

A Letter From Rev Deb & Clint

Advent 2018

Dear Friends,

Perhaps you are familiar with the Christmas fable of The Three Trees. It paints a picture of our Advent theme. We find a story of awaiting with expectation, unexpected surprise and God's promise fulfilled.

The three saplings begin life together atop a hill and as they grow, they share their hopes with one another for their futures. One imagines she will become a carpenter's beautiful carved treasure chest filled with extravagant things. Another anticipates becoming the bow of a grand sailing ship, built to carry Kings and Queens. The third hopes to remain in the forest, ever taller and stronger, pointing toward the heavens. Over the years the trees grow strong side by side as they await their fulfillment.



The three trees receive an unexpected surprise however when the first becomes a mere feed trough for animals rather than a treasure chest, the second becomes the hull of a mere fishing vessel rather than a grand ship and the last... because of its height and strength, is cut down for use as a pole. The fable concludes with the trees discovery that their purpose is God's purpose being fulfilled through them. The feed trough holds the treasure of the baby Jesus, infant King. The small vessel becomes a fishing boat that carries Jesus back and forth across the Sea of Galilee and the last one becomes the tall tree of the cross, raising our Savior toward the heavens as his life is given for us.

This saying comes to us from the ancient church - it is "Christ has come. Christ is coming and Christ will come again". As we prepare for Advent once again and the celebration of His birth, you and I could add the word "already" to the end of each of these acclamations! We are able to confirm Christ entry into the world and into our lives-Jesus, our Emmanuel:

Christ has come (already)

Christ is coming (already at work in our lives)

and Christ will come again (already promised by God).

And so we find ourselves upon the blessed and sacred journey of "Awaiting the Already".

We extend our deepest gratitude to you this season! We see God's promises and purpose at work through you and through this humble vessel called Knox. We pray that you will find strengthening trust and hope as God's promise is (already) fulfilled yet simultaneously being renewed in the hearts of all who receive Him.

Yours in Christ,
Deb and Clinton

Advent Sermon Series 2018

"Awaiting the Already"-Advent Through The Eyes of The Gospel Writers

Book by Magrey R. deVega

Advent best captures the dynamic tension between the past and the future, in a way that fills us with hopeful anticipation in the present. Advent is not a time of pretending that Jesus has never been born; it is a time of preparing for what that birth means for us today.

December 2-First Week of Advent - Hope

"Slow Down, Pay Attention"

The Gospel of Mark

Texts: Proverbs 4:25-26, Mark 1:1-8

December 9-Second Week of Advent - Peace

"Joseph and Herod-The Saint and the Villain"

The Gospel of Matthew

Texts: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Matthew 1:22-25; 2:7-8



December 16-Third Week of Advent - Joy

"The Ultimate Advent Playlist"

The Gospel of Luke

Texts: Luke 2:28-35

December 23-Fourth Week of Advent - Love

"Piercing Light"

The Gospel of John

Texts: John 1:1-18, selected

Highlights

December 2 – 11:30 am Christmas Fest

December 2 – 3:00 pm Naperville Men's Glee Club

December 8 – 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Cookie Walk

December 9 - 7:00 pm Carols and Candlelight

December 16 - 3:00 pm Caroling with Clint

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24

Services at 3, 5, 7 and 9 pm

Our 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm afternoon services are meant to be family friendly and for the whole church family as well.

3:00 pm Our dancing and singing preschoolers, Blessed Ones, will be sharing in this service

5:00 pm Our Children's Choir will sing at this service.

7:00 pm This is a service of candlelight and communion led by our Knox Praise Team

9:00 pm This is our traditional service of candlelight and communion led by our Chancel Choir



Church News

It's not too late...

... To check your 2019 Stewardship Pledge off your holiday "To Do" list!

Perhaps at no other time during the year is the important work of the Knox congregation more evident than during the Christmas season. Amid the joy and glad tidings that accompany this time of celebration, there are also the familiar looks on the faces of those entering the doors of our church. Faces looking for hope. Faces looking for forgiveness. Faces seeking purpose and direction.



But your pledge reveals a different face.

Your act of giving puts a face on God's Renewal of the world. Working through you, the Holy Spirit will renew our congregation, restoring hope, deepening our understanding of our relationship with God, renewing our community, and most of all, renewing your life.

We know that by giving us His son, God gave us the greatest gift anyone could ask for, one far greater than any of us could ever deserve. And even more generously, He gave us everything we have. Our act of giving to the church is a demonstration of our love for others as God first loved us.

If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge for 2019 today. Simply place your pledge card in the offering plate, or for other giving options, visit www.knoxpres.org, or contact our Financial Administrator, Michal Baker, in the church office.

May you always remember the words of the Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

The Stewardship Team

Pastor Clint Forms Succession Advisory Committee for Session

In preparation for Rev Deb's retirement, Pastor Clint formed a Succession Advisory Committee several months ago to study and advise Session on a suggested path for the short- and long-term. Churches live in cycles, and Knox is no different. There are periods of great growth and robust outreach, followed by times of maintenance and, in some cases, even decline. Pastor Clint is devoted to the life of Knox and has formed this advisory group to help him prepare, equip, and shepherd the church at this generational turn in its life. What should Knox Presbyterian Church look like in 2 years, 5 years, and beyond? How will we navigate change and renew the church for a newly defined upward path? These are just a couple questions the committee is discussing.

Over his years of ministry, Pastor Clint has witnessed and experienced many transitional periods. He calls this Renewal process, "...a healthy exercise! It will help us manage our transition to the next generations calmly and intentionally through a very thoughtful process." He desires to prepare Knox for the future and start the church on a path to renewal. "This process can and does take years to complete," he said. "Like Moses leading Israel, I probably will not be there when the journey is done, but I will be sure the path is clear, and the people are joyous. This is my offering to my beloved Knox."

As far as Rev Deb's ministries going forward, she spent a tremendous amount of time preparing her groups and councils to continue after her retirement. She empowered many to lead various functions and spent significant time with them in preparation. All are in great position to flourish thanks to her careful nurturing.

The Succession Advisory Committee members are from diverse age groups and backgrounds. Each one brings a unique history with Knox and a valuable perspective on the life of the church. Members are: Shannon Adcock, Deb Beaird, Steve Bennett, Norm Canfield, Jeff Mach, Pete Ritenour, Tom Rose, Barb Silverman, and Christy Stephan. The group is meeting bi-weekly. It is their hope to prepare a report for Session by late spring 2019.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6



**Christmas Fest – December 2,
11:30 am-1:00 pm**

Fun for the whole family!

Come enjoy lunch with friends, Christmas Crafts, a visit from Santa and much more. Santa will read a story to the children and your child can talk to him in a relaxed setting. Bring your camera and a side dish to share! This is a wonderful family tradition for you with your entire church family!



Naperville Men's Glee Club

3:00 pm Sunday, December 2, 2018
Cost \$15.00

They will be ringing in the season with sacred Advent selections, a round of Christmas favorites, and opportunities to sing along.

Our Christmas Presence concert has become an annual favorite with great holiday inspiration, and a growing list of home baked cookies and treats in the Commons. Get your Holiday Season rolling with NMGC!

[**Click Here to Get Tickets**](#)



Cookie Walk is coming in just a couple of weeks!

**December 8th from 9:00am-1:00pm
in Lehman Hall**

Bakers are busy preparing delicious fancy cookies and candies that will be a hit at your holiday gatherings.

Need more information?

Please contact Stephanie Hild at hildsj17@gmail.com or (cell) 630.210.6597.

New This Year: Fresh donuts made on site! You won't want to miss it!

Proceeds from the Cookie Walk fund the Knox Deacons' ministry to the families of Knox.

Christmas Card Fund



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

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 16** 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

There is sign-up for dedications and purchases in the Commons on Sunday mornings until 12-16. There is one color, red, priced at \$16.00. Orders must be prepaid by cash or check made out to Knox with Poinsettia in the memo line. The plants may be picked up and taken home after the last service on Christmas Eve. Questions, call Susan Komma at 630-696-2550 or email at smweiner08@gmail.com.



Christmas Joy Offering Your Gifts Make a Difference – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

This Advent season, celebrate the indescribable gift we receive in the birth of Jesus Christ. Share the blessing we have in His grace and love by blessing those who have dedicated their lives to the church – both now and in the future.

Advent is a time of anticipation and promise, of thanksgiving and celebration. Every year, we pour out our gratitude by giving to the Christmas Joy Offering which supports church workers and their families in need and nurtures the promise of our future racial ethnic leaders.

- 50% provides critical financial assistance to church leaders in need.
- 50% supports opportunities for future leaders at Presbyterian schools.

Knox receives donations to the Christmas Joy Offering during Advent beginning December 2 and culminates in the Christmas Eve offering.

Children's Christmas Eve Choir



ANY CHILD K-5 who would like to sing (regardless of their involvement in Youth Club on Wednesday nights) is invited to be a part of the Children's Christmas Eve Choir.

We will sing for the 5:00 Christmas Eve service.

We have a lot of fun during our rehearsals and it is a priceless opportunity for grandparents and family members to see & hear them sing!

Rehearsals are: Sunday, December 9 @ 10:00 - 10:25

Sunday, December 16 @ 10:00 - 10:25

Sunday, December 23 @ 10:00 - 10:25

Thank you! Jan & Curt Parry

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



Carols and Candlelight 2018

December 9 @ 7:00 pm

As the bustle of Christmas activities swirl around us, we invite you to slow down and re-discover the profound gift God gave to us. Through scripture, readings and music, we offer you the opportunity to listen, sing, and breathe the Good News of our newborn Savior. The Chancel Choir, Praise Team, JAM and Prime Time will be participating along with our orchestra, under the direction of Brad Pfeil. Invite your family and friends for this highlight of our season and stay for refreshments following the concert.



Caroling with Clint

Sunday, December 16 - 3:00 - 5:30pm

Join us as we board a school bus and venture to visit our members in need of a visit to share some Christmas cheer with song. All ages welcome and encouraged! After we carol we will enjoy some refreshments and hot chocolate. Pastor Clint looks forward to seeing you! No need to sign up, just show up!



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.



Men Ministries



2nd Annual ManKIND Men's Smoker January 26, 2019

ManKIND Men's Ministry invites the men of Knox to our 2nd annual men's smoker (i.e., an informal gathering of men)! Connect with your brothers in Christ at Knox on Saturday, January 26, for an evening of fellowship. You will enjoy mouth-watering BBQ and the opportunity to

buddy-up with a friend, old or new, to compete in our corn-hole toss and/or euchre tournaments.

To join us and sign up your team(s) by January 19, go to the knoxpres.org Event Registration page. Or, if you need a buddy, we will pair you up! Details to come soon. There is no ManKIND membership, so all men are welcome.

Suggested donation is only \$10 per person for the evening. If you have questions, give us a shout at mankind@knoxpres.org.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Presbyterian Women



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 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 and it is still 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, Bible Study and prayer. We will meet for Brunch on Dec 12th and then break until January. When we return on Jan 9th, we will continue with our study of John.

We welcome women of all ages and Bible knowledge; childcare for little ones from birth through age 5 is included.

Questions? Contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com.



Evening Book Club

Evening Book Club will read our favorite holiday books or short stories at our **December 12 meeting** in the Parlor at 7:30 pm.

Come prepared to share, or just listen! The selection for January will be *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janzen. The 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!



The Knox PW Coordinating Board

The PW Coordinating Board is cordially invited to celebrate Christmas at Linda Adcock's home on December 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

A light dinner will be served. Please bring kid friendly snacks for the kids at Bridge Community.

Avoid snacks with nuts please. They are requested for use during the long winter school break.

RSVP to Linda - lindaadcock7@hotmail.com by December 2.

Circles

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

Mary Martha: Tuesday, December 11, 9:30 am - Contact Sue Burns sbburns@comcast.net

Mary Martha Circle will meet at the home of Glenda Rossolillo.

Rachel-Rebekah: Circle will meet December 11, 2018 at 9:30 AM at the home of Betty Hemmeter, 1125 N. West Street, Naperville, 630-357-8223. Study Lesson 4 and remember that this is our Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass if you plan to stay for lunch.

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

Not Your Mother's Circle: December 8- HOLIDAY GATHERING – 9:00 am

At the home of Sue Goll's- 614 Bakewell Lane Naperville 630-362-8411 sgollcci@gmail.com
RSVP to Sue.

Presbyterian Women Retreat Meeting: December 3, 6:30 pm in Deb's office.



Mom to Mom December 10 Christmas Cheer

Jimmy's Grill (Downtown Naperville)

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Childcare available from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the church.

Please pick up kids promptly at 8:30.

Contact lindaadcock7@hotmail.com. Childcare available from 6:30 – 8:30 at the church.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Missions at Knox

Dakota Partnership Christmas Angels



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

To participate:

Call Julie Milldrum if you have a specific age or child you would like to buy for.

- 2. Go to the Commons and select an Angel, fill out the back of the angel with information, leave that Angel on the counter.**
- 3. 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 to show you how to do it or call Julie Milldrum 630-717-8240 or cell 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 cell 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, cell 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 cell 630-470-7044



Teen Parent Connection 2019 Meal Sign-up Dates Available

The Teen Parent Connection group that meets each Tuesday evening at Knox could use some help. There are plenty of dates available from January through May to provide and serve a simple meal for about 12 teen-age parents and their toddlers. Meals need not be home cooked or complicated and paper products are provided for your use. Instructions, personal support and reimbursement are available. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. which should allow you to be finished by 7:15 p.m. Sound like something you would like to do?

Please check out knoxpres.org to see the schedule. If one of those dates is good for you, you can sign-up online or just give us a call and we will be happy to add your name to the list. We are grateful to those who have helped out earlier this year and hopeful that we can look forward to your help for the next part of the year.

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

Thank you,
Bonnie Olson 630.355.4417 bdolson@ntsource.com and
Anne Kingsbury 630.369-9680 askingsbury1@gmail.com

TPC(Teen Parent Connection) is a nonprofit DuPage County organization that provides programs and services related to teenage pregnancy and parenting. Through the support of the Mission Council, Knox has hosted weekly meals for this program for over 30 years. To learn more about Teen Parent Connection please refer to their website, teenparentconnection.org



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **December 2**. 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 Help At Hesed House!

Please consider volunteering your time for this important mission, which is always the fourth Saturday of each month.

December 22

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

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.

We hope your child can attend this wonderful time of fellowship and fun!

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



No Sunday School

There will be NO Sunday School on December 30, 2018 and January 6, 2019. Happy Holidays!



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.

Groups and Missions we have cooked for:

Hesed House, Go N Serve, Sisseton Family Mission Trip, Hall of Famers, Teen Parent Connection and Youth 360.

Next up –

Thursday, February 21

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Making casseroles for Congregational Care

[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)

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.

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

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



G3-Middle School Ministries

Save The Dates-

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

We will meet at the WVHS Planetarium and will learn all about the star that the Wise Men followed over 2000 years ago. After our time under the stars, we will walk over to Wendy's for some ice cream or other snacks.

Parents should drop off at the WVHS Planetarium and pick up at Wendy's - both located on the corner intersection of Eola and Ogden in Aurora.

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](#)

Children's Day Out



Children's
Day Out

at KNOX Presbyterian Church

We are so excited to announce some changes to our program for Fall 2019!

Ready? Drumroll.....

Children's Day Out will be here 5 days per week!

Classes for children 15 months - Pre K will be held Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm. You may choose 1 or 2 days per week. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday are the 2 day options. Monthly tuition is based on the number of days in session for the school year.

For children 3 years and older you may enroll for a 3rd morning! Friday Explorers will be offered every Friday we are in session from 9:00 am-11:00 am. This class will use imagination and exploration to go further into letters, numbers, sights and sounds, building, and problem solving. All skills needed to grow and stimulate our minds and love the idea of learning! Tuition for each semester will be due Sept 1 and Dec 1.

Plans are underway and details are being finalized! Registration materials will be mailed home after Thanksgiving. Current family registration begins January 28. Community registration begins February 25. Thanks for being a part of this exciting journey!

Youth & Young Adult



High School White Elephant and Christmas Party

December 12th, 6-6:30 Dinner, 6:30-7:30 Party

For our White Elephant and Christmas party, two things are required. First, bring a wrapped gift from home that originally cost no more than 10\$. Choose a gift wisely! And don't steal from your parents. Second, wear your tackiest Christmas outfit!

Young Adult White Elephant

December 18th, 7-8:30

The Young Adults are invited to a White Elephant Christmas party at Knox! Come as the Wise Men once did, bearing wrapped gifts costing no more than 10\$ and dressed in your tackiest Christmas attire. Food and drink will be provided.



Young Adult Boxing Day Party

On Wednesday, December 26th, all Young Adults are invited to a party at Knox! This will be a time of food, fellowship, and games. Keep an eye on the Young Adult page for more details as they emerge.



Young Adult Mission Trip

From December 29th through January 4th a group of Young Adults will be headed to San Juan, Puerto Rico. During our time there we will be partnering with Monteflores Presbyterian Church to provide help with construction in the surrounding neighborhoods, as well as hosting a children's fiesta and participating in worship with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters. We would appreciate your prayers for us and for God's church in Puerto Rico this winter.



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

Ministry To Seniors



Hall of Famers Luncheon A Homegrown Christmas Thursday, December 13, 2018 Special Start Time is 11:30 am

Come join us for a joyous Christmas Celebration in Lehman Hall with punch and hor d'oerves. There will be a prize for the most festive Christmas attire!

Enjoy all your favorite Knox "stars" - our very own musicians and poets.
Enjoy favorite Christmas stories and memories from your HOF friends.
Enjoy singing the carols you love.

And of course, enjoy a beautiful Christmas meal. See you there!



Seasoned Citizens

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

Care Ministries

Illness/Health Concerns:

Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
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)
Lisa Dorr
Clarence Baker (friend of Keith Hoggatt)
Caitlin Ritenour
Jane Gilmer Mendola (sister-in-law of Diane Gilmer)
Mark Bickler
Margaret Thomas
Marilyn Wilgoeki
Christy Stephan
Michael Starr
Joan Black (cousin of Ruth Dispensa)
Debbie Cloke
Penny Clark (mother of Diane Charles)
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) (rehabilitation facility)
John Mager (friend of Dave and Bonnie Olson)
Bev Muscarella (friend of Bobbie Britton)
Tyler Trent (friend of Marti Schmidt)
Jerry Lahti (Tabor Hills)
Judy Jung (mother of Patrick Jung)
Michelle Ainsworth (daughter-in-law of Beverly Ainsworth)
Justin Wegner (neighbor of Robin Kolar)
Jeff Thomas (husband of Metea High School teacher)

Home Recovering

Hank Mittelhauser
Carol O'Neill
Norah Johnson
Lois Whitlock
Glenda Rossolillo
John Janke
Lana Hasenyager (Lisa Bennett's mother)
Peg Foltz
Nancy Emond
Rick Elder
Alan Fry

Hospital:

Jeff Berry (RML Specialty Hospital, Hinsdale)
Ed Muscarella (friend of Bobbie Britton)
Mary Inman (Edward Hospital)
Brooks Reid (Edward Hospital)
Frank Mayer (Edward Hospital)

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

Dorothy Jean Parker on her death (Charter Member of Knox)
Zay Du Plessis on her death (mother of Rene De Coning)
Ryon Degenhart on his death (relative of Pam Guth)
Lindsey Lewis on her death (wife of Metea coach and teacher Aaron Lewis)
Katie Rice on her death (Sara Egan's cousin)
Frank Turkot on his death (Julie Kincaide's father)
Barbara Stewart on her death (friend of Helene Schaefer)
Lindsey Lewis on her death (wife of Metea High School Aaron Lewis)
Steve Head's mother on her death (neighbor of the Williams Family)

Congratulations:

Megan and Tim Lindsey on the birth of their son **Jackson Daniel** on October 2. Dave & Linda Pekala are the proud grandparents.
John And Alecia Probst on the birth of their daughter **Mia Grace** on November 6.

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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