

A Letter From Rev Deb

Dear Friends,

After the news of my impending retirement, I received many congratulations and questions. "What will you do with yourself?" was by far the most frequently asked. I must say, my current answer sounds rather uninspiring ... "mostly I will putter and putz".

A wonderful email arrived soon after from a parishioner who offered gracious words and a line from a Mary Oliver poem, entitled, "The Summer Day". Oliver's poem ends with a question as did the email... "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" To putter and putz doesn't do that lovely question justice.

Our Living Unafraid Fall Study continues this October. It is a timely theme for most of us and I have found it particularly helpful in this new time of transition for me. I am encouraged by Hamilton's choice of scriptural stories and the reminders of God given tools meant to uphold us through every season of life. As one faces uncertainty with hopes for well-being and meaning, it is good to "stare down the giants" that loom in the promised land of life's next chapter. The age old process of "letting go and letting God" must become more than a mantra, rather a lifestyle. And inevitably tomorrow has become today.

We all live with fear of the unknown; of what we cannot control and what we cannot fix. There is ready answer however against a life of anxiety..."let your faith be bigger than your fear". To harvest the abundance of faith, I realize ever more that we are in a perpetual season of cultivation. I very much love the idea of "one wild and precious life" growing in the grace of Jesus, the Christ.

Mary Oliver's ode to summer is really spoken to a grasshopper, who she recognizes is filled with the energy of creation and a purpose fully known by God.

I am not that grasshopper to be sure, but I will find confidence and hope - faith even - in being also filled with the energy of this wondrous creation and a purpose known and cultivated by God, his will to become known.

Living Unafraid is not to live without fear. It is to be unafraid because we live with the harvest of courage, promised by God, watered by others, and nurtured by the Spirit.

Isaiah 41:10 - **"Do not be afraid because I am with you;
Do not be afraid, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, I will surely help you;
I will hold you with my righteous strong hand.**



With blessings and gratitude,
Deb

Sermon and Study Series Continues

October 7 - "FOMO"

Ecclesiastes 2: selected; Matthew 6: 19-21; Revelation 21: 1-4

October 14 - "A World of Anxiety and Illness"

Psalms 139: selected; John 14: selected; 2 Corinthians 4: selected

October 21 - "Living Unafraid - "It's a Wrap!"

Proverbs 14: 27, Isaiah 41: 10

October 28 - Reformation Sunday

We give thanks for our history as Presbyterians and for the strong shoulders of so many witnesses before us who have planted seeds of confidence and hope.

What has this study meant to you?

Share one significant thing that will be guiding for you going forward.

Email Deb with your significant idea at droberts@knoxpres.org



Nita Knox Travels the Globe

What fun we had with our traveling companion Nita Knox. She went near and far and even signed up for every Living Unafraid Small Group this Fall.

Thank you to all who sent Nita submissions. I hope you saw yourself in the display at church or on the Knox Facebook site.

If we were giving out Nita awards, Maria Malayter of Saturdays@5 music team was the person who submitted the most and from the farthest away! Machu Picchu in Peru, no less!

Keep your eye out for Nita, who could make a surprise appearance around the holidays!

Safety & Security



Safety & Security

Knox has been hard at work to develop safety measures for our church family. It is quite a learning curve and a paradigm shift for all of us. We have truly had an open door policy. Please join in our safety efforts.

Started September 4

Entrances:

- The front door nearest the office will be titled Entrance #1 and the Basswood door is titled Entrance #2.
- Entrance #1 will be open Monday - Friday 8:30- 4:30.
- Entrance #2 will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8:30 am-9:30 am and 12:30 pm-1:30pm for CDO drop off and pick up. Wednesday only for Wednesday Night program at 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.
- The Gartner door will remain locked at all times and will be re-keyed.

Activities at Knox:

Knox will no longer allow outside groups to use the building during Children's Day Out, Midweek Wednesday Nights and special children's events. Our Facilities Manager, Ron Mobley, will continue to schedule all meetings and events at Knox. He can be reached at rmobley@knoxpres.org or 630-615-4305

Adult Education



Help and Hope! Family Shelter Service

Adult Ed and PW Women invite you to join us on **Sunday, November 4 for a Lunch & Learn** to hear how Family Shelter Service serves our community.

Domestic Violence is an important topic, as it impacts our friends, our neighbors and members of our congregation. Join us as we learn how FSS provides help and hope to those affected by domestic violence, including how the Prevention Program reaches many of the youth. Learn about volunteer opportunities. Register for lunch today.

Click Here to Register Online

Presbyterian Women



We are excited to share with you a new small group at Knox Church! It is a 7-week nurturing experience for single mothers entitled *Hearts of Hope*. We will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Jan. 9 through Feb. 20, 2019. The evening includes dinner, fellowship and Bible study entitled "Finding YOU Again".

We are single moms who are seeking to encourage other single moms by sharing a meal, studying scripture, and learning together. We will prepare and provide dinner for you in one of our homes. Our hostess is Cindy Darling, 2374 Pepper Tree Ct., Lisle, IL.

We hope this will be a special night out for you. Remembering the demands of being young single mothers ourselves, we want to serve you and encourage you through God's word and Christian fellowship. On the last week we will have a Celebration Night just for fun.

Please feel free to call Rev. Deb at 630-615-4306 or Karen Van Iten at 630-269-0724 or email her at kdvi3@wideopenwest.com with any questions you may have.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



Women On Wednesdays

Women on Wednesdays has begun a study of the Gospel of John but it is not too late to join! In his Gospel John urges us to take a fresh look at Jesus and invites us to renew our faith in the One who promises to be the way to true life.

WOW meets from 9:15- 11:15 am 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. Questions? Contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mlambka2@gmail.com.



Evening Book Club

We have been reading "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande for the Oct. 11 meeting. All readers are welcome to join us for discussion in the parlor beginning at 7:30 pm.

Our reading list for future months can be found on the Knox website. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 630.416.9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Knox Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Council Meeting

October 1, 7:00 pm in the Church Parlor

All women of Knox interested in planning the events, missions and other activities of the Presbyterian Women

at Knox are invited to attend. Contact Linda Adcock for more information at lindaadcock7@hotmail.com

Circles

Deborah Circle: Contact Ann Beran Jones annberanjones@comcast.net

Mary Martha: Second Tuesday, 9:30 am - Contact Sue Burns sbburns@comcast.net

Mary Martha Circle will meet in the home of Nancy Whitmer on Tuesday, October 9th at 9:30 a.m. For more information contact Susan Burns at sbburns@comcast.net.

Rachel- Rebakah: Contact Julie McLean mcleanqs1@gmail.com or Eileen Engstrom eae626@sbcglobal.net

Rachel-Rebecca Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Contact Julie McLean for where Rachel-Rebecca Circle will be meeting. All are welcome to come and join us.

PLEASE read lesson two in our Study Book.

Ruth: Third Thursday, 7:00 pm Church Parlor - bmayer@knoxpres.org

Ruth Circle will meet October 25 in the Knox Parlor. We hope you'll consider joining this evening group of Ladies for fellowship, study, prayer & service to others. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Mayer at 630-615-4325 or bmayer@knoxpres.org

New Circle-Not My Mother's Circle:

Join us for breakfast Saturday morning, October 13, 9:30 am at Diana Newby's home.

Contact Diana Newby to RSVP and for directions at 630-272-6508 or dgnpremier@gmail.com

A once a month SATURDAY MORNING opportunity to fill your cup. Just a little bit of me time with a relateable group of women for renewal and support, laughter, tears, spirituality, and service to Christ as a group.

MOM TO MOM Group At Knox Presbyterian Church

A mother's role is as diverse as it is rewarding, frustrating and challenging.
Join the group designed to spiritually and personally support moms.

Is there an age limit? **No**

Will I be given group responsibilities? **No**

Will I have to prepare for the meeting? **No**

Will I enjoy the fellowship and support of other moms? **YES!**

Will my feelings and struggles be safely acknowledged? **YES!**

Will there be childcare? **YES!**

Will there be professionals who will bring their expertise to the group? **YES!**

Will I feel spiritually refreshed? **YES!**



Mom to Mom

October 15, 6:30 pm

Knox Presbyterian Church – Parlor

Contact Linda Adcock, lindaadcock7@hotmail.com

Childcare available – with reservation

Speaker: Carrington Cunningham

"Caring for Yourself as You Juggle Your Responsibilities"

RSVP Online Or At Saturday And Sunday Services!



Carrington is a mother of triplets who has and still wades through the trenches.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Men's Ministry



**The Knox ManKind group is attending a Men's Breakfast at
Community Christian Church (Yellow Box)
Saturday, October 20**

The breakfast will feature Jeff Kemp, former NFL QB and author, who will speak on inspiring men in our community.

The breakfast is 8:30 am-10:30 am. We will meet at Knox at 7:45 am to drive over to Yellow Box together. Cost is \$20 a person and breakfast is included.



Jeff will talk about how to face the difficulties and challenges in life, that are like unforeseen blitzes in football, and that God uses these difficulties to draw us closer to him and strengthen our faith, and probably most importantly, how coming together in friendship and huddles is a great way to handle these tough circumstances in life, which is the way God intended us to live.

If you have any questions, please call Jeff McCombs at 331-262-7857

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Missions at Knox



Fruit Pie Fundraiser for the Puerto Rico Mission Trip!

The weekend of October 20/21 kicks off the beginning of this year's Fruit Pie Fundraiser for the Young Adult Puerto Rico Mission Trip.

We are leaving on December 29 for 7 days, working with a Presbyterian Church in San Juan, completing a building project, and running a children's VBS fiesta.

You can place your orders at Knox after either of the Sunday services or the Saturday@5 service on October 20/21, October 27/28, or November 3/4, or you can place your pie orders online at knoxpres.org/groups/young-adults/. Pickup will be after both services on Sunday November 18 (the weekend before Thanksgiving) or we will work with you if you aren't available to pick up your order that day.

The pies come in six delicious fruit flavors from the orchards and kitchen at the famous Crane's Pie Pantry in Fennville, Michigan. We also have new this year Crane's gluten free Crisps in two flavors. All come fresh frozen and ready to bake at home. Thank you for your support for the Puerto Rico Mission Trip. Questions: Bruce Burkelman (bmburkelman@yahoo.com)

[Click Here to Buy Pies Online](#)



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **October 7**. Donations can be left on the cart in front of the Commons or in the bin next to the Mission Council table.

Thank you!

[Click Here to See Most Needed Items](#)



Volunteer To Feed & Make A Difference In Young People's Lives



We are looking for groups/circles/ or individuals who would be willing to provide one pre-planned simple meal (sloppy joes, tacos, etc.) to approximately 12 young moms and dads and their toddlers.

Someone from our Knox Team will be present each evening to assist with set up and help as needed. Paper products are supplied so clean up is easy. In fact, you should be able to finish by 7:30 pm!

There are still spots available in October, November and December to provide a simple meal for our Teen Parent Connection families who meet at Knox each Tuesday evening @ 6:00 pm. Click on the button to find out the dates still available.

[Click Here to Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Please contact Bonnie Olson bdolson@ntsource.com 630.355.4417 or Anne Kingsbury askingsbury1@gmail.com 630.369.9680 to receive additional information.



36th Annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk- Ending Hunger One Step At A Time

This year, the Naperville area community will be celebrating 36 years of CROP Hunger Walks. On Sunday, October 14 at 1 pm, walkers will begin their 1K or 5K walk. Start and finish are at Grace United Methodist Church at 300 E. Gartner Road.

In 2017, Team Knox consisted of 25 walkers raising \$4200. If interested in walking, please pick up your CROP Hunger Walk envelope on one of the following Sundays: September 23, 30 and October 7 at the CROP counter in the Commons Area. Walkers and sponsors are welcome and needed to help Make Hunger History around the block and around the world.

Of all the funds raised, 25% stays in our community with Loaves and Fishes and Northern Illinois Food Bank as the beneficiaries. The remainder is used to help people wherever the need may be by providing food/clean drinking water, building homes, supplying livestock, giving out emergency supplies, assisting in refugee camps and in areas hit by natural disasters.

Knox CROP Hunger Walk recruiters,
Rachel Koritala and Ineke Pelella



Volunteer To Help At Hesed House!

Please consider volunteering your time for this important mission.

We have had an especially difficult time staffing third shift. In an effort to make the shift more appealing, we have divided it into two possible options:

THIRD SHIFT OPTIONS:

- ~Short Shift: 5 - 7 am (Serving breakfast only)
- ~Long Shift: 3 - 7 am (Breakfast preparation and serving)

Once breakfast serving is done, volunteers are allowed to leave - no clean-up is necessary!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering at least once this year for any of the shifts available. If you have never volunteered for third shift, your helpful hand and serving spirit would be very welcomed and appreciated.

If you are not able to volunteer for one of the shifts serving at Hesed House, we are desperately in need of shoppers (curbside pick-up at Sam's Club and one additional stop at Aldi) and we can always use help with food donations.

Questions about Hesed House? Please contact Jill Wittwer at 630-400-8827. She can help sign up, answer questions, give detailed information about shifts, food donations, shopping, and more!

[Click Here to Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Children's Ministries



What's New in the Children's Ministry at Knox?

We are always looking for ways to improve and to make our children's ministry better. We are excited to share with you the following changes...

Sunday School Craft Room

Reorganization of the Sunday School craft room is almost complete. This will allow for better usage of materials and easier access all around.

Birthday Postcards

Every month we will be mailing out Birthday Postcards to all the children who attend Knox; so keep a look out!

New Curriculum - Middle School

New this year, Middle School will be using LinC. LinC stands for "Living in Christ" and is a Bible lesson developed weekly based off of current events that are relevant to today's youth.

Sunday School Updates

9:00am Service

Preschool / Kindergarten – Room 206 (upstairs)
1st / 2nd / 3rd grade – Room 203 (upstairs)
4th/5th/Middle School – Middle School Room (downstairs)

10:30am Service

Preschool / Kindergarten / 1st – Room 206 (upstairs)
2nd / 3rd / 4th / 5th grade – Room 203 (upstairs)
Middle School – Middle School Room (downstairs)



Trunk Or Treat Save The Date – Oct 27

Trunks needed – If you would like to pass out candy from your decorated car trunk please contact Ann Smith at anncorinnesmith@gmail.com

Candy Needed – Please drop off donations in the witch's mouth located in the Commons beginning October 7th.



Kids in the Kitchen – Mission Opportunity

Join us around the table! The kids of Knox, 6 & up, will participate in various mission activities throughout the year to help feed our congregation and the community around them. This mission opportunity began last spring where we made meals for Hesed House and Go N Serve and prepared snack bags for the kids in Sisseton.

Next up –

Thursday, October 25

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Making Pumpkin Bread for members of Hall of Famers and enjoying a pizza dinner together.

Thursday, November 15

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Making casseroles for Hesed House and enjoying a dinner together of what we make.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



Wednesday Nights has begun!

Knox offers a program that will enhance your child's faith and fellowship with their peers for kiddos entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade. If you have missed the first few weeks because of sports or other conflicts, do not fear, you can always come at any time of the year. All are welcome.

Evening includes

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

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



Children's Singing In Worship Schedule

During each Wednesday Night, the children have an opportunity to learn new songs for morning worship services. We work hard on the music and also gain perspective on how it fits into the worship service. The children learn how to contribute their talents (no matter what size!) to the worship of God. A worthy and valuable lesson!

We appreciate your effort in reserving these dates on your calendar.
Primetime (K-2nd grade) & Jam (3rd-5th grade)

October 14

Prime Time - 9:00 am

JAM - 10:30 am

November 18

Prime Time & JAM at both services combined with Chancel Choir and Praise Team

December 2

JAM - 9:00 am

Prime Time - 10:30 am

December 9

Prime Time and JAM at "Carols and Candlelight" at 7:00 pm

Blessed Ones Dance & Music Ministry

Blessed Ones are adorable children ages 3-Kindergarten who meet Sundays after the second service from 11:45 am – 12:15 pm

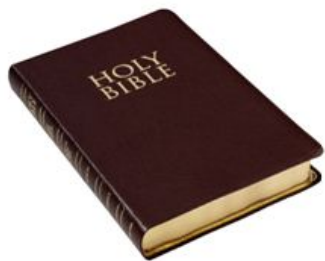
- **Session 1 - Oct 7 – Oct 21** and performing on Sunday, Oct 28 at the 10:30 am worship service.
- **Session 2 – Dec 2 – Dec 16** and performing on Sunday, Dec 23 at the 10:30 am service and on Christmas Eve at the 3:00 pm Children's Service.



Register Online

Contact Jenny Hubbard with questions at 630-615-4318, jhubbard@knoxpres.org

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



Third Grade Bibles

We will be presenting our 3rd Grade Class with their very own Bibles at the 10:30 am worship Service on Oct 7. Please register your child online so we will be sure to have a Bible and jean cover ready for them.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

G3-Middle School Ministries

Friday, Oct 12 – Dinner/Scavenger Hunt At 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



[Click Here to Register Online](#)

High School Ministries



Youth Fellowship Bonfire and Pumpkin Toss!

Sunday October 21st the Youth will be gathering around a bonfire for a time of worship and fellowship. We also will be hurtling pumpkins through the air, just for fun.

The event will be held at the Hartley's home, and the time is TBD. To stay updated on this event, and all other youth and young adult events, visit knoxblog.com and subscribe.

[Click Here to Go to **knoxblog.com**](http://knoxblog.com)

Church News



Saturday University

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." African Proverb. Please consider joining us on Saturday mornings this fall as we at Knox partner together to spend time in North Lawndale with middle and high school age students from the North Lawndale area.

This is a privilege and an opportunity for us at Knox to partner with the YMEN (Young Mens Educational Network) to assist them in achieving their mission. "YMEN's mission is to prepare young men (and women) in North Lawndale for leadership by helping them grow in their faith and character, develop a love for learning, and use their talents to serve the community and strengthen families."

We leave from Knox at 9:15 on Saturday mornings and return by 12:45 pm or 1:00 pm. This opportunity is more about showing up to be the hands and feet of Christ, rather than tutoring. Please contact Robin Kolar (skolar7227@aol.com) (630-369-4539) with any questions.





Shop Amazon Smile & Contribute to Knox!

Most likely you have shopped on Amazon but did you know that your purchases could also help Knox?

Amazon has a program called Amazon Smile, it offers the same selection of products, prices, shipping and shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is, when you shop on smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchased to the charitable organization that you select.

Knox Presbyterian Church is part of that selection!

All you need to do, next time you want to shop amazon, is type in smile.amazon.com instead and select Knox Presbyterian Church as your charitable organization! What an easy way to help promote the many missions of Knox.



Knox Bridge Group

- Our group is looking for some new players (couples and singles)
- All skill levels are welcome; we normally play the second Saturday of each month here at Knox
- If you are interested or have questions please contact Jerry or Char Johnson at 630-420-0561.



Grief & Loss Workshop

It begins Thursday, September 27 & goes to Thursday, November 15 for 8 weeks the Grief & Loss Workshop will take place in Rev. Deb's office from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

The workshop will cover the stages of bereavement, as well as, other handouts and will be led by Rev. Cindy Karis and co-lead by a Stephen Minister. Please call Pastor Cindy on her direct line 630-615-4308 to register or email her at ckaris@knoxpres.org



Christmas Cookie Walk

Cookie Walk is Coming - Bakers Needed!

Need cookies for your holiday parties and family gatherings? The Knox Deacons are busy preparing for the Christmas Cookie Walk to be held on Saturday, December 8 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in Lehman Hall.

The Knox Cookie Walk offers a huge assortment of fancy homemade cookies and candies, hostess trays, stocking stuffers and gift tins. Knox parishioners and others in our community have the opportunity to get freshly baked cookies for their holiday gatherings right here at Knox.

If you enjoy making holiday cookies for a great cause, Knox Deacons are seeking bakers for the Cookie Walk. There will be freezer space at Knox from October 1 through December 5 for those who like to bake early and need extra space to store cookies. Bakers who submit receipts to one of the Deacons will be reimbursed for their ingredients (use our tax id), if desired.

Please contact Stephanie Hild at hildsj17@gmail.com or (cell) 630.210.6597 to sign up to bake or to answer any questions. Sign-up will also be available after Saturday and Sunday church services in the coming weeks.

All proceeds support the mission of Knox Presbyterian Deacons.

The Praying Crafters

Praying Crafters will be meeting on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 7 PM in the Parlor at Knox. Call Lisa Bonomo for more information.



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!



Yoga & Tai Chi Classes

Yoga-8 Week Session \$10

Our own Sherry Harter will continue Yoga in the fall. It is an hour of stretching and strength geared to new or beginner participants.

When: Mondays, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

Location: The Senior High Room

Cost: One time donation of \$10 for the ENTIRE eight week session. You can bring cash or a check made to Knox when you come the first time.

What to Bring: Yoga mat, towel, water bottle, and wear comfortable clothing. A fitted shirt is recommended. Sherry does have a few mats for those trying Yoga for the first time.

Tai Chi- 6 week session \$10

Sherry Harter is continuing Tai Chi as well. Learn what moving meditation means in this 45 minute class. You will learn to breath for relaxation, challenge your brain and work to improve balance.

When: Thursdays, 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Dates: October 4, 25, & November 1

Location: The Senior High Room

Cost: One time donation of \$10 for the ENTIRE six week session. You can bring cash or a check made to Knox when you attend your first time.

What to Bring: water bottle, and wear loose, comfortable clothing.



COMPANIONS, JOURNEYING TOGETHER, INC. CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT 2018

Already it is time to start planning our Christmas Card Project. The Christmas cards we send mean so much to those who receive them. Incarcerated people are isolated. A simple card lets them know they are not forgotten. Every year many write to say how much it means to know that someone cared enough to write. Often they tell us that our card was the only Christmas card he/she received.

Will you help us with this project again this year? We would be so grateful. It is as simple as signing cards and adding a message if you wish. Messages should be uplifting, expressing compassion. Please do not be preachy. Our witness is in our caring concern. We have already been gifted with many, many Christmas cards so we don't need a lot of extra unsigned cards. **We have a big need again this year for postage stamps.**

If you can, join us at one of our card preparation sessions or let us know if your group would like to schedule such a session. Contact Jana to learn when card preparations sessions will be held or to schedule one.

Grace United Methodist Church will be hosting a session on Monday evening, October 22 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Knox will be hosting a session on Tuesday, October 30 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in the Coffee Bar. Please come for whatever length of time you can and address and sign cards. Bring STAMPS and cards with you then or drop them off ahead of time in the marked collection box on the mission table by the Coffee Bar. You can bring them to circle or give them to Mimi Neumeister (630-408-1553), Call her with any questions.

Very important:

- Do not use stickers, glue, paste or tape on the cards or envelopes. This restriction includes purchased cards. Prison regulations will not allow us to use such items.
- Last year we received a few cards back that had glitter on them so please don't sign any cards that have glitter on them.
- Do not enclose anything.
- Do not seal the envelopes.
- Please send us the stamps in a separate envelope. Do not attach to the envelopes.
- Do not use cards that talk about novenas or masses. Most of those on our mailing lists will not understand what that means.
- Please use cards which represent a diverse population.
- It would be helpful if you would rubber band the cards signed by children and keep them separate.
- Please send cards by November 5th to Jana Minor; 1407 Star Grass Circle; Aurora, IL 60506 Jmminor86@gmail.com, 630-408-3743

As you can see there are many ways to help with this wonderful and touching ministry. We'd love to have you come and help at Knox on October 30 in the coffee bar.



Do You Like To Decorate? The Worship Council Would Like Your Help!

Happy October to our Knox Family! It's only October, but that means that the Holidays are just around the corner and your Worship, Music and Arts Council will be planning decorations for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas.

This is a special time in our Knox church season, and if you would like to be a part of our Council we would love to include you in bringing those special touches and decorations to the Commons, Sanctuary, and the rest of the church. If you are interested please reach out to the Knox Office Staff, or to the WM&A Elders

Dawn Pakkebier at Dawn_pakkebier@ipsd.org

Mike Komma at mpkomma@comcast.net

Thank you!

Darin Nettelton, Knox Youth & Young Adult Director is Looking For Donated Items For His Office.

Couch

Less than 6 feet by 3 feet

Chairs (2)

Less than 3 feet wide by 30 inches deep

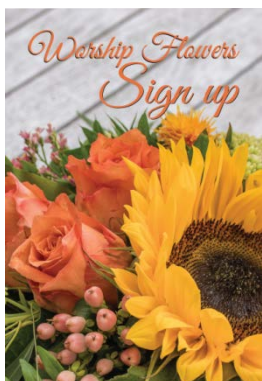
Coffee Table

Less than 6 feet by 2 feet

Side Table

Less than 30 inches by 36 inches, and maybe 24-32 inches tall

I don't have a ton of space, so I am looking for slim furniture that is still comfortable. If anyone has an item they are looking to donate, they can call or email me at dnettleton@knoxpres.org



Worship Flowers Sign Up

It is now located in the Commons by the Basswood stairs. Honor or celebrate a loved one by signing up in the Commons to provide flowers for the worship services. The cost is \$45 and please make checks payable to Knox and write Sanctuary Flowers on the memo line.

Email Susan Komma with any questions at smweiner08@gmail.com

Ministry To Seniors



Hall of Famers Lunch Thursday, October 11

Understanding Coyotes

Presented by Willowbrook Wildlife Sanctuary

Come join us for worship in the chapel at 11:30 am and lunch at noon.

Cost: \$7

Please call: Diane Heintz at 630.615.4324 by Monday, October 8 for reservations.



Seasoned Citizens Upcoming Events

Join us for 19th Annual "Singing for Seniors" Concert

(Cabaret Singers and the Dave Rice Orchestra)

Saturday, October 20 at 3:00 pm Community Christian Church (Naperville Yellow Box)

Admission Free-Open Seating

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



Chicago aCappella "Chicago Chicago" Concert with Geoffrey Baer

Sunday Oct. 21, 4:00 pm Wentz Hall

Tickets \$26

Sign up [HERE](#) before October 21

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Community Invitation



**Knox Gets Ready to
Host The Fall
Indian Prairie Great Banquet**

Fall Great Banquets are here!

The Great Banquet is a 72-hour experience where guests live and study together in worship, prayer and discussion. The Banquet will nourish you both physically and spiritually as you experience God's love and grace in profound and personal ways.

Men's Great Banquet: October 11-14, 2018

Women's Great Banquet: October 18-21, 2018

Visit www.ipgb.org for more information or contact Bill Smith, whsmith2@gmail.com

Thank You

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A Note From Norah Johnson-

To all my church friends:

Thank you! Thank you!

Many of you came to visit, brought me flowers and plants, candy, and chocolate ice cream sundaes. Some came to play bridge; some brought items needed from home. So many of you called, sent cards and letters, all of which helped pass the time. The crocheted and knitted shawls are lovely. A strong friendship has been formed with one who kept me in clean clothes.

Thank you, thank you one and all.

God bless,

Norah Johnson



A Note From Betty-

I am so very grateful for all the cards I received. Thank you so much to my Knox family.

Betty Barcheski



Thank you for all your help and preparation for hosting Chicago Presbytery!! For the most part, all was well and our visitors thanked us for our hospitality. It was a major effort, requiring all kinds of teams and team effort.

You enabled us to roll out a red carpet for 200 extra folks from all over Chicagoland.

Everything looked lovely, Worship was lovely, people were welcomed and guided and fed! ("Best meal ever!")

We know this required many extra hours in preparation and in serving this past Tuesday.

Again, our heart felt thanks and appreciation! (And hopefully we're done with that for another five years?)

Blessings in Christ,
Deb and Clint



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)
Holly Delahoussaye (Anne Sherren's cousin's daughter)
Paula Brady (Becca Hyde Goering's mother-in-law)
Linda Spear (Amanda Hartley's stepmother)
Ron Champagne (Stacey Barrett's father)
Jenny Craig Rantz (Susan Tokh's niece)
Vince Streff (father of Peg Foltz)
Pete Johanknecht (Lori Rose's father)
Lisa Huerkamp (friend of Sue Goll)
Lou Daddezio (Kristina Mastrino's father)
Pat Daddezio (Kristina Matrino's mother)
Laura Varney (Doug Varney's mother)
Steve Mazzarella (retired Naperville North teacher)
Jennifer Streff (Peg Foltz's sister)
Mary Harrison (Missy Jung's mother)
Jan Kane (Carol O'Neill's niece's sister-in-law)
Linda Engelsman (sister of R J Miers)
Flora Albrecht
Beverly Frier (Marianjoy)
Dimitri Varthaliti (cousin of Rev. Cindy Karis)
Marge Nevin
Karen Hargis
Phyllis Wheeler
Harold Bodinet
Pat Carter
Abbey Storey
Eleanor Antenen
Clarence Baker (friend of Keith Hoggatt)
Jane Gilmer Mendola (sister-in-law of Diane Gilmer)
Mark Bickler
Karen Siemsen (sister of Judy Hunter)
Caitlin Ritenour
Margaret Thomas
Peg Little
Christy Stephan
Zay DuPlessis (mother of Rene DeConing, in South Africa)

Hospital:

Jeff Berry (RML Specialty Hospital, Hinsdale)
Lana Hasenyager (Lisa Bennett's mother)
Glenda Rossolillo (Edward Hospital)

Home Recovering

Hank Mittelhauser
Carol O'Neill
Norah Johnson
Lois Whitlock
Bob Casper
Jan Parry
Jeff Hild
Barb Waters
Nancy Emond
Bill Birzetis (Rochester, Minnesota)

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

Dr. Marina Egelja on her death (friend of Stacey Barrett)
Allen Woods on his death (son of close friends of Mike and Susan Komma)

Peggy Eckardt on her death (close friend of Glenda Rossolillo)

Robert Theodore McArthur on his death (Cheryl Hansen's uncle)

Harold Bodinet on his death

Karuna Agrawal on her death (close friend and former neighbor of David and Diana Newby)

Lenora Cowell on her death (mother of Debbe Harris)

Esther Muscanell on her death (mother-in-law of Karen Elmgren's sister)

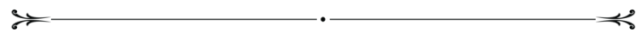
Debbie Meeks on her death (mother of Andy Meeks)

Congratulations:

Brittany and Doug Kelly on the birth of their daughter
Maeve Eileen on August 19. Walt and Mary Ellen Kelly are the proud grandparents.

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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