A Mote from Rev. Deb Roberts

Summer Fruit Salad

Dear Friends,

We studied and struggled to give things up for Lent - chocolate cake and all! Easter has come and gone and we are fast approaching the celebration of Pentecost and the birth of the Church. Yet I still find myself thinking about what I have or haven't given up! I am coming to the conclusion that it is important to replace what is given up and 'take on' something positive and life affirming. So, I have been looking to the 'Fruits of the Spirit' found in Galatians 5: 22-25... "If we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit".

After Paul gives the church in Galatia (and us) a long, torrid list of things Christians must "give up" he makes a very different and shorter kind of list. Paul tells us not to "gratify the desires of the flesh, for what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit." Beginning at 5: 22, he starts with..."By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Clearly we can spend a lifetime 'taking on' and refining any or all of these characteristics of the Spirit led life. As I reflect upon them, they describe the quality of life each of us longs for. We want to experience these very things. Who doesn't long for love, joy and peace and pray for the world's wellbeing? We also hope that others will offer us patience, kindness, and gentleness along life's way. Each of us can contribute to the life of the Spirit and the wellbeing of others by working on just one of these Christ like characteristics. So, I'm going to start with self-control. It sounds like the least fun and may require the most prayer, but I pray and trust this will touch upon the other elements of a fruitful life! (Darn, there goes that chocolate cake again.)

As I enjoy the wonder of scrumptious fruit throughout the summer and into fall, I am going to anticipate the healthy reminders they can offer. Why not 'take on' a little fruit salad in lieu of chocolate cake and celebrate the gifts of the Spirit and Jesus' on going presence with us? How about you - in need of a little fruit? Let's remember what Jesus said to his followers about following him toward the end of the Sermon on the Mount..."they will be known by the (good) fruit they bear."

Blessings to you and yours this summer! Deb

Adult Education

SUNDAYS:

A Study of Revelation Leader: Jim Clinton

10:30 am in Room 202

What do you think of when someone mentions the book of Revelation. Beasts! Cataclysm! Destruction! The great battle with the Antichrist!

What if I told you that Revelation was a book of comfort, joy, encouragement and rejoicing? What if I told you Revelation is a logical presentation consistent with much of both the Old and New Testaments? Are you aware of the tremendous influence Revelation has had on western thought, art and music (Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, When the Saints Go Marching In)?

Last autumn this class raced through the video course "The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History." We found the course so meaningful and inspirational that we wanted to do it slower and savor the content. Please join us to explore the meaning of this controversial and misunderstood book.

- 6/1 New Creation and New Jerusalem
- 6/8 Antichrist and the Millennium
- 6/15 Revelation's Place in the Christian Bible
- 6/22 The Apocalypse and Spiritual Life
- 6/29 The Key to the Meaning of History

Sunday Morning Small Group Leader: Brooks Reid

9:00 am in the Sr. High Room

This group is taking part in the study "Making Sense of the Bible" - by Adam Hamilton. New participants are always welcome! Contact Brooks Reid at jgreid00@aol.com.

Sunday Night Small Group Leader: Frank Mayer

7:00 pm in Middle School Room

New members are welcome. Contact Frank Mayer at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for details.

TUESDAYS:

Tuesday Morning Men's Small Group Leader: Frank Mayer

9:00 am in the Parlor

Contact Frank Mayer at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for details.

Theology on Tap Leader: Eric Heinekamp

7:30 at Hopvine Brewing Company

Tuesday Evening, 7:30 p.m. Led by Rev. Eric Heinekamp. Our class will begin a brand new program June 3rd called Theocademy. This 6 week program was just released by the Presbyterian Church (USA) to cover basic topics every Presbyterian should know. Think of it as Christianity 101. We will talk about grace, sin, who is Jesus Christ, and what are we called to do in the world. Each session will include a short video, readings, and a meaningful discussion guide. This is great course for new members, long-time members, or anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of what we say we believe. You can preview the class at www.theocademy.com. We will meet at Hopvine Brewing Company, 4030 Fox Valley Drive in Aurora. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact Eric at eheinekamp@knoxpres.org with any questions. Please consider joining us.

WEDNESDAYS:

Women's Summer 'Come and Go' Bible Study: Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts

7 – 8:30 pm in Rev. Deb's Office

Begins Wednesday June 18, more information below under "Presbyterian Women".

Women on Wednesdays concluded our James: Mercy Triumphs study in May. We will break for the summer and LIVE OUT what we've learned! WOW will begin again in early September with a new study to be announced in August. Watch the newsletter and website for more information and make plans NOW to invite your friends and join us in the fall. All women, with or without children are welcome! Contact Margaret Lambka <u>mllambka2@gmail.com</u> or Robin Kolar skolar7227@aol.com for more information.

THURSDAYS:

Daybreakers Leader: Rev. Clinton Roberts 6:00 am in the Coffee Bar

Book Club discussion for June will be Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 pm, in the home of Fran Lukes (2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A). Our selection is "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd.

Looking ahead....start reading "The Honk and Holler Opening Soon" by Billie Letts for July, "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin and "The Gift from the Sea" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh for September. We will not meet in August.

New readers, as well as book recommendations, are welcome any time throughout the year. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416 -9537 or email <u>wilesjan@gmail.com</u> with any questions or suggestions.



Presbyterian Women

Women's Summer 'Come and Go' Bible Study Begins Wednesday June 18 7 - 8:30 pm All are invited and bring a friend. Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts Location: Rev. Deb's Office

This summer's theme - A Prayer, a Proverb and a Psalm - The Drama, the Advice, the Emotion, the Joy!

- Discover some of the most expressive, heartfelt and helpful scripture the Bible has to offer us.
- Each week will feature a biblical prayer, a proverb and a psalm on a common theme.
- This study is designed so that each week is self-contained with the understanding that summers are filled with travel and special events.
- All are welcome to 'come and go' as schedules allow. The summer bible study is a time to make new friends, see some old ones, stay connected,
- Stay focused and gain a nugget of scriptural knowledge and insight.

Missians at Knax



It's that time of year again! The dreaded bathing suit try-on and shopping. Turn a negative in to a positive for our friends in Sisseton SD. We will be collecting gently used or new tankinis and one piece suits for girls and trunks for the boys. ALL SIZES are needed.

In ADDITION to swimsuits we are offering you a chance for some closet cleaning, so lighten up by dropping off **gently used spring/summer clothing.** All sizes baby through adult are needed. Please deposit in the appropriately marked bins before, between or after the 9:00 or 10:30 service on Sunday June 1st, 7th or 15. These bins will be located outside the Lehman Hall doors. If you have any questions please contact Robin Kolar

at 630-369-4539 or <u>skolar7227@aol.com</u>



LEARNING NEW TRADES - CLASSES OFFERED

Where: Sisseton South Dakota When: June 21-June 27 Why: For the love of God What: Classes will be held in the following with immediate internships offered for the next five days

Construction and repair—including fencing (not with swords, with post hole diggers), painting (easels not included, 4 inch brushes included) hammering, nail holding, woodworking, monument reconstruction (or how to mix cement), requirement a good disposition and ability to laugh

Cooking—barbecuing for up to 400, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for up to 300, the ability to clean up after 1000 people each day, requirement loving to see sunrises and sunsets and loving aprons

Musicians—seriously able to carry a tune loudly in front of nonjudgmental crowds of loving children and amused adults, requirement not shy, it would be nice if one had a portable instrument to play like a guitar or flute, clarinet.

Contact Dan Pucci at 630-235-0845 or email at <u>dan.pucci1@gmail.com</u>

Registration Available On-Line



Knox Young Adult Mission Trip - Mexico Dec 29, 2014 to Jan 3, 2015

For this year's young adult (college age and older) mission trip, we are returning to a suburb of Tijuana where we have served several years, to build a home with Amor Ministries from the ground up (without power tools) for a family in need. Friends and adult sponsors are also welcome. For this year, we are extending the trip by a day to allow time for additional community involvement in a local church VBS or orphanage. We will again be staying at the safe Amor camp outside of Tijuana enjoying traditional Mexican food. The trip informational meeting for participants and their parents is on <u>Sunday June 15 from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm</u> in the Knox basement, but if you cannot attend this meeting, or if you already know you are interested in learning more about this year's trip, send an e-mail to Bruce Burkelman at bmburkelman@yahoo.com (or call 1-630-209-1421), or contact Rev. Robert Thomas Quiring, and an informational packet will be e-mailed to you with the trip details and a toolkit to help you get started right away with your fundraising plans. Your completed fundraising plan (letter draft and list of potential donors) and commitment to go is required by <u>Sunday July 20</u>, but it is also welcomed anytime sooner.

GO & SERVE 2014 MISSION TRIP God does not call the Equipped, God Equips the Called Knox's youth mission trip will be going to serve our friends in Cedar Rapids, IA June 8-14

We are heading to Cedar Rapids, IA! We will be working with Matthew 25, a Christian-based nonprofit organization that partners with others to work in three program areas: Neighborhood Building, Youth Empowerment, and Cultivating Hope.

We are entering the home stretch, participants please add the following dates to your calendar.

- June 1 Adult Meeting, 11:45am
- June 7 Loading Day at Knox, 5-7 pm
- June 8-14 Go & Serve mission trip
- June 22 Go & Serve Celebration Sunday

This trip would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the 2014 Go & Serve Steering Committee:

Rob Bednar, Patti DeNichols, Derek Dusenberry, John Wigger, John Lies, Dave Kendryna, Ken McMullen, Jane Nelson, Ginger Ovens, Dee Dee Porter, Robert Quiring, and Ginny Van Blaricom If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robert (<u>rquiring@knoxpres.org</u>), or Ginger Ovens (<u>gingerovens@gmail.com</u>).

Go & Serve 2014 Participants

The following youth and adults have answered the call to serve. Please pray for each member everyday by name. Thank you for being our prayer team.

Students

Justin Azzaro Mindy Baker Allison Bellandi Nick Bellandi Kvlie Bickler **Ripley Biggs** Callie Canfield Caroline Canfield Kevin Canfield Donovan Cortright Phil De Coning Garrett Dorr Jack Dunphey Jonathan Renata Findling Michael Matthew Fitzgerald Karen Flesh Nora Foltz Ruth Foltz Clara Frederick Nate Frederick Jacob Garbe Kelsey Garbe Brooke Gibson Erik Gleim Jon Graf Nathan Gravel Kyra Hartley Nate Hartlev Jonathan Heitz Adam Helf Jack Hemingway Emily Hild

Duncan Hrvnko Matthew Hubbard Taylor Hubbard Kali Jachcinski Chris Juszczyk Reid Kendrvna Abby Kincaide Tori Klopp Jake Kolar Julia Kurpiel Jake Lies Kvle Main Tyler Martin Johnathan Mathison Kaitlyn McMullen Meaghan McMullen Emma Morgan Sarah Mueller Nick Neeslev Sam Nelson Meredith Newby Kendall Olsen Charlie Ovens Gabby Palfenier Danny Peterson Kate Peterson Dakoda Pollitt Kolton Pollitt Dylan Rowell Andrew Schlegel Allison Smith Scott Stoller Susanna Tanck Elise Tauber

Ethan Thompson Colin Van Blaricom Lindsay Van Angelo Velino Gina Velino Joshua Vita Sydney Adam Wigger Ariana Wilde Allison Winek Sam Wittwer Adults Beverly Ainsworth Rob Bednar John Bellandi Karla Bellandi Chris Bickler Rob Biggs Neels De Coning Nico De Coning Rene De Coning Patti DeNichols Kurt Dorr Lisa Dorr Caroline Dusenberry Derek Dusenberry Rachel Dusenberry Robert Ellig Taylor Elliott Jeff Foltz Peg Foltz Amanda Hartley

Missy Heitz Stephanie Hild Wendy Holsman Amy Kendryna Dave Kendryna Troy Kendryna Jim Kyser John Lies Ken McMullen David Newby **Diana Newby** Melanie Noreen **Ginger** Ovens Janice Palfenier Rev. Robert Quiring Dave Rahn Helene Schaefer Beth Schlegel Carl Shaffer Dana Garman Stables Tom Stables Kendall Stoller Brian Tanck **Catherine Tanck** Joan Tanck Rudi Tanck Jacqueline Trowbridge Ginny Van Blaricom Dave Weeks Kim Wigger Jill Wittwer Anna Goodman

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Andrew Heap

Cookies! Cookies!

Send off the Cedar Rapids Go and Serve team on a Sweet note with your favorite cookies or bars. Lots of cookies are requested, so drop off your sweet treats in the Large Kitchen clearly marked Go and Serve, by Friday, June 6th by 4pm, or Saturday, June 7th, by 11am. Questions, contact Diana Newby – 630-272-6508, or <u>dgnpremier@gmail.com</u>. Yum, thank you!!

Thanks for another successful Teen Parent Connection Year!

We are grateful to you, the wonderful people of Knox, for preparing and serving meals to the members of our

mission sponsored TPC (Teen Parent Connection) group. It was another good year for teen age participants and their young families who enjoyed meals together along with group discussions and educational programs. Many organizations and individuals have contributed their time, food and love to these young people each Tuesday evening and we wish to give a **HUGE THANKS** to all of you. We are also sincerely grateful for the support ar

HUGE THANKS to all of you. We are also sincerely grateful for the support and guidance of Pastor Cindy, The Mission Council, and our wonderful custodial and office staff.

We will be resuming programming in the fall and hope we can count on your continued support by signing up to serve a meal or two. Our team of Barb Ebling, Dotty Mobley, Heidi Paulius and Bonnie Olson, will continue taking turns assisting you in setting up and serving.

Thanks again! Barb, Dotty, Heidi and Bonnie

In addition to providing services to teenage parents and expectant parents, a recent TPC communication tells us that each year there are nearly 500 births to teens in the DuPage County community. Teen Parent Connection's Prevention Program is dedicated to reducing the number of births to teens and works to equip students with the information they need to avoid teen pregnancy. Last year, this program served area students!

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Visit Teen Parent Connection's website to gain additional information about their services: <u>www.teenparentconnection.org</u>

Girls for Girls Craft Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our first craft and bake sale! Girls for Girls International raised \$212 to be donated to Water for Life. All girls who love crafting are welcome to join us. Supplies are provided but if you have a new idea you'd

like to share please it bring it along. We will continue to meet the first Sunday of every month except July 6 from 11:30-12:15 in room 204. Please contact Sarah or Hailey Kingsbury at <u>askingsbury1@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is June 1. The most needed items this month are:

Tuna, pinto beans, black beans, chili, cereal, pasta, rice, crackers and oatmeal

Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

Hesed House

Please join other members for service and fellowship by signing up for a shift or providing a dish. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Commons.

Next Volunteer Night: June 28

Please sign up in the Commons to bring food or to work one of the three shifts:

6:00 pm 11:00 pm 3:00 am









Loaves&Fishes





Children's Ministries



Pre-school Play Group – Come meet other young families! Families of Toddlers and Preschoolers

Want to get out of the house and meet other young families of Knox? Then join us for a time for parents and kids to play and socialize. Many toys will be put out for the kids during this open house play group.

Next Meeting - May 31 - 10:00am - 11:30am

We will meet outside at the church playground for some fun. Toys will also be set up inside in case of inclement weather. We will meet rain or shine!

Summer Sunday School

Two Sessions: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. June 1 to August 24 (except July 6) Two Classes: SANDBOX SET-age 3 & potty trained to entering Kindergarten PLAYGROUND PACK is for children entering 1st to 5th Grades



Registration Available On-Line

Would you enjoy...?

- Tell preschool children the story of Peter and John healing the man who couldn't walk (Acts 3:1-10) as you sing new words to the tune of "Wheels on the Bus" and play a game with leaping feet as you talk about how we can help others.
- While preschool children wear the robes they've made from paper bags, play a version of bingo with pictures of things that we can share like Dorcas shared the robes she made (Acts 9:36-42) as we learn that we are being kind when we share.
- Talk with your elementary class about discouragement after they have all been part of a pantomime of John 21:1-14, the Miraculous Catch of Fish where we learn that Jesus helps us when we are discouraged.
- Play a game with elementary age children which has two teams one team has more players than the other. Talk about what it is like to be on the different teams. Then tell the story of Daniel, his friends and the furnace (Daniel 3:1-30) and lead a discussion about how God helps us stand up for what's right.

If you'd enjoy being part of activities like the above, please consider leading or helping in a Summer Sunday School class for a Sunday or two. It's guaranteed to be something worthwhile!



Contact - Jane Burkelman, Co-Director of Children's Ministries, 630-615-4303, jburkelman@knoxpres.org

Safe Haven Policy Trainings

Anyone planning to serve in Knox's Youth or Children's Ministries must comply with the requirements of the Knox Safe Haven Policy (adopted August 2012). These requirements are:

- 1. Read the SHP Policy and sign the Policy's Covenant Statement
- 2. Complete a Volunteer Application which is the last page of the SHP
- 3. Attend a SHP Training Session

Volunteers are required to attend a SHP Training Session every 3 years. If you attended a Training Session less than 3 years ago, you need only comply with steps 1 and 2 above.

Completed paperwork is to be dropped in the secure silver drop box which is located on the landing outside of the receptionist's office. This landing is at the top of the half flight of steps just inside of the front doors.

If you need to meet the above requirements...

- You can pick up a copy of the Knox SHP from the sign-up tables or church office.
- Before attending a Training Session, read the Policy and bring it with you to the session.

Available Dates: Trainings will take place in Room 203 Sunday, May 25 - 11:45 am Wednesday, May 28 - 6:00pm Sunday, June 1 - 10:00am or 11:30am

Wednesday, June 4 - 6:00pm Vacation Bible School



One of A Kind Animals

June 16—June 20 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Activities Includes: singing, story time, recreation, crafts, snacks, and time with Chadder the Chipmunk.

Registration Available On-Line

Registration through June 14 - \$50 We will <u>NOT</u> be accepting registrations after June 14.

VBS Program for Kids with Special Needs

June 17 - June 19 ● Time: TBD ●\$20

Activities will be similar to the morning VBS program but will be adapted to fit the needs of the kids. A team of professionals with experience working with kids with Special Needs will be planning and leading this VBS. All children are welcome at all of our programs and if you feel your child would benefit from being included in the morning program we will work with you to make that happen. Those interested in helping should contact Jenny.

Registration Available On-Line

Student Volunteers Needed

Students entering 6th Grade and above are needed to help with Vacation Bible School. Applications are available at www.knoxpres.org on the VBS page.



Arts Camp

July 14 – 18 ●10:00 am - 12:00 pm ● \$30 Activities will include: woodworking, painting, acting, singing, and a flash mob type dance.

The week will be focused around the scripture Matthew 21:16b "...Do you hear what these children are saying"

Registration Available On-Line

High School Youth Activities

WWW.KNOXBLOG.ORG

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Ministries Wednesday Fellowship In the Basement Dinner 6-6:30pm Last dinner is June 4. Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 pm

Sunday Night Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Young Adult Discussion on Tap Quigley's Irish Pub Downtown Naperville

Wednesdays 8-9:30 p.m. Usually the first room on the right.



Church Mews



Pastor - Parish Deacon Picnics

June 29 (NE & NW – northern parishes) 5 - 7 pmAt KnoxJuly 20 (SE & SW – southern parishes) 5 - 7 pmDupage River Park

Join us for a picnic, grillin' and games, and an opportunity to meet and greet. We look forward to hosting you!

- Deb, Clint and your church Deacons.

Meet your parish deacons and Knox members who live near to you.

- Chef Clint will have the grills fired up and ready.
- Enjoy games for the whole family (and the playground at Knox.)
- Enjoy a little heated competition between the parishes.
- Deacons will provide: chips, cookies and beverages

<u>Please bring</u>: chairs and blankets, your own picnic and meat to grill if you'd like. Bring yourselves! Friends are always welcome.

IF you cannot attend your parish picnic on the date listed, come to the other picnic - just don't stay away!



One Great Hour total is \$6,664.54





Seasoned Citizens

Join us for the Naperville Band Concert "Sound Off" Thursday June 12 in Central Park 6:30 pm (Bring an appetizer or dessert to share) Sign up at Knox June 1 or June 8 or R.S.V.P to Rev Cindy Karis 630-615-4308 or ckaris@knoxpres.org

Care Ministries

Illness/Health Concerns:

Aaron Georgias Larry Sieczynski (Tom Sieczynski's brother) Boots Parker (Marianjoy) Judy Langham (Manor Care) Carol Good (Karen Elmgren's mother) Leona Haworth (Alden) Bob Kirk (brother of Thera Leigh) (hospice) David O'Leary (uncle of Lin and Pat Carter) (hospice) Dorothy Benesh (Jane Gilkes' mother) Mickey Jackson (friend of Daisy Trimnell) Paul Gartner (Rosalie Gartner's son) Steve Clinton (Jim Clinton's son) Peter Pfeiffer (Éric Pfeiffer's brother) Larry Sieczynski (Tom Sieczynski's brother) Evelyn Ireland (Sherry Berk's mother) Milton Fillman (Mariette Siczewicz's father) Michael Banko (Debra Dunne's brother) Gracie Moss (Doris Moss' mother) Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families) Ed Tanaka (Sandi Hurford's father) Rollyn Storey (Mark Storey's father) Abby Swanson **Phyllis Schroeter** David Colling (Judy Morten's brother in South Dakota)

Congratulations to:

Maureen & Gary Conway on the birth of their son Gary Poe on April 1. Proud grandparents are Gary & Alice McGregor.

T.J. & Michelle Shields on the birth of their son Michael Andrew on April 12. Proud greatgrandmother is Doris Walker.

Troy Pierre & Crystal Bowyer on the birth of their son Preston Michael on March 23. Proud grandparents are Mike & Diane Pierre.

Laura & John Georgias on the birth of their son Aaron John on May 1. Proud grandmother is Arlene Beslic.

Grieving:

The Pogue family on the death of Louise Pogue (Phil Pogue's mother)

The Aiken family on the death of Helen Aiken

The Elmen family on the death of Joy Caldwell, (Beth Elmen's mother)

The Cloke, McPeek, and Palazzola families on the death of Max Clark (Debbie

Cloke's father, Kirsten McPeek and Katie Palazzola's grandfather)

The Ohmer family on the death of Helen Murray (Heather Ohmer's mother)

The Eagleson family on the death of Robert Harding (Rita Eagleson's uncle)

The Coleman family on the death of Ted Coleman (Bette Coleman's husband)

The Poole family on the death of Justin Langford (Bonnie's niece's son)

Military:

Jonathan Ballew Adam Barns Matt Concotta Matt Krempel Andrew Whitmer Morgan Plummer Calvin Warren Scott Zwiers All military personnel & their families.

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.

On a Personal Mote

Thank you all for your loving prayers, cards, and wonderful support as we said our final good-byes to our Dad, Granddad, and Great-Granddad.

The Cloke, McPeek, & Palazzola families.

We would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Jack & Boots Parker