

A LETTER FROM REV CLINTON

...From the Pastor's Study

*"Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."*

-Psalm 90:14

I have not always been a morning person. There were times in school when, having stayed up all night writing (and typing!) a paper, going to sleep at 8:00 am seemed eminently reasonable. Later on came the restaurant business with 1:00 am closings, love and marriage, and long-term sleep deprivation schedules courtesy of our two stubbornly nocturnal children. Times passes, however. As this old world spins along its accustomed orbit, I find myself drawn more and more to the morning. In summer, morning finds me often astride my bike, legs churning and heart pumping to the breaking of the day. But in winter, our story-line changes. Night comes early, and morning arrives late. The world outside is grey and icy and cold. Everyone with wings, it seems, has managed to fly South except us. February's colorless mornings succeed one another with depressing regularity, their monotony occasionally broken by the flash of red as a cardinal swoops silently to the feeder. And then it happens. Just before sun up, the cardinal starts his song after months of muteness. His piercing call sounds like a bassoon's whistle summoning all hands on deck. "Never mind the darkness! Never mind the cold! The white stuff's days are numbered. Starting right now this very minute despite all evidence to the contrary, we are going to wake up, look up and brighten up! God has painted my feathers RED!"

Life's seasons will draw us sooner or later into wintry landscapes of worry and trouble: places of uncertain waiting, shadowy fears, night-falls of grief. Even so, God still cares about our story-lines, having carried them all to Calvary. Yet joy comes with the morning. Joy is God's to give and ours to take. It is a part of God's grace towards us. So don't be surprised to hear the cardinal's song return this month. For Christ too comes in the morning - with the power of hope, the promise of resurrection, the renewal of his mercies toward you. "Grief may tarry for a night," the Psalmist sings, "but joy comes with the morning" (Ps. 30:5).

Expect great things from God: great mercies, and great hopes! **"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end"** (Lam. 3:22).

For in Christ, we're all going to be Morning People.
With joy,

Clinton



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John - The Gospel of Light and Life

March 6	The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus	John 8: 56-58
March 13	The Farewell Discourse of Jesus.	John Chapter 14
March 20	PALM SUNDAY The Arrest, Trial and Crucifixion of the King	John 19: 14-20
March 27	EASTER Eternal Life!	John Chapter 20



[Click here for Lenten Resources](#)

Holy Week - From Death to Life

Palm Sunday brings us to the edge of Jesus' journey to torture, arrest, trial, rejection and finally crucifixion. We, who follow, will forever stand at this juncture with roiling emotions. What began as joyous celebration ended at death's door. A day that began with shouts of "Hosanna" soon moved to cries of "crucify him".

Maundy Thursday March 24 Communion Service 7:30

The recognition of this time with Jesus and his disciples in the upper room is built upon Jesus' commandment (mandatum in latin) to "love one another as I have loved you". Jesus demonstrates compassionate love in washing his disciples' feet. He teaches them to serve others with the same loving humility. Their celebration of the Passover Meal has become our Lord's Supper.

Lenten 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Our prayer vigil in the Chapel begins following the service.

The annual Prayer Vigil takes place in Knox's beautiful Chapel and goes from the close of the Maundy Thursday Service to 7:30 Friday evening. With the inclusion of the service, when we are worshipping together, this is 24 hours.

We invite people to [sign up in the Commons](#) for 30 minute time slots as a way of keeping vigil in prayer, with Christ, for Christ and because of Christ having entered our world.

Good Friday March 25 Service 12:00 Noon

We may always wonder how Good Friday got its name given that this was the day Jesus died. It becomes 'good' as we understand why Jesus dies...to take upon himself our sin and to offer us the gift of abundant life.

Easter Sunday March 27

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Veteran's Park

9:00 am & 11:00 am services at the church

Resurrection!

The lasting gift of eternal Life!

Let the church bells peel and the people rejoice!

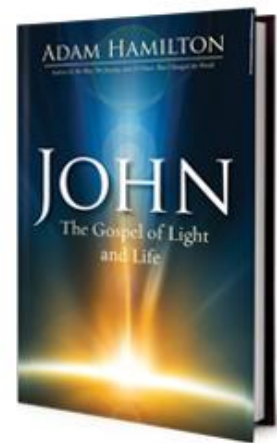
He is risen, risen indeed!

Lenten Small Group Studies and Resources

This year's Lenten resource is Adam Hamilton's study of John, The Gospel of Light and Life. The books are available in the Commons on Sunday or from Bev Mayer during the week. Cost is \$12.75

Not in a small group? We'll help you find one or start one. Check out the weekly Sunday bulletin or click on the link below for more information.

Jump in. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity of study and grace with your church family. Questions: contact Rev Deb at droberts@knoxpres.org or Pam Williams at pajdwilliams@comcast.net **[Find out about small groups online.](#)**





Epiphany Stars

The Study and Prayer Continue

Have you met your star person yet?
Have you considered sending a card of encouragement?
Have you discovered surprising things about your star word in the Bible?
One Great Idea-
One of our Knox Bible study groups spent a few weeks looking up their individual star words together. It was quite a process of discovery as there was much more to know than initially thought. Each

word offered a surprising and meaningful lens with which to view faith. Share your discoveries with us!
droberts@knoxpres.org

More about Epiphany Stars.



I AM KNOX

What fun it was to see so many smiling and engaged persons of Knox during our weekly 'I Am Knox' series. Our thanks to Curt Parry who kept the cameras rolling! It was quite a bird's eye view of our home mission outpost here in Naperville.

Many folks have continued to offer their I Am Knox stories, which are nothing short of wonderful and heart felt. The most recent one came in at the time of printing the newsletter from Peg Little. She wanted to share her experience of moving and how her Knox family stepped right in to pitch, box and haul. The Deacons also came through with rides and meals. Yay team!

View the I Am Knox Videos here.

ADULT EDUCATION

All classes welcome newcomers at any time!

Sunday

9:00 am - Christianity 101 (Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers; Exploring Christian Faith). Study is led by Rev. Eric Heinekamp in the Senior High Room through March 6.

10:30 am - John - The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton

Begins today; led by Jim Clinton in Room 202

7:00 pm - John - The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton begins today. We will cover the Introduction and Chapter 1; facilitated by Randy Johnson in the Middle School Room.

Tuesday

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Beth Moore study - A Woman's Heart...God's Dwelling Place. Led by Sue Curry in Room 203. There is no class the second Tuesday of any month.

1:15 pm - Lenten series John - The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton continues; led by Deb Roberts in her office

Wednesday

9:15 am - 11:15 am - Women on Wednesday—N. T. Wright's study of Ephesians; see the significance of your role in God's grand narrative. Leaders: Robin Kolar (skolar7227@aol.com) and Margaret Lambka (mllambka2@gmail.com); begins in Fellowship Hall; activities and childcare for infants through Kindergarten

7:30 pm - Lenten series John - The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton continues; led by Deb Roberts in the Chapel or Parlor depending on the week.

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Thursday

6:00 am - Men's Daybreakers Group; facilitated by Rev. Clinton

Roberts at the Coffee Bar - continuing the study of John - The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton

9:30 am - 11:00 am - continuing the study of John - The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton; led by Cindy Karis in the Middle School Room; childcare is available.

Adult Ed Special Event - The Wired Child:

Parenting Kids in Today's Techie World

By Nancy Kratz, Ph.D. Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center

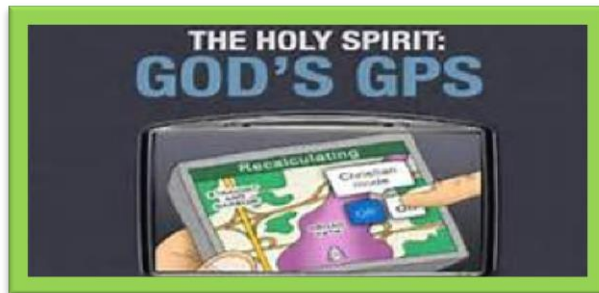
The Digital Revolution is here, and its effects are impacting our children's development from birth into their twenties. Come and listen to Dr. Nancy Kratz, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist at Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center, speak to how parents and families can embrace with faith-driven values and intentionality the management of technology in our homes, schools and churches.

- March 13th
- 6:30 pm in Lehman Hall
- childcare available



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2016 PW Woman's Retreat



Please join us as we look at: "GPS" God's Presence through Spirit

Join us for the 2016 PW Women's Retreat at the beautiful LaSalle Manor Retreat Center, 12480 Galena Rd, Plano, April 29-May 1. We are so excited to explore how God uses the Holy Spirit to move us down the path of life - either in the moment, or looking back on a situation and seeing how you were guided in a specific direction. All things are in God's timing and plan for each of us. We hope that you will join us for this wonderful weekend with love, laughter and a time to rejuvenate. We will have three wonderful speakers to share their journeys and the how the Holy Spirit moved in them.

The fee for the weekend is \$175. **Registration is now available online** and Sundays from April 3 - April 17. Deposit fee, \$50; balance due, \$125 by April 17. Questions please call co-chairs Kirsten McPeck 630-926-7006/ kmcpeekfss@hotmail.com or Amy Cucchi 630-398-7647 / amycucchi@yahoo.com



Women on Wednesdays continue with our study of Ephesians.

We have enjoyed learning through Paul's letter what it means to be IN CHRIST - chosen, lavishly loved and blessed, redeemed, saved, raised and seated in heavenly realms. All are welcome to join us as we continue to explore how we are God's workmanship created to do good works. WOW meets on Wednesdays from 9:15-11:15 a.m. with fellowship and refreshments, followed by large and small group discussions and prayer. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare and activities for infants through Kindergarten. For more information see the WOW link or contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com, 630-369-4539 or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com, 630-420-7885.

Rachel-Rebekah Circle will have the March meeting on March

8 at 9:30 am at Villa St. Benedict in Lisle, Illinois. Our hostess will be Fran McCormick. Please let Fran know if you are planning to join us! Fran McCormick 630-725-6656 or femccormick@vsbres.org.

Ruth Circle will be meeting on their regular scheduled time (3rd Thursday of the month) in the Knox Parlor at 7:30 p.m. This evening circle would love to have new women join in at any time. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our circle, please contact Bev Mayer at 630-615-4325 at Knox.

Mary Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 9 am at Krystyna Cruickshank's home. For those who are interested in joining our circle or need more information, please contact Ineke Pelella ([630.357.3350](tel:630.357.3350)).





Knox Book Club

The Evening Book Club has a new day and new place. Beginning March 9, we will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Knox Parlor, 7:30 p.m. Please consider joining in our discussion of Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League by Jonathan Odell. Contact Janice Wiles 630-416-9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com with any question or book suggestions.

Presbyterian Women's Annual Flower Sale

Order Forms Due: Sunday, April 10 Delivery: Thursday, May 5 after 10:00 am -
Just in time for Mother's Day!

Hanging baskets or Premium Combo Pots are our most popular Mother's Day gift! Or, pick out assorted flowers to plant for yourself, mother, wife or loved ones. Talk to anyone who has ordered and find out how beautiful and durable these flowers are.

Flowers are grown in a Michigan Greenhouse and they offer us a great fundraising price. Extras will also be available for cash and carry on May 5!

Order forms and **pictures** are available on the Knox website or at the church. Please tell your friends and neighbors as they won't be disappointed! Any questions, contact Dee Dee Porter at [630-650-9340](tel:630-650-9340) or porterace@comcast.net. Proceeds go to PW missions.



Friday March 11, Chick Flick, presents...

2013 Academy Award winner for BEST Foreign Film "Ida"

Anna, a young novitiate nun in 1960s Poland, is on the verge of taking her vows when she discovers

a dark family secret dating back to the years of the Nazi occupation. A study in how both world and personal history shapes us. In keeping with the movie: Join us for stuffed cabbage, perogis and eastern European

baked goods!

Dinner: 6:15 Movie followed by dessert and discussion 7 pm \$8.00, only the movie – always free!

Online registration now open, in the Commons starts Feb. 27th & Mar 5th

Where Film, Faith and Fellowship come together.

MISSIONS AT KNOX

Go & Serve 2016

June 5 – 11

Thank you Knox for supporting Go and Serve's 2016 fundraising efforts so far! Our night at bd's Mongolian Grill and our Pasta Dinner fundraiser raised us just over \$2,000! At the Pasta Dinner we announced our Go and Serve 2016 location: **Springfield Ohio!**

We will be staying at Wittenberg University.

Stay tuned for more details!



(Our 2015 Go & Serve Team!)

“Are You Coming?”



Come to South Dakota Saturday thru Thursday June 18-24 and to Montana July 17 – 23, to serve Christ among the beautiful Dakota Sioux People. “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few” (Luke 10:2)...Are you being called to love? Each year, the Dakota Partnership brings the message of God’s love to many hundreds of children in South Dakota and Montana who can’t wait for us to return!

Out on the Great Plains, both individuals and whole families come to serve in Vacation Bible School, preparing and serving meals and taking on work projects at historic country churches dating back to the 19th century. Our workers come from churches and ministries across Chicagoland and stay in local motels, eating their meals together. All ages are welcome and many families come to share this life-changing experience. Are you coming, too?

- Where: Sisseton, South Dakota and/or Fort Peck, Montana
- When: June 18-24 in Sisseton
- July 17 – 23 in Fort Peck
- Transportation: by van or private vehicle



Spring is Coming It’s Time Again to Clean Your Closets!



On Sunday, April 24th Knox will sponsor and host the Wayside Cross Ministries truck for our 8th Annual “Fill-A-Truck” Sunday. Our Knox family has been faithful servants to the residents of Wayside Cross and filled the truck every year for the past 7 years. The men and women of Wayside Cross thank you.

Clean your closets, dresser drawers, and storage areas once again. 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. Children’s toys and small furniture and household appliances can also be donated. Even ripped or torn clothing is turned into \$\$\$ by recycling to organizations that provide clothing to third world countries.

If you have something larger, 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. If you have any questions about this event or Wayside Cross Ministries, call Gary McGregor at (630) 926-2603.



March 17, and every third Thursday of each month (all year!) join other members of Knox at Hopvine Brewing Co (4030 Fox Valley Center Dr, Aurora, next to The Comedy Shrine) for lunch or dinner! Mention Knox Go & Serve (or provide the coupon below if you can) to your server and Knox Go & Serve will receive 10% of your dining bill! Extra coupons are available in the Commons



Area. Friends and family welcome!

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **March 6**. Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

Most Needed Items



Hesed House

"Hesed" is God's unfailing mercy and love

During the past year at Hesed House, volunteers have allowed Hesed House to serve more than 1,000 homeless men, women and children and allow us to live their mission 24/7, 365, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again. Every gift of time, talent and treasure was truly a gift from above, and often times, right when we needed it.

Thank you to the volunteers at Knox who assist Hesed House in their mission.

We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you are interested please join us in this vital ministry. Please join other Knox members for service and fellowship by signing up for a shift or providing a dish. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the Commons and will soon be available online.

Next volunteer night: Saturday, March 26 at 6 pm. 11 pm and 3 am.

If you are unable to volunteer, Hesed House is also in need of these items: cold medicines (without acetaminophen), cough drops, ibuprofen, white athletic socks (men & women), twin sized sheets, and jeans (men & women). These items can be placed in the HESED HOUSE donation box located in the Commons.

Family Ministry Mission Opportunity Feed My Starving Children

April 15

8:00 - 9:30 pm

Register Online



Knox has a long-standing relationship with DuPage Pads in the form of financial support. We want to recognize their 30 years of service to our neighbors in DuPage County. Since 1985, the

people served annually has increased from 120 to 1,219, the nights sheltered has increased from 856 to 43,099 and the meals served has increased from 1,769 to 146,112.

DuPage Pads is more than an Interim Housing Program, they have a Client Service Center which meets basic needs and provides support needed for change. They also have DuPage Pads Career Solutions, an Employment Program that assists participants in becoming job-qualified through computer classes, resume writing and job search and interview skills.

With our support, this year DuPage Pads has ended chronic veteran homelessness for those they serve! This is the first crucial step to show we can end homelessness for everyone in this county if we work together.



**When someone believes in you,
everything can change!**
**Prison Ministry Mother's Day
Project 2016**

Time to start collecting for Companions' Mother's Day project. As you know, each year we supply packets of "pretty" writing materials to imprisoned

women and juveniles so they have something nice to send their mothers or children at Mother's Day. Once again we ask your help.

Materials we need: Postage stamps, Stationery, Mother's Day, thinking of you, blank note cards
Gallon Zip lock bags, Donations to help cover delivery costs (Please make checks to Companions,
Journeying Together, Inc.)

**Please do not send white or old items. We cannot use cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or has stickers attached.*

Where to put donations: A collection box is located on the mission table by the coffee bar

When are they due? March 15

Help we need: Help assembling packets, March 24 9am – 12noon
Churches or companies which would make copies of the insert letter

What it means : "Thank you so very much for your encouraging letter and the beautiful stationery! The cards and paper & envelopes are so nice. I am anxious to mail some words of encouragement to my family and friends. May God bless all of you and may your days be filled with smiles on your lips, in your hearts and always in your thoughts."

Whom to contact: If you can help assembling or have questions please call or e-mail Mary Ellen Neumeister 630-408-1553, meansmimi@aol.com

Updated Mission Council Bulletin Board – check it out!

Mission Council Bulletin Board has received a makeover. Go and see which missions are supported by Knox through Mission Council. The bottom part of the Mission Council bulletin board is open for current events. If you have something mission related to share with the whole congregation, such as a letter, invite or picture you can use this area. For those of you not familiar with the location of the bulletin board: it is on the brick wall of Lehman Hall, in between its 2 entrances, next to the Coffee Bar area.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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 for parents and kids to play and socialize. Many toys will be put out for the kids during this open house play group.



April 9th – 10:00 am – 11:30 am



EASTER Fest

March 19, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
This isn't your neighbor's Easter Egg Hunt!
Activities Include:
Bounce Houses
Easter Crafts
Games
Giveaways at different stations
Refreshments
Photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny
(bring your camera!)
An interactive story time about Easter morning

This event is free of charge and open to kids of all ages!

Children's Easter Choir - K-8th grade

This special choir is open to ALL children from Kindergarten through 8th grade. You do not have to participate in the Wednesday night Youth Club. On our first rehearsal in the choir room, I will hand out a CD and lyric sheet to make it easier for your child to be successful.

Easter services are at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. You do not have to sing for both services.

Please note that Easter, March 27, is the first Sunday during spring break for both school districts, 203 & 204. This year, the rehearsals will be:

- Sunday, March 6 @ 10:00 - 10:25
- Sunday, March 13 @ 10:00 - 10:25
- Sunday, March 20 @ 10:00 - 10:25



Thank you!
Jan Parry

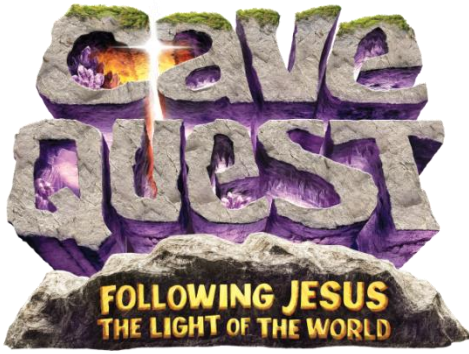
A Fourth Grade Service



"I love watching the kid's enthusiasm and determination as they plan the service. They have such pride when they are able to lead in worship." – Pastor Clint

A favorite time for the Fourth Graders is working with Pastor Clint when they prepare a worship service for the congregation. You do not need to be registered on Wednesday Evenings to participate but we do work on the service from 6:30

- 7:15 on Wednesdays. If your fourth grader is interested in being a part of the worship service on April 24th, please contact Jenny Hubbard at 630-615-4318 or jhubbard@knoxpres.org.



Save the Date
Vacation Bible School
June 13 - June 17
Register Online



Children's Day Out at Knox

offers an engaging preschool experience for your child. All children age 15 months to 4 years (by Sept. 1) are welcome to enroll.

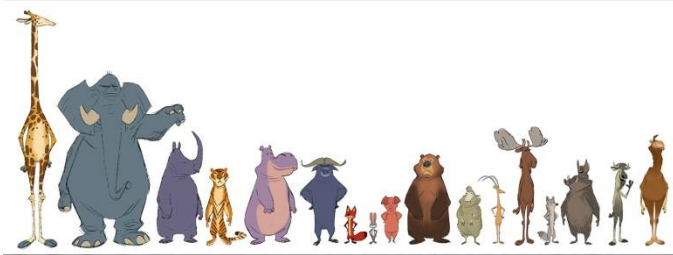
Through imagination and exploration children will learn about themselves and their world and make new friends in a loving, Christian setting. Our days from 9:00 am-1:00 pm include crafts, circle time and music as well as gym, outdoor play and lunch. Our Pre-K classes for 4 year olds help prepare children for kindergarten.

Register now for the 2016-17 school year. Our program offers flexible attendance (1 or 2 days per week) and tuition options.

Call our office at 630.355.7544 to schedule a tour and visit our website at www.knoxpres.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP



- Questions? Contact Jenny Hubbard
- jhubbard@knoxpres.org
- 630-615-4318

Movie Night – Zootopia!

Friday March 4 in the evening (time and place of movie will be emailed to all participants)

- Movie Night – Zootopia
- Please **register** by Wednesday, March 1
- Price: Price of ticket and snacks

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT – MARCH 18-20

- What: Knox Senior High Spring Retreat
- When: March 16-20; Leave 5 PM Fri; Return Noon Sun
- Where: Stronghold Castle
- Registration: www.knoxblog.org
- Cost: \$110 early registration thru March 6; \$130 starting March 7th
- Due: Sunday, March 6

CHURCH NEWS

Many Thanks and Best Wishes to Eric Heinekamp

Eric Heinekamp has been involved at Knox as long as we have been here. He has served as an Elder and was also Clerk of Session. There are few aspects of life at Knox that Eric hasn't offered leadership and support: from Confirmation and Go N Serve to the development of small groups to the New Member class, just to name a few. Eric was instrumental in helping to bring the Great Banquet to Knox and in re-developing both our website and Knox Connections.

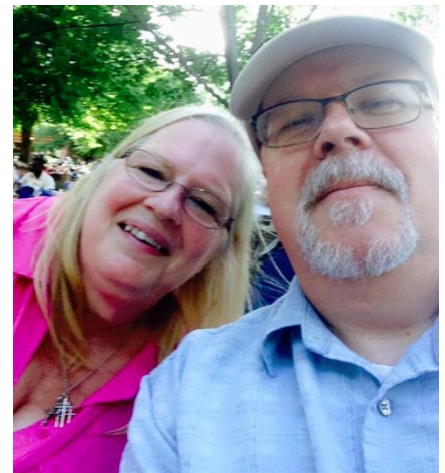
For many years he made his way downtown to work as a banker. Along the way he took quite a spiritual turn and entered seminary. He is now an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church and in recent years he has worked for the Presbytery of Chicago as their Associate Executive Presbyter and Director of Business Affairs.

During all these years of service he has been married to Patty and the father of three, now adult, children. Patty and Eric recently celebrated that great estate in life of becoming grandparents.

All of this hubbub is to share the news that Eric will reduce his hours in Chicago at the Presbytery office and take a part time role as Stated Supply Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of DuPage in Bolingbrook.

We are excited for Eric and Patty to have this opportunity, but he will be missed. We'll still see him at Knox now and then for various things, but most of his pastoral time will be spent at the Bolingbrook church. We offer prayers and all our best wishes for this new venture!!

Deb and Clinton



Butter Braids are back!!!

NEW THIS YEAR: Caramel Rolls. As good as grandma's.

Sales begin Sunday March 6 - order forms due Sunday March 13.
Pickup Wed March 16 and Sunday March 20.

Contact Jennifer Vollbrecht with questions - jenandhermen@att.net

Lights - Camera - Smile!

It's time for a new Knox photo directory!

Have you ever seen somebody at church and spent the rest of the day trying to put a name to the familiar face? It happens to most of us and our new pictorial directory will help! Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo for their help in making our book complete. The photo sessions will take place at Knox these dates and times:

Tuesday, May 17 - Thursday, May 19, 2:30 - 8:30 pm
Friday, May 20, 1-7 pm
Saturday May 21 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday May 22, 1 - 7 pm
Monday May 23 - Thursday May 26th 2:30 - 8:30 pm,

Tuesday, June 7 - Thursday June 9, 2:30 - 8:30
Friday, June 10, 1 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 4 pm

Please mark a date on your calendar, watch for the link to sign up and more information in the April newsletter.



Save the Date Opportunity Knox Dinner and Auction October 28, 2016 Bolingbrook Golf Club

Our theme this year is "HOME". Our beneficiaries all have a desire to belong somewhere, to be in a safe place, and to call that place HOME.

Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2016. Contact the Church Office for an application form or **find it online here**. Applicants should be persons pursuing a fulltime career in Christian Service.

If you have questions please contact Anne Sherren at 630-932-0481 or atsherren@noctrl.edu.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

God Unites All Gifts to Create Big Impact. Presbyterians have a history of working to build a more just, resilient, and sustainable future. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during Lent, you are supporting the gifts and talents of people and communities all over the world. Through your gifts you can serve people in your community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression. Knox has participated in this Presbyterian Denominational Wide Offering for its History. The amount of our contribution to this Offering has varied from \$6,000 to \$10,000. For our newer members we may think of this offering as the Lenten Offering.



This offering gives us a chance to give something extra to areas that are truly in need. The Presbyterian Church (USA) along with other denominations, make a great impact in helping put our gifts to good service. For more information, read the bulletin inserts during Lent. There are envelopes in the pews for your generous contributions. If you have additional questions, contact one of your pastors, Mission Council members or Anne Sherren 630-932-0481. Knox Collects the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering each Sunday during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday with the culmination on Palm Sunday.

MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Seasoned Citizens

Please join us for The Naperville Band Winter Concert

- Sunday March 6 3:00pm
- Wentz Hall
- Free



Sign Up at Knox Feb 21-March 6 or online at knoxpres.org / events for March 6

THANK YOU



IT'S A HIT!!

Our first Christmas Cookie Walk seems to have been a huge success! By popular request we are planning a bigger and better Cookie Walk for 2016. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget to come Saturday, Dec. 10th to get first choice at our marvelous holiday cookie, candy and gift treats. It is certain, with much added publicity and word of mouth

throughout the community; there will not be many left overs on Sunday as was the case this year.

The Deacons thank Knox for allowing us to try something new. It is exciting to have these additional funds with which to help meet the many needs of our congregation and also to have enjoyed the additional holiday spirit that we all experienced.

To the building and custodial staff and to Liz Lawrence and Joan Tanck; thank you for all your help getting everything seamlessly right. Knox is blessed to have you and your spirit of devotion, cooperation and commitment. A special thanks to Duncan Caldwell and Kay Sullivan for their "mega" baking for this event. The variety and quality of your contributions were fabulous. To the 47 people who signed up to bake and to all those who made holiday purchases, thank you, without you it would not have happened.

Blessings,
Your Knox Deacons

Mission Partners

Dear Rev. Clint and Debbie Roberts and the Knoxville Presbyterian Church Family

We wanted you to know that we thank God for you. We just received our 2015 giving report and found out that you have recently given a gift toward our support. We are touched and encouraged by your generosity. Thank you for your interest and commitment to world missions and especially investing in our ministry in Thailand.

We would love to get to know you and will add you to our email prayer letter list. During our next IA, we hope to visit as well. It was so good visiting and meeting you during the Chicago Presbytery meeting last year. We are thankful for our connection to you especially because Leith has been a member of Chicago Presbytery since we were first sent by PCUSA in 1998.



Please pray that we may be full of faith and faithful to our Lord in 2016! Blessings in Christ Jesus, (Nabi Isa al Masih) Leith and Carol Fujii mission co workers (PCUSA)

Living Waters for the World

Over 780 million people around the world do not have access to clean water, creating more refugees than any war. Three million people, mostly children die from preventable water related diseases. Living Waters of the World has developed practical and sustainable solutions to this crisis, providing the communities the tools and training to provide clean water. Living Waters of the World is a Presbyterian mission that has active networks in Mexico, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Ghana.

There was a bake sale on February 7, 2016 and the beautifully decorated and delicious cookies, cakes and bars provided by the PW and Youth Fellowship group generated donations of over \$400.00 to this mission.

Thank you for your time and effort!!! Great job for a wonderful mission!

CARE MINISTRIES

Data as of February 19, 2016.

Illness/Health Concerns:

Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)
Fran Slayton (Robert Slayton's cousin)
Carole Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)
Anja de Leeuw (friend of Ineke Pelella)
Larry Trimmell
Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Liz Lawrence
Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
Pat Gislain
Larry Sieczynski Jr. (Tom Sieczynski's nephew)
Ken Chapek
Stephanie Siczewicz (Pete Siczewicz's aunt)
Edythe Bartlett
Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother - hospice)
Larry Sieczynski Sr. (Tom Sieczynski's brother)
Paul Norris (friend of Jim and Ruth Hutto)
Colleen Carosella (niece of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)
Gerry Cornett (friend of many Knox members)
Mark Scoughton (friend of Diane Charles)
Steven Obremski (son of co-worker of Kevin Williams)
Dr. Tom Jandris (co-worker of Joan DuChane)
Margie Kasper (friend of Carol O'Neill)
Diane Terry (Anne Sherren's cousin's wife)
Barb Stewart (friend of Helene Schaefer)
Shirley Sichel (aunt of Mariette Siczewicz)
Jack Romine (father of Jill Poskin)
Mike Mascal (son-in-law of Norah Johnson)
Bob Stout (co-worker of Kevin Williams)
Elijah Georges (Arlene Beslic's grandson)
Laura Armstrong (family friend of Gary and Ruth Dispensa)
Jo Ann Allen (good friend of the Du Chanes)
Carol Palfenier (Janice Palfenier's former mother-in-law)
Michelle Sutton (friend of Bob and Jean Casper)
Steven Clinton (Jim Clinton's son)
Jack Mathison (Brent Mathison's father)
Marisa Kruger (friend of Lisa Bonomo)
Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)
Don Stewart (friend of Helene Schaefer)

Hospital

Carl Palfenier (Janice Palfenier's former father-in-law)
Brandon McKenzie (nephew of Kathleen Olson)
Don Grevengood (Edward Hospital)
Sophie Jane Bartlett (toddler granddaughter of Lisa Bonomo's sister)
Peg Little (Edward Hospital)
Abby Swanson (Edward Hospital)
Carol Tice (Rosemary Park's daughter)
Charlie Hall (Harrisonburg, Virginia)

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.

Home Recovering

Diana Newby
Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)
Elaine Nelson (friend of Bobbie Britton)
Allen Dickinson (Ann Smith's father)
Mark Bickler
Al Hulse (uncle of Angel Seitz) (rehabilitation facility)
Marlene Parker
Nancy Twaddle
Jack Ekblom (Alden of Waterford)
Jessie Cortes (Robert Sacramento's brother-in-law)
Annette Hillman (Janice Palfenier's mother)
Matt Stone
Bunny Cox
Scott Tambling

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

Jeanne Adams on her death

Kari Erwin on her death

Les Allgor on his death (Joan Tanck's uncle)

Dr. John Marshall on his death (Brian Hubbard's cousin)

Roy Cole on his death (brother-in-law of Norah Johnson)

Marilyn Erwin on her death (Brent Mathison's aunt)

Connie Kooi on her death (Linda Holzschu's aunt)

Oliver Thomson on his death (Clayton Thomson's father)

Edwin Biegon on his death (father of Hope Prasse, grandfather of Lisa Straub)

Congratulations:

Maureen & Gary Conway on the birth of their son Stone McGregor on December 10. Proud grandparents are Gary & Alice McGregor.

Tom & Maggie Dreyer on the birth of their son Evan Thomas on December 28. Proud grandparents are Brooks & Jan Reid.

Becca & Stephen Goering on the birth of their daughter Leland Evelyn on January 22. Proud grandparents are Janet and Steven Hyde.

Jennifer Maddox-Abbott & Matthew Abbott on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Mae on January 25. Proud great-grandmother is Doris Walker.

Rebecca & Ryan Wilson on the birth of their son Rhett Caleb on January 25. Proud grandparents are Brian & Karen Smith.

Military

Jonathan Ballew
Morgan Plummer
Calvin Warren
Adam Barnes
Matt Krempel
Chris Hurford
Matt Cincotta
Scott Zweir
All military personnel & their families.