so if you don't want to sponsor a child, but you would like to help, you can donate items that children would like.

If you want a particular person or age please call Julie Milldrum <u>630-717-8240</u>. Thank-you so much for participating with this valuable program that affects so many lives.



Again we have been asked to help *Companions Journeying Together* to collect Christmas cards to be sent to those in prison. I know Knox will want to support this worthy project as you have done so generously in the past.

The deadline is November 12, 2013 for getting them to us or the collection box on the Mission table by the Coffee Bar. It seems very early, but the prisons tell us that it takes a lot of time to examine each card to make sure there is nothing glued on it, or anything else enclosed with it. Please call us if you have any questions. We will gather to sign and address these cards on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1500 Brookdale Rd., from 9:00 am to Noon. Please join us. Thank you.

To participate in our annual Christmas Card project, please follow these guidelines:

- Please sign one or more Christmas cards. You can safely sign your name. We will use Companions return address.
- Add a message if you wish, but please do not be preachy.
- Attach a first class postage stamp on each envelope.
- Do Not seal.
- Do <u>Not</u> use stickers, glue or tape on the cards or envelopes.
- Do Not enclose anything.
- We ask that you be sensitive to the fact that many of these cards will be sent to people of color. Please choose cards, which represent a diverse population.

Questions: Mary EllenNeumeister, 630-357-8328, <a href="mailto:meansmimi@aol.com">meansmimi@aol.com</a> or Rose Bagley 630-355-5023, <a href="mailto:bagley@computer.org">bagley@computer.org</a>

### **NEED TIME TO CHRISTMAS SHOP?**

Babysitting Services - Pay It Forward Middle School Fundraiser

The Middle School kids and adult advisors will be providing a fundraiser to raise money for the young adults participating in the Haiti Mission Trip. We will be providing babysitting for parents to drop off their kids and go Christmas Shopping, go on a date, or just relax. Structured activities will be planned.

When: Saturday, December 14
Time: 1:30pm - 5:00pm
Cost: \$20.00/child or \$50.00/family
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

Questions, please contact Jenny Hubbard at 630-615-4318 or <a href="mailto:ihubbard@knoxpres.org">ihubbard@knoxpres.org</a>.





### Christmas Card Fund

Instead of sending Christmas cards this year, Knox members are invited to join a longstanding tradition by offering Christmas greetings to the entire congregation while making a donation to Knox mission projects at the same time! A large Christmas card will be in the Commons area on the mission Table. Make checks payable to Knox Presbyterian Church, marking the memo section "Christmas Card Fund - your mission choice."

Mission projects to designate include Loves & Fishes Food Pantry, Hesed House, The Scott Moreau Fund, The Lehman Foundation Fund, and The Anne Sherren Scholarship Fund. You set the amount of your donation and either place it in the offering plate or give it to our Financial Secretary. Those signing by December 1 will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donations are accepted immediately but the card will be posted November 24 until New Year's Day.

Can you think of an easier way to send over 500 Christmas Cards? Contact Anne Sherren at 630-615-4325 with questions.

## Calendar of Events

November 3 Tim Sleep Concert

Hunger Sunday – Holiday Food Items

November 7 How to be Happy and Functional with Asperger's

November 10 Deb & Clint's Excellent Adventure

November 11 Hall of Famers: Deb & Clint's Excellent Adventure

November 12 Evening Book Club – "The Great Gatsby"

Christmas Card Project Deadline

November 15 Chick Flick Night

Middle School Lock-in

High School Winter Retreat

November 16 Family Dinner and a Movie Night

November 17 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are Due

Sisseton Christmas Angels Available on the Tree

November 23 Hesed House Volunteer Night

Otis Clay Gospel Concert and Pullman

November 24 Prime Time & JAM Singing in Both Services

Pie Pick-up

November 28 Thanksgiving at Knox

## 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:

Harold Bodinet

**Bob Coffey** 

Ed Cox (Beth Schlegel's father)

Kari Erwin

Flo Foltz (Jeff Foltz's mother)

Matthew Gill (friend of Morten family)

Bob Kirk (Thera Leigh's brother)

Flo Kirk (Kristy Cortright's grandmother)

Don Martin (Amy Kendryna's father)

Sharon Mulqueen (Ed Wiles' sister)

Charles Nelson (Dick Nelson's father)

Tom Nyman (Terri Wigger's stepdad)

Thelma Parry (Curt Parry's mother)

Louise Pogue (Phil Pogue's mother)

Sharon Powell

Ellen Rose (Jay Roses's sister)

Sarah Schmidt (Jim & Marti Schmidt's daughter)

Anne Sherren

Marilee Slick

Helen Souta

Marilyn Tambling

Cassy Taylor (Lori Rose's cousin)

Larry Trimnell

Betty Truitt (Linda Gerner's mother)

Bitsy Winkler (Sally Kenaston's mother)

## Grieving:

The Nolte family on the death of John's father (Isley family friends).

The Feustal family on the death of Winifred.

The Tanck family on the death of Rudi's father Rudolf Tanck.

The Montgomery family on the death of Robert (charter member).

The Cortright family on the death of Bob's father, Gene Cortright.

The Mathison family on the death of their niece Abbey.

## Celebrating:

Dominica and Neal Dybas on the birth of their son Nikolai Christian on August 17. Proud grandparents are Barb and Dave Dybas.

Derek & Christie Miller on the birth of their son Paul David on September 21.

Cass & Levi Conley on the birth of their daughter Wynne Katherine on September 29. Proud grandparents are Randy and Pat Fisher.

Jamie and Josh Rocholl on the birth of their daughter Kayla Rose on September 30. Proud great-grandmother is Alice Birzetis.

### Military:

Jonathan Ballew
Nico De Coning
Andrew Whitmer
Morgan Plummer
Calvin Warren
Scott Zwiers

All military personnel & their families.

## On a Personal Note...

We wish to express our gratitude for the outpouring of loving support from the Knox Community and staff during my mother's illness and passing. Thanks also to the prayer group and Deacons, who have kept Mom, Dad, and all of us in their prayers. Everyone's kindness and thoughtfulness have meant so much to us.

God Bless You, Jo, George, Brian, and Eric Banta

My family and I want to send to the Knox community thanks for all the prayers, cards and care for my Mother Pearl Foote - first of all for the years of visitation, flowers and prayers the years she lived at Tabor Hills and then the move to Alden Naperville. Thank you for prayers and care the times she was hospitalized and Knox pastors for always being there for her, especially the prayers and being there while in the emergency room and hospital in August. For being with me at the funeral home and helping us thru her final days on this earth.

You can enjoy her special recipe for "Chicken and Dumplings" in the Knox Cookbook thanks to Alicia Story.

Thank You Knox Community Shirley