

## A LETTER FROM REV DEB

### Easter Comes Every Year....

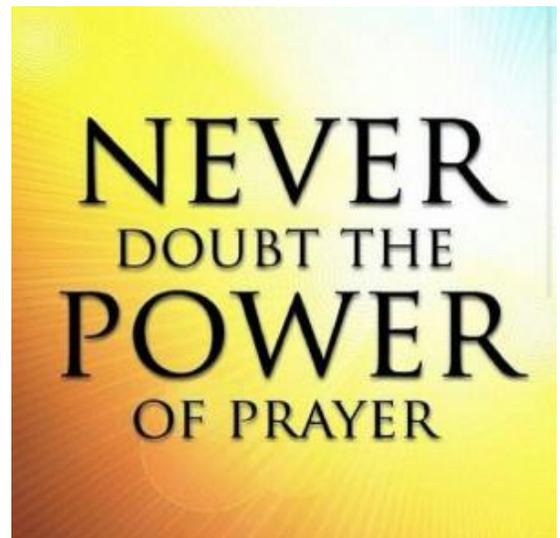
As I make my way to Easter each year, I revisit **Chapter 17 of the Gospel of John**. When I "discovered" this prayer of Jesus many years ago, I was truly stunned by the poignant plea Jesus makes on behalf of his disciples. He prays for their protection and that they will remain as one, in love, just as Christ and the Father are one. **Verse 13** adds these words, "Now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves." I have pondered that prayerful request many times. Perhaps that one line speaks to why any of us go to God in prayer.

Why do we pray? We pray for very real needs and concerns. We offer thanksgiving for very real blessings and gifts. We pray for the world, for others, for those we hold dearer than life itself and for ourselves. We offer our hopes and affirm our faith. Having said all of this, what do we hope for in our praying? Especially when we are troubled and fearful? When we are sick and world weary? I believe our deepest hope lies in these words of Jesus before his greatest hours of trial. The gift of joy that Jesus prays may come to his disciples then and now is the gift of a relationship in his unending presence.

Our oneness with Christ, who overcomes all things, brings us joy and brings us life. Our lives may be loaded with complexities and trials, but our prayerful union with Christ makes us whole (complete) and strengthens us, today and always!

May the true meaning of Easter morning remain in you, renew you and bring you to this season of light with budding hopes! Jesus said, "Be of good cheer--for I have overcome the world". **John 16:33**

Blessings and joy,  
Deb



## ADULT EDUCATION

### **Sunday**

**9:00 am** - *John - The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton continues; led by Brooks Reid in the Senior High Room

**10:30 am** - *John - The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton continues; led by Jim Clinton in Room 202

**7:00 pm** - *John - The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton continues; facilitated by Randy Johnson in the Chapel.

## Tuesday

**9:00 am** - *John - The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton continues; led by Frank Mayer in the Middle School Room.

**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; meets in Rev. Deb Roberts' office

## Wednesday

**9:15 am - 11:15 am** - Women on Wednesday - N. T. Wright's study of Ephesians; leaders are 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; facilitated by Rev. Eric Heinekamp at Hopvine Brewing Company, 4030 Fox Valley Center Drive

## 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 Rev. Cindy Karis in the Middle School Room; childcare is available. Thursday Morning Bible Study will be meeting April 7, 14, 21 and 28. All are welcome to join us! Please call or email Cindy 630-615-4308 or ckaris@knoxpres.org with any questions.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## Women's Mocktail Party April 21, 6-8 pm

PW Mocktail Party, Spring Evening Social, the Antique Roadshow edition with entertainment provided by the NIU all men A Cappella group, the Huskie Hunks. Casey Ancona (Ken and Judy's son) sings in this group. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts are compliments of the PW Circles. The event is free; **registration is requested**. Babysitting is available and registration is needed for babysitting services. Bring a small item to be unofficially appraised by our two guests appraisers, Kim Gould and Diana Gallup.



## Women on Wednesdays

continues 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. We will not meet March 30th, Spring Break week. 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's** next meeting will be April 12 at the home of Debbie Geraci, 1125 Pickerel Ct., Naperville. Carolyn Lorenz and Anne Mair are our co-hostesses. Deanna Swauger will lead us in the 7th chapter of our bible study, "Come to the Waters".

We always welcome anyone who would enjoy bible study, mission work and fellowship. Contact Leslie Taylor @ 630-961-3140 or Kathi Olson @ 630-420-1953 for more information.



**Mary Martha Circle** Mary Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 12 at 9 am at Pat Warren's home. For those who are interested in joining our circle or need more information, please contact Ineke Pelella 630-357-3350.



## **Knox Book Club**

The Knox book club will next meet Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. in the Knox Parlor. We will discuss *The Readers of Broken Wheel* Recommended by Katarina Bivald. Upcoming reads and meeting dates are always posted on the Knox website. New readers are always welcome. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions.

## **Presbyterian Women's Annual Flower Sale**

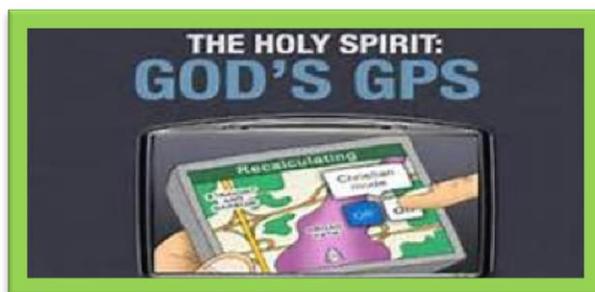
Order Forms Due: Sunday, April 10 Delivery: Thursday, May 5 after 10:00 am -  
**Just in time for Mother's Day!**

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 or [porterace@comcast.net](mailto:porterace@comcast.net). Proceeds go to PW missions.



## **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

## MISSIONS AT KNOX



### If I Had a Hammer....

Calling all men! Men's Ministry has scheduled its annual "Hands & Feet" workday at Hesed House's Transitional Living Community on Sat, April 30 from 8am-5pm.

We are building, painting and repairing several much needed projects at TLC. Meet at Hesed House 659 S River St, Aurora IL 60506. Bring your tools, paint brushes and safety goggles. For more information please contact our foremen: Jeff Goeringer [j.goeringer@yahoo.com](mailto:j.goeringer@yahoo.com) or John Krol at [john.krol@kattenlaw.com](mailto:john.krol@kattenlaw.com)  
Signup by emailing Marty Ovens at [martyovens@gmail.com](mailto:martyovens@gmail.com).

### Donate Your Old Digital Camera

Please donate your unused digital cameras. It will be used teaching a healing photography course for the clients of Sanctuary Place. Sanctuary Place is a facility run by Facing Forward against Homelessness. Cameras must please be in working order, have a battery and a charger. Please contact me to arrange collection details. Neels de Coning – 630-648-9648, [n.deconing@mac.com](mailto:n.deconing@mac.com).



### Great Opportunity for Scrapbookers!

For the past 13 years, Ginny Van Blaricom and Chris Bickler have devoted many Friday mornings to their Scrapbooking Ministry at Lifespring in Aurora. Lifespring is a transitional living program for up to 57 women and their children who for various reasons have lost their homes. Residents of Lifespring

participate in a 6-12 month long program which teaches them the skills to live independently and become self-sufficient. Women at Lifespring are encouraged to come to the scrapbooking mornings and create memory/picture books.



As per June 2016, Ginny and Chris will no longer be able to go to Aurora and scrapbook with the women at Lifespring. Ginny and Chris, you will be missed and thank you so much for your Scrapbooking Ministry these past years. Our gratitude for your faithful and devoted service to the women at Lifespring. You have made many special memories!!

It would be great if Knox could continue with this Ministry. Therefore, to those women who enjoy scrapbooking, please consider spending some time with the women at Lifespring assisting them with their memory/picture books. Interested? Please contact Ineke Pelella, Knox Mission Council at [ineke.pelella@yahoo.com](mailto:ineke.pelella@yahoo.com) or 630.357.3350. Ginny and Chris have 4 more Friday mornings planned with the Lifespring women: March 18, April 15 and 29 and May 13. Each session lasts about 1.5 hrs. We love to hear from you. Hopefully, those interested can join Ginny and Chris on one of these Friday mornings.



## Jeans, Jeans, Jeans...

2nd Presbyterian Church in Chicago's Ghanaian Church wants:

Jeans Jeans Jeans - any size

Please put them in the labeled tub in the Mission area. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. will send them to their partnership Church and Orphanage in Ghana

## Swimsuits for Sisseton

It's that time of year again! Just to give you a little motivation and a chuckle, here are the top 10 reasons to donate to the Sisseton Swim suit drive:

10. Make room in your drawer for a swimsuit that actually fits.
9. Give the children of Sisseton a "feel good" with a trip to the pool wearing a new suit
8. Costco, Target, Kohl's & Walmart have AWESOME specials on suits this time of year.
7. Animal print swimwear is out of fashion.
6. Treat a kid to a super hero or Disney themed suit and relive your special memories.
5. Ring your neighbor's bell to just catch-up with the excuse you're collecting gently worn suits.
4. Share generosity – take your child for a swimsuit and let him/her select a suit for a Sisseton child too!
3. Magically your trunks have sprouted a muffin top big enough to rival Corner Bakery's.
2. Make sure no child is left without, we need plenty in all sizes, especially larger sizes.
1. It's what Jesus has taught us to do!



Please deposit new and gently used suits OF ALL SIZES in the bin by Lehman Hall. Do you have a child on a local swim team? Please call Julie Mildrum 630-717-8240 for info on swimsuit drives.

Summer is a time for swimming. For the kids on the Sisseton Reservation, Dakota Partnership is synonymous with the pool. We need all the help we can get, getting those kids outfitted with a swimsuit. We will take any size, any type and any sex. We will also take new or gently used ones. All suits go in the Mission boxes by Lehman Hall and the coffee bar.

Do you know anyone on or with a swim team? Diana Newby is teaming up with some swim teams and they have donated many suits that the kids have out grown. We would love to have any connection we can with any swim team. Please contact me at Julie Milldrum 630-717-8240.

## Shopping Bags for TPC



Do you save shopping bags? Do you have a bunch of extra reusable shopping bags? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, our Parents Pantry could really use them! We are running very low on bags this month.

Please feel free to drop off any extra bags you may have at our office - which is located at 475 Taft Ave. in Glen Ellyn OR mark your bags for TPC and leave them in the Mission Area of Knox Church. The group meets in the Coffee Bar area on Tuesday evenings.

Thank you SO much!



## Knox Go and Serve 2016: Springfield, Ohio

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



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



Time to wash away winter from your automobile! Have your car hand washed and dried by our Go and Serve youth on Sunday, May 22, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Drop your car off in the parking lot along Gartner on the way into church and it will be cleaned and ready for pick-up after the service. Donations welcome.



Third Thursdays at Hopvine! Join us every third Thursday at Hopvine Brewing Co (4030 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora, next to the Comedy Shrine) for lunch or dinner! Our next day at Hopvine Brewing Co is April 21. Mention Knox Go and Serve (or provide the coupon below) to your server and Knox Go and Serve will receive 10% of your dining bill! Extra coupons are available in the Commons Area or **online**. Friends and family welcome!

### Important Dates for Go and Serve 2016:

April 13-May 4	Registration - Go & Serve Early Registration \$300 per person. Save \$50 by registering early!
May 4	Last Day of Early Registration at \$300
May 11	7:30 PM - Go & Serve Mandatory Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM - Safe Haven Training for Adults (Sanctuary)
May 15	Go & Serve Sunday (both services)
May 18	Last Day to sign up for Go & Serve at \$350
May 22	Car Wash Fundraiser at Knox (8:30-noon)

May 31	Adult Meeting (7 PM Knox Basement)
June 4	Loading Day at Knox, 4-6 PM
June 5-11	Go & Serve Mission Trip (leave after the 9 am service on June 5)
June 15	Go & Serve Pizza Party (6:30-7:30 in basement)
June 19	Go & Serve Celebration Sunday (both services)

## **Spring is Almost Here and Wayside Cross Needs Your Unneeded, but Useful Items!**

On Sunday, April 24 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. Children's toys and small furniture and household appliances can also be donated.



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

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](http://www.waysidecross.org). If you have any questions about this event or Wayside Cross Ministries, call Gary McGregor at (630) 926-2603.

### **Wayside Cross: Minute for Mission on Sunday, April 10**

As we prepare for the Fill-A-Truck event on April 24, Knox will be hosting one or more residents from Wayside Cross to share their stories so we all can experience how the efforts of our Knox community have paid dividends. Please join us on Sunday at either service to hear these moving stories.

### **Wayside Cross: Master's Touch Friendship Dinner**

Each year in May, the Master's Touch Program at Wayside Cross Ministries conducts a fund raising dinner to help support this transformational ministry. For the past 4 years, Knox members have been invited to a free meal and program that includes a guest speaker and information regarding the changes that have been made to improve this ministry. This will be the first time that the dinner will be held since the occupancy of the NEW BUILDING on New York Avenue in Aurora. As many of you know, this ministry is a Christ-centered ministry pursuing excellence through transformed men's lives for God's glory. After 85 years of ministry of changed lives, they are still able to provide residential services to 95 men for less than \$ 300 per man per month. (That is only 10% of the cost in Illinois for men who are incarcerated.)

This year's dinner is again at the Gaslite Manor Banquet Hall, 2485 Church Road, Aurora, on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 PM. The guest speaker will be Jeff Griffin, the Senior Pastor of the Compass Church in Naperville. Prior to coming to The Compass, Jeff served for 20 years as the Co-Senior Pastor at the Chapel, a multi-site church in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. He earned a BS from Wheaton College and his

Masters of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, in Deerfield, IL. The Master of Ceremonies will again be Mark Elfstrand of AM 1160. Knox Missions Council will host 2 tables of 8 each for this dinner, and we invite members of Knox to sign up and join us for an evening of fellowship and thanksgiving. Contact Bob Badertscher at the Commons table, or call (630) 851-5198 or write to [r2b2@vetrad7.com](mailto:r2b2@vetrad7.com) to reserve a place for you and your family for this event. High School students are also encourage to attend, again at no cost.

## “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
- **Sign up online at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org)**

For questions about the building project contact Mike Loftus at [loftus51@comcast.net](mailto:loftus51@comcast.net). For questions about VBS contact Sue Goll at [sgollcci@gmail.com](mailto:sgollcci@gmail.com).

## Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **April 3**. Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

### Most Needed Items



## Hesed House

Next volunteer night: Saturday, April 23 at 6 pm. 11 pm and 3 am.

Family Ministry Mission Opportunity  
Feed My Starving Children  
April 15



8:00 - 9:30 pm

[Register Online](#)

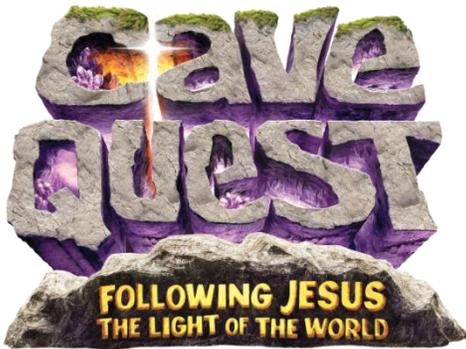
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## 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 9 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am**



## Save the Date Vacation Bible School

**June 13 - June 17**

Early Bird Registration ends May 1

[Register Online](#)



## Wednesday Night Highlights – Did you know?

Each week the kids in J.A.M (Jesus and Me) have a session in Worship Leadership. This includes practicing reading scripture aloud, writing prayers and saying prayers for each other and members of the congregation. A few weeks ago I was blessed to be on the receiving end of those prayers and cards. They are being taught how to actively care for the congregation.

When asked why it is important for kids to read scripture during the worship services, this is what they said...

- To overcome our fears
- So the congregation can hear children's voices and everyone can hear the word of God
- It helps us really see it
- To show the adults that we are learning something and by practicing it over and over we really understand it
- It's a good experience and it's fun
- If we practice reading scripture now, we will continue to read scripture as an adult
- Makes us feel that we have a purpose and can contribute and that we are important, sometimes kids don't always feel important.

Our children carry some great wisdom and their words make a lot of sense. My prayer is that as we teach we are open to learn from those we are teaching. – Jenny Hubbard



**Blessed Ones** are adorable children ages 3-Kindergarten who meet Thursdays from 5:00 - 5:30pm.

Session 2 – April 21 – May 5 and performing on Sunday, May 8. This session will also include a visit to an area nursing home. The kids will make a craft with the residents and then perform their song and dance.

**Register Online** or Contact Jenny Hubbard if interested or 630-615-4318, [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org)

## Important Sunday School Dates

Last week of Regular Sunday School – May 22

Sunday School does not meet - May 29 – Memorial Day Weekend

Summer Sunday School - June 5 – August 28

Summer Sunday School does not meet – July 3 (holiday weekend) or August 14 (outdoor worship service)



## MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP



**Feed My Starving Children** – Drop off and Pick up at facility  
Friday, April 15 – 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Lock In** – At Knox  
Friday/Saturday, May 6/7 – 8:30 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

**Register for both events online at**  
[knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org)

Questions? Contact Jenny Hubbard  
[jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org)  
630-615-4318



## Weekend of Decision

On April 8-10, 31 Confirmands are heading to Stronghold Castle in Oregon, Illinois for their Weekend of Decision. We would covet your prayers for our Confirmands, Teachers, and leaders during this important weekend!

## Confirmation Sunday

On April 17, we are excited to welcome our 2016 Confirmands into the church as they make their public proclamation of faith during the 10:30 worship service. We hope you can join us on this very special day!

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

### Broom Hockey

When: Friday, April 22, 9:15-11 PM

Where: Meet at Cold Stone at Seven Bridges. Pick up from Seven Bridges Ice Arena - 6690 S. Route 53, Woodridge, IL 60517

More Info: **Register online** & more info @ [www.knoxblog.org](http://www.knoxblog.org).



## CHURCH NEWS



### There is an app for that!

On the run and need a members email, phone or address? Download the Church Life app and all of these details are available to you. The login details are the same that you use for your Knox Connections account. If you have any questions or need help logging in, email Joan at [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org) or call 630-615-4309. Another reason why membership matters!

### A.S.K. Ministry (Ask, Seek, Knock)

Rev. Clint will be leading the A.S.K. Employment Ministry group beginning Thursday, April 14 at 10:00 am in the Knox library. This group was established to facilitate the networking process within the congregation, to help connect those seeking employment with those that can help them uncover the 'hidden' opportunities. If you are currently looking for employment, please consider being a part of this group and sharing with others.



### Lights - Camera - Sign-up NOW!

**It's time for a new Knox photo directory and Sign-ups are now being taken for the dates below.**

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. Help us make this a great directory, which will be available as both hardcopy and online. The photo sessions will take place at Knox these dates and times (on the next page):

Tuesday, May 17 - Thursday, May 19, 3:00 - 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 3:00 - 8:30 pm,

Tuesday, June 7 - Thursday June 9, 3:00 - 8:30

Friday, June 10, 1 pm - 7 pm

Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 4 pm

Sign-ups are now available by clicking [HERE](#) or at [Knoxpres.org](http://Knoxpres.org) and select one of the dates above from the calendar. Questions? Email Joan at [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org).

## Stewardship is a Year Round Ministry

My name is Mike Williams, and along with Clayton Thomson, I am your Elder serving on Knox's Stewardship and Cash Management Council.

I would like to thank all of you for your pledged and unpledged offerings, and your continued generous support of Knox with gifts of time, talent and resources throughout the year. It is indeed a very important mission that you are supporting- Knox's mission to learn, grow and serve as followers of Jesus Christ.

As was reported at last month's congregational meeting, the 2016 budget has been finalized and we are grateful to the team that delivered a balanced budget. It is important to note, however, that the balanced budget was achieved by deploying revenue reserves from previous years in order to cover the costs of managing the mission of Knox. As a result of using these reserves to balance the budget, Knox will not have access to these reserves to draw upon in the event of an emergency or if the need arises in future years.

A balanced budget also was not delivered without personal sacrifice on the behalf of all of our pastors and staff who were not granted any increases this fiscal year.

As responsible stewards of your contributions and support, the Stewardship and Cash Management Council is tasked with rebuilding reserves to cover possible emergencies and ensuring the resources exist to properly compensate our pastors and staff. You are the life of the church and you can help us achieve these worthy and important goals.

If you have not yet pledged your financial contribution for 2016, I ask that you prayerfully consider doing so now. I would also ask you to prayerfully consider a one-time, tax deductible gift to Knox. Any amount is gratefully received.

The easiest way to contribute is to enroll in automated giving via the church's website at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org), and click on Member Login at the top of the page. If you haven't created an account click on "need a login - Click Here". If you want to give quickly or do a one time gift you can click on the "Give" button on the home page. They are both, fast, easy and secure. If you have any problems logging in, please email Joan at [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org). If you have questions about your pledge or giving, please email Rita at [reagleson@knoxpres.org](mailto:reagleson@knoxpres.org)

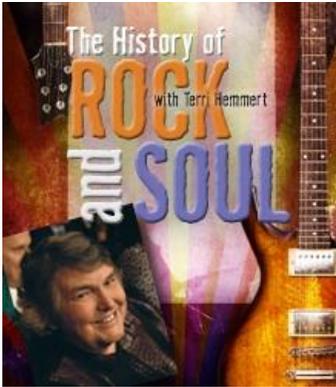
Of course you may also drop a check in the mail or in the offering plate.

We continue to be humbled by the generosity of our Knox family and thank God for your personal commitment to the mission of Knox.



Thank you.

# MINISTRY TO SENIORS



## Seasoned Citizens

Join us for  
Chicago A Cappella Concert  
"The History of Rock and Soul"  
Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm  
Wentz Hall  
Tickets \$22

Sign up at Knox Sundays April 5--April 17

**Or Register Online**

## Hall of Famers Luncheon

Thursday, April 14

Please join us for a lunch of diner food and a big piece of apple pie at 12:00 noon in Lehman Hall. After lunch, we will take a musical trip down Route 66 led by vocalist, Kim Johnson. Cost is \$7.00. Reservations can be made by calling Diane Heintz in the church office at 630-355-8181.



(A Worship Service with Communion will be held in the chapel at 11:30 am before lunch.)

The May meeting will take place a week earlier than our usual schedule, so mark your calendars for May 5th, same time and place. The program in May will feature Leslie Goddard as Amelia Earhart.

# THANK YOU

Dear Friends, I wish to "Thank-You" for all the love and support you gave me following my health concern during the church service several weeks ago. I appreciated the cards and messages and expressions of love you sent me. Thank you for all! Bunny Cox

# CARE MINISTRIES

## Illness/Health Concerns:

Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)  
David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)  
Fran Slayton (Robert Slayton's cousin)  
Bunny Cox  
Carole Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)  
Abby Swanson (Tabor Hills)  
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 (hospice)  
Don Stewart (friend of Helene Schaefer)  
Ken Chapek  
Stephanie Siczewicz (Pete Siczewicz's aunt)  
Edythe Bartlett  
Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother) (hospice)  
Marlene Parker  
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)  
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)  
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)  
Michelle Sutton (friend of Bob and Jean Casper)  
Jack Mathison (Brent Mathison's father)  
Marisa Kruger (friend of Lisa Bonomo)  
Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)  
Charlie Hall (Harrisonburg, Virginia)  
Marie Kulpa (Ruth Dispensa's mother)  
Tom Stone (brother of John Stone)  
Cliff Preston (father of CDO teacher Marcia Meier)  
Marleen North (friend of Betty Barcheski)

## Hospital

Brandon McKenzie (nephew of Kathleen Olson)  
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)  
Curt Strothmann (Patty Crylen's father)  
Mike Mascall (son-in-law of Norah Johnson)

## 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

Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)  
Peg Little  
Mark Bickler  
Al Hulse (uncle of Angel Seitz) (rehabilitation facility)  
Nancy Twaddle  
Jack Ekblom (Alden of Waterford)  
Jessie Cortes (Robert Sacramento's brother-in-law)  
Carol Tice (Rosemary Park's daughter)

## Grieving:

The friends and family of:

**Fred Rakowsky** (former member) on his death

**Charlie Smith** (father of Erin Williams' dance instructor/coach) on his death

**Lois Webber** on her death

**Nancy Whittaker** on her death (Frank Whittaker's mother)

**Arvey Padeleckas** on his death (Tom Paulius' cousin)

**Banoo Barhamand** on her death (Fari Barhamand's mother)

**George Foltz** on his death (Jeff Foltz's father)

**Steven Clinton** on his death (Jim Clinton's son)

## Congratulations:

**Anna & Greg Burke** on the birth of their son Charles Gregory on Feb. 20. Proud grandparents are Charlie & Sue Johnpeter.

**Ashley & Joel Barhamand** on the birth of their son Calvin Mack on Feb. 22. Proud grandparents are Fari & Barb Barhamand.

**Caitlin & Pete Ritenour** on the birth of their son Jacob Andrew on Feb. 26.

**Lynette & Danilo Olanosa** on the birth of their daughter Lilith Evelyn on Feb. 29. Proud grandparents are David & Maribeth Smith.

**Ashley & John Boumgarden** on the birth of their daughter Helena June on Feb. 29. Proud grandparents are Herb & Susan Getz, and Dave & Jane Boumgarden.

**Jackie & Jimmy Lenert** on the birth of their son Jay Francis on March 4. Proud great-grandparents are Nancy & Homer Counce.

**Carolyn & Joe Rehak** on the birth of their daughter Emma Marie on March 15. Proud grandparents are Gary & Ruth Dispensa.

## Military

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