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A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAT



There are plenty of shifting aspects to our Knox life of ministry and mission right now as we head into November, some wonderful and some that might leave us wishing the story line could be different. Let me share three of these elements as of press time.

In-Person Worship:

The weekend of October 17 and 18, 90 people joyously and gratefully gathered for the first time since mid-March for in-person worship in a similar vein to our “usual” worship gatherings of years past. We learned within two days of that second service that our region of Illinois was under mitigation due to rising trends of pandemic numbers. We checked with the DuPage County Health Department and they informed us that churches could have 25 and fewer people gather together in our premises or on our grounds for the time being.



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Online Worship

Sunday@9am

Click on the graphic to learn more

In Person Worship

Knox will keep you updated to when we will resume In Person Worship



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That led us to cancel in-person worship for two weekends. This was intended to give leadership time to take into account all aspects of how we best live into this stage of mitigation. Session met this past Monday and, after extensive conversation unanimously passed this motion:

For the purpose of protecting the Knox community and community at-large, due to the safety and health concerns from the adverse metrics and increasing hospitalizations with COVID-19, the Knox Session determines that we will cancel all live in-person church services until review at the November 9, 2020 Session Meeting, or earlier Special Called Session meeting.

We know all of us want to see in-person worship start as soon as allowed and advisable for those ready to attend. We look forward to the time we will worship in our Sanctuary again.

Canoeing the Mountains:

Our Session, Deacons and Program Staff embarks this month on an exploration of the dynamic nature of ministry in our current cultural context. As we openly consider the changing nature of our world, we will be better able to grasp what God wants to show Knox about who we need to be and what we need to do in the years ahead. The catalyst for this three month long invested conversation is the book *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Presbyterian pastor Tod Bolsinger.

This book introduces us to the possibility that what lies ahead for us as Knox will provide the opportunity to step into new, vibrant and strategic shifts in order to follow where Christ leads. The author will join our officers and staff virtually in three conversations in November, December and January to offer current, cutting edge insights. Please pray for our leaders over these months. You are invited to contact Bev Mayer to purchase one of the extra copies of the book if you would like to read for yourself.

Jan and Curt Parry:

We hope you are already aware of the news shared this past Sunday in worship that Jan and Curt, our dynamic and great-hearted Directors of Worship will retire from their current roles at the end of 2020. It will be a joy to celebrate their 18 years of ministry



KNOX SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Dates, time and location need to be scheduled with [Ron Mobley](mailto:rmobley@knoxpres.org) at rmobley@knoxpres.org.



STEWARDSHIP

"Forward: Grounded in Faith, Growing in Him"

Nov. 1 - "Continue With Jesus"

Matthew 4:18-22

Deuteronomy 30:11-16

Nov. 8 - "Root & Build"

Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalms 1:1-3

Nov. 15 - "Be Strong In Faith"

Ephesians 6:10-20

Joshua 1:1-8

Nov. 22 - "Overflow With Thanks"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1 Chronicles 16:34-36

leadership and service as these next month's unfold. We are grateful to experience their musical gifts and direction in the time that remains.

Fully invested is exactly where we can find ourselves in this strange, ever-shifting time as the people of God called Knox. I am ever-grateful for each of you, for all that God has done and is doing, and for our hearts to stand together for all God's best.

Pat



NEED ZOOM HELP?

Please email Bev Mayer at bmayer@knoxpres.org, our new Zoom coordinator, for help setting up or changing your zoom meetings.



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



Please Welcome Our New Head Custodian

It is with excitement and pleasure to announce the addition of two custodians to our facility team.

John Bowerson, as our full time custodian covering days, Tuesday through Saturday. He brings extensive experience with custodial hands on work, having been responsible for outside yard and facility care as well as inside building maintenance, cleaning and sanitation. John is also CPR, First Aid and EMT certified. In his past employment he has been responsible for all building supplies and materials use plus their procurement. John is a valuable addition to our team and we all look forward to working with him.

Please Welcome Back Gillian Thomson who is also joining our team as a part time custodian. Her primary responsibilities will be coverage of Sunday worship services and meetings plus taking care of CDO cleaning several afternoons a week. Gillian and her family are active members of Knox. She has previously worked part time as a custodian for us before starting college at Illinois Wesleyan University last year. Gillian will be attending IWU this fall from home and returning to the university in the fall of 2021.



**Crane's Pies For Sale!
Now Through November 9
Pick Up November 15**

Once again we are selling Crane's pies. All proceeds will go to the Young Adults for their winter mission trip in 2021-22. Help support the Young Adults, and get a delicious Michigan pie in the process. Pies are \$22, flavors are Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Pumpkin, Red Raspberry, Rhubarb Raspberry, and Pumpkin. Crips, which serve 2, are \$7, and flavors are Apple or Cherry. Gluten free crisps, which serve 2, are \$9, and flavors are Apple, Cherry, or Blueberry.

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**Coat Drive For Wayside Cross
Drop off at Knox in the Gartner parking lot in the Blue
Box during the week of November 9 - November 14.**

Wayside Cross Ministries are in need of gently used winter coats of all sizes. Please place your gently used winter coats in a plastic bag and bring the to the Wayside Cross Blue Box in the Gartner parking lot. This will allow us to keep the donations clean and organized. If the box is full just leave the bag next to the box. Our custodian staff will be monitoring the donations and empty the box each day.

Other donations are always appreciated. If you have other items, arrangements can be made for pick-ups of furniture or appliances, by calling Wayside Cross Ministries at 630-892-4239 or filling out the form on the WCM website, www.waysidecross.org.

If you have any questions about this effort or Wayside Cross Ministries, call Gary McGregor at (630) 926-2603.

Angel Tree Is Going Virtual

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



If you cannot use Sign up Genius or have a specific Angel you want from the past, or any questions, call Julie Milldrum at 630-470-7044 or 630-717-8240

Angel Presents "drive thru, drop-off" will be Saturday, December 12, 12-3pm or you can contact Julie for alternate "drop-off" arrangements.

Look at the letter's we received from our families this year.

[READ LETTERS](#)



Knox Connection Groups

Session Two Wednesday November 11 - 7PM

Knox Connection Group-Celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas during a Pandemic!

This year, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be different for many of us, separated from family members, possibly for the first time. How do we keep Joy in our hearts? Let's brainstorm how we can keep family and the real meaning of each holiday central to our celebrations. Join this Zoom roundtable discussion with Erin Hartman-Director of Children and Family Ministries, Cindy Karis-Associate Pastor and other Knox Members.

[READ MORE & SIGN UP](#)



Survey Summary

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey we sent to the congregation late September. Over 247 of you gave us your feedback and impressions and this has helped to inform our Session, our many councils and staff on best practices to help everyone feel comfortable coming back into the building and also what helps everyone feel connected while staying at home.

A special thank you to our Knox member Stacey Barrett who coded all the responses and completed the attached survey summary! This was a big undertaking and her effort is much appreciated.

[FULL SUMMARY HERE](#)

Knox Blood Drive Save The Date!

December 14, 2020

2-6pm



Knox sponsors a "season of giving" Blood Drive right before Christmas!

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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 or Sign up [here](#).

[REGISTER](#)



G3 Mid-week Meet-up: G3 is still continuing to meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15pm on zoom. There will be a short devotional, chatting about our week, and some games. The zoom link will be the same and will be sent out to those registered the day before. If you have any questions, please reach out to Erin at ehartman@knoxpres.org.

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G3 Prayer Partners/Bedtime Prayers:

If your youth has not joined us yet for Bedtime prayers with Ms. Jenna, we hope that they can. If your youth is able to watch the devotion later in the week, that is wonderful too. We have prayer partners ready to go!

[REGISTER](#)



Looking for Family Thanksgiving Recipes:

Do you have a favorite recipe that your family makes every Thanksgiving? We know that Thanksgiving will be different this year for many families, but how fun would it be to make some fun recipes! If you have some you would like to share, please email them to Erin at ehartman@knoxpres.org.

Looking for Family Christmas/Holiday Recipes:

Do you have a favorite recipe that your family makes every Christmas Season? We know that the holidays will be different this year for many families, but how fun would it be to make some fun recipes! If you have some you would like to share, please email them to Erin at ehartman@knoxpres.org.

[EMAIL ERIN HARTMAN](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org)



Scripture Readers For Worship

Have you enjoyed seeing families read scripture during our service?

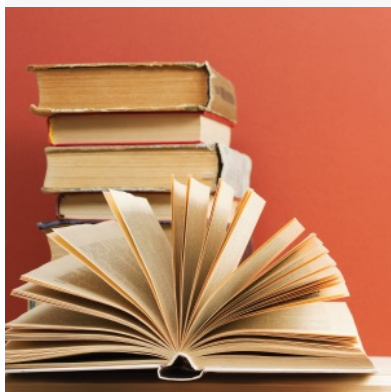
We would love to have your family read for our upcoming services. If you are interested, please reach out to Erin Hartman for more information at ehartman@knoxpres.org

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Women on Wednesday will conclude "The Jesus Way" study with a review on Nov 4. We will then begin Max Lucado's Advent study Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born Hope is Here - Four Sessions for Advent. Women need to purchase a Study Guide book and can 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 please join us!

Please contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com for more information or help in purchasing a Study Guide.



The Evening Book Club meetings will continue on the second **Wednesdays, 7 pm**, for the duration of the pandemic. Our discussion **November 11** will be on *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.

All readers are welcome, but if you are new to the group you will need to email Janice Wiles, wilesjan@gmail.com so your name can be added to the list to receive the Zoom link. Our reading list for future months can be found on the Knox website, under 'Groups'.

[READ MORE](#)

PW Circle's

Mary Martha circle will meet Tuesday, November 10 at 9:30 am. For more information contact Susan Burns at sbburns@comcast.net.



Rachel Rebecca Circle will meet with Zoom on Tuesday, November 10, 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 will meet on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm at Knox in the Parlor. We can also do Zoom for those that can't meet in person. Just let Bev Mayer know at bmayer@knoxpres.org.

Not Your Mother's Circle will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday, November 7 at Ginny Van Blaricom's house. All are welcome! Contact Lisa Dorr, dorrll@yahoo.com for information.

Click [Here](#) For The Full Knox Calendar

MISSION UPDATES



Missionaries in Thailand

"The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." Proverbs 16:9, NRSV. As for all of us, the plans of the missionaries that Knox helps support in Thailand have changed due to COVID. Please keep them in your prayers as they adapt and find new ways to serve in their community.



Campus Ministry

Knox helps to support the campus ministry The Inclusive Collective, which serves UIC and other area campuses. The Inclusive Collective continues to minister during this time by hosting virtual small groups, worshipping virtually and outside, and serving at the South Loop Community Table.



CROP Walk Update

It was an interesting Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk this year. Although Team Knox could not gather with fellow walkers from other Naperville churches, we were able to connect with other CROP Hunger Walkers through a virtual kick off on Sunday, October 18. Thereafter, several Team Knox participants walked 26 loops in Lehman Hall while other members walked on their own. So far this fall, the 11 walkers of Team Knox have raised \$3575 to help End Hunger and Poverty. Many thanks to all the walkers and



all the sponsors.

Furthermore, we especially like to highlight the PW of Knox for their most generous contribution to the CROP Hunger Walk by way of Team Knox. Thank you, Curt Parry, for creating the CROP Hunger Walk video this fall!!

All the funds will be put to good use here in Naperville, Dominican Republic, Kenya and Southeast Asia just to name a few places.

See you at CROP Hunger Walk 2021!!

Ineke Pelella and Rachel Koritala

Knox CROP Hunger Walk Team Captains

Thank You Knox



Thank you for supporting Loaves & Fishes

Knox has been a proud Faith Partner of Loaves and Fishes for over 30 years and they are part of our annual Mission budget. Did you know:

- 1 in 5 families in DuPage County are living in low income/poverty.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted the demand for Loaves and Fishes' services. Pre-COVID they were serving an average of 22 NEW food clients per week. That number has now risen to an average of 193. A 777% increase!
- While Loaves and Fishes is best known for distributing healthy, nutritious food to clients in need, they also provide other important services such as legal advice, tax preparation, health screening, job coaching and emotional support services. Please visit www.loaves-fishes.org to learn more.



Bev Mayer would like to thank our church family for the outpouring of love & support she's received since her accident on September 11. All of the beautiful cards and delicious food shared with her is greatly appreciated. While her recovery continues, she is forever grateful.

Trunk Or Treat Drive Through 2020

Thank you to all of the families that came out for our annual Trunk or Treat this year! We hosted a drive thru event and we were able to hand out close to 100 goodie bags to children in our area. Thank you to our Trunk Hosts and volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you. We also were able to collect over \$40 for Loaves and Fishes as well

as a large amount of goods to donate. Thank you for your generosity, Knox community!



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live your lives in Him,
rooted and built up in Him,
strengthened in the faith as you were taught,
and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2: 6-7

MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR SOUL

[Follow Me](#) by Casting Crowns

[Today Tomorrow & Forever](#) by Sanctus Real

[I Will Follow](#) by Chris Tomlin

[Tell The Whole World](#) by Jeremy Camp

[Follow You Anywhere](#) by Passion



[Follow Me There](#) by Third Day

[Spirit Move \(Live\)](#) by Bethel Music & kalley



JESUS CALLED OUT TO THEM,
"COME, FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO FISH FOR PEOPLE!"

MATTHEW 4:19

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