

## A Note From Rev. Deb Roberts

### "Do you see what I see?" Advent 2013

Dear Friends,

Sometimes we use the phrase "seeing through the eyes of another" as a way of trying to understand someone's perspective and experience. There is a quick assumption here that it is important to understand other perspectives. We certainly gain insight into what makes people tick and we may learn a great deal about life experiences and about ourselves. We may learn to 'see' with greater clarity and vision as well.

We come every year to a new Advent-Christmas season. In fact it is always upon us too quickly! The idea of recognizing Advent as a season of the Christian life has to do with annually gaining fresh perspective: how can we anticipate or prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth with renewed hope and intention rather than with tired commitments and feelings of being overwhelmed? How can we receive God's greatest gift of a Savior with deepening gratitude and grace? Perhaps we can gain freshness and energy from considering what it was like for those who first received the good news of Jesus coming. Perhaps with some boldness we can dare to imagine what God sees. Then prayerfully and humbly perhaps we can offer a fresh perspective of joy and love to the world around us.

#### A Prayer for Advent

*Lord, how can we dare to imagine that we might see what you see?*

*Yet you have sent your son as a portrait of sacrificial love and inextinguishable hope.*

*Grant that we may see how to be his messengers of good news as were the heavenly angels of old.*

*Grant that we may see with the conviction and courage of the prophets, who kept your word alive in every generation.*

*Grant that we may see others with the compassion and humility of Jesus earthly family.*

*Grant that we may see joy in places we least expect it and through people who surprise us.*

*Grant that we may see your Kingdom in a lowly manger stall and fall down in worship as did the three kings who followed a star in its rising.*

*Lord, our God, we ask these things **this** Advent season of preparation and anticipation. We ask again that you would give us a heart to love you, a mind to know you and the eyes to behold your glory. We dare to pray all these things in the name of Jesus the Christ, our savior and our redeemer. Amen.*

Blessings to our most beloved congregation and to all the families and individuals who make it so!

## Preparing for Christmas - Advent 2013

### "Do You See What I See?"

This year's Advent theme looks at the coming of Christ from the different perspectives of those that were there. What can we learn about preparing for the Christ child from the angel or the shepherd? From Mary and Joseph? Can we even begin to imagine what God saw and hoped for in a world in need of a Savior? Using the age old tradition of the nativity crèche, we will picture and imagine together ancient perspectives that speak to us today.

First Sunday in Advent:	December 1	"Do you see what I see?" Asked the Angel. Scriptures: Micah 7:7-8, Luke 1:26-28, Romans 13:11-14 Communion Sunday
* Special Event:	December 7	Family Advent Potluck
Second Sunday in Advent:	December 8	"Do you see what I see?" Asked Elizabeth, Mary's cousin. Scriptures: Luke 1:12-25, Romans 15:4-13
* Special Event:	December 8	Naperville Men's Glee Club
	December 11	Service for Remembrance and Healing
Third Sunday in Advent:	December 15	"Do you see what I see?" Asked the Shepherd. Scriptures: Isaiah 35:3-6, Romans 15:13
* Special Event:	December 15	Carols and Candlelight
Fourth Sunday in Advent:	December 22	"Do you see what we see?" Asked Mary and Joseph? Scriptures: Isaiah 63:7-10, 16-17, Romans 1:7-17
* Special Event:	December 22	Caroling with Pastor Clint on the caroling bus
Christmas Eve	December 24	"Do you see what God sees?"
* Evening Services:	4:00 pm	Children's Service
	7:00 pm	Family Service with Communion and Candle lighting
	9:00 pm	Service with Communion and Candle lighting
	11:00 pm	Service with Communion and candle lighting

# Adult Education

## SUNDAYS:

**A Study of Revelation** Leader: Jim Clinton  
10:30 am in Room 202

This group is studying the Book of Revelation. It will be based on a video course titled "The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History" taught by Craig R. Koester, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. The course will consider Revelation in relation to the entire Christian Bible and tradition rather than as a stand-alone book. Classes will be Sunday mornings from 10:30 – 11:40. We will take a break from our scheduled class on the Dec 22 and 29. We will resume in January with "Revelation Takes Musical Form."

12/1/13 The Key to the Meaning of History  
12/8/13 Apocalyptic Fervor in the Late Middle Ages  
12/15/13 Luther, Radicals and Roman Catholics  
12/22/13 Our Traditional Christmas Class  
12/29/31 Digression - The Crusades

**The Way** Leader: Brooks Reid  
9:00 am in the Sr. High Room

This group will be studying "With: Re-imagining the Way You Relate to God" by Skye Jethani through beginning of January. New people are welcome to join us!

**Sunday Night Small Group** Leader: Frank Mayer  
7:00 pm in Middle School Room  
Contact Frank Mayer at [fjmayerxge@comcast.net](mailto:fjmayerxge@comcast.net) for details.

## TUESDAYS:

**Men's Study of The Gospel of Luke** Leader: Frank Mayer  
9:00 am in the Parlor  
Contact Frank Mayer at [fjmayerxge@comcast.net](mailto:fjmayerxge@comcast.net) for details.

**Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories by Beth Moore** Leader: Sue Curry  
9:00 am in Room 202  
September through March, contact Sue at [curry.sue21@gmail.com](mailto:curry.sue21@gmail.com) for details.

**Bible Study: the Book of Ephesians** Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts  
1:15 pm in Rev. Deb's office  
In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul states his vision for the church, the Body of Christ, and why it must make a critical difference in the world. This Bible Study complements the Fall Sermon Series, "These Stones will Shout."

**Read the Bible in 90 Days** Leader: Eric Heinekamp  
7:30 in the home of Eric and Patty Heinekamp  
Join us as we Read the Bible in 90 Days. Yes, the entire Bible in 90 days! Have you ever wished you had a better understanding of the Bible? We will follow a well known program that includes daily readings and weekly discussions. Readers can follow one of two tracks. "Every Word" participants will read about 12 pages per day and read the entire Bible. "Highlights" readers will read 2 pages per day that hit the key points of every book. We will meet at the home of Eric and Patty Heinekamp for 1 hour each week. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact Eric at [ehenekamp@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehenekamp@knoxpres.org) with any questions.

## WEDNESDAYS:



**Women on Wednesdays** Women on Wednesday will conclude our study of "With; Reimagining the Way You Relate to God" by Skye Jethani with a Brunch on Dec 11. This is a change from the original schedule. Dec 4 will be a regular WOW meeting where we will review our study. Then we meet once more Dec 11, at the same time, 9:15-11:15, for Brunch. WOW will then break until January when we will begin a new study. WOW

welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare and activities for infants through Kindergarten. Watch the newsletter, bulletin and website for more information or contact Robin Kolar [skolar7227@aol.com](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) or Margaret Lambka [mllambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mllambka2@gmail.com).

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7:00 pm location in the Library

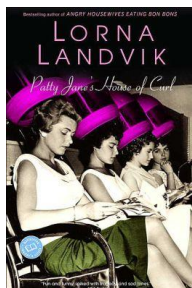
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## THURSDAYS:

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

**Acts** Leader: Rev. Cindy Karis  
9:30 – 11:00 am in the Music Room

Rev. Cindy's Thursday morning Bible Study class will continue through December 12 (will not meet on November 28-Thanksgiving). Child care is provided. The class will study the Book of Acts using the Genesis to Revelations series written by James Sargent. Study guides are \$8.50 in Pastor Cindy's office. Please email [ckaris@knoxpres.org](mailto:ckaris@knoxpres.org) or call her at 630-615-4308 if you are interested in joining this 13 week class.



**The Knox Book Club** will meet Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:30 pm, in the home of Fran Lukes (2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A). Patty Jane's House of Curl, by Lorna Landvik, is the fun, quick read for this month. Please feel free to join us. New readers, as well as book recommendations, are welcome any time throughout the year. Book club will continue to meet the second Tuesday evening of each month and we are reading The Soldier's Wife by Margaret LeRoy for January. Choose a biography to read for February. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-41-9537 or email [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com) with any questions.

## *Presbyterian Women*

**Rachel-Rebekah Circle** welcomes you to our Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 10, Tues, at the home of Carolyn Lorenz, 1420 Greenlake Dr. in Stonebridge in Aurora. We will gather at 10 am (note time change) for fellowship and Bible study, lesson 4 from An Abiding Hope, followed by lunch. Please bring a regular size salad to share. RSVP "YES" to Carolyn at [rnclorenz@comcast.net](mailto:rnclorenz@comcast.net) or 630-898-4738. She can give directions if needed. Please come and celebrate the season of God's gift to us...Jesus!

**Mary Martha Circle** will meet on Tuesday, December 10, at 9:00 am at Diana Newby's home (1223 Cromwell Lane). All are welcome. Please contact Ineke Pelella at 630.357.3350 for more information.

## *Missions at Knox*



### Crop Walk 2013 Results

On a pleasant Sunday afternoon in mid-October, 21 Knox walkers (and 2 dogs) attended the 2013 edition of the Naperville Area CROP Walk. They raised a total of \$3,200. To all walkers and sponsors: THANK YOU very much for being part of the 31st annual CROP Walk. A special thanks to the Presbyterian Women of Knox who allocated money to sponsor each Knox walker this year. All the money will be used to help families in need locally, nationally and globally.

Knox CROP Walk recruiters - Rachel Koritala and Ineke Pelella

### Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF)

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund was developed nearly a decade ago as a way for Knox members to financially support Knox members but in a confidential and anonymous way. The pastor's can quietly assist families and individuals facing medical crises, unemployment difficulties, counseling or legal needs and any number of unexpected concerns. Over the years this Fund has also enabled individuals and youth to participate in Knox retreats or events that otherwise would not be possible. We have even received cars which have gone to Knox families in need. If you would like to make a donation, please mark your check "PDF" and send to Rita Eagleson, our financial secretary.



## Loaves & Fishes

*For a family struggling financially, a holiday meal is more than food. It can be a sense of normalcy for a child, the promise of a better future for someone without work, and a reminder of a community that cares.*

With your help, Loaves & Fishes can show all those families impacted by our economy that they are not alone. For just \$25, a fraction of what most of us spend at the grocery store, Loaves & Fishes can provide a complete holiday meal for a family of 8.

Thank you for helping us provide hope this holiday season!

Loaves & Fishes 2013 Holiday Drive



www.loaves-fishes.org  
volunteer • donate • support

*Your donations of holiday food are also very helpful:*

Store gift certificates (to purchase turkeys or hams)  
1-3 lb. (non-refrigerated) canned hams  
egg noodles or rice  
boxed/instant potatoes  
boxed or bagged stuffing mix  
canned yams or sweet potatoes  
canned gravy or broth

canned fruit or applesauce  
canned green beans and corn  
cream of mushroom soup  
canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce  
Jell-O & pudding mixes  
brownie mix or pie filling

The next Hunger Sunday is **December 1**. The donation theme for this month is: "Giving Thanks" Please choose items from the holiday food list above for donation. 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. Blessings to you all!

**Next Volunteer Night: December 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**



## Children's Ministries

### Something new online - The 2013 Family Advent Devotional

November 24 will kick off our weekly Family Advent Wreath Devotional.

Go to [www.knoxpres.org](http://www.knoxpres.org) and your family can both learn all about the tradition of celebrating the season of Advent as well as how to make an Advent wreath.

This first week will explain about the meaning of the Advent wreath and the symbolism of the candles. Then each week following, there will be a scripture, a devotional thought and a brief prayer that can be used as your family lights an Advent candle every Sunday.

We hope this will be a meaningful way to prepare for Christmas as a family. This is also a way for children to participate as they learn about the prophets, God's promises fulfilled in Christ and what we believe as his followers.

**Click here to go to the Knox Family Advent blog.**





### Special Classes on Dec 15 & 22:

On Dec. 15 & 22, the classes for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be combined and meet in the basement. Children still sit with their parents for the start of Worship but pick-up will be from the basement.

*"The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world."*  
John 1:9

- ⊗ On Dec 15, our lesson is "The Light of the World is Born". We'll hear the story of Jesus' birth as told in Luke 2:1-20.
- ⊗ On Dec 22, our lesson is "The Magi, the Star, and the King". We'll hear the story of the coming of the Magi as told in Matthew 2:1-12.

### Sunday School Calendar:

- ⊗ Dec. 29: Sunday School will not meet.  
*Remember at Knox, children are always welcome in worship.  
When SS doesn't meet, children up to PreK are also welcome in childcare.*
- ⊗ Jan. 5: Sunday School will meet.

### Mark Your Calendars for Family Events:



- December 6 – MSF Christmas Party 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm
- December 7 – Family Advent Dinner 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- December 14 – Pay It Forward Babysitting Fundraiser 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm
- January 18 - Baptism Birthday Party: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, A Time for Celebrating the Baptisms. All families who celebrated a baptism in 2011, 2012, and 2013 are invited.



### Dance & Music Ministry – Blessed Ones

Dancers/Singers Needed

Ages: 3-6

Practices : Thursdays - 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
12/5, 12/12

Performances:

12/15 - 10:30 a.m. Service

12/24 - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**Click here to register online.**

Contact Jenny Hubbard if interested: [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org) or [630-615-4318](tel:630-615-4318)

## Middle School Fellowship



### Christmas Party

Date: Friday, December 6

Time: 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Cost: Bring a \$5 gift to give during the grab bag game

**Click here to register online.**

Questions? Contact Jenny at [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org) or 630-615-4318.

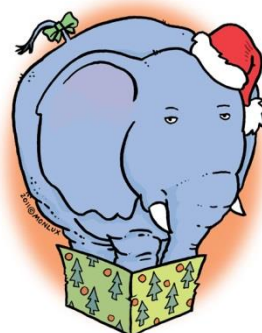
## High School Youth Activities

**What:** White Elephant Gift Exchange & Christmas Party

**When:** Wednesday Night – Dec. 11 Dinner 6-6:30; 6:30-7:30 Party Knox Basement

**What to Bring:** A **Wrapped Present from Home** (Don't buy anything, find something not being used at home any more that you think people would enjoy or would want to "steal" during the game (ask your parents if you can take it)) Don't bring anything that cost you more than \$10 to buy when you originally bought it.

**Dress:** Everyone is encouraged to dress in their tackiest Christmas sweater OR tackiest Christmas socks, hat, etc.!



# youth ministries

## December 2013

- Dec 11, Wednesday - Christmas Party – White Elephant Gift Exchange

## January 2014

- Jan 20, Monday – 4-6 – Bowling/Laser Tag @ Brunswick Zone

## February 2014

- Feb 1, Saturday – 7PM-7AM – Lock-In

## March 2014

- Mar 14-16, Friday - Sunday – Spring Retreat @ Stronghold

## May 2014

- May 2, Friday – 8:30-11 - Broom Hockey
- May 24, Saturday – 7:30 PM - Baccalaureate Service for Seniors

[WWW.KNOXBLOG.ORG](http://WWW.KNOXBLOG.ORG)



### HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Wednesday Fellowship  
In the Basement  
Dinner 6-6:30pm  
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 News

### Dick Wheeler to Retire As Facilities Manager



Dick Wheeler has served Knox as Facilities Manager since September 1, 2007 - for over six years. This month, he will be retiring from Staff.

Dick has served us with distinction, guiding the congregation and staff through the transition from the old facility to the new. He has learned and operated all the new systems, effectively managed the custodial staff, resourced the Buildings & Grounds Council and supported the ministries of the program staff. Dick has supported the many volunteer activities here at Knox while serving as staff liaison with all outside groups using the facility.

Dick has done an outstanding job for us and will be missed on Staff for his humor, dependability, brainpower, musicianship and love of trains. He and his wife Phyllis remain long time members of our congregation. Please come to a reception honoring Dick during coffee hour between services on Sunday, December 15.

With appreciation,  
Clint Roberts  
Head of Staff

*"Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21)*

### New Knox Website Coming Soon!



Last month we told you that our cool new website should be available in mid-December. Our team is hard at work designing pages, entering data, and testing functionality and we remain on track to hit our target date. We really hope you like the new site. It has a fresh, clean look and should make your online experience a breeze with simpler menus, a new search bar, and a revised calendar. Most of the existing pages will be transferred to the new site but may look slightly different. Some out of date pages will be retired. We are also building the site to work well on mobile devices.

Our goal is to launch the site with no disruption in service. We will cut over to the new site as soon as we are ready. Best of all, there is nothing for you to do. We welcome any comments once we have launched. If you have any questions please contact Joan Tanck at [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org).

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN JANUARY? KNOX CAN HELP!

Knox Church is starting a very important development of a 10 year strategic plan. We have created a planning team and their charge is to discern and develop a plan which will build on and continue the great success and momentum that Knox currently enjoys, for the next generation. The Team has begun to meet and is beginning the process of working on that plan. One of the first steps is getting a deep understanding of the congregation's perspectives on the Church and your interactions with it.

This is where you can help! Knox will be sending out, by email, an important congregational survey. You will receive it in January. It is called "VITAL SIGNS". Please watch for it in your inbox. The survey is 90 questions long, we ask that you answer all of them; our expectation is that completing the survey will take 1 hour. This is where the "something to do in January" comes in.

We ask that everyone fill out this survey and submit it, because everyone's input is important, and because the more feedback we get the stronger the data. Please help. Thank you.

The Knox Long Term Planning Team:

Pastoral Leadership:

Clint Roberts, Deb Roberts, Co-Chairs, Deb Beaird, Eric Heinekamp

Members:

Jim Burner, Sr., Byard Ebling, Taylor Elliot, Katie Hartwell, Mary Horek, Doug Varney, Al Musser

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eric Heinekamp, Deb Beaird or anyone else on the team.

## Ministry to Seniors



Seasoned Citizens

Join us for

The Naperville Men's Glee Club Concert

"Christmas Presence II"

Sunday December 8 at 3:00 P.M. at Knox

Tickets are \$10.00 for seniors

Sign up Sundays at Knox in the Commons or R.S.V.P. to Rev. Cindy Karis at 630-615-4308, [ckaris@knoxpres.org](mailto:ckaris@knoxpres.org) by Dec. 4

(Join us for dessert afterward at Colonial!)

## Hall of Famers

### Christmas Luncheon

Date: December 12

Time: 11:30 am Worship with Communion in the Chapel

12:00 pm Lunch in Lehman Hall

Cost: \$5

RSVP: To Diane Heintz in the church office at 630-355-8181



## Christmas at Knox



Come join us for an evening of scripture, poetry, readings, a full orchestra, and lots of singing as we "see" the babe born in Bethlehem. This will be a lovely event to share with a friend or neighbor.

Come and listen,  
come and sing,  
come and experience,  
come and breath quietly the Good News.

"For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

*Isaiah 9:6*





## Caroling with Clint

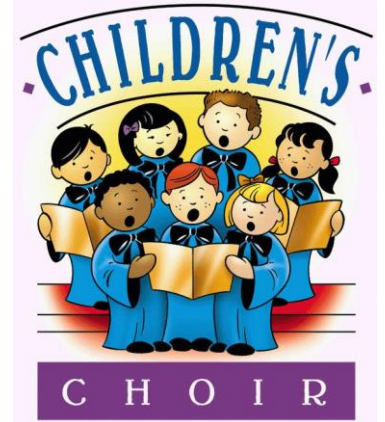
Sunday, December 22 - 3:00 - 5:30pm

Join us as we board a school bus and venture to visit our members in need of a visit to share some Christmas cheer with song. All ages welcome and encouraged! After we carol we will enjoy some refreshments and hot chocolate. Please bring a dessert to share.

## Children's Christmas Eve Choir

*ANY CHILD K-5* who would like to sing (regardless of their involvement in Youth Club on Wednesday nights) is invited to be a part of the Children's Christmas Eve Choir. We will sing the same song for the **4:00** and the **7:00** Christmas Eve services. You do not have to sing for both services!! If you are in town for Christmas and have family visiting, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to see your child involved in church! The rehearsal times are as follows (or immediately after the 10:30 service) and will be held in the music room:

Sunday, December 8 – 11:30-12:00  
Sunday, December 15 – 11:30-12:00  
Sunday, December 22 – 11:30-12:00



The Church Life and Children's Ministries Councils invite you to an

## ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER

(All Ages Invited)

Saturday, December 7 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Evening will include:

- Potluck Dinner - Chicken provided - Please bring a side to share:  
A-L: Salad or Fruit Dish M-R: Side Dish S-Z: Desert
- A telling of the Christmas Story by Santa Claus
- Meet and Greet with Santa - Bring your cameras
- Singing Christmas Carols
- Making ornaments for a Knox Children's Christmas Tree

Sign-ups in the Commons or on-line through Knox Connections. When you sign-up, please let us know what you will be bringing.

**Click here to register online.**

Contact Jenny Hubbard at [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org) or 630-615-4318 with questions.



## Dakota Partnership Christmas Angels



Many Native American children (and their parents) in Sisseton, South Dakota eagerly await the Christmas gifts that Knox generously provides, and we are continuing the tradition. Angels will be placed on the tree beginning the Sunday before Thanksgiving – November 17.

To help grant those wishes please:

**Choose** an angel and a volunteer will present you with a wish list and complete instructions. (A volunteer will be at the table after services on Sundays. If you take an angel when the table is unattended during the week please make sure that you leave the angel filled out and take the appropriate form.)

**Wrap** the gift(s) and put into a Christmas bag. (NO boxes, please).

**Return** the gifts to church and put under the Christmas tree by December 15 before the first service.

We always need extra gifts to supplement bags or give to children who have not returned their list, so if you don't want to sponsor a child, but you would like to help, you can donate items that children would like.

If you want a particular person or age please call Julie Milldrum [630-717-8240](tel:630-717-8240). Thank-you so much for participating with this valuable program that affects so many lives.



## NEED TIME TO CHRISTMAS SHOP?

Babysitting Services - Pay It Forward Middle School Fundraiser

The Middle School kids and adult advisors will be providing a fundraiser to raise money for the young adults participating in the Haiti Mission Trip. We will be providing babysitting for parents to drop off their kids and go Christmas Shopping, go on a date, or just relax. Structured activities will be planned.

When: Saturday, December 14

Time: 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00/child or \$50.00/family

[Click here to register online.](#)

Questions, please contact Jenny Hubbard at 630-615-4318 or [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org).



## Christmas Joy Offering – Christmas is a Season of Joy

The Christmas Joy Offering is a Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years. The Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. The receipts from the Joy Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

At Knox the Joy Offering may be given any time during Advent and will culminate in the Christmas Eve Offering. If you have questions, please contact a member of the mission council or one of the pastors.

## Christmas Card Fund

Instead of sending Christmas cards this year, Knox members are invited to join a longstanding tradition by offering Christmas greetings to the entire congregation while making a donation to Knox mission projects at the same time! A large Christmas card will be in the Commons area on the mission Table. Make checks payable to Knox Presbyterian Church, marking the memo section "Christmas Card Fund - *your mission choice*."

Mission projects to designate include Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Hessed House, The Scott Moreau Fund, The Lehman Foundation Fund, and The Anne Sherren Scholarship Fund. You set the amount of your donation and either place it in the offering plate or give it to our Financial Secretary. Those signing by December 1 will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donations are accepted immediately but the card will be posted November 24 until New Year's Day.

Can you think of an easier way to send over 500 Christmas Cards? Contact Anne Sherren at 630-932-0481 with questions.

## A Daily Devotional for the whole Church Family!

Something else on our new website for Advent.... A Daily Devotional for the whole Church Family! This year our devotional guide will be found on [www.knoxpres.org](http://www.knoxpres.org). Every day there will be devotionals shared from our congregation and staff. You will find scriptures, prayers and suggestions for making this Advent a time of preparation and increased peacefulness. Let this be the year to make it so! We still have a few days available if you have a devotional idea you would like to share. Contact Rev. Deb at [droberts@knoxpres.org](mailto:droberts@knoxpres.org).



The beautiful words from the gospel of John help set the tone for the season before us...

*"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the word was God. All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being. What came into being was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have received grace upon grace."*

-John 1:1,3-5, 14, 16

[Click here to go to the Knox Advent Daily Devotionals blog.](#)

## Care Ministries

### **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.

### **Illness/Health Concerns:**

Henry Carter (friend of the Dunhams)  
Ed Cox (Beth Schlegel's father)  
Kari Erwin  
Flo Foltz (Jeff Foltz's mother)  
Matthew Gill (friend of Morten family)  
Bob Kirk (Thera Leigh's brother)  
Flo Kirk (Kristy Cortright's grandmother)  
Mary Kramer (Joan Tanck's mother)  
Peg Little  
Don Martin (Amy Kendryna's father)  
Sharon Mulqueen (Ed Wiles' sister)  
Charles Nelson (Dick Nelson's father)  
Tom Nyman (Terri Wigger's stepdad)  
Thelma Parry (Curt Parry's mother)  
Louise Pogue (Phil Pogue's mother)  
Bill Porter (Bob Porter's brother)  
Ellen Rose (Jay Roses's sister)  
Marilee Slick  
Marilyn Tambling  
Cassy Taylor (Lori Rose's cousin)  
Anastasia Tollard  
Larry Trimnell  
Betty Truitt (Linda Gerner's mother)  
Richard Walker  
Allie Wiles (Ed Wiles' mother)  
Bitsy Winkler (Sally Kenaston's mother)  
Leon & Margie (Friends of Carol O'Neil)

### **Grieving:**

The Smilgys family on the death of Saulius Masionis (Chuck's cousin)  
The Fry family on the death of niece Sandra Peterson  
The Beaird family on the death of Brian's mother Bettye  
The Hooper family on the death of Maude's brother Paul  
Jenny Harr-Murphy and family on the death of Jenny's husband Carmen  
The McPeck family on the death of Kenny's father Karl  
The Guth family on the death of Pam's aunt Mitzi Pierce  
Candice Sunblade and family on the death of her grandmother Delores Nowicki

### **Celebrating:**

Congratulations to Amanda Twaddle and Chase Dube on their marriage that took place on Saturday, October 26 in Caldwell, Texas.  
Anna & Greg Burke on the birth of their son Patrick Johnpeter on November 1. Proud grandparents are Charlie & Sue Johnpeter.  
Jen & Brandon Hoefft on the birth of their son Brady Edmund on October 28.  
The Cox family on the birth of their daughter Kayleigh Daniella on October 29. Proud grandparents are Steve & Lisa Bennett.

### **Military:**

Jonathan Ballew  
Nico De Coning  
Andrew Whitmer  
Morgan Plummer  
Calvin Warren  
Scott Zwiers  
All military personnel & their families.