

A PRAYER FROM REV DEB

A Prayer for Summer

God of wonders,
Whom earth cannot contain,

We thank you for this season of sun and warmth, rain and growth, bright nights and gentle breezes. We celebrate with renewed appreciation, your good gifts of verdant countryside, fruit and flowers, clouds that puff and sail in skies of blue.

May we drink in, with cool refreshment, all that you provide in earth and sky. We are called into your creation where our thirsty spirits are quenched by nature's colors and chorus, it's beauty to behold.

Make us grateful stewards of this glorious land. Instill within us a season of renewed healing.
May we take in, like a deep filling breath, the calm of your creating presence.

We offer our prayers for your world; where it is scarred and parched, where it is overrun and overwhelmed,
Where it is unclaimed or uncared for.

We offer praise and thanksgiving for our life with you. Amen.

Prayer and You

Why do you pray?
What do you pray about?
When do you pray?
Where do you pray?
Whose job is it to pray?
Does it make a difference?

We 'pray' at Knox that we are a House of Prayer; praying together, praying for the world, praying for one another. So often the knowledge that others are praying with and for us is just enough to see us through a long night, a difficult season or an uncertain future.

We pray that our prayers make a difference in God's world where there is so much wonder and so much need. We pray that we our prayers are heard and received by God.

We pray that we are united in Spirit with our Lord and with others and thereby strengthened for life.



Join us in prayer -

Few things are more central to who we are and how we proceed at Knox than the gift of prayer. It is central to all we do together.

Will you become a prayer partner?

Join us online or join our Prayer Team that meets every week.

For more information contact Rev. Deb at droberts@knoxpres.org

Special Summer Worship Opportunities



THRIVE@5: July 16 and August 20

Don't miss this opportunity for informal worship and fellowship - our monthly Saturday service. People are beginning to call it "Thrive at 5:00"! Meet new worship leaders, enjoy special music, experience the distinctive nature of this evening service. Come as you are. Bring the whole family. Bring a new friend to Knox. Childcare is provided.

2nd Annual Outdoor Worship Service

August 14, 10 am
Riverwalk Pavilion

(NO services at Knox or River Glen on this Sunday)

Knox will join with our sister church River Glen in a combined service in downtown Naperville at the Riverwalk Pavilion. This will be an engaging service for all ages. Come as you are. Bring the family or friends.

Bring a chair or blanket if you are able.

Bring a picnic lunch if you'd like to stay following the service.

Simple refreshments will follow the service.

IF - you are concerned about how to find it, maps will be available at Knox.

IF - you need assistance getting to the Riverwalk, call the church office!

IF - you can't bring a chair, extra chairs will be available.



ADULT EDUCATION



**Announcing the launch of
a new program...**

'The Curious Christian'!

Get in the Van! Let's explore Graceland Cemetery and Arboretum, on the Northeast side. This 150-year-old beautiful landmark is among the finest historical sites in Chicago. Graceland is the final resting place of many prominent Chicago figures, including athletes, politicians, industrialists and many of the best architects of the last century. Travel by van to Chicago's northeast side for a

guided tour by Rev Clinton Roberts, followed by a picnic boxed supper near Lake Michigan.

- Sunday July 24 - van leaves Knox at 1:00 pm
- Cost is \$15 per person including transportation, guided tour and boxed supper
- Online registration will be available
- This event will be limited to 30 people due to the van capacity.

A cool experiential learning opportunity from your Adult Ed. Council

Knox Fall Spiritual 2016 is Gearing Up

This year's theme - **Praise, Passion and Power - The Psalms**

Kick Off is September 11 and will continue through October

*Anticipate the sermon series

*Participate in a small group Bible Study - sign ups begin in August

*Discover the biblical significance of beloved psalms and those lesser known

*Appreciate the connection between the psalms and favorite hymns, praise songs and sacred music

Get a jump start and buy the book at Knox now (cost is \$9). For more information, call the church office at 630-355-8181.

Adult Education Bible Study Opportunities

All classes welcome newcomers at any time!

Sunday

10:30 am - *Skeptics and Believers: Debate in the Western Intellectual Tradition*, led by Jim Clinton in Room 202

7:00 pm - A study on Paul using the book, *The Call* by Adam Hamilton; led by Frank Mayer; meets in the Chapel.

Thursday

6:00 am - Men's Daybreakers Group; meets at the Coffee Bar

Pastor Cindy's Summer Bible Study -

Irene Spaetzel has graciously offered to host us on: **Thursday, July 21** from 9:30-11:00 am; Hosea 1:2-10. Her address is: 2960 Chevy Chase Naperville, 60564 out in Carillon west of Route 59 at 95th Street.

Anne Sherren has graciously offered to host us on: **Thursday, August 18** from 9:30-11:00 am; Jeremiah 1:4-10. Her address is: 555 Foxworth Blvd. Apt. 630; Lombard, 60148 off Finley Road north of Butterfield.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Knox Garden Walk

Saturday, July 9, 10 am to 4 pm

You are invited to take a stroll through six Naperville gardens this summer during the Knox Garden Walk on Saturday, July 9 from 10 am to 4 pm. Hosted by Knox Presbyterian Women, the event is open to all.

Tickets, \$15 each and \$13 for each additional, will be available in the Commons on Sundays beginning June 5 and **online**. On the day of the



event, tickets may be purchased at the individual houses for \$20 each. All proceeds will benefit Oikocredit, a global microfinancing agency. You can learn more about this empowering organization at www.oikocredit.coop. Tickets will be sold through July 9.



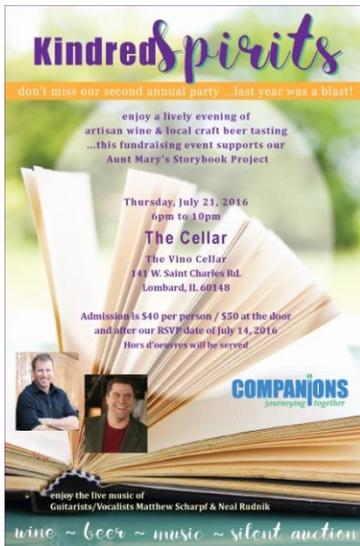
Women on Wednesdays Women on Wednesdays concluded their study of Ephesians and will take a break for the summer. Watch upcoming newsletters for announcements of our new Fall study. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare and activities for infants through Kindergarten. For more information see the WOW link or contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com.



Knox Book Club

Our evening book club will continue to meet throughout the summer months. Please join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, in the parlor, 7:30 pm. Our July 13 selection is We Never Asked for Wings by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. We are reading nonfiction for August, The Wright Brothers by David McCullough. All readers welcome. You may contact Janice Wiles with any questions at wilesjan@gmail.com.

MISSIONS AT KNOX



Aunt Mary's Storybook Project

Part of Companions Prison Ministry

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2016, from 6-10:00 pm
What: Artisan wine & local craft beer tasting + live music, silent auction, & hors d'oeuvres!
Where: The Vino Cellar, 141 W. Saint Charles Rd., Lombard, IL 60148
Cost: \$40/person
Why: Because you can help moms/dads who are in prison stay connected to their children!
 RSVP/Pay online at cjtinc.org/en/kindredspirits

Back(pack) to School Time in Sisseton

Dakota Partnership is again collecting filled backpacks to help the students in Sisseton get off to a good start for the 2016-2017 school year. If you would like to help with this worthy cause:

- Obtain a Supply List (supply lists can be found online)
- Or
- Pick up a tag on the Commons table at Knox (before and after the service on Sunday)
- Buy the backpack and fill it with the school supplies listed on the tag.



- Return filled backpacks to Knox with the tag on the outside of the bag.
- Drop off on Sundays in the Commons or leave them in the office anytime the church is open (Turn in by August 7)

Placing the tag on the backpack will help ensure that we get the backpacks to the correct age student. We have 312 students who will need backpacks so any help you can give will be appreciated. If you would rather not purchase the backpack feel free to donate supplies, backpacks or cash to help get supplies needed. Any Questions call Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044

Click here to visit the Dakota Partnership Page, the school lists are at the bottom of the page.

Loaves & Fishes

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

Most Needed Items



Missing Hesed House?



Someone said that they were having Hesed House withdrawal symptoms because Knox was not serving in June, July and August of 2016. For all of those persons: You may volunteer individually by contacting Bruce Bachmeier (Director of Volunteers) at: 630-897-2156 ext. 538 or bbachmeier@hesedhouse.org. Donations of both time and food are always welcome. Formal Knox Teams are on break until September 2016. The residents are being cared for by Hesed House Staff persons. Thank you for your concern. Mission Council.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Parent's Night Out

Saturday, July 16
4:45-8:30pm

Join us for a night out while the kids have fun at church. We will head to Jimmy's Bar and Grill immediately following the Saturday Evening Worship Service.

Family PICNIC

Family Picnic/ Sno-Cones and Movie Night

Saturday, August 20 – **The Peanut's Movie**

Begins after the 5pm Saturday Evening Worship Service

Bring a picnic and join us on the lawn for dinner and crafts for the kids followed by the movie in the Sanctuary. Bring blankets, pillows or sleeping bags to get comfy on the pews!



Pre-school Play Group at the Park this summer...

We are taking the fun outside!

Families of Toddlers and Preschoolers

Want to get out of the house and meet other young families of Knox? Meet us at Riverwalk Park near Centennial Beach from 10:30 am to Noon. Bring a picnic lunch if you would like. For more information contact Betsy Anderson at

jump4it82@aol.com or call 630-865-8708.

- Monday, July 11
- Monday, August 1

Important Sunday School Dates

Summer Sunday School - June 5 – August 28

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



ARTS CAMP

JULY 11-15

10 am-12 pm
4th - 8th grade

Knoxpres.org

Register Online

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES



WORSHIP



LUNCH

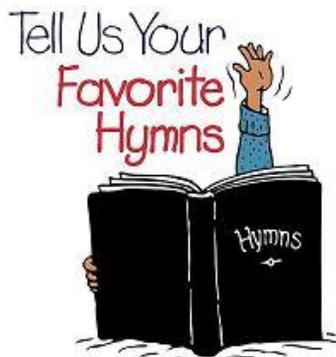


GAMES

Come sit together and worship at the 10:30am service followed by lunch and fun.
Sunday, July 24 – pizza and games
Sunday, August 14 - Outdoor Worship Service and Centennial Beach, bring a picnic lunch

Register Online

CHURCH NEWS



Your Favorite Hymns and Songs - We Want to Hear From You

All Summer long we want to sing your favorites.

Let us know what they are - here's how:

Email Jan Parry (jparry@knoxpres.org) or Rev. Deb
(droberts@knoxpres.org)

Or

Put your request in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.
Say "thank you, that's the one!" When we sing it.

“What are you doing a year from October?”

**The Knox Reformation Tour
Martin Luther's 500th Anniversary
Tour of Germany
October 8-15, 2017**

Join Co-Pastors Clint and Deb Roberts for 7 nights and 8 days in Germany as we follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther, kindler of the Protestant Reformation. We will travel to Berlin, Wittenberg, Leipzig, Erfurt and Frankfurt by motor coach and stay at hotels such as the 5 Star Adlon Kempinski in Berlin. The fellowship afforded by a Knox Tour is



uniquely gratifying, as is the educational and spiritual focus of the itinerary. Scrupulously planned by Scorby Travel, this will be a memorable experience to be treasured for a lifetime. Space is limited. Contact Nancy Scorby at scorbytravel@sbcglobal.net or at (630) 712-7702 for more details.

July 3 – Veteran’s Recognition Sunday

We will celebrate our many freedoms, especially the freedom to worship, July 4th weekend. We also want to honor all of our veterans for their service on July 3 during both worship services. We will have a boutonniere and name tag for each of our veterans. Please contact Bev Mayer, Pastor’s Asst. at 630-615-4325 if you will be able to join us. There will be cake and coffee during fellowship time between services to continue our celebration.



Knox Summer Blood Drive

Monday, August 29, from 3:30 pm through 7:30 pm

This will be the Deacons versus Session Blood Drive! That is, which team will be able to recruit the most donors! Stay tuned for more information throughout the Summer. In the meantime, if you have any questions you can contact Neil Goltermann at home, (630-) 750-5863 or email him at ntgoltermann@aol.com.

Thanks for the Memories –

Dave Boumgarden Retirement

Do you have any special memories of Dave & Jane? Help make this celebration of David and Jane more meaningful and personal. Share your treasured thoughts, reflections, and funny stories in a note, a letter, or with a special photograph. The collection of memories will be gathered into a book to be presented to him.

Notes, letters, photographs should be sent to: Laura King at weklbk@sbcglobal.net by July 5



MINISTRY TO SENIORS



Seasoned Citizens

Join us for
Summer Place Theater's Production

"Fifty Years of Musicals"

Friday night July 8 at 7:30 pm
Naperville Central High School Auditorium

Tickets \$14

Sign up Sundays at Knox June 19, June 26, and July 3 or

Register Online

THANK YOU

Thank you from the Roberts/Chandler Family

The sudden illness of my mother, Haroldine Chandler, due to a perforated colon and emergency surgery called me to California multiple times in the last 2 months. Many of you met my mom during many visits and many heard me speak of her faithful, encouraging qualities. She lost her valiant fight for life June 1. My brother, my dad and I were all together and able to be with her. I am so very grateful to Knox for the opportunity to see her through this part of life's journey.

There are times such as this that words simply fail. But yours didn't! You're continued prayers, inquiries, cards, emails, texts and phone calls were sustaining to me, my family here and in California. I thank you for your outreach and care! Many have asked if I will have a memorial here at Knox for her and we have decided to do that. "Little Haroldine" was a faithful student of scripture, hymnody and sacred music.

We are establishing a memorial in her name for the purchase of new music to be employed by our Directors and enjoyed by all our congregation.

Again, heartfelt thanks.

Deb and Clinton

Thank you from the Hubbard Family

Thank you for all your love and support during this difficult time in the loss of my mother. You have surrounded my family with your prayers and in some of my loneliest of moments I could feel your prayers pressing in on me. We have received so many signs of support over the past few months. Thank you to the Deacons who helped with my mother's beautiful memorial service. Thank you to the Knox Staff, Children's Ministry Council and the many volunteers who kept things running here at Knox in Children's Ministries while I was travelling back and forth to be with my mom in her final two months. I am humbled and forever grateful.

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help..." Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

Jenny Hubbard

Children's Day Out gives an extra special Thank You to **Kedra Smith** and **Dave Olson** for sharing their talents with our children. CDO wanted to create a piece of art for the hallway and through Kedra's creativity and Dave's craftsmanship a very special work of art was brought to life. The children loved getting their hands and feet painted and watching throughout the day as their masterpiece was created. Everyday when the children arrive they stop for a moment to find their hand and say, "Look what I made!" If you haven't seen it please take moment to enjoy the cross as you go down the stairs into Fellowship Hall. Thanks again to Kedra and Dave!

Our church received a beautiful "Thank-You" letter on behalf of the **Presbyterian Mission Agency** for our generous gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** this year. Thank you all who were able to donate to help: the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People. We invite you to learn more about how your gifts are helping the lives of others, by visiting the website: presbyterianmission.org/SpecialOfferings.

Blessings, Your Mission Council

CARE MINISTRIES

Illness/Health Concerns:

Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)
Karen Hryciuk (friend of the Heath Family)
Carole Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)
Ryan Schmidt (friend of Jonathan and Tara Charles)
Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
Don Stewart (friend of Helene Schaefer)
Stephanie Siczewicz (Pete Siczewicz's aunt)
Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother) (hospice)

Larry Sieczynski Sr. (Tom Sieczynski's brother)
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)
Marleen North (friend of Betty Barcheski)
Dede Massaro (sister of Lori Dickens)
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
Larry Ley (Rita Eagleson's brother)
Susie Ley (Rita Eagleson's sister-in-law)
Denise Dugas (friend of Bob and Diane Charles)
Meaghan McMullen
Amy Bratsos
Ken Chapek
Liz Lawrence
Pat Carter
Lynn Berg
Marlene Parker
Theresa Inman
Jeneane Ryan

Hospital

Mariette Siczewicz

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
Paul Gartner (Rosalie Gartner's son)
Jack Parker
Becky Schaefer
Marj Sleith
Carol Tice (Rosemary Park's daughter)
Anneliese Schultz
Mike Mascal (son-in-law of Norah Johnson)
Mark Hopf
Nancy Fry
Carol Haerr
Mark Bickler
Alan Fry
Jason Horek (Barry and Mary Horek's son)
Wayne Butterfield (Laurie Pettit's father)

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

June Bodinet on her death

Bob Hild on his death (Jeff Hild's father)

Harry Newby on his death (David Newby's father)

Anja de Leeuw on her death (friend of Ineke Pelella)

Haroldine Chandler on her death (Deb Roberts' mother)

Gloria Winslow on her death (Alan Winslow's mother)

Cliff Preston on his death (CDO teacher Marcia Meier's father)

Charlie Hall on his death (Harrisonburg, Virginia)

Larry Trimmell on his death

Mel Gould on his death

Nancy Brown on her death (Marge Nevin's sister)

Marie Kulpa on her death (Ruth Dispensa's mother)

Linda Fuhrer on her death

Congratulations:

Krissy & Eric Clinton on the birth of their son Jaxon David on June 10. Proud grandparents are Jim & Karen Clinton.

Military

Jonathan Ballew
Morgan Plummer
Calvin Warren
Adam Barnes

Matt Krempel
Chris Hurford
Matt Cincotta
Scott Zweir

All military personnel & their families.