

A LETTER FROM REV CLINT



Dear Friends,

Author and Pastor, Adam Hamilton writes in his new book *Unafraid*, "We can hardly overstate the extent to which worry, anxiety and fear permeate our lives. We worry about the future, about politics, and about our health. We fear violent crime, racial divisions, and the future of our economy. Deep rifts in our nation leave us with an increasing sense of uncertainty." Molly Ball, writing in "The Atlantic," notes, "Fear is in the air, and fear is surging. Americans are more afraid today than they have been in a long while."

As I reflect on these statements, I am reminded of what St. John had to say about the relationship of fear to love. "God is love," he writes in 1 John 4. "There is no fear in love," he continues, "but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). In the Old Testament, the Psalmist sings, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps. 27:1).

All of us live with fear. Fear is a normal part of living. The issue is: how (and when) do our fears gain control? Do our fears speak truly or falsely to us? How do we ensure that our decisions--and the actions which result from them--are truth-based and guided by love rather than driven by fear?

Coming this fall, our congregation will be exploring these and other issues by reading together Hamilton's book *Unafraid*. The pastors are crafting a sermon series entitled "Living Unafraid" to complement and keep pace with weekly small group ministries designed to give busy people a time to connect with other believers and invite their friends and neighbors to join with us. Discussion groups will be hosted in homes, restaurants and at Knox to facilitate as much participation as possible. Look for sign-ups in the Commons this month and next for the perfect time and place for you!

Fear is nothing new. We've been living with it since the Garden of Eden. The antidote to fear is not new, either. It is love alone, expressed through our trust in the God who first loved us. While fear feeds on lies, love rejoices in the truth (1 Cor. 13:6). Love is stronger than fear. Fear has limits. Love does not. Love endures. Indeed, not even death can bring an end to love.

When I was a little guy, my mother was the one who quelled my fears. Nowadays, it is the Lord. "Let not your hearts be troubled," he said, "neither let them be afraid" (Jn. 14:27). Only love can overcome our fears. Jesus is the King of Love.

And Jesus loves us--this we know!

Take peace,
Clinton



Worship at the Riverwalk August 12 @ 10 am

Summer Outdoor Service with River Glen
Riverwalk Grand Pavilion

This annual, well-loved time of worship and fellowship is happening soon. Bring your chairs or blankets. Come as you are. Bring your family and friends! Refreshments will follow the service.

A 9:00 am shorter service will be offered at Knox

ADULT EDUCATION

Curious Christians: Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago in Lemont Saturday, September 29

Save the Date! Curious Christians are exploring again!

Saturday September 29 we will venture to the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago in Lemont.

Join us for a morning lecture and tour, followed by a buffet lunch at Deccan Spice across from church.



Register Online now open \$20 per person. More details to follow soon.

Adult Education Bible Study Opportunities

All classes welcome newcomers at any time!

For information on current Adult Education classes visit the website [here](#) or pick up a copy of the list of classes on a table in the Commons or the Information Desk.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Women on Wednesdays

Ladies! Are you wondering what to do on Wednesday mornings? Why not come to Women on Wednesdays for a study of the Gospel of John? Women on Wednesdays will begin Wednesday, Sept 5 and we welcome new members! We meet from 9:15- 11:15

and the morning includes coffee, fellowship, the Bible Study and prayer. 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 just come Sept 5th! Questions? Contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com.

Register Online



Join Knox Presbyterian Women's "SERVOLUTION" N.O.W. (No Opportunity Wasted)

Presbyterian women are over 200,000 strong nationally. Knox PW is an integral spoke on the wheel that drives the community of women in the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are the "hands and feet" of Christ. But...

What can Presbyterian Women at Knox do for you?

- Do you enjoy the fellowship of multi age or same age women?
- Do you like building faith based relationships with other women?
- Do you want to grow in your Christian journey?
- Do you want to give back – not only monetarily but also with "hands on" activities?
- Do you want to have fun and participate in entertaining events?
- Do you want to experience a rejuvenation of your spirit?
- Do you want support of caring women who will walk beside you?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions, then PW has a place for you.

Unite with us as we undertake the opportunities to serve the Lord, the world, the church, the community, and one another. Contact Linda Adcock, lindaadcock7@hotmail.com or 630-278-9894.

Presbyterian Women Small Groups: We want all women of Knox to join us!

Deborah Circle: Contact Ann Beran Jones (annbeeranjoness@comcast.net)

Rachel-Rebekah: Contact Julie McLean(mcleanqs1@gmail.com) or Eileen Engstrom (cae626@sbcglobal.net)

Mary-Martha – Contact Sue Burns (sbburns@comcast.net)

(The above meet monthly during the day)

Ruth Circle (meets monthly in the evening) – Contact Bev Mayer (bmayer@knoxpres.org)

To be established: If you have any interest in participating in the following small groups monthly, quarterly, or occasionally, contact Linda Adcock (lindaadcock7@hotmail.com)

Mom to Mom, a group to offer support to moms of all ages.

Not Your Mother's Circle, an eclectic group of women who enjoy Christian fellowship at periodically planned events.



Save the date! Chick Flick begins its sixth season Friday night September 21.

Join us for "Sleeping with the Enemy". This 1991 award winning film stars Julia Roberts, and features Berlioz "Symphonie Fantastique" for a sound track to a gripping emotional thriller.

Knox Book Club

Evening Book Club will NOT have an August meeting. Plan to join us Wednesday, Sept. 12, 7:30 pm for discussion of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. We meet in the Knox Parlor and new readers are always welcome. Future book selections can be found on knoxpres.org, under groups. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 630.416.9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.



MISSIONS AT KNOX



Missions at Home

If you've been around Knox the past few months, the Building & Grounds Council hopes you've noticed the work of many helping hands to create an invitational appearance on the outside of our property, including spiffing up the manse, and all the beautiful flowers. When you see the following Knox members, please take a moment to thank them for all of their work to help B&G with the many details they're working on right at home.

Dave Bonomo, Bruce Burkelman, Gary & Ruth Dispensa, Alan Fry, Jeff Hild, Sue Johnpeter, Randy Johnson, Frank & Bev Mayer, Gary McGregor, Jan Parry, Clint Roberts, Carl Shaffer, Tom Smith, Phyllis Wheeler, Nancy Whitmer, Janice Wiles, Tanck Mission Group & Men's Mankind Group.



36th annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk

Come and walk with us to raise money for local and global hunger relief efforts by participating in the local CROP Hunger Walk. Event has been scheduled for Sunday, October 14 at 1 pm. Everyone is hereby invited to walk, sponsor or volunteer to make this the best CROP Hunger Walk year ever!! The local CROP team is working on activities for children and the Easy Meal packing event. A new location for our annual restaurant fundraiser is also in the making. More information will be in the September Knox newsletter.

Knox CROP Hunger Walk Recruiters.

Back(pack) to School Time in Sisseton

We were resilient this year at Sisseton. Starting with the closing of one of our major hotels to finding out we could only use the pool for one day. God persevered. We found bouncy houses to entertain the kids and hotel rooms. Thank you to all the people that helped to make Sisseton a success this year. Through prayers, donations, time and contributions.

Seventy-five percent of the families that came last year came again this year. The families lives are constantly in flux. Living here one year, going to school here then there. We should take pride that we are a constant in the kids ever changing lives. That the adults make sure they attend every year and play an important part in their kids' lives. We are making a difference. Duanne Wanna, a grandfather raising his grandson Xavier said, "Thank you so much for what you do for Xavier and our community. " He kept saying this to me every time I saw him.

Dakota Partnership is again collecting filled backpacks to help the students in Sisseton get off to a good start for the 2018-2019 school year. The backpacks will be delivered August 8th. What a joy to the family and to us to know that the kids will be ready for the new year. One more symbol of our constant presence, caring and God's love. Thank for all your contributions.

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- **Deadline August 5**



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.



HOPE – Go & Serve 2018

The week of June 10-16, 111 adults and youth worked with the Gratiot County Commission on Aging in the community of Alma, Michigan while experiencing and spreading hope. Eight teams worked on eight homeowners' homes by painting, building decks and a shed, fixing porches, repairing a roof, landscaping, and by doing so changed lives. The Go & Servers were the hands and feet of Jesus while they worked, prayed, and worshiped. Thank you to all of those who supported Go & Serve with prayers, cookies, donations (\$15,000!), and love. We could not have done it without you!



WHY HESED HOUSE?

There is no dignity eating out of a dumpster, sleeping under a bridge or perpetually receiving charity.

That is why Hesed House serves over 200,000 meals, is the second-largest homeless shelter in the state and offers mental health and substance abuse counseling, job coaching, medical and veteran's services and case management.

Hesed House believes that **EVERYONE DESERVES DIGNITY!**

WHY VOLUNTEER ?

Because everyone should have the opportunity to change lives.

Because everyone should have the opportunity to change the world.

Because you should have the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself.

When you volunteer at Hesed House, You will gain far more than you receive,
You will be the Hands and Feet of Jesus!

Register Online to Help @ Hesed or Donate Food That Knox Will Serve.



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **August 5**. Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

Most Needed Items



MISSION 318
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Rosati's Open 21st Annual Fundraiser **Join us for a shotgun start to help Haiti!**

All proceeds to benefit the physical, educational and spiritual needs of orphans and those living in extreme poverty in Haiti.

mission318.org
missionthree18@gmail.com

\$100 per person by 8/5 Includes

- 18 holes of golf w/cart
- Lunch
- Complimentary bucket of balls before the tournament starts -12:00pm
- Dinner following the tournament

***Dinner Only \$25 per person**
Cash Bar
Silent Auction/Raffle



Sunday, August 12th
12:00 - 1:00 Registration
1:30 pm - Shotgun Start
Orchard Valley Golf Course
2411 West Illinois Ave.
Aurora, IL 60506

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School Calendar



August 26: Last Day of Summer Sunday School.

September 2: No Sunday School.

September 9: No Sunday School. Knox Fest Celebration. One, combined service at 10 am.

September 16: First day of Sunday School. Sunday School classes will be available at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) through 7th Grade.

Questions & Volunteering: Contact Niki Lee Sunday School & Family Ministries Coordinator, 630- 615-4303, nlee@knoxpres.org

What's New?

Throughout the year, in conjunction with the curriculum, we will be focusing on worship and laying a foundation of worship in the lives of the children and youth. For Middle School, the curriculum we will be using is LinC (Living in Christ). More information on LinC to follow.

Note from Niki

Being new to Knox, I am excited to get to know you, the children, and to make the teaching of God's word a memorable experience for all. We are still in need of teachers to make the Sunday School program possible during service. Please contact me directly for more information and to volunteer.

Wednesday Nights begins again September 12!

From September to March, Knox offers a program that will enhance your child's faith and fellowship with their peers for kiddos entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Evening includes:

- *Bible Study
- *Music opportunities
- *Recreation and Games
- *Woodworking
- *Dinner
- *Mission work
- *Special worship services for the whole family



Register Online Starts August 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

G3 - Middle School Fellowship – Begins again August 12

Join us as we close out the summer with outdoor worship, lunch and centennial beach. We will gather together for outdoor worship at 9:30 on the Riverwalk. Middle Schoolers will sit together with their Middle School Leaders, Jenna and Jeff Goeringer. Bring a bag lunch for a quick picnic before we head to the beach. You will also need to bring \$ for your entrance fee and any snacks you would like.

Save the Dates-

Friday, Oct 12 – Dinner/Scavenger Hunt - Westfield Mall

195 Fox Valley Center, Aurora

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (Meet at Charming Charlie's)

Cost - \$ for dinner

Friday, Nov 9 – Sky Zone

86 Executive Drive, Aurora, IL

8:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Cost - \$25 + \$ for snacks

Friday, Dec 7 – Christmas Party/Silly Sock Exchange

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm @ Knox

Cost – Bring a pair of silly socks for the grab bag

Friday, Jan 11– Epiphany Celebration @ WVHS Planetarium

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost – \$ for snacks at Wendy's afterwards

Friday, Feb 8/9 – Lock In @ Knox

8:30 pm – 7:00 am

Cost – bring a small snack to share

Friday, Mar 8 – Chaser's Laser Tag

1811 High Grove Lane, Suite 115

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Cost – \$20

Friday, April 12 – Feed My Starving Children

555 Exchange Ct, Aurora

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Cost: Kids will help raise money to donate to FMSC.

Register Online

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Knox Youth Fall Dates

Aug 1 Wednesday - Fellowship starts - 6:30-7:30 (No dinner)

Aug 8 Wednesday - Fellowship - 6:30-7:30 (No dinner)

Aug 12 Sunday – Dunes Trip (Shhh, it's a secret for incoming freshmen!)

Aug 15 Wednesday –Fall Kick-off Cookout behind the church - 6:30-7:30

Aug 22 Wednesday - Wednesday dinner and fellowship begins - 6-7:30

Sept 9 Sunday - Sunday Night Bible Study starts - 7-8:30

Sept 22 Saturday – Lock-In – 7 PM – 7 AM



Register Online

CHURCH NEWS

#updateonfinances

Sustaining Knox: Your Stewardship\Cash Management Council met this month. Halfway through the 2018 year we report that Pledged Receipts are \$80,000 below budget. Costs are contained, ending below budget for the period. The Council asks for the congregation's help to fund the ministries and missions of Knox. God provides for us. We replenish His stock through our giving. Please allow His Light to guide you to give in our time of need.



Faithfully Fit

Check knoxpres.org for more updates and suggestions for abundant and faithfully fit life in Christ! Let us know if you have a story to share!



Join The Music Team

9:00 Open Invitation

We would love to have your voice join ours in the Chancel Choir! You may think that your voice could never contribute much, but combined with other singers, we can make an even finer joyful noise! If you are unsure about the time commitment, why not give it a try for a “season” - Christmas, Lent, Easter. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:30, beginning August 30. If you feel “funny” about just showing up, contact Jan Parry (jparry@knoxpres.org) or Curt Parry (cparry@knoxpres.org) and we can help you. No auditions are necessary.

The Praise Team vs. Baseball

How in the world is the Praise Team like a game of baseball? A deep bench adds to the success of the team. When a player is out, they are replaced by someone on “the bench”. What does that mean for you? Talk to us! If you like contemporary Christian music, can play a guitar, or drums, or like to sing, please let us know! Contact Jan Parry (jparry@knoxpres.org). We are interested in developing a successful deep bench.



Children's Day Out is Hiring:

Children's Day Out is excited to start another school year! We are hiring and currently looking for that special person who loves 2 year olds! This position is 4 mornings per week during the school year. If every day is not an option for you we are increasing our substitute staff as well. Please contact the Children's Day Out office for more details about the positions and job requirements. We'd love to have you join our family! Contact Beth Burner at 630.355.7544 or bburner@knoxpres.org

Do you like to plan events? Decorate? Meet new friends?

If so, consider joining the Knox Church Life Council and have a little fun while serving the Knox Congregation! Call Diane Noreen (630-253-4851) or Rachel Bednar (630-688-1524) for more information.



Knox Hires Kedra Smith as Communications Coordinator

Knox is pleased to announce that Kedra Smith has accepted the position of Communications Coordinator on Staff. This half-time position, previously held by Liz Lawrence, is designed to support and promote the many programs and missions of Knox to our congregation and the community in which we serve. Kedra's background in graphic design will prove invaluable in her work, as well as her knowledge of and love for Knox: her church family and ours. Please welcome Kedra Smith to her new role on Staff and pray for her and her family as she starts this new chapter in her life of Christian service.



Knox Fest is September 9, After the 10:00 am
Worship Service.

MINISTRY TO SENIORS

SAVE
the
DATE

Thursday, September 13
First Hall of Famers' Luncheon

This group, especially for seniors, will begin the 2018-2019 season on September 13. We have an entertaining program and delicious lunch planned for you! Hope you can join us for worship in the chapel at 11:30 am followed by lunch at noon and a program after lunch. Cost is \$7.00. Watch for more details later.

CARE MINISTRIES

Illness/Health Concerns:

Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)
Dede Gruenberg (sister of Lori Dickens)
Edgar Eloby (co-worker of Kevin Williams)
Debby Hunter (niece of Beverly Aper)
Steve Macaluso (neighbor of Jeff and Sara Egan)
David Hill (brother of Patty Reed)
Marge Nevin
Holly Delahoussaye (Anne Sherren's cousin's daughter)
Karen Hargis
Paula Brady (Becca Hyde Goering's mother-in-law)
Phyllis Wheeler
Linda Spear (Amanda Hartley's stepmother)
Marlene Parker
Ron Champagne (Stacey Barrett's father)
Harold Bodinet
Jenny Craig Rantz (Susan Tokh's niece)
Hannah Lee
Vince Streff (father of Peg Foltz)
Pat Carter
Pete Johanknecht (Lori Rose's father)
Abbey Storey
Lisa Huerkamp (friend of Sue Goll)
Lois Whitlock
Lou Daddezio (Kristina Mastrino's father)
Eleanor Antenen
Pat Daddezio (Kristina Matrino's mother)
Mark Bickler
Susie Tabbert (Jan Parry's aunt)
Marilyn Wilgoeki
Laura Varney (Doug Varney's mother)
Pat Real
Steve Mazzarella (retired Naperville North teacher)
Ed Terry (Anne Sherren's brother)
Jennifer Streff (Peg Foltz's sister)
Mary Harrison (Missy Jung's mother)
Jan Kane (Carol O'Neill's niece's sister-in-law)
Barry Carlson (Jim Clinton's son-in-law)
Linda Engelsman (sister of R J Miers)
Norah Johnson (St. Patrick's Rehabilitation)
Flora Albrecht
Beverly Frier (Marianjoy)
Dimitri Varthaliti (cousin of Rev. Cindy Karis)

Home Recovering

Hank Mittelhauser
John MacDonald (Tom MacDonald's father)
Dale Colby
Caitlin Ritenour
Carol Pogue
Rudi Tanck
Carol O'Neill
Nancy Emond
Liz Birzetis

Grieving

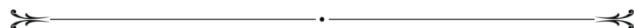
Bob Zenker on his death (Kathy Schulte's father)
Rev. Robert L. LaFollette on his death (relative of Susan Komma)
Drew Watson on her death
Sue Evans (Jan Parry's sister-in-law)
Gail Imp on her death (sister of Sharon Niemann)
Ruth Ives on her death (mother of Karen Williams)
Jean Kramer on her death
Carol Phillips on her death
Pat Neesley on her death
Larry McCoy on his death

Congratulations:

Meredith & Ryan Sikes on the birth of their daughter Holly Grace and son Will Everett on May 20. Proud grandparents Mark & Carolyne Nelson.
Christina & Brian Barreda on the birth of their son Tyler John on February 3. Proud grandparents are Brian & Deb Beaird.
Grace & Andrew Gould on the birth of their daughter Laurel Turner on July 8. Proud grandparents are Nancy & Ben Whitmer.
Ryan & Lauren Pierce on the birth of their daughter Sloane Marie on July 9.

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.



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