



# Knox News

## October 2020



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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAT



I had the privilege of learning to ride horses under the watchful gaze of Ms. Judith Sikes. She and her husband, Mac, had a horse farm and a classic pre-Civil War house outside Murfreesboro, Tennessee. We moved back to that city when I was almost thirteen. The Sikes were mainstays at the church we attended. Ms. Sikes came up to us after worship one Sunday and asked if I would be interested in taking riding lessons. I know my eyes lit up at the question. How could my adoring parents deny their cherished almost-teenage son that opportunity! They didn't, of course.

There are a lot of stories about my three years of lessons at Ms. Sikes' riding school. Within a few weeks of just being there for my lesson, I was soon allowed to get there in time for the first class of the day and stay through the entire day. In addition to my lesson, I helped with other classes, worked in the barn and hung out with new friends



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Church Wide Study

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## Vespers@5 pm

Saturday Outdoor Service

Click on the graphic to learn more



## WORSHIP

Sunday 9 AM Online

Click on the graphic to learn more

and this couple's four daughters, all grouped in age near mine. It was not too shabby a deal for me!

Those of us who have been around horses likely know that there are five natural gaits of horses. These natural gaits include the walk, trot, canter or lope, gallop and back. Learning to ride in any style (hunt seat, stock seat (Western) and dressage, one must gain proficiency in all these gaits. It was a total blast to learn, to ride and to experience these various disciplines under Ms. Sikes joyful and knowing instruction.

I've found myself giving a lot of attention, along with our Session and staff and all of us who call Knox home, to the pacing of the re-opening of our facility. It all started with the amazing work of our Health Task Force and Restart Task Force months ago as they brought together a proposed plan based on the best government and health information, restrictions and guidelines. Session adopted that plan. In the months since, Session has stayed attentive to the best ways to care for our congregation and larger community in every way possible.

About the time you read this, a letter is being received by everyone at Knox that gives a full update on the steps already taken and others coming soon. Please take time to read that letter. You'll also be aware that a congregational survey went out to all of Knox two weeks ago. With so much support expressed for how our leaders have led Knox, there is also the reality that some of us think we have moved too slow and some who think we are moving too fast. Such is life as a community!

All this reminds me of my riding days. I came to appreciate each gait, its purpose, its feel and its joy. Each one is vital. Sometimes, I wanted to just get out in the fields and canter away at high speed, sometimes even a full run. Other times, I knew it was just right, for me and for my horse, to walk or trot or slip into a gentle lope. Going back proved to be essential, too, at times.

I invite us all to appreciate the need for the right gait at the right time as best as Knox leaders can discern this with God's help. We won't all agree in all moments (about this or a hundred other things I would guess!), but our commitment to ride on together is vital in order to see our ministry and mission





NEED ASSISTANCE  
Knox can help!  
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

continue to thrive in new and fresh ways in the weeks and months ahead. You'll see plenty of evidence of this in the rest of this issue of Knox News. Please swing into the saddle of any of these elements of our life as you each feel comfortable for the gait that is right for you.

Thanks for being part of the journey!

Pat



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SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Dates, time and location need to be scheduled with Ron Mobley.

(Lehman Hall and the Sanctuary are now available for 50 and fewer people with all protocols still place. Other rooms are available depending on room capacity)



Join Pat each Wednesday for a quick look into Scripture that will

also be the text for our upcoming Sunday worship.

**Click the play button to view the meditation.**

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH



Thanks to everyone who helped with our support of the Hesed House homeless shelter this summer with the new “drive thru drop-off” events in July and August. This type of support will continue for the foreseeable future on our regular 4th Saturday of each month during the pandemic while volunteers cannot serve inside Hesed House.

Please watch for the Hesed House link that will be sent out each month for you to sign up and support this long-standing mission of Knox as we continue our care for the most vulnerable.

**There are still a few spots for this Saturday!**

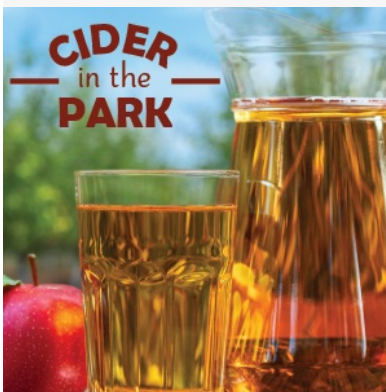
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In response to the areas of disaster in the U.S., Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is helping families. Knox has sent \$5,000. to alleviate suffering due to these disasters.

More money is coming in weekly, if you still wish to donate please do so. Thank you!

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**Cider in the Park, Sunday, September 27  
11:30 am-12:30 pm.**

Knox Deacons are hosting an outdoor gathering “Cider in the Park”. All ages welcome for fellowship, cider, and a children’s message. Please dress casually for exploring the playground, etc.

This event capacity is 50 attendees and sign up is required. There is plenty of parking and a covered pavilion with seating. We look forward to seeing you!

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### **Virtual Bed Brigade**

ManKIND Men’s Ministry has partnered with the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans to provide veterans in need with a comfortable place to lay their head.



We look to continue this much needed ministry, but we **NEED YOUR HELP** to replenish our funds to purchase beds, frames, and bedding. Any contribution is helpful, but a donation of \$250 funds one mattress, frame, and all the bedding the veteran needs for a good night's sleep!

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### **Veterans Recognition Sunday - November 8**

Knox will recognize our veterans during our virtual worship service on Sunday, November 8. We would like to create a slideshow presentation that will display your picture. If you would like your picture included, please send your photo by October 17 to the address listed below or your digital submission to [Dawn Pakkebieer](#).

We would also like to deliver a small memento to recognize you for your service. We will be delivering these to the address used for the postcard we will be sending out unless otherwise directed.  
**Thank you for your service to our country.**

Knox Presbyterian Church  
Veterans Picture  
1105 Catalpa Lane Naperville, IL 60540



**Knox Connection Groups** is presenting a series of discussion topics using the now familiar meeting place, Zoom. The sessions will be both informational and interactive. We hope that you will enjoy seeing familiar faces and that the content of the sessions will be helpful as we all navigate a remote life.

***Make sure to be in the Zoom where it happens!***

Session One:

### **Knox Connection Group- Navigating the Pandemic with your Children**

Wednesday October 14 - 7PM

This interactive session will be led by Knox's own Bryce Goll, with the help of one of his classmates, Ashley Homa.

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**The annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk** will go Virtual this year. Although we will not be able to walk together with other churches, we are making plans for Team Knox members to walk a mini **CROP Hunger Walk October 18, 11:30-2:30.**





People interested in joining Team Knox for the CROP Hunger Walk are hereby invited to go to:

[CROP Hunger Walk](#)

[READ MORE](#)



**Sign up today for the upcoming blood drive at Knox!  
October, 19, 2:00 PM - 06:00 PM**

Appointments are encouraged! Please click the button to schedule your preferred donation time!

Save The Date - December 14, 2020 when Knox sponsors a special "gift giving" Blood Drive right before Christmas!

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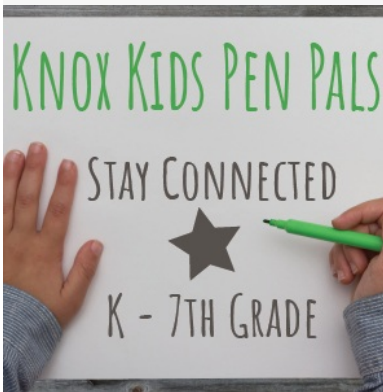


**Family Event October 3, 3-4 pm**

Please come and create kindness rocks with us as a family. We will provide the rocks and the paint kits for individual families.

The event will take place in the Basswood parking lot. Sign up is required.

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**Do you love getting mail?**

We sure do! We thought a fun way for our Knox Kids to stay connected would be through Pen Pals. Kids in Kindergarten through 7th grade are welcome to sign up for this program.

We will begin it in October and we will provide some ideas of things to write and/or send to your pen pal. We hope your kiddos will join this fun group of Pen Pals.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Erin at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org).

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**Knox Kids Bible Study** K-5th grade will take place on Wednesday nights at 5pm and will be following the Fall Sermon Series, "The Jesus Way." You can email Erin at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org) or Sign up [here](#).



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**G3 Wednesday Nights** will start back up remotely. Ms. Jenna is willing to change to an alternate day if that works better for our families. Please reach out to Erin if your middle schooler would be interested in participating at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org).

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### 3rd Grade Bibles

We will still be presenting our 3rd Grade Class with their very own Bibles this year. If you are the parent of a third grader, you should have received an email from Erin asking about your comfort level and availability for an in-person presentation of the bibles.

If you did not receive an email from her, please reach out to her directly at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org). We hope to continue to make this a special event for our third graders in whatever capacity and comfort level that we can during this time.



### Save the Date

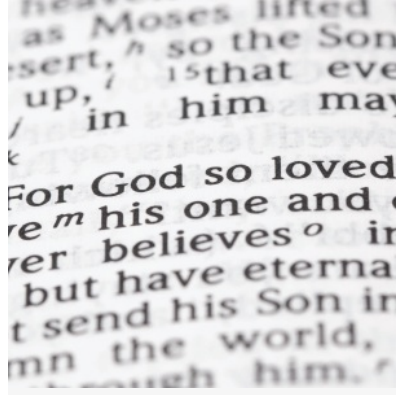
#### Trunk or Treat October 24th

We are excited to offer Trunk or Treat again this year. There are many protocols and safety guidelines that we will be following, but we are so excited to still have this event take place! Please be on the lookout for more details in the next few weeks and be sure to register for this event when the registration becomes available. If you would be interested in decorating a car trunk, please contact Ann Smith at [anncorinnesmith@gmail.com](mailto:anncorinnesmith@gmail.com).

### Scripture Readers For Worship

Have you enjoyed seeing families read scripture during our service?

We would love to have your family read for our upcoming services. If you are interested, please reach out to Erin Hartman for more information at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org)



**Parking Lot Youth Group is back on!** Every Wednesday we will gather in the Basswood parking lot from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please bring a mask and a chair. We will not be serving dinner this semester, so don't come hungry. If the weather is bad, we will gather in the portico or, if the weather is really bad, we will gather inside the church (socially distanced, of course).

**Sunday Bible study** - keep your eye on the youth blog and Remind text messages for specifics. We will meet from 7 to 8pm on Sunday evenings.



### Angel Tree Is Going Virtual!

Angel Tree Sisseton Children's Gifts sign ups will be available starting Wednesday November 18, 2020.

If you have a specific Angel you want from the past, or any questions, call Julie Milldrum at 630-470-7044

Angel Presents "drive thru, drop-off" will be Saturday December 12, 2020 or you can contact Julie for alternate "drop-off" arrangements



**Women on Wednesday** has begun the all church study "The Jesus Way". Women have a choice to join us in person at Knox or on Zoom. Both groups will begin at 9:15 for a gathering and visiting time and open with prayer at 9:30 to begin the study. We will conclude at 11:00. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge so if this time frame works for you - it's not too late to join us!

Please contact Robin Kolar at [skolar7227@aol.com](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) or Margaret Lambka at [mllambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mllambka2@gmail.com) for more information,

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**The Evening Book Club** meetings will be switching back to Wednesdays in October. Our discussion October 14 will be on *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, by Fredrik Backman (author of A Man Called Ove).



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## PW Circle's



**Mary Martha circle** will meet Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. For more information contact Susan Burns at [sbburns@comcast.net](mailto:sbburns@comcast.net).

**Rachel Rebecca Circle** will meet with Zoom on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:30 AM. Kathi Olson will send out more details to Circle members. If you want to join this Circle contact Kathi. We always welcome new members.

**Ruth Circle** meet on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm. This evening group studies from The Upper Room devotional booklet and shares a time of prayer and fellowship. We plan to meet either outside, at Knox or via Zoom. Questions? contact Bev Mayer at 630-202-5097 or [bmayer@knoxpres.org](mailto:bmayer@knoxpres.org).

**Not Your Mother's Circle** has tried their best to keep in touch and meet with social distancing outside whenever possible. We welcome you to join us for our next get-togethers. Contact Lisa Dorr ([dorrl@yahoo.com](mailto:dorrl@yahoo.com)) for information.

October 10 - Kim Wigger will host.



The family of Alice Wenzlaff Jachcinski would like to thank all members of Knox who have been so generous to us with prayers, cards and meals during this period of mourning her loss. All are greatly appreciated.

## WE'RE HIRING



### Part time custodian help needed – join our team!

We are looking to hire a part time custodian to work approximately 10-15 hours a week. Your hours would typically be on Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning. If you would like some extra spending money and can help us to keep Knox look welcoming – we need you! You may also be scheduled to help out during vacations or large events 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](mailto:rmobley@knoxpres.org).



*"Come to me,*

all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle  
and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

*For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30



## MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR SOUL

[Rest](#) by Elica Moore

[The Father's House](#) by Cory Asbury

[Tonight](#) by Francesca Battistelli

[Lost in Your Love](#) by Brandon Lake (feat. Sarah Reeves)

[My Father's Arms](#) by Jeremy Camp

John 14:6

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