

PRESBYTERIAN KNOX NEWS

August 2019

A Letter From Rev Clint



My Dear Knox Family,

Life moves in circles, much like the spinning wheels on my bike. The wheels turn round and the bike moves forward. But you have given me the ride of my life.

On July 7th, 1999, you called Deb and me to serve as your co-pastors. On July 7th, 2019, the wheels turned round with another call from another congregation: First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest. It is the ride between these dates I wish to speak of: its beauty and richness, its joys and its sorrows, its summits and valleys, the grand vistas and the tough ascents. Most of all, I want to speak of someone who's been pedaling alongside us saying, "I am with you—always."

How can I say, "Thank you and good-bye?" I do not think that I can say it. After twenty years, aren't you a part of all I am? So I will thank you with my smile. And I will thank you through my tears.

There has never been a time when I have doubted God's call to you, the people of Knox. Yes, you can be impatient and impetuous at times, at other times skeptical and stubborn. But I have known you at your best: wise and resilient, compassionate and caring, diligent and determined, faithful and forgiving, generous and good-willed. I have watched you rise again and again to the upward call of caring for each other in sickness, trouble and sorrow. And I have seen you stoop to serve "the least of these" with humility, gentleness and enduring love. This is the church you have been. And this is the church you will be.

Gratitude doesn't even begin to encompass the content of my heart as I prepare to leave Knox. Believe me when I say that I will never leave behind my love for you. I thank you deeply for your trust in me, your fashioning of my faith, your counsel and collaboration in grand times and in grim, for rejoicing in my joys and for your care in times of sorrow. For me and our family, you've done all these things and more.

I do not know the contours of the ride ahead. I do not know its hills and valleys. I cannot see around its bends. But this I do know: someone's riding with me, and with the tandem bike I've now got hanging in our garage, Deb and I are going to latch onto his rear wheel and keep pedaling with all the heart, mind, strength and soul we've got. Christ will pull us on this upward way. And Christ will pull you, too.

Farewell, dear Knox! May God bless you and keep you and always hold you in Christ's peace.

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Church News

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A note from the Personnel Council



The Personnel Council is currently working on a transition plan because Pastor Clint has taken a new call. The Council's first priority is to select an Interim Pastor. We are finalizing the interim search team, and we are working closely with the Presbytery on this search process. The interim search committee will include a cross section of Knox members in age, gender, and time at Knox. A youth representative will also be included on this committee.

Pastor Clint's last Sunday will be August 18th. However, it may take 2 – 3 months before the Interim Pastor is selected and starts working. We are conducting a national search for this individual because of the size of Knox and the multiple activities that our Church supports. In the meantime, we do not want to put additional strain on our staff so we are working with the Presbytery to find a short-term Pastor. This person will provide assistance until the Interim Pastor is in place, and will help with preaching, visitations, staff meetings, and council meetings.

When the Personnel Council and the Session discern that the time is right, a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will be established to select our full time Pastor. It's important to realize that the Interim Pastor may be at Knox for between 1.5 - 2 years before a new full time Senior Pastor is selected.

The Knox Personnel Council will continue to provide updates on our progress. If you have any questions contact Steve Bennett (630-815-1123) or Norm Canfield (630-770-2110)



Do you know a Knox visitor? Invite them to our next Knowing Knox session.

As members of Knox, we all play a key role in welcoming visitors and helping them learn more about Knox Presbyterian Church. Knowing Knox is a class

where we can learn more about our guests and they can learn more about us. Please be invitational and welcoming and share this information with them about our upcoming sessions.



Please join us for two informal informative discussions:

- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 from 10:30-11:30AM and
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 from 6-7:30PM (food will be served)

Those interested in joining Knox may do so the following weekend during one of our three services.

If you have any questions or if you have specific guests in mind, please contact Josh Weir, Elder - Outreach & Membership at weir.josh@gmail.com



Children's Day Out is so excited to start another school year!

We've revamped our program so children will be active in the building 5 days a week, a few spots remain open. We are hiring and currently looking for those special people who love young children. There is a Monday-Thursday morning position, a Tuesday/Thursday morning position and a Friday morning position available. We are increasing our substitute staff as well. Please contact the Children's Day Out office for more details about the positions and job requirements. We'd love to have you join our family! **Contact Beth Burner at 630.355.7544 or**

bburner@knoxpres.org



Mike Komma-New Custodian Hired

It is my great pleasure to announce the hiring of Mike Komma as a permanent custodian here at Knox. Mike started Monday, July 1st with his primary responsibility of covering CDO duties. As everyone knows, Mike has been a very active member of Knox who recently was Moderator for Worship, Music & Arts Council and serves currently in the Choir. He is retired from his current employer to enjoy a more relaxed life and to share his skills and abilities with our custodial team. We are

thrilled to have him. Wish him well in his new role.

Ron Mobley



Part time custodian help needed – join the team!

If you would like some extra spending money and can help us to keep Knox look welcoming – we need you! You would be scheduled on an as need/on call basis and help fill in during vacations, large events or other times when an extra hand is needed.

This could be weekdays or weekends and the tasks could be duties inside and outside our church. You will help to set-up and take

down furniture and equipment for both church and community events that take place at Knox and also to help maintain a clean environment for all our members and visitors. For more information please contact **Ron Mobley at 630-615-4305 or rmobley@knoxpres.org.**

Scheduling and Canceling Meetings at Knox



If anyone cancels a scheduled meeting, please email Ron Mobley (rmobley@knoxpres.org) so it can be taken off the Knox schedule. There are two very important reasons, first it may open up space for someone else needing it and second, if your meeting is the only evening meeting that day, we need to lock the doors so the church is not open with no one in the building. Also when your meeting is done the lights need to be turned off throughout the church.

Thanks for your assistance, Ron Mobley



Session Highlights

The Knox Session opened with devotions focused on transitions. Reverend Barbara Gorsky from the Commission on Ministry at Presbytery of Chicago attended this meeting to begin working with the Session as we enter this time of transition. She has already

been working with Elders Steve Bennett and Norm Canfield who lead the Personnel Council. Reverend Gorsky offered assurance that the Chicago Presbytery will be walking alongside us and providing support to the Session and our congregation over the next year or more.

Plans are well underway for the August 18th Knox Fest. Watch for details and plan to attend this fun Knox family day. Contact one of your Elders if you would like to volunteer. There will be good food, games, booths – and much more!



Missions at Knox



WHY HESED HOUSE?

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

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

Hesed House believes that EVERYONE DESERVES DIGNITY!

WHY VOLUNTEER?

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

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

Beginning Saturday September 28th, 2019, and Every 4th Saturday of the Month Through May: Register In Advance Online to Help Serve Food at a Shift at Hesed or Donate and Prepare Food at Home That Knox Will Serve.

Questions? Please contact Jill Wittwer at jillwittwer@yahoo.com



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is August 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!**

Most Needed Items Include:

Low/no sugar cereal & canned fruit, Gluten-free items, Whole grain pastas, Low sodium canned veggies, Detergent, Toilet paper, Toothpaste, Diapers & wipes, Household cleaning agents, Shampoo, Rice, Condensed Soup, 100% Juice, Coffee & Tea, Dried Beans & Fruit, Spaghetti sauce, Lentils/Barley

Click Here to See Most Needed Items



Starting in July

Dakota Partnership is again collecting filled backpacks to help the students in Sisseton get off to a good start for the 2019-2020 school year. The backpacks will be delivered August 12. What a joy to the family and to us to know that the kids will be ready for the new year. This one more symbol of our constant presence, caring and God's love. Thank for all your contributions.

If you would like to help with this worthy cause:

- Obtain a supply list (supply lists can be found online)
 OR
- Pick up a tag on the Commons table at Knox (before and after the service on Sunday)

Starting July 21

- Buy the backpack and fill it with the school supplies listed on the tag.
- Return filled backpacks to Knox with the tag on the outside of the bag.
- Drop off on Sundays in the Commons or leave them in the office anytime the church is open-Deadline August 11

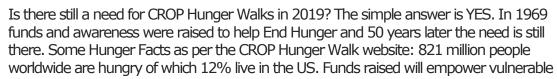
Placing the tag on the backpack will help ensure that we get the backpacks to the correct age student. We have 312 students who will need backpacks so any help you can give will be appreciated. If you would rather not purchase the backpack feel free to donate supplies, backpacks or cash to help get supplies needed.

Any Questions call Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044.

Click Here to Visit Dakota Partnership Page

Crop Hunger Walk- Sunday, October 20, at 1 pm

1969-2019, 50 Years of Walking 50 Years of Ending Hunger Together



families around the world - including families in our own community who are helped through Loaves and Fishes Community Services. This year Loaves and Fishes has been focusing on children. They have provided 7600 children with healthy nutrition in DuPage County. Furthermore, your CROP \$\$ are put to work worldwide in Cambodia, Myanmar, Haiti and Kenya, just to mention a few of the places where CROP Hunger Walk funds assist families with food, clean drinking water and shelter.

Team Knox has been registered online. If you plan on participating in the 50th Anniversary CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 20 we invite you to sign up by accessing the following website https://www.crophungerwalk.org/napervilleil and then register as a Knox walker!! This year's Walk will feature activities for kids and the Easy Meal Packing Event benefiting Loaves and Fishes' clients. **Knox Team Captains Ineke Pelella and Rachel Koritala**



PEACE BY PIECE - Go & Serve 2019

The week of June 9-15, 81 adults and youth worked in the community of Sisseton, South Dakota while experiencing and spreading Peace by Piece. Six teams worked on six work sites painting, building ramps and decks, laying a new floor, repairing a dock, hanging siding, landscaping, and by doing so changed lives. The Go & Servers were the hands and feet of Jesus while they worked, prayed, and worshiped.

Thank you to all of those who supported Go & Serve with prayers, cookies, donations (\$15,000!), and love. We could not have done it without you!





Mission Highlight

Knox helps support Frontier Fellowship, a ministry that works around the world to create opportunities for others to encounter the Gospel. Our friend in this ministry, Rev Dan McNerny, focuses on the Middle East and bringing people of the Christian and Muslim faiths together.





Women's Ministries

Women On Wednesdays

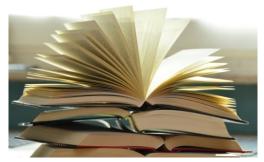


Ladies! Are you wondering what to do on Wednesday mornings? Why not come to Women on Wednesdays and join with other women for a morning of Bible Study and fellowship? Women on Wednesdays will begin Wednesday, Sept 11 with a brand new study on "Relying on the Power of the Holy Spirit" and we welcome new members! We

meet from 9:15- 11:15 and the morning includes coffee, fellowship, Bible Study and prayer. We welcome women of all ages and Bible knowledge and childcare for little ones from birth through age 5 is available. You may sign up online or just come on Sept 11!

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

Evening Book Club- All Are Welcome!



Evening Book Club will next meet Sep. 11, 7:30 pm to discuss Janesville: an American Story by Amy Goldstein. This nonfiction book tells the story of the Janesville, Wisconsin, after the GM plant shut down during the Great Recession, 2008. We meet in the Knox Parlor, second Wednesdays, and new readers are always welcome.

New readers are always welcome. Future book selections can be found at knoxpres.org under groups. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 639.416.9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.

Circles



Not Your Mother's Circle:

Not your Mother's Circle are active ladies, with young adult children, and still working. Our regular routine of rotating members homes will resume in September.

A few ladies from "Not your Mother's Circle" at the Arboretum. We'd love anyone interested to join is us Sept. Plz use in Aug. Newsletter

Save the Date: Treats and Treasures November 2 & 3 Helping Hands are needed for Donations and Set Up.



Donations Needed

Baked goods: cakes, pies, candy and bread(no cookies please and also label if there are nuts or gluten free)
Jars: pickled food, jams, jellies
Handcrafted Holiday and All Occasions Greeting Cards
Handcrafted or like new ornaments
Previously treasured jewelry

Look for more details coming soon. Contact Sandi Hurford 630-355-6794 or Carolyn Lorenz 630-888-8060 with questions.

Welcome to this season's Chick Flick "Hot Topic" - Immigration.

We will be viewing immigration to America from four different countries. These high-quality films, worth seeing, will expand our views on this issue. As our country was built by immigrants - and as we, as Christians, are challenged to practice Jesus' command to love our neighbors often conflicts with our country's foreign policies - this will be a thought-provoking series.



Friday, Sept. 6: Gran Torino, starring Clint Eastwood.

Dinner 6:15-7:00 and Movie and Discussion 7:00-9:00 in the Senior High room.

"Disgruntled Korean War veteran clashes with his Hmong teenage neighbor who tried to steal his prized possession, a 1972 Gran Torino. Challenging themes of immigration and racism are addressed in the award-winning movie."

Sign up and pay On-line or in the Commons. Cost is \$10 for dinner (payment due in advance); the movie is free. Upcoming movies: 11/8/19, 2/7/20 and 4/3/20.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Lisa Parenti, 630-362-6637



Men's Ministries

The Men of Knox in Service to Others:

ManKIND Men's Ministry has assisted more than 100 people by providing (and praying over) beds and household necessities, as well as helping families move as they transition from homeless shelters to permanent housing.

Daybreakers - Thirty or so men meet bright and early each Thursday morning at 6 am to study God's word and to discuss and debate highly relevant topics from a man's perspective.

There are dozens of ways for men of all ages to get connected and involved with ManKIND men's ministry at Knox. Programs, service, educational and fellowship opportunities are coming throughout 2019, so now is the perfect time to plug in and be fulfilled!





Children's & Family Ministries



Sunday School Calendar

August 18: No Sunday School. Knox Fest Celebration after 10am service.

August 25: Last Day of Summer Sunday School.

September 1: No Sunday School

September 8: First day of Sunday School. Sunday School classes will be available at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) through 7th

Grade.

Questions & Volunteering: Contact Erin Hartman, Sunday School & Family Ministries Coordinator, 630- 615-4303, ehartman@knoxpres.org

What's New?

Throughout the year, in conjunction with the curriculum, we will be focusing on worship and laying a foundation of worship in the lives of the children and youth. For our younger children, we will continue to use the Deep Blue curriculum, which focuses on the overall theme of "Loving God, Loving Neighbor." For Middle School, the curriculum we will be using is LinC (Living in Christ), which has real life applications and links back to scripture.

Note from Erin

I am looking forward to the fall and continuing to get to know more families here at Knox. We are still in need of teachers to make the Sunday School program possible during service. Please contact me directly for more information and to volunteer, we would love to have your help and devotion to teaching the children of Knox about Christ.

Wednesday Nights begins again September 11!

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

Evening includes

- *Bible Study
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- *Woodworking
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Click Here to Register For Wednesday Nights

G3-Middle School Ministries



Confirmation For All 8th Graders

August 25th - 11-noon Parent Meeting August 25th - Midnight Registration closes September 8th - 10:30-1:00 First day of Confirmation!



Save the Dates

G3-Middle School Fellowship – August 10 – Games, Dinner and Worship

We will meet at 3:00 pm for games of followed by dinner and worship with Saturdays @ 5. Kids should be picked up at 6:00 pm.

G3 - Middle School Fellowship Camping Trip-September14 - 15

Activities will include games, bonfire and s'mores, making dinner and evening vespers. Greene Valley Forest Preserve – Drop off at the camp site at 3:30 pm – Pick up at the camp site at 8:00 am. We will need tents and parent help with tent set up and take down.

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Youth



High School Ministries

SAVE THE DATES

August 11 - All Day Dunes Trip (shh! This trip is a surprise for the incoming freshman!)

August 14 - 6-7:30 Wednesday Youth Group Kick-off Cookout

September 8 - 7-8:30 Sunday Night Bible Study Begins

September 21 - 9-3:00 High Ropes Course

For More Info Click Here to Visit knoxblog.org





Young Adult



Fellowship & Bible Study

Young Adult Fellowship is a small group of adults in their early twenties who meet regularly for Bible study, service and fellowship.

If you would like to participate in our YA Fellowship, email or text

Darin Nettleton, dnettleton@knoxpres.org (425)530-0009

SAVE THE DATES

August 4 - Registration closes for Winter Mission Trip to Puerto Rico August 11 - 5-7 pm Last softball game at Gartner Park

Young Adult Winter Mission Trip

Trip Dates: December 28/29 to January 4/5

For all young adults (High school grads of 2019 through 25) interested in learning about this trip, please plan on attending the informational meeting on June 2nd. If you cannot make this meeting, please reach out to Darin (dnettleton@konxpres.org). Adult sponsors are also invited to prayerfully consider joining us! Keep an eye out for more info on the trip at knoxblog.

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Adult Ed

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For upcoming Bible Study Groups visit

Knoxpres.org



Ministry To Seniors



Hall of Famers' Luncheon Thursday, September 12

This group, especially for seniors, will begin the 2019-2020 Season on September 12. We have an entertaining program and delicious lunch planned for you! Hope you can join us for worship in the chapel at 11:30 am followed by lunch at noon and a program after lunch. Cost is \$8.00. **Watch for more details later.**



Thank You



Rudi, Joan and the entire Tanck family would like to thank our Knox family and all the others who prayed for Rudi's recovery, for strength for our family and wisdom for the medical team to take the necessary steps to save his life. We know that many of you reached out to your prayer groups and friends to join together and pray for Rudi. We are so humbled and grateful.

We also want to thank all who sent us cards of encouragement and best wishes. Your love was felt by us all and has been instrumental to Rudi's recovery and all of our well-being. With our love and much gratitude, Rudi, Joan, Catherine, Susanna, Brian, Micaiah and Sofia.



Thank you so much for supporting the Garden Walk, hosted by Presbyterian Women.

More than 100 people toured six Naperville area gardens.

Bouquets of thanks to our intrepid gardeners and to our garden greeters. The weather was perfect, and for that, we thank the Master Gardener.

Proceeds will benefit Bridge Communities, a Glen Ellyn non-profit that helps transition homeless families to self-sufficiency.

Dear Knox Family and Friends,

The love poured out has been immeasurable regarding the passing of my sister Dede Gruenberg. Whether you prayed, hugged, sent gifts or flowers, phoned, texted or emailed words of encouragement, mailed cards or visited - we have felt the love of Christ shared through each of you.

We love you all, The Dickens Family



Care Ministries

Congratulations:

Paula & Casey Martin on the birth of their daughter, **Maelin Lovisa** on May 13.

Kelly & Chris Bratsos on the birth of their son, Dylan James on May 22.

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

Mabel Paxton on her death Daniel Misevich on his death (father of Allison Geers) Chuck Spoonemore (husband of cousin of Byron Burns) Justin Wegner on his death (neighbor of Robin Kolar) John Foy on his death (friend of Charlie and Carol O'Neill) Steve Macaluso on his death (neighbor of Jeff and Sara Egan)

Weekly Prayer Cards:

Pick up a weekly prayer card in the Commons for the most current list of our members who are in the hospital, at home recovering, nursing homes and home bound.

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