

A LETTER FROM REV CLINT

All Good Gifts

"All that is good, all that is perfect, is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow caused by change." -James 1:17

Dear Friends,

Last month, a number of us from Knox flew to Germany, to learn more about the gift of Martin Luther on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. On the way there, our night-flight took us far north to the tip of Greenland, which we could just make out far below us, limned in silvery light. High above, Polaris blazed away unchanging as the Big and Little Dipper circled slowly round and round. In a world full of changes, it was comforting to reflect on what--and who--does not.

It seems like a lot of things right now are in a precarious state of alteration. The earth quakes. The seas bring forth cyclones of prodigious power. The skies open, releasing deluge and flood. The land burns with wildfire. And if this were not enough, *"Our earthly rulers falter...the swords of scorn divide,"* as G.K. Chesterton famously observed more than a century ago. It's no wonder we're all wondering, *"What's next?"*

When change and uncertainty come shaking the doorknob of our spiritual house, I take great solace from the silent sermons of a starry sky. There stands the North Star, unmoving, while all the constellations wheel around him like partners in some stately ballroom procession. I reflect upon the truth that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever"* (Heb. 13:8). And as I look up, the stars above me bear witness to the One who made them: *"Our Father, who art in heaven"*--from whom every good and perfect gift comes down.

This month of November is our time to reflect upon--and give thanks for--those manifold gifts of the Spirit which both equip and direct our living. These gifts are more precious than anything the world can give because they bring to us spiritual blessings like sunlight at morning and songs in the night. And (as St. Paul so famously told us) the greatest of these good gifts are faith, hope and love (1 Cor. 13:13).

Join us in worship this month as Knox celebrates *All Good Gifts* with a sermon series on the astonishing power of *"the greatest of these..."* Come with your own gifts of gladness and generosity as we gather on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19, to pledge our support for the work of our church. In a world of change, the Gospel message points like a compass-needle to Jesus Christ, the light of the world. And when we pray, the Spirit will change us more and more into the likeness of our Lord as we unwrap and open these heavenly presents: our steadfast faith, indomitable hope and undying love.

Blessings on you,
Clint



"All Good Gifts"

November 5: "The Gift of Faith"

"Jesus said, '...all things are possible to one who believes.' Immediately the father said, 'I believe! Help my unbelief!'"

Psalm 146

Mark 9: 14-24

Ephesians 2: 8-10

November 12: "The Gift of Hope"

"Now hope that is seen is not hope for who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

Psalm 130

Romans 8:24-25

Luke 2: 25-32, 36-38



November 19: "The Gift of Love"

"And Jesus looking on him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing..."

Psalm 25: 4-7

Mark 10: 17-22

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

ADULT EDUCATION



The Curious Christians are Headed "South"

Join us November 12 for our next excursion to the World Famous Gospel Brunch at House of Blues Chicago, where we'll enjoy an amazing southern comfort food buffet and the best in both traditional and contemporary gospel songs. Tickets are \$42.50 for adults, \$25 for kids ages 6-12, and under 6 attend free. Brunch and the show begins at 12:30pm, and we're suggesting the 10:30am Metra train (from

Naperville 5th street station) as the best transportation option. Please contact Mark Lively (gmarklively@gmail.com) to arrange transportation assistance. It's an experience like no other, so get your tickets now at knoxpres.org – click on the Gospel Brunch graphic on the homepage rotator or the Register button.

Register Online

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Evening Book Club will discuss *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty at our next meeting, November 8. If you are interested in participating, please join us in the Knox Parlor, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Our reading list for future months can be found on the Knox website, under 'Groups'. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 630.416.9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.





Chick Flick

Where Film, Faith and Fellowship come together!

Join us Friday November 3 for "The Queen"

Starring awarding winning Helen Mirren in the title role, The Queen is called to dutifully lead her country through mourning the tragic death of Princess Diana.

- Register for dinner online through Wednesday November 1
- Dinner 6:15 Movie begins 7pm followed by discussion
- Dinner and a movie \$10, Movie only, always free
- Downstairs in the comfy Sr. Lounge

Register Online

Circles

Mary Martha Circle will meet at 9.30 am, Tuesday, Nov. 14. For more information, contact suejohnpeter@gmail.com.

Rachel Rebecca Circle will meet Nov.14, 2017 at 9:30 AM at the home of Carolyn Lorenz, 1420 Greenlake Dr., Aurora. Study Lesson 3.

Ruth Circle will meet every month on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Knox Parlor. This circle was started many years ago to encourage women who were unable to meet during the day to develop a relationship with Women of Knox in the evening. We discuss a devotion from "The Upper Room," pray with each other, share a time of fellowship and serve together in mission opportunities throughout the year. Please consider coming to be a part of a great group of women. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Mayer at 630-615-4325 or bmayer@knoxpres.org.

If you want more information about joining a circle, contact Linda Adcock.
([630-278-9894](tel:630-278-9894) or lindaadcock7@hotmail.com)



Women on Wednesdays

Women on Wednesdays is off and running with our study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Paul wrote this letter to encourage this young church and help them find assurance for their questions about Jesus and their faith. We too have some of these same questions about our faith and can find hope and certainty as we study together. It is not too late to join us on Wednesdays mornings from 9:15 - 11:15. We welcome women of all ages and Bible knowledge and childcare for little ones from birth through age 5 is included. You may sign up online or just come on Wednesday morning. Questions? Contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mlambka2@gmail.com.

General Meeting: Knox Presbyterian Women

Monday, November 13, 2017 in the church parlor

9:15 am – Continental Breakfast 9:30 – Team meeting

All Knox women are invited to attend. RSVP: lindaadcock7@hotmail.com

Fall Gathering for Chicago Presbyterian Women

Saturday – October 28

Fall Morning Gathering for all Women in the Chicago Presbytery 2017 Horizons Bible Study Author of Cloud of Witness: The Community of Christ in Hebrews New Deliverance Church Chicago 9:00 am

MISSIONS AT KNOX



Dakota Partnership Christmas Angels

The Christmas forms are coming in from the families. The families are so appreciate of our efforts so help make Christmas wonderful for their kids. The Angels are Knox's way to show Native American children that they are cherished by God and Dakota Partnership.

To participate:

1. Wait until Sunday, November 19 or call Julie Milldrum if you have a specific age or child you would like to do.
2. Go to the Commons on Nov 19, select an Angel, fill out the back of the angel with information, leave that Angel on the counter.
3. Then pick up the direction sheets for that specific child.
4. Purchase the gifts, wrap them.

5. Drop them off at the Church Office or on December 17 by 9:00 to Lehman Hall. There will be someone by the tree before and after services after the tree is up to show you how to do it or call Julie Milldrum [630-717-8240](tel:630-717-8240) / [630-470-7044](tel:630-470-7044).

6. **Presents must be back no later than December 17** before the 9 am service to Lehman Hall. We need to sort and pack them into the truck.

Want to Help Pack Presents?

We always need help sorting and loading on December 17th. Any amount of time you or your family can give us we would be appreciated. It is a great way to get the kids involved in mission. Call Julie Milldrum 630-7178240 or 630-470-7044 Or just show up

Interested in joining us on the Christmas adventure?

We always need help. Call or contact Julie Milldrum 630-717-8240 630-470-7044 Or Randy Johnson 630-851-2511.

Things needed for our Christmas Sisseton adventure:

- Coats, blankets, sheets and towels
- Gently used or new toys that we can give to a family. There always seems to be someone who did not make the list.
- You can also donate money to help with the transportation costs.

The most important part of the Christmas Angels are prayers that we have a flawless trip and these presents give the children joy and the knowledge that God is there with them all the time.

If you have any questions feel free to call Julie Milldrum [630-717-8240](tel:630-717-8240) [630-470-7044](tel:630-470-7044)

Place Your Fruit Pies Orders Now!

For this year's Young Adult Mission Trip, we going to Belize, leaving on December 30 for 6 days, working and staying in a local church. We will be building outdoor concrete stairs to the second floor of the church and running a VBS. To cover the cost of the building materials and other trip expenses, we will be taking orders for Delicious Michigan Fruit Pies after each service, including the Saturday@5 pm service, and on Sunday mornings, October 21/22, October 28/29, and November 4/5, plus you can order pies now on-line

at knoxpres.org/groups/young-adults/. Pie pickup will be on Sunday, November 19 (the weekend before Thanksgiving) or we will work with you if you aren't available to pick up your pies that day. The frozen fruit pies are again coming from the famous Crane's Pie Pantry in Fennville, Michigan ready for baking at home. They are available in Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Red Raspberry, Rhubarb Raspberry and Pumpkin. Thank you for your support for the Belize Mission Trip. Questions: Bruce Burkelman (bmburkelman@yahoo.com)



Buy Pies Online

DuPage PADS - The Solution to End Homelessness

For a number of years, Knox has supported DuPage Pads, the largest homeless shelter in DuPage County. The following statistics will show that there is a need for shelter, meals and support in this county: last year DuPage Pads provided 41,036 nights of emergency housing to 1,221 individuals and served 130,335 meals. Also in 2016, DuPage Pads assisted 365 individuals in obtaining stable housing. The good news is that through donations and organizations like DuPage Pads people who used to be homeless are able to obtain steady income and have better lives. More information can be found on dupagepads.org



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **November 5**. Donations can be left on the cart in front of the Commons or in the bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

Most Needed Items

Crop Walk Update

The CROP Hunger Walk Team of Knox has good news to report. 24 walkers of Knox participated in the 35th annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 15. A big thank you to all the walkers and their sponsors who raised close to \$3800. Included in this number is the contribution of PW of Knox which is very much appreciated. PW was able to sponsor each Knox walker with a donation. After the Walk, CROP Hunger Walk participants put together 500 breakfast meals which will be all distributed to families in need through Loaves and Fishes. Many thanks for helping to End Hunger One Step at a Time.



25% of all funds raised stay in our own community. The remaining 75% will be distributed by Church World Service which with the help of local volunteers organizes the CROP Hunger Walks nationwide. CROP Hunger Walk \$\$ are put to good use in Haiti. A Church World Service representative will be in Naperville for a presentation on her work in Haiti. This presentation will take place on Monday, October 23 at 7 pm at Grace UMC (same church as where CROP Hunger Walk starts and finishes).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Juggler for Jesus

The Sunday School program is happy to present a live performance from our Juggler for Jesus Gary Luber November 19 during the 10:30 hour in Fellowship Hall. It's an event you're not going to want your kids to miss!

Children's Ministry Training

Want to learn effective methods for working with children but can't possibly add another meeting to your plate? Grab a hot cup of coffee and join our conference call right in the privacy of your own home. Sessions will take place every 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Our first training kicks off November 13. This month's theme is "Discipline, Kids, and Your Classroom." Are you intimidated dealing with children who are a little more difficult than others? Could you use a little confidence boost in the discipline department? Learn proven Christ centered techniques to use in your classroom including effective tips and tricks to help keep the anticipation high and the discipline problems low.

Dial-in number: 1-712-770-8029

Conference Code: 726757



Fitness Playgroup

November 4, and 11 at 10:00 am in Room 11.

Join us for fun, fellowship, and a great workout! For more info contact Julia Dana at juliadriscoll2003@yahoo.com

Christmas Fest

Saturday, Dec 2 – 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Fun for the whole family!

Come enjoy dinner with friends, Christmas Crafts, a visit from Santa and much much more. Santa will read a story to the children and your child can talk to him in relaxed setting. Bring your camera! Sign up online or in the Commons Sunday, November - 26. Families will contribute to the dinner according to their last names.

A-M : dessert

N-Z: fruit or a salad

This is a wonderful family tradition for you with your entire church family!





Need Time to Christmas Shop?

G3 Pay It Forward Middle School Fundraiser - Babysitting Services

The Middle School kids and adult advisors will be providing a fundraiser to raise money for the young adults participating in the Young Adult Mission Trip that takes place after Christmas. We will be providing babysitting for infants to age 10. Parents can drop off their kids and go Christmas Shopping, go on a date, or just relax. Structured activities will be planned.

When: Friday, Dec 8

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00/child or \$30.00/family

Register Online

Questions, please contact Jenny Hubbard at [630-615-4318](tel:630-615-4318) or jhubbard@knoxpres.org

Blessed Ones Dance & Music Ministry

Blessed Ones are adorable children ages 3-Kindergarten who meet Sundays after the second service from 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

- Session 2 – Nov 26 – Dec 10 and performing on Sunday, Dec 17 at the 10:30 am service and on Christmas Eve at the 3:00 pm Children's Service.

Register Online

Contact [Jenny Hubbard](mailto:jenny.hubbard@knoxpres.org) with questions at [630-615-4318](tel:630-615-4318), jhubbard@knoxpres.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

G3 – Middle School Fellowship

Friday, Nov 3 – Sky Zone, 86 Executive Drive Aurora IL, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm,
Cost - \$27 + \$ for snacks

Register Online

Friday, Dec 8 – Pay It Forward/Christmas Party/Silly Sock Exchange, @ Knox
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Pay It Forward Babysitting Fundraiser
9:00 pm – 10:30 pm – Christmas Party/Silly Sock Exchange
Cost – Bring a pair of silly socks for the grab bag

Friday/Saturday, Jan 12/13 – Lock In, @ Knox, 8:30 pm – 7:00 am, Cost – Bring a snack to share

Friday, Feb 9 – Feed My Starving Children, 555 Exchange Ct, Aurora, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Cost – donations to FMSC appreciated

Friday, Mar 9 – All church games, @ Knox, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Cost – Free

Friday, Apr 13 – Chaser's Laser Tag, 1811 High Grove Lane. Suite 115, Naperville, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Cost - \$20



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

What: High School Fall Retreat

When: November 17-19; Leave 5pm Friday; Return Noon Sunday

Where: Wonderland Camp in Wisconsin –

[9241 Camp Lake Road](#), P.O. Box

222, Camp Lake, WI 53109

Cost & Due Date: \$110 by Monday, Nov. 6; Late Payment is \$125 starting Nov. 7

(Scholarships available – please contact David Newby

at dnewby1223@gmail.com)

Registration: Please sign up @ www.knoxblog.org. Registration ends November 10



CHURCH NEWS



Are you part of the Sandwich Generation?

Wedged between the needs of your children and your aging parents? Please join us for a 5-week workshop that will be held at Knox on Thursday nights, starting on January 11th. Watch for more information to follow in the near future.

"Christmas Card Prison Ministry" for Companions Journeying Together

Again this year, we are inviting women from many churches in Naperville to join Knox to "bring hope to people in prison this Christmas!" Please bring a friend with you! **Come Monday, November 13 from 9am to noon on the middle school room at Knox.** We will be addressing and signing Christmas cards to be sent to prisoners in Illinois and beyond.

How can you help? As always, the need for STAMPS is great! A large quantity of Christmas cards has been donated already but if you received free cards in the mail or have cards purchased, you can still donate those. If you have extra Christmas wrapping paper, gift boxes, bows or ribbon bring it along. They are wrapping gifts as a fundraiser, and can use your donations! There will be coffee, treats and fellowship...plus hearing founder Jana Minor share how much these cards make a difference in prisoner's lives. She will also talk about other programs and the concept of "restorative justice".



What if you can't come and want to donate STAMPS or Christmas paper, gift boxes or ribbon, please bring it to Knox Mission Table to the right of the coffee bar and put it in the Big Christmas Box! For questions

please call or text (Mimi) Mary Ellen Neumeister 630-408-1553. Please feel free to attend any (or all!) of the addressing cards sessions at the churches in Naperville that are listed below:

Tues. Oct. 31 9:00-noon - St. Thomas The Apostle - Senior Center
Mon. Nov. 13 9-noon - Knox Presbyterian - Middle School Room
Wed. Nov. 15 6:30-9pm - Grace United Methodist - Fireside Room



Treats and Treasures is coming!

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

Lehman Hall between the church services!

Crafters and Donations: Needs for the Treats and Treasures event: Baked goods including cakes, cookies, pies, candy and breads, handcrafted holiday and all occasion cards, hand-crafted or donated ornaments and jewelry and food items such as canned jams, jellies and pickles, etc. For more information, contact Carolyn Lorenz (630-888-8060) or Sandi Hurford (630-355-6794).

Save the Date: We'll be asking for help in setting up Lehman Hall on Saturday, November 4th and for helping with the event on Sunday, November 5th. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Lorenz. This event sponsors the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



Cookie Walk is coming in December!

Mark your calendars for the third annual Knox Cookie Walk scheduled for Saturday, December 9th from 9:00am to 2:00pm in Lehman Hall. Bakers are busy making plans to provide you with delicious fancy cookies and candies that will be a hit at your holiday gatherings...more bakers are needed to make our selection the best in Naperville. If you enjoy making holiday treats for a good cause,

please contact Doris Walker at 630-605-6973 or e-mail Doris at elmhurstgrad@yahoo.com. Watch for baker sign-ups in the commons all Sundays in November. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk fund the Knox Deacons' ministry to the families of Knox.

Christmas Card Fund

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



Mission projects to designate include: The Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Loaves & Fishes Community Services, The Scott Moreau Fund, The Lehman Foundation Fund, and The Anne Sherren Scholarship Fund. You set the amount of your donation and either place it in the offering plate or give it to our Financial Administrator – Michal Baker. Those signing by December 17 will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Donations are accepted immediately, but the card will be posted November 26 until New Year's Day. Can you think of an easier way to send over 500 Christmas Cards? Contact Anne Sherren at 630-932-0481 with questions.

Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas Poinsettias will be for sale in the Commons between Sunday services, from November 12 to December 17. They will be the traditional red poinsettias, (delivered in foil) and the cost will be \$16 each, which is to be prepaid when ordering. Celidan will be delivering our poinsettias on Saturday, December 23.

- Order between services in the Commons from November 12 to December 17
- Cost is \$16, payable by check or cash
- You are invited to pick up your poinsettia after the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.



For questions Contact Maribeth at maribeth88@gmail.com or [630 822-0988](tel:6308220988)

MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Seasoned Citizens invite you to join us for our holiday event:

Drury Lane's "42 Street"

Wednesday, November 29 at 11:30 am

Tickets \$55 includes lunch and matinee

Sign up at Knox Sundays in October

or **Register Online** by Nov. 3



Hall of Famers Lunch

Thursday, November 9!

“No Ordinary Life: Memoir of a WWII Bombardier”

Presentation by Knox's own:

Glenn King and Sue Johnpeter

with piano prelude by Carole Brand Price

Glenn King, WWII Veteran, was a bombardier whose plane was shot down near Oschatz, Germany. He was then picked up and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Nuremberg. Come listen to Glenn's incredible story of resilience and survival as written by Sue, author of the above named book.

Worship in the chapel at 11:30 am before lunch at noon.

Cost: \$7

For reservations, please call: Diane Heintz at [630.615.4324](tel:6306154324) by Monday, November 6.



CARE MINISTRIES

Illness/Health Concerns:

Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
Steven Obremski (son of former co-worker of Kevin Williams)
Shirley Sichel (aunt of Mariette Siczewicz)
Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)
Julian Sosa (son of friends of Joan DuChane)
Dede Gruenberg (sister of Lori Dickens)
Edgar Eloby (co-worker of Kevin Williams)
Nancy Carr (aunt of Kelley Brown)
Debby Hunter (niece of Beverly Aper)
Steve Macaluso (neighbor of Jeff and Sara Egan)
Kevin Pierce (former neighbor of de Conings)
David Hill (brother of Patty Reed)
Marjorie Stormer (mother of Mary Horek)
George Scherzer (brother of Robert Slayton's friend)
Donald Nietzel (uncle of Steve Reyes)
Donovan McCoy (Tom and Margo Siczynski's grandson)
Holly Delahoussaye (Anne Sherren's cousin's daughter)
Paula Brady (Becca Hyde Goering's mother-in-law)
Virginia Burton (Brookdale in Lisle)
Wayne Zascoda (Shirley McDonald's niece's husband)
Mary Zascoda (Shirley McDonald's niece)
Linda Spear (Amanda Hartley's stepmother)
Marlene Parker
Mark Bickler
Pat Carter
Julie Eylander (Arlene Beslic's daughter)
Phyllis Wheeler
Caitlin Ritenour
Theresa Inman
Don Nietzel (uncle of Steve Reyes)
Karen Hargis
Ron Champagne (Stacey Barrett's father)
Helen Brassington
Jenny Craig Rantz (Susan Tokh's niece)
Steve Williams
Karen Siemsen (Judy Hunter's sister)
Jean Donahue
Dave Olson (Kathi Olson's son)
Sarah Witzigreuter
Penny Clark (mother of Diane Charles)
John MacDonald (Tom MacDonald's father)
Lois Whitlock (Alden on Oxford)
Pat Tweito
Pat Norris (Marianjoy) (mother of Natalie Howser)
Donnie Willing (Derek Dusenberry's brother-in-law)
Jinny Clayton
Carol Pogue

Hospital:

Dorothy Hahn (Julie Sadler's grandmother)
Deb Stonehill (sister of Jan McCombs and daughter of Roger and Marian Hoffmann)

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:

Jeff Egan
Jennifer Spreitzer
Patty Rose
Karen Brigham
Peg Little
Tim Dunne
Bob Stout (co-worker of Kevin Williams)
Jean Donohue
Kristin O'Brien
Jack Parker
Jon Lim (friend of Nico de Coning)
Kristy Cortright
Tom Vosburgh
Bob Mittelstaedt
Betty Scheib (Karen George's mother)
Keith Hoggatt
Hank Kamrath
Bev Frier
Ross Lorenz
Marilyn Wilgocki
Bob Mittelstaedt
Debra Dunne
Jean Butterfield (Laurie Pettit's mother)
Pete Johanknecht (Lori Rose's father)
Larry McCoy
Roger Hoffmann (Jan McComb's dad)

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

John Meyer on his death (Carol Galen's father)
Jack Romine on his death (Jill Poskin's father)
Marjorie Dusenberry on her death (Derek Dusenberry's mother)
Jeff Weidman on his death (neighbor of Stacey Barrett)
Gary Swauger on his death (Deanna Swauger's husband)
Elaine Stednitz on her death (former WOW participant)
Liz Rinkema on her death
Marlene North on her death (friend of Betty Barcheski)

Congratulations:

Taylor & Brad Cloke on the birth of their son Parker Scott on September 21. Proud grandparents are Tom & Debbie Cloke.
Michael & Megan Moser on the birth of their twin boys Max Robert & Reid Lenix on September 25.