

A Note From Rev. Deborah Kapp...

A couple of years ago I bought a raspberry bush and planted it in my backyard. I'm not much of a gardener, but I discovered that one doesn't need to be much of a gardener to have one's raspberries thrive. They grow, they spread, and they produce fruit without very little effort from their humans. My raspberries are actually double producers—I get a crop in July and another one in September. It's great!

I love to go into the yard on a warm summer morning and harvest a handful of raspberries. They make me think about God, because of the way they grow. A single raspberry cane may bear, say, 20 berries, but not all of them ripen at the same time. They ripen a few a day, for several days, during a good, wet summer like this one has been, the harvest lasts for about two weeks. My experience is a little bit like the Israelites harvesting manna in the wilderness. Every day there is just enough for my berry-needs.

Why, you may wonder, does this make me think about God? In short it's because every summer my raspberries feel like a miracle. Yes, I planted them, but I did not make them grow, and I certainly do nothing to make them flower and bear fruit so regularly. I also do not parcel out this goodness so that it lasts as long as possible. God does all those things, just like God turns those berries to a beautiful, deep, purply red as they ripen. My raspberries remind me of how much in my life is a gift, a sheer gift from God.

In your world what reminds you of God's goodness? What surprises fill you with wonder? What bounty floods your soul with gratitude? What invites you, in the words of the Psalmist, to "taste and see that the Lord is good?"

- Rev. Deborah Kapp

Clergy Renewal Program Update

As we write this article in mid-July, we find ourselves just past the half-way point of the Clergy Renewal period. Since our bon voyage celebration to the Robertses, Rev. Deborah Kapp has led us through 16 worship services for 8 Sundays and moderated over 7 Knox staff meetings. We have been blessed with the messages from our guest preachers that included Lara Musser, Jonathon Warren and Jenny Hubbard, with Justin Van Blaricom assisting one Sunday. Weekly devotionals prepared for us guided us to pray and reflect on this special time, along with two community prayer services, the last one a 'virtual' prayer service allowing all of us to pray wherever we were for the Robertses, for Deborah, our staff, our congregation, and the concerns of our church and our world.



The Robertses have kept us all posted on the Clergy Renewal blog about their travels and experiences on a weekly basis. The blogs gave us a taste of the Robertses reflections, different perspectives, and inspiration. We as a congregation are grateful for the Lilly Foundation Grant that allowed our senior pastors to really enjoy and reflect on their calling and provide renewed energy, creativity and passion to lead Knox church forward in our missions. We also have been blessed with pastoral staff that continues to meet the ongoing needs of our congregation.

The final weeks of the Clergy Renewal period will continue to see the warm and personable leadership of Deborah Kapp; guest preachers Nick Babladelis, Brian Tanck, and assisting one Sunday will be Je Lee. August 18 will be the final Sunday worship with Deborah Kapp. We have come to know and look forward to her sermons. August 25 marks the return of the Robertses to lead worship and an official end to their Clergy Renewal period. A Knox Celebration is being prepared for that day and we will celebrate both the Robertses return and the kick-off of our Knox church season for 2013-2014. Look for that announcement on page 4 of this newsletter!

Adult Education

SUNDAYS:

The Catholic Church: A History Leader: Jim Clinton
10:30 am in Room 202

How We Got Here from There

8/4	The Great Awakening	8/14	Bonhoeffer and Radical Theology
8/11	Conservatives and Liberals	8/25	Holy, Catholic, Apostolic?

Sunday Night Small Group Leader: Frank Mayer
7:00 pm in Middle School Room

Knox will offer a Disciple Series Short Term Bible Study, "Invitation to John". All are welcome. Please contact fjmayerxge@comcast.net for information.

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 for details.

Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories by Beth Moore Leader: Sue Curry
Begins Tuesday, September 17

9:00 – 11:00 am in the Middle School Room

This study will continue for 20 weeks. Sign up via email to curry.sue21@gmail.com to ensure that you will have a book for the study.

Breaking Free by Beth Moore leads you through Scripture to discover the transforming power of freedom in Jesus Christ. Themes for this study come from Isaiah, a book about the captivity of God's children, the faithfulness of God, and the road to freedom. It draws parallels between the captive Israelites of the Old Testament and New Testament believers in Jesus as the Promised Messiah.

7:30 pm Leader: Eric Heinekamp

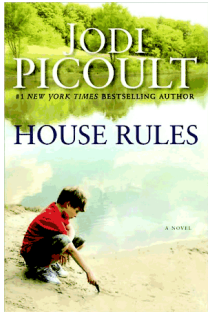
This group will be studying the Book of Job. They warmly welcome anyone that would like join them. Contact Eric Heinekamp at ejkamp@aol.com for details.

WEDNESDAYS:



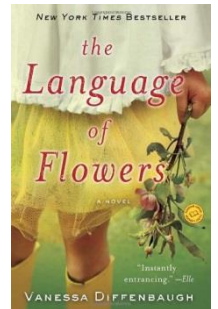
WOW will begin on September 18. Watch announcements on Web and future bulletins and newsletters for more information. All are welcome with or without children for the childcare program. Please contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com for more information.

August Evening Book Club – "House Rules"



The evening book club will meet Tuesday, August 13, 7:30 pm in the home of Fran Lukes, 2153 Lancaster Cir. Apt. 101A, Naperville. Discussion will be on the book "House Rules" by Jodi Picoult.

We will kick off the fall schedule on Tuesday, September 10 with discussion of *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. (Our July meeting had to be canceled, so we have rescheduled this book.) If you have read this popular book and want to join us for discussion, even just one time, all are welcome. Please bring your ideas for future reads. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or email wilesjan@gmail.com for directions or questions.



Missions at Knox

Fill a Backpack for the Dakota Partnership!

Dakota Partnership is again collecting filled backpacks to help the students in Sisseton get off to a good start for the 2013-2014 school year. If you would like to help with this worthy cause just:



- pick up a tag from the Commons at Knox with the grade noted.
- Buy the backpack and fill it with the school supplies listed on the tag.
- Return filled backpacks to Knox with the tag on the outside of the bag.

This will help ensure that we get the backpacks to the correct age student. We have nearly 400 students who will need backpacks so any help you can give will be appreciated. If you would rather not purchase the backpack feel free to donate supplies or cash to help get supplies needed. **All backpacks are due by August 4.**

Loaves & Fishes

The next **Hunger Sunday is August 4**. The donation theme for August is: "Baby It's Hot Outside!" Please donate:

baby food (jars, cereal, formula)
diapers
wipes



Loaves & Fishes
Ending Hunger in Our Community

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

If you prefer to support the food pantry financially, envelopes can be found in the pews. With your \$10 donation, Loaves & Fishes can buy \$100 worth of goods. The coins collected in the yellow coin funnel are donated to Cents-Ability in support of their food and self-help programs for families in need.

Hesed House

Next Volunteer Night: August 24

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



Children's Day Out Program Getting Ready for Fall!

Knox Children's Day Out begins Tuesday, September 3. Please call now to schedule a tour. We have openings in our in our Toddler class for children age 15 months (by Sept. 1st) and 2's classes. Children may attend 1 or 2 days per week from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We offer a very flexible schedule. Daily tuition is \$21 per day and Knox members receive a discount on

registration. CDO is a wonderful way to get your child involved in a Christian learning environment and meet new friends. Beth Burner can be reached at 630.355.7544 or bburner@knoxpres.org

At Sunday School, all participants, children and adults, learn to SHINE!



SHINE as unique creations of God.

SHINE dearly with God's love.

SHINE brightly with others.

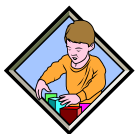
SHINE long with certainty.

Sunday School Calendar:

- Summer SS continues through Aug 25 with classes at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) to entering 5th grade.
- On Sept 1, Sunday School does not meet.
- School-year SS begins on Sept 8 with classes at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) to Middle School.
- Also, on Sept 8, come visit the SS Open House which is part of the "What's Happening? Fair and Ice Cream Social" to learn more about the program

Mark Your Calendars for Family Events in September:

September 13th



Feed My Starving Children – Knox Family Night: 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

For families with children in Kindergarten or older

September 22nd



- 3rd Grade Gift Bibles will be presented at the 10:30 service.
- Following this worship service, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade children are invited to:

Learning to Use Your Bible

A Lunch & Educational Event for Families, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm



Wednesday Nights at Knox

begins September 11

Prime Time (K – 2nd) ~ J.A.M. (3rd – 5th) ~ G3 (6th – 8th)

Registration and information about the program will be available online starting Aug 1st.

****Discount for early registration****

Contacts:

JAM & G3 - Jenny Hubbard

jhubbard@knoxpres.org 630-615-4318

Prime Time - Jane Burkelman

jburkelman@knoxpres.org 630-615-4303

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

Save the Date

Back Yard BBQ and Movie (Here Comes the Boom)

The Klopp's Residence

24599 Emerson Ln. Naperville

Saturday, August 24

7:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

Please register online.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Basement
Wednesday Fellowship

Fellowship from
6:30-7:30 p.m.

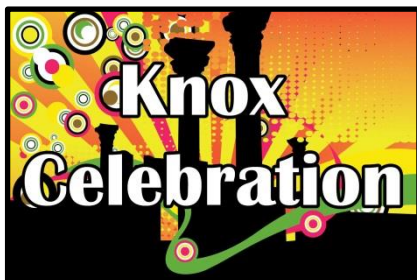
YOUNG ADULT DISCUSSION ON TAP

Quigley's Irish Pub
Downtown Naperville

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



Church News



Knox Celebration!

August 25 - following 10:30 worship
Something for everyone - A feast for all the senses!

Join the fun as we sample the many footsteps on Deb & Clint's journey and the joy of the last hazy, lazy days of summer.

What's Happening? Fair & Ice Cream Social

September 8 - 10:00 am to 10:30 am and 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

How can you get connected with Knox? Do you love to cycle? Would you like to join a book club? Check out the many diverse activities coming up for:

- Children & adults
- Women & men
- Families & singles & couples
- Fellowship & bible study & service



Attend the fair to enjoy some ice cream or popcorn, have your face painted, meet people and find out what's happening!

If you would like to have a spot at the Fair to showcase your program or event, please contact Jane (jburkelman@knoxpres.org) or Jenny (jhubbard@knoxpres.org).



Volunteer Needed for Cash Management

The Cash Management Council is in need of an individual willing to count the weekly offering with a partner once every 6 weeks. Please contact Susan Morgan to volunteer or for more information at 630-420-2423 or at snbmorgan@wideopenwest.com

The Results of the Knox Website Survey Are In!

The website development team recently asked members to complete a short survey on the Knox website. The purpose of the survey was to give guidance to the team as we look to upgrade our website. Thank you to the 233 members who responded! The results of the survey are in and helped us understand three key things.

First, the site is used a lot, approximately 1600 visitor each month

- 53% of those surveyed visit weekly or monthly
- Only 9% of respondents have never used the site
- The most popular reason for visiting the site are:
 - using the online calendar
 - looking at program information
 - registering for events
 - looking up phone numbers (for members of Knox Connections)
 - listening to sermons



The second thing we learned is that people are generally pleased with the site.

- 60% said our site was very easy or easy to use while 30% said navigation was fair
- 44% said there is nothing I dislike about the site

Finally, we learned where there is room for improvement.

- When asked what can be improved, 34% said information is hard to find
- 24% said information is not always current

There were also many suggestions for new features. Suggested improvements included:

- add a search bar
- provide an online photo directory (which is now available to Knox Connections members)
- have a more up to date calendar

Our final question gave pleasantly surprising results. When asked if you would be willing to receive the Knox News newsletter electronically rather than by mail 65% said yes. However, some of you did not give us your email so that we could send it to you electronically. If you are still getting the newsletter in the mail and would like to receive it via email instead, please call the office and let us know.

Thanks again to all those that participated in the survey! If you have additional comments or questions on the website please contact Joan Tanck at jtanck@knoxpress.org or 630-615-4309.



Knox Century Bike Ride 2013 to benefit Loaves & Fishes of Naperville

Saturday, September 14, 2013

Individual Registration until September 6, 2013 \$35.00

Individual Registration AFTER September 6, 2013 \$45.00

Please make checks payable to **Knox Presbyterian Church - Century Bike Ride.**

Mail to: **Century Bike Ride, Knox Presbyterian Church, 1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville, IL 60564**

Registration for the Knox Century Bike Ride includes: Official Ride T-Shirt, water at all rest stops, SAG vehicles, and on-course repair services.

All participants must sign and submit a Waiver and Release form with completed registration form and payment.

Participant packets will be available at Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 8, 2013 for all pre-registered riders. Packets will also be available at on-site registration on September 14, 2013.

We ride, rain or shine!

Knox Presbyterian Church BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 19

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Located in Fellowship Hall

To make your appointment, sign up online or call

Neil Goltermann at 630-750-5863.

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD THIS SUMMER & HELP HEARTLAND SAVE LIVES IN YOUR
COMMUNITY HOSPITALS!
PHOTO I.D. IS REQUIRED



Men's Retreat 2013 - Faith at Work



Join other Knox men for our inaugural Knox Stay & Serve on September 21-22 at Hesus House's TLC (Transitional Living Center). TLC is home to many who are between homelessness and returning to an independent life. Come do "manly" things like carpentry, painting, assembling and building things! But most importantly, we'll be building up lives of many people right in Aurora!

For more information contact:

Mike Williams - [630362-9800](tel:6303629800) - mwilliams@kempersports.com

Marty Ovens - [630596-3989](tel:6305963989) - martyovens@gmail.com

Alex Klopp - [773406-2814](tel:7734062814) - aklopp@carrollseating.com

My Brother's Kitchen – Thank You!

A Big Thank-You to Dan Pucci & his daughter, Elizabeth, who cooked a delicious meal along with 18 volunteers who served on Saturday, July 6 for "My Brother's Kitchen" in Lawndale. We had a great turn out of folks who chopped, set tables, served refreshments and lunch for the community. Thank you all who gave of your time, talent & smiles in sharing God's love and compassion.

The first Saturday in October (Oct. 5) will be our next opportunity to serve. Please check the bulletin for more information! Blessings, Cindy



Ministry to Seniors

Seasoned Citizens - Join us for two events in August!



Tim Sleep Carillon Concert
Saturday August 10, 7:00 pm, at the Carillon
and

The Naperville Band Concert
"Weather or Not" with guest U.S. Navy Band of the Midwest
Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm, in Central Park

For both events bring a chair, your beverage, and an appetizer to share!

Sign up Sundays at Knox July 28, Aug 4, Aug 11

or contact Cindy Karis at [630-615-4308](tel:6306154308) or at ckaris@knoxpres.org

Hall of Famers

Even though summer is in full swing, we are looking forward to our first Hall of Famers lunch on Thursday, October 10th. Look for more information in September's newsletter.

Calendar of Events

August 4	Loaves & Fishes Hunger Sunday – baby food, diapers, wipes
August 10	Seasoned Citizens – Tim Sleep Concert at the Carillon
August 13	Evening Book Club – “House Rules” by Jodi Piccoult
August 15	Seasoned Citizens – Naperville Band Concert
August 19	Blood Drive
August 24	Hesed House Volunteer Night Middle School Fellowship BBQ & Movie
August 25	Knox Celebration

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:

Nancy Banks (Jenny Hallam’s mother)
Peggy Clark (Phil Houston’s sister)
Don Fleschut Sr. (Don Fleschut’s father)
Michael Gravel
Marjean & John Gray (Jo Banta’s father)
Bob Kirk (Thera Leigh’s brother)
Leona Haworth
Jill Huggins (Judy Loftus’ sister)
Peg Little
Sharon Mulqueen (Ed Wiles’ sister)
Rev. Robert Pierce (Pam Guth’s cousin)
Anne Sherren
Carol Sieczynski
Jim Swanson
John Thompson
Betty Truitt (Linda Gerner’s mother)

Grieving:

Ruth Browne on the death of her sister Nancy Wiechmann and her mother Doris Wiechmann
The Mundy Family on the death of Phil’s father that resided in England
The Smilgys Family on the death of Rose’s brother James Davis
The Van Iten Family on the death of Bob’s brother Howard Van Iten
The Trimnell Family on the death of Daisy’s brother Gerry Anderson

Celebrating:

Liz & Greg Hardin on the birth of their daughter Lucille Suzanne Hardin on July 5. Proud grandparents are Ralph and Margaret Lambka, proud great-grandmother is JoAnn Sault.
Rob & Julie Pfaff on the birth of their daughter Mae Everly on July 2. Proud great-grandmother is Edna Shepherd.
Darry & Jason Stingerie on the birth of their daughter Madison Rose on June 20. Proud great-grandmother is Helen Souta.

Military:

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

Thank you to everyone who did so much for me following my recent surgery. You may have prayed, called, emailed, come to visit me, sent a card, given me a ride, or given me a smile or a gift. Friends are a blessing and I cherish each and every one of you. At the rate my recovery is going so far it will be a long one. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.
Anne Sherren