

A Note from Rev. Clinton Roberts

The "Dog Days of Summer"

Dear Friends,

According to the 1611 Lectionary Edition of the King James Bible, along with the two widely-observed seasons of Advent and Lent there was a third season observed by our Protestant English forbears known as the "Dies Caniculares" or "Dog Days." Referred to also in the Book of Common Prayer, the season begins on July 6 and ends on September 5 (which coincidentally corresponds to the period between July 4th and Labor Day in the United States). Originally coined by the ancient Greeks, the term refers to the hottest and driest days of summer marked by the rising of Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, or "Big Dog." Known as the Dog Star, the Romans believed that Sirius caused "the sea to boil, wine to sour, men to grow languid and dogs to grow mad." According to Charles Dickens in his story "A Christmas Carol," Scrooge is described as a "squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner," who "iced his office in the dog days and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas." More recently, the term has been used to describe the performance of the American stock market during summer months, where stocks with little future potential are known as "dogs."

Now that we all know more about "Dog Days" than we ever thought possible, I would like to suggest that we reinstate this venerable church season during the coming weeks. Rather than barking about the weather or whining about being "dog-tired," let's observe this season in the best possible (and least flea-bitten) way:

***by coming to church on Sunday;**

***by taking time to "rest-up" instead of getting "run-down;"**

***by seeking out those particularly-loved green pastures or still waters where our minds and bodies can be replenished.**

***by practicing a very un-Scroogelike generosity of words and deeds;**

***by walking with Jesus in the gardens of our souls.**

Before we know it, the Dog Days will be over and another summer gone! I pray you will celebrate this season to practice God's Sabbath joys, which are meant to bring you restoration and peace. Because that will be a far-better use of our summer than simply "dogging around."

With joy,
Clinton

Summer Sermon Series - Fruit of the Spirit

We began our summer series with the celebration of Pentecost on a June Communion Sunday. Pentecost is the celebration of the birth of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus familiar charge to his followers, so often heard when we share his sacred meal, challenges us to stay connected to him in all we do, with our very lives...

"I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Bearing fruit is also described by Paul in his letter to the Galatians. He tells the young church to live by the Spirit and to be guided by the Spirit. This will produce the fruit which we bear in our actions and with our lives.

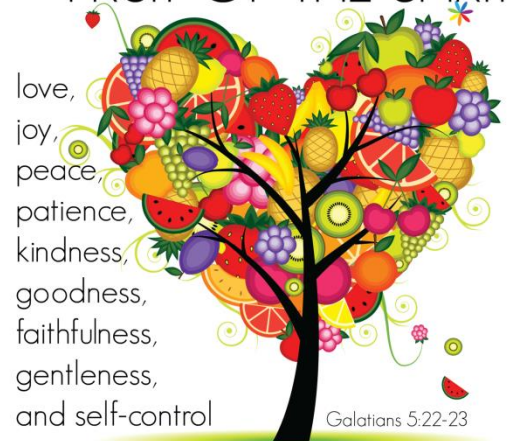
Have you memorized Galatians 5:22-26? Have you determined which fruit of the Spirit requires your attention this summer?

Love, joy, peace and patience were the fruit discussed in June. In July we will lift up faithfulness, generosity and gentleness, kindness and self-control.

Notice the vine "grow" each week in the chancel and watch the fruit multiply. May it be a sign of what we are doing each week in our homes and work, in our church and community!

Galatians 5:22-26 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



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.

- 7/6 The Key to the Meaning of History
- 7/13 Apocalyptic Fervor in the Late Middle Ages
- 7/20 Luther, Radicals, and Roman Catholics
- 7/27 Revelation Takes Musical Form

TUESDAYS:

Tuesday Morning Men's Small Group Leader: Frank Mayer
9:00 am in the Parlor

In July we will begin the book of Acts. New members are welcome to learn how the early church was founded. Contact Frank Mayer at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for details.

Theology on Tap Leader: Eric Heinekamp
7:30 at Hopvine Brewing Company

Our discussion will continue a new program called Theocademy. We will meet July 1, 8, 15 then decide where we go from there. This program covers 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 includes 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 ehinekamp@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 at Knox

We will meet each Wednesday in July. More information below under "Presbyterian Women".

Women on Wednesdays is on break for the summer. Check the coming newsletters and website for a new study to begin in September. Enjoy the summer!

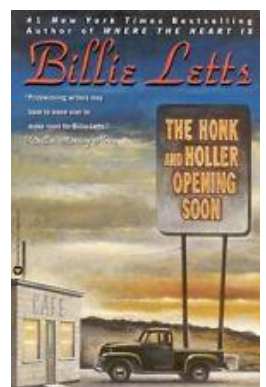
THURSDAYS:

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

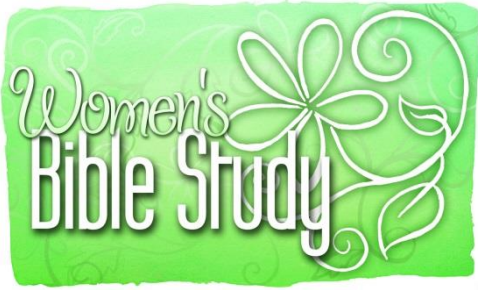
Rev. Cindy's Bible Study

Thursday, July 24th @ Carol White's home from 9:30 – 11:00. We will study Genesis 29: 15-28
Thursday, August 28 @ Sue Pollard's home from 9:30 – 11:00. We will study Exodus 3: 1-15

Book Club The next book club gathering will be Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Fran Lukes (2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A). We will be discussing "The Honk and Holler Opening Soon", by Billie Letts. Looking ahead....start reading "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin and "The Gift from the Sea" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh for September 9. We are not meeting 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 wilesjan@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.



Presbyterian Women



Women's Summer 'Come and Go' Bible Study
Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

All are invited and bring a friend.

Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts Location: Knox

Location at Knox may change ~ Rev Deb will meet you at the door!

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.

Missions at Knox



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. If you are interested, 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 Sunday July 20, but it is also welcomed anytime sooner.

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **July 6**. 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: July 26

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



Children's Ministries



Frozen Family Sing-a-Long

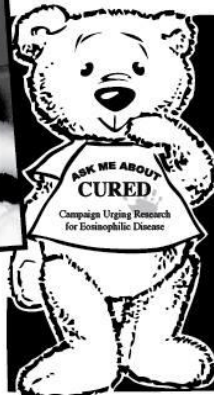
Sunday, August 10 ● 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us for some snow cones on the lawn and a sing along while we watch the movie in the sanctuary. It's sure to be a fun way to cool off in the summer and have fun with family and friends.

Family Volunteer Opportunity to Help a Knox Family

Children's Ministries often gets asked about opportunities for families to volunteer. Here's some information on one great opportunity that will help one of our own Knox families. The Mastrino's have been working to support CURED, a foundation dedicated to finding a cure for Eosinophilic Disease, a disease that two of their three children are heroically fighting.

3rd Annual DREW'S Family Fest for CURED



Sat. Aug. 23th

11:00am until 5:00pm
Terrace View Park,
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

**Come out and help us support and raise money
to find a cure for Eosinophilic Disease!**

Food • Beer Tent • Raffle
Games • Crafts • Face Painting
Bounce House • Paddle Boats
Bands • Vendors

Visit the Drew Fest Website for ticket sales & more information
www.drewfest.com

Please visit their website at www.drewfest.com and fill out the Volunteer Form.

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](#)





SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Two Sessions - 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Every Sunday through August 24 except
July 6

[Registration Available On-Line](#)

High School Youth Activities

WWW.KNOXBLOG.ORG



High School Ministries

Wednesday Fellowship
In the Basement
Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 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 News

Kathy Spinka Joy Walk

The first Kathy Spinka Joy Walk will be held on July 9 at 11 am in the parking lot adjacent to Lake Marmo on the west side of Morton Arboretum. We are asking participants to bring can goods, which will be collected at the start of the walk for Loaves and Fishes. After the walk, participants may gather at the Gingko Restaurant for lunch. Please sign-up in the Commons beginning June 22.



[Registration Available On-Line](#)

Pastor - Parish Deacon Picnics

June 29 (NE & NW – northern parishes) 5 - 7 pm At Knox
July 20 (SE & SW – southern parishes) 5 - 7 pm Dupage 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
- Enjoy a little heated competition between the parishes.

Deacons will provide: chips, cookies and beverages

Please bring: 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!

Knox News Goes Paperless in August!

In August we will change over to an online edition of Knox News. **This will be your last paper copy.** If you prefer (or are unable to access the internet) you may sign up to receive a paper copy. **You will need to notify the church office by calling 630-355-8181.**

The newsletter is sent out in the weekly emails from Knox. If you currently do not receive these emails please contact Joan Tanck at jtanck@knoxpres.org to sign up. The newsletter is also available at knoxpres.org >Resources>Knox News.



Our sister church, River Glen Presbyterian, is having a Trash and Treasure Rummage sale on Friday and Saturday July 25 and 26th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Please call Carol Boals 630-527-0996 if you need to have items picked up.

Care Ministries

Illness/Health Concerns:

Larry Sieczynski (Tom Sieczynski's brother)
Richard DeVries (Diana Oshiro's cousin)
Josephine Velino (Gloria Velino's mother-in-law)
Dick Walker (Sue Ann Kuffrin's father)
Gaston Sacramento (Robert Sacramento's brother)
Bob Kirk (brother of Thera Leigh)
Angie Deatruck
David O'Leary (uncle of Lin and Pat Carter)
Dorothy Benesh (Jane Gilkes' mother)
Steve Clinton (Jim Clinton's son)
Peter Pfeiffer (Eric Pfeiffer's brother)
Joe Bitsky
Evelyn Ireland (Sheri Berk's mother)
Larry Trimnell
Milton Fillman (Mariette Siczewicz's father)
Carol Sieczynski-Taft
Michael & David Banko (Debra Dunne's brothers)
Gracie Moss (Doris Moss' mother)
Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies)
Betty Truitt (Linda Gerner's mother)
John Good (Karen Elmgren's father)
Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)
Leona Haworth (Alden)
Linda Gerner
Abby Swanson
Alma Lou Bonham
Court Kenaston (Tabor Hills)

Congratulations to:

Amy & Pete Ditmars on the birth of their son, Benjamin David on May 29.

Grieving:

The Langford family on the death of Justin Langford (Bonnie Poole's niece's son)
The Nyman and Wigger families on the death of Tom Nyman (Terri Wigger's stepfather)
The Sprowls and Hawken families on the death of Robin Sprowls (Jamie Hawken's aunt)
The Neumeister and Means families on the death of Milton Means (Mary Ellen Neumeister's brother)
The Hayek family on the death of Helen Hayek (Tom Hayek's mother)
The Ekstrom family on the death of Lynn Ekstrom
The Allen family on the death of Greg Allen (son of close friends of Don and Joan Du Chane)
The Jacobson family on the death of Esther Jacobson

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 Note

Anne Mair and family are most grateful for the kind notes and cards of condolence, the calls, gifts, hugs of sharing and caring, and for the deacon refreshments. All of which graced us (and still do) following the sudden death on Easter Sunday on our dearly loved husband, dad, and granddad Robert (Robin) Mair. Through all of you, God's love surrounds, sustains and blesses us. Thank you.

Norah Johnson's family invites you to join us for a picnic in the park to celebrate her 80th birthday!

When: Saturday, August 2, eating starts at 1:00 pm

Where: Waterman Lion's Club Park – Shelter House

Please bring a lawn chair, memories and your "party hats". Please no gifts.

RSVP to Cindy at 815-824-2771 or cbarnes4@frontier.com.

Directions to the park from Naperville: Take 88 west to Rt 30 west to Waterman, IL. Travel through Sugar Grove, Big Rock, Hinckley and then Waterman. There is a stop light in Waterman, after the stop light is Birch.

Waterman Bank is on the right. Turn south, go across the railroad traks and you will see the park on the right (west side). Approx. 45 minutes from Naperville.