

## A Letter From Rev Clint

***Dear Friends,***

Long ago a man named Nicodemus came to speak with Jesus when he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival. You can read about this encounter in the third chapter of the Gospel of John. Nicodemus was a leader of the Jewish people, a member of the High Council and a teacher of God's law. He saw the power of Jesus' ministry and knew that this was not possible without the presence of God. What Nicodemus did not know was the power and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus spoke with Nicodemus that night about the face of renewal. He spoke about being born again, literally "born from above" in a spiritual birth completely different than the birth of our bodies. This birth is a soul-renewal of love, joy, peace and all other gifts of the Spirit. God "sheds His grace" on us: our lives are replenished with meaning, purpose and hope.

This November, Knox will be exploring "the Face of Renewal" as we look at how the coming of the Spirit renews the church through a personal encounter with Jesus, our sense of calling as his chosen disciples, the power of gratitude and our vision of the mission of the church today. You won't want to miss this five-part sermon series beginning October 28th and concluding on Christ the King Sunday, November 25th.

During November we will consider our own role in supporting the Face of Renewal through the free gift of our time, talent and treasure. The Session is asking our church family to increase our annual giving by 3% toward a goal of just over 1.3M in pledged support for 2019. You provide the gifts that make possible our mission to "learn, grow and serve as followers of Jesus Christ." What gift can you offer God to carry our mission forward?

Finally, during November we will be saying good-bye to Rev. Deb as she prepares to retire from Knox. On November 4th, there will be a Congregational Meeting to act on her request. If granted, there will be a church luncheon on November 11th to celebrate her ministry. The cost to you is free: Just sign up online at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) so we know how much food to order. There will be a short program following highlighting Deb's 36 years of service and a chance to say "thank you" for being our pastor. On November 18th, Thanksgiving Sunday, we will dedicate our pledges for 2019 and listen to Deb's final sermon to the congregation.



Like Nicodemus, you too can come to Christ at any time in your life, asking for the regeneration of your soul. The Crucified and Risen One is faithful. He will give you the Holy Spirit, your comfort and strength in believing. The face of renewal will be your face. And God will renew the face of the earth...

***Blessings on you,  
Clint***

# Sermon and Study Series Continues

## "The Face of Renewal" (a five-week sermon series)

### **October 28th:** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*(Reformation Sunday)*

**Texts: Joel 2:28-29; John 3:1-8; Revelation 22:17**

"It is the Spirit of God alone which holds power to renew our own life--and the life of the church."

### **November 4th:** "Jesus Loves Me, this I Know"

*(Holy Communion; Congregational Meeting at 11:30am to act on Deb's request to dissolve her pastoral relationship to Knox Presbyterian Church)*

**Texts: Psalm 116:1-6, 12-13; John 15:9-12; Revelation 3:20**

"To know Jesus personally is to know the humanity of God...the free gift of God's grace and our personal transformation through God's unconditional love."

### **November 11th:** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*(Rev. Clint's Stewardship Sermon; Rev. Deb's Retirement Celebration Luncheon)*

**Texts: Proverbs 3:5-10; Mark 10:17-22; James 2:14-18**

"There is a critical difference between identifying oneself as a Christian and the choice to become a disciple: the first puts a mooring on the content of your convictions; the second hoists sails to Christ's call on your life."

### **November 18th:** "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Thanksgiving/Pledge Sunday*

*Rev. Deb's final sermon at Knox: Cake Reception to follow at both services*

**Texts: Psalm 100; Luke 17:11-19; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 5:16-18,28**

"The choice of being grateful (and it is a choice) is the secret to a life of lasting love, joy and peace. The power of gratitude 'lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.' It is the highest form of praise that we can render to the 'Giver of All Good.'"

### **November 25th:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine!"

*Christ the King Sunday: Rev. Cindy to preach*

**Texts: Isaiah 45:22-24; Matthew 25:31-40; Philippians 2:5-11**

"The child who was born in a cattle-shed has become the King of all kings. The man who stooped to wash us clean of our filth has become the Name above all names. The stranger who had no place to lay his head has been given all authority in heaven and on earth: Jesus is the Face of Renewal: of God's renewal of the world."

# Stewardship



You send forth your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

Psalms 104:30

For almost 60 years, Knox Presbyterian Church has stood as a beacon for hope, love and peace in our community. The decades have seen growth and expansion of the campus and our mission outreach as we have sought to fulfill our mission to learn, grow and serve as followers of Jesus Christ.

As Knox continues to pursue its mission, the simple fact is that we need your support. Your Cash Management and Stewardship Council is tasked with ensuring that we stand on a firm financial footing so we can continue to execute our calling as a congregation. During the last year, we have witnessed a decline in our pledged giving as a congregation. This has occurred for many reasons. We have members who have moved away, and others who have passed away. We have seen circumstances change, from health to employment.

And, yet the need for Knox and for our congregation has never been greater. We are laying out two goals for our congregation. The first is to increase our giving over 2018 levels by **3%, to just over \$1.3 million dollars**. This will return our level of pledged giving to 2017 levels.

Why is pledging so important? First, it signifies a commitment made between you and God. As 2 Corinthians 9:11 reminds us, "You will be enriched in every way through your great generosity." Secondly, and obviously more practically, your commitment of giving gives our Session direction as it plans the budget for our congregation for the upcoming year.

The second challenge for our congregation is to retire **\$750,000** of our outstanding mortgage debt over the next two years. This amount represents a quarter of our debt and would provide more than **\$50,000** in annual savings, money that we can redirect toward fulfilling our mission. As part of this year's pledge commitment, we will be asking you to prayerfully consider making an additional pledge that goes above and beyond your initial gift in order to help us relieve this burden.

We have a generous congregation. Over the course of the last few months, we have had more than two dozen families commit nearly **\$600,000** to the effort to achieve this debt reduction goal. That leaves just **\$150,000** remaining to achieve our objective. If we have 300 families commit to an extra \$5 per week for the next two years, we will get there.

Please join us in returning our pledges for 2019 on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18th. We pray that the Holy Spirit touches you and renews you as we seek to renew our congregation.

# Adult Education



## CURIOUS CHRISTIANS TOUR FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S CRIB

Please join us for our next adventure on **Saturday, November 10**. We will tour the newly renovated Unity Temple at 10:00 am, lunch at Winberie's at 12:00 pm and tour Frank Lloyd Wright's home and Studio at 1:10 pm. Carpooling is suggested.

Please contact Mark Lively (gmarklively@gmail.com) for transportation assistance. The home is only accessible by stairs without options. This will be a popular outing so please sign up soon, this is truly one of Illinois' greatest historical treasures and will be a memorable event.

**Tour includes admission and lunch**

**Sign up deadline is November 1**

**Cost for adult is \$44**

**Cost for senior (over 65) or student is \$39**

**Sign up online or in the Commons**

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



# Presbyterian Women



## Chick Flick Presents: Steel Magnolias Friday November 2

Join us for this all-star ensemble, and a great example of "Strong women and the value of sisterhood"

We're going southern! Dinner from Sharko's BBQ.

**Dinner and a movie \$10, Movie only, always free**  
**Downstairs in the comfy Sr. Lounge.**

*Where Film, Faith and Fellowship come together!*

**Register for dinner online through Wednesday, October 31**

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



## Hearts of Hope

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](mailto:kdvi3@wideopenwest.com) with any questions you may have.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



## Women On Wednesdays

Women on Wednesdays is continuing their 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.

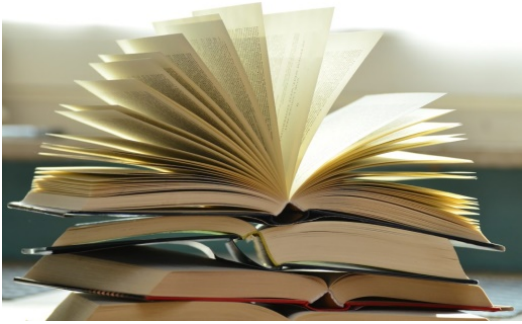
WOW meets from 9:15- 11:15 am and the morning includes coffee, fellowship, the Bible Study and prayer. We will not meet the day before Thanksgiving, Nov 21st.

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](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) or Margaret Lambka at [mllambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mllambka2@gmail.com).**



## Evening Book Club



Evening Book Club will discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles at our next meeting, **November 14.**

If you are interested in participating, please join us in the Knox Parlor, 7:30 p.m.

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.

**All Are Welcome!**



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## PW Coordinating Board Meeting

Monday, November 12 at 9:00 am in the Church Parlor

All women of Knox are invited to attend.

Contact Linda Adcock for more information at lindaadcock7@hotmail.com

## Circles

**Deborah Circle:** Contact Ann Beran Jones [annberanjoness@comcast.net](mailto:annberanjoness@comcast.net)

**Mary Martha:** Second Tuesday, 9:30 am - Contact Sue Burns [sbburns@comcast.net](mailto:sbburns@comcast.net)

Mary Martha circle will meet in the home of Sandi Hurford on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. For more information contact Susan Burns at [sbburns@comcast.net](mailto:sbburns@comcast.net).

**Rachel- Rebakah:** Contact Julie McLean [mcleanqs1@gmail.com](mailto:mcleanqs1@gmail.com) or Eileen Engstrom [eae626@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:bmayer@knoxpres.org)

Ruth Circle will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of November - November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knox parlor. If you work or are busy during the day, please consider coming to this evening Circle for a time of study and fellowship. We'd love to have you check us out!

**Not Your Mother's Circle:** Contact Diana Newby for information, [dgnpremier@gmail.com](mailto:dgnpremier@gmail.com) Saturday morning November 17, the home of Debra Dunne.



## **Mom to Mom November 12, 6:30 pm Rev. Deb's office**

Join us as we continue the discussion on authentic rest vs counterfeit rest, on maintaining balance within our families, and in being able to say no to anything that doesn't support our family's mission.

We will share ways we have found to be beneficial in alleviating stress and anxiety as we raise our children.

This group is open to all moms and offers a free-judgment zone. We need your voice as we travel this road called motherhood.

**Babysitting provided for children ages 5 and under.**

[\*\*Click Here to Register Online\*\*](#)

## **Missions at Knox**



### **Fruit Pie Fundraiser for the 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 November 3/4, or you can place your pie orders online at [knoxpres.org/groups/young-adults/](http://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](mailto:bmburkelman@yahoo.com))

[\*\*Click Here to Buy Pies Online\*\*](#)

# 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 18 or call Julie Milldrum if you have a specific age or child you would like to buy for.**
- 2. Go to the Commons on Nov 18, 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 16 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 /630-470-7044.**
- 6. Presents must be back no later than December 16 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 or 630-470-7044**





**Loaves & Fishes**  
Ending Hunger in Our Community

## Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **November 4**. 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](mailto:bdolson@ntsource.com) 630.355.4417 or Anne Kingsbury [askingsbury1@gmail.com](mailto:askingsbury1@gmail.com) 630.369.9680 to receive additional information.



## Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk UPDATE Ending Hunger One Step At A Time

Good news to report from this year's CROP Hunger Walk.

25 walkers of Team Knox participated in the 36th annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 14. It was very nice to see a number of Knox families being part of the Walk.

**A big thank you to all the walkers and their sponsors who so far raised over \$3825.**

Included in this number is the contribution of PW of Knox which is also very much appreciated.

After the Walk, CROP Hunger Walk **participants assembled 450+ breakfast** meals which will be all distributed to families in need through Loaves and Fishes. A big Thank You also to Knox staff for helping raise awareness for CROP.

**25%** of all funds raised stay in our own community. The remaining **75%** of the CROP Hunger Walk money is put to good use in the US and around the world.

See you at the 2019 CROP Hunger Walk!! Ineke Pelella and Rachel Koritala,  
Knox CROP Hunger Walk recruiters



### Volunteer To Help At Hesed House!

Please consider volunteering your time for this important mission. Always the fourth Saturday of each month.

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



### Thanksgiving

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, November 25, 2018. Sunday School will resume the following week, December 2, 2018. Happy Thanksgiving!

## A Sunday School Christmas

**Sunday School will be held on Sunday, December 23 during both services.** This will be a combined Sunday School, led by the Sunday School coordinator Niki Lee, in which all the children will enjoy a movie, Christmas craft, and cookies.

This will be a time of fellowship, as we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas, while having fun as a group.

**If your child has any allergies or dietary restrictions, please contact Niki Lee at [nlee@knoxpres.org](mailto:nlee@knoxpres.org) or (630) 615-4303 before Friday, December 21, 2018.**





## Godly Play Children's Worship at Saturdays @5

Did you know that Knox offers Godly Play Children's Worship for ages 3 to Grade 3 at the Saturdays @ 5 Worship? If scheduling conflicts are keeping the family from coming to worship on a Sunday morning we have another great option for worship for you.



Children who attend the Saturdays @ 5:00 pm worship service will begin worship with their parents. They will then have the opportunity to move to a worship space with sacred story boxes where they will continue in prayer, song, and response to God's message. A sensorimotor style of storytelling is used, and children learn the language of worship and theology. They experience the awe and wonder of God's stories and of God's presence as they participate in a worship service where we together reflect on the mystery of God.

**If you would be willing to assist with this worship service, please contact Jenny Hubbard or Kim Lynn.**



## 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.

### Next up –

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](#)



## 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-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) & Jam (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

### **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 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](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org)

[Click Here to Register Online](#)





## **Christmas Fest – December 2 – 11:30 am**

Lunch will be served as well as many fun activities for the kids, including winter games and crafts and a fun bounce house. Please bring a side dish to share.

## **G3-Middle School Ministries**

### **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



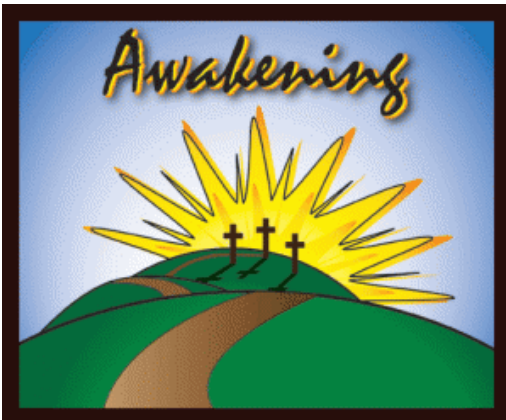
[\*\*Click Here to Register Online\*\*](#)

# High School Ministries



## Winter Retreat

Our winter retreat is quickly approaching! November 16-18 we will load up on a bus and head to Wonderland Camp in Wisconsin for a weekend of games, small groups, worship, and community. For more details, or to register, please visit [www.knoxblog.org](http://www.knoxblog.org) or contact Darin Nettleton at [dnettleton@knoxpres.org](mailto:dnettleton@knoxpres.org).



## Awakening

Brought to you by the folks of the Great Banquet, Awakening is a spiritual retreat for high school students. It is held at Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso, Indiana, November 2-4. Those interested in attending will leave around 3:30 on Friday and return around 7pm on Sunday. For more information, and to register, please visit [www.knoxblog.org](http://www.knoxblog.org) or contact Rebecca Klopp at 630-803-2557.

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# Church News

## Retirement Party

Let's Celebrate Pastor Deb's 36 Years of Service!

### Join us as we celebrate Pastor Deb's retirement.

After, 36 years of service including 19 years at Knox, Pastor Deb has decided to retire. There will be a celebration luncheon and short program after the 10:30am worship service on Sunday November 11. Deb's last day of preaching will be November 18. Please sign up online or in the Commons to attend. The luncheon will be catered.

*Personnel Council*

[Click Here to RSVP for the Luncheon, November 11](#)



### There is an app for that!

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

Click on the church  
life square to download app



[Click Here for More Info](#)

## 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."

Helping Hearts Wanted 10 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 14** will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donations are accepted immediately, but the card will be posted November 25 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.







## Holiday Poinsettias

Hi Knox family! Advent and Christmas are just around the corner, and your Worship Council will soon be taking orders for Holiday poinsettias. These holiday plants are a special part of our Christmas spirit as well as decorating the Sanctuary for the Holidays. Be looking for the order forms beginning in November!



## Sunday Flower Dedications

The flower arrangements in the sanctuary each week are a beautiful addition to our Worship services, and the Worship Council thanks you for the arrangements that are dedicated to friends, family, or our beloved memories. Just a reminder we ask that dedications need to be posted to the sign-up sheet by the prior Sunday if possible. That way we have sufficient time to order the arrangements from Celidan. Thank you for the increased sign-ups that we have seen in the last month! Happy Thanksgiving!

## Custodian Corner- Proud To Announce New Hires



**Ted Williams**



**Randy Spanheimer**

We are proud to announce the recent hiring of two new custodians, Ted Williams and Randy Spanheimer. Both come with years of custodial experience and knowledge. Ted has already joined the custodial team and has done an outstanding job of quickly picking up responsibilities for maintaining facility areas supporting the Children's Day Out (CDO) program here at Knox. Randy started on October 24 with primary custodial responsibilities covering the entire facility on a split shift basis. Their photos are posted on the Custodial Corner information board near the coffee bar. Please wish them a warm welcome as they join our current custodial team in making our facility welcoming and presentable.





## 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.



## **Cookie Walk is coming in December!**

### **Christmas Cookie Walk is Coming – Bakers Needed!**



The fourth annual Knox Christmas Cookie Walk is scheduled for **Saturday, December 8th from 9:00am to 1:00pm in Lehman Hall.**

Come find 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.

More bakers are needed to make our selection the best in Naperville. If you enjoy making holiday treats for a good cause, please contact Stephanie Hild at [hildsj17@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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. New This Year: Fresh donuts made on site! You won't want to miss it! All proceeds support the mission of Knox Presbyterian Deacons.



## **Faithfully Fit**

Check [knoxpres.org](http://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!



## **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 Jmmminor86@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](mailto:Dawn_pakkebier@ipsd.org) or**  
**Mike Komma at [mpkomma@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:dnettleton@knoxpres.org)



# Ministry To Seniors



## Hall of Famers Lunch Thursday, November 8

### Flag and Pledge Presentation

#### Do You Know the Story behind the Pledge of Allegiance?

Barry Kolanowski, flag hobbyist and enthusiast, will share his knowledge about the flag and so much more

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, November 5, for reservations.**



## Seasoned Citizens

**Join us for December 4  
For Lunch and a Show at  
Drury Lane Theatre from  
11:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**\$62 per ticket  
(includes lunch, tax, gratuity  
and matinee)**

## Sign Up by November 14

There is a 3 course meal with your choice of an Entree

Please Choose from:

**Seared Chicken**

**Roast Turkey and Stuffing**

**8 Finger Cavatelli**

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



# Safety & Security



## Phone Scam Impersonates Sheriff's Office

They call you and claim to be from the local sheriff's office. Then, they inform you of a warrant that's been issued for your arrest. As a way to "help" you out, they agree not to arrest you if you pay a fine.

Don't be tricked into paying the fine! This is a vishing (voice phishing) scam used to steal your money. Remember, no one in law enforcement will ever ask for you to make a payment over the phone. Stay aware of vishing tactics!

## Goodbye Note



***Dear cherished Knox Friends,***

The frost came in mid-October. I knew it would. The advisories were mounting. That time of annual farewells to budding roses and green grass, to brilliant dahlias and towering sunflowers ...was upon me. The familiar carpet of sparkling frost covered the yard before me and behind.

November is here and the goodbyes begin. This time, they are more poignant than those offered to a seasonal array of garden glory that will in fact rise again at spring's request. I will be saying goodbye to all of you.

I have been disciplining myself to "be in the moment" and to enjoy being a part of things in all the ways that I am so accustomed. I have not wanted to think of doing this or that for the last time; that would take away from relishing these moments. And there is no place for melancholy! How fortunate am I to have loved what I do and with whom! How fortunate am I to have been loved and supported by all of you. How grateful am I to our great God for this great call of service and ministry.

Blessings dear friends! My pastoral "mantle" will be put aside now and my role as grandparent, puttering person par excellence, and retiree will take over. I will think of you and keep you close in heart and prayer as you go forward; Gods guidance and grace to lead you.

***With my gratitude, yours in Christ,  
Rev. Deb***

# Thank You Note



***To my wonderful Knox Family, Pastors, Deacons and Friends.***

November is the month we think of for giving thanks. I give my most heartfelt thanks to each one of you! You are such a blessing in my life. I give thanks for hospital visits, cards, prayers, home visits and help with shopping and errands. I treasure each one!

May you continue to be blessed. May our Lord Jesus walk beside each one of you. Have a beautiful, blessed Thanksgiving.

Your Sister in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

*Most Sincerely,  
Peg Little*

# 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)  
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)  
Flora Albrecht  
Pat Daddezio (Kristina Matrino's mother)  
Beverly Frier  
Laura Varney (Doug Varney's mother)  
Karen Hargis  
Steve Mazzarella (retired Naperville North teacher)  
Phyllis Wheeler  
Jennifer Streff (Peg Foltz's sister)  
Pat Carter  
Mary Harrison (Missy Jung's mother)  
Abbey Storey  
Jan Kane (Carol O'Neill's niece's sister-in-law)  
Eleanor Antenen  
Linda Engelsman (sister of R J Miers)  
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  
Christy Stephan  
Zay DuPlessis (mother of Rene DeConing, in South Africa)  
Michael Starr  
Joan Black (cousin of Ruth Dispensa)  
Lisa Dorr  
Debbie Cloke  
Penny Clark (mother of Diane Charles)  
Rick Elder  
Lawrence Sieczynski (brother of Tom Sieczynski)  
Peter Aument (neighbor of Dee Dee Porter)  
Connie Robertson (mother of Molly Brischetto)  
Sonny Redding (father of Dawn Kalis)  
John Mager (friend of Dave and Bonnie Olson)  
Frank Mayer  
Ed Muscarella (friend of Bobbie Britton)  
Bev Muscarella (friend of Bobbie Britton)  
Tyler Trent (friend of Marti Schmidt)

## **Home Recovering**

Hank Mittelhauser  
Carol O'Neill  
Norah Johnson  
Lois Whitlock  
Barb Waters  
Glenda Rossolillo  
John Janke  
Lana Hasenyager (Lisa Bennett's mother)  
Peg Foltz

## **Hospital:**

Jeff Berry (RML Specialty Hospital, Hinsdale)  
Nancy Emond (Good Samaritan Hospital)  
Jerry Lahti (Edward Hospital)

## **Grieving:**

### **The friends and family of:**

Dorothy Jean Parker on her death (Charter Member of Knox)

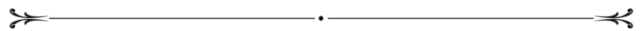
## **Congratulations:**

**Christie and Derek Miller** on the birth of their sons  
**Samuel Jacob and Lucas James** on October 2.

**Anna And Greg Burke** on the birth of their daughter  
**Blake Margaret** on October 4. Charlie and Sue Johnpeter 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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