

A Note From Rev. Deborah Kapp...

Like my grandmother before me, I can be a world class worrier. I can worry about what has already happened. I can worry about what might happen. And, I can worry about why someone else seems to have better stuff or better opportunities than I do. I know that I should grow out of these tendencies, but the good Lord and I are still working on my spiritual maturity, or lack thereof, which may be why Psalm 37 has caught my imagination.

"Do not fret," says the psalmist. Three times in the first 8 verses the psalmist repeats this admonition against the worry rooted in envy. Instead of fretting the psalmist suggests that we tend steadily to our own business, delight in God, and put our trust and hope in God's goodness. Then the psalmist makes a surprising statement in verse 11: "The meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity." (NRSV) Another translation says, "The weak shall inherit the land, they will enjoy a surplus of peace." (CEB)

Two things surprise me about verse 11. The first is that Jesus quotes it in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5:3) and also alludes to it in the section about not worrying (Mt. 6:25ff). I have never before made the connection between this beloved teaching of Jesus and Psalm 37. The second thing that surprises me about verse 11 is that it promises peace of mind, which is something I would dearly like to achieve.

The psalmist writes about peace as a byproduct of righteous living. Give up worrying about other people's prosperity, says the psalmist. Do good, be generous and wise, trust God, and you will have peace, an abundance of peace. Now this is not a formula, it is no guarantee. But it is a witness. It is the witness of this psalmist, and countless other people of faith who have discovered, in their own complicated lives, that somehow in that intersection where human faithfulness and God's grace meet each other, deep peace can be found. There, as St. Augustine says in a meditation about this psalm, "Peace shall be thy gold. Peace shall be thy silver. Peace shall be thy lands. Peace shall be thy life, thy God peace. Peace shall be to thee whatever thou dost desire." May each of us enjoy such a blessing.

- Rev. Deborah Kapp

Clergy Renewal Program Update

Many of you know our senior pastors are on a Clergy Renewal from June through August. The Lilly Foundation grant Knox received is allowing them to travel, to study, to reflect and to rejuvenate. We have been blessed with Rev. Deborah Kapp who also has been leading worship. Knox has always grown and been strengthened through the gift and ministry of prayer where any renewal begins and is fueled by prayer. On June 2 we held our first prayer service. We prayed for the Robertses and Deborah, for the church leaders and the entire congregation. Our final prayer service will on July 14, outdoors, and look for announcement of time and place.

Have you been following the blog of the Robertses on the church website? On the main page there is a spot entitled: Renewal - Follow Clint and Deb. Once you click on that "button" you have several choices. There are weekly devotions to read where a group of dedicated writers have been working to provide you with thoughts and inspiration to help support Knox while the Robertses are gone. There is historical and geographical information for the upcoming week to tell you what is planned as the Robertses travel. There is a spot to learn more about the guest speakers/worship assistants who will be here this summer, many having gone through the youth program right here at Knox and includes Lara Musser (June 16), Justin Van Blaricom (June 30), Jenny Hubbard (July 14), Je Lee (July 21), and Brian Tanck (August 11).

Finally, there is a blog where Clint and Deb will highlight some of their favorite sights and thoughts as they experience their journey. We thought we would share a few sentences from a recent blog post so that you can get a flavor of what is available for you each week:

Leaving Naperville was quite the experience of 'getting out of Dodge'-so many details and worries and good-byes. Never quite enough time for every hoped for last thing. What wisdom to begin with a tour as someone else's charge: on the bus, off the bus, "Follow me please". And follow we have. We have followed our learned, young and proud guide through the bustling streets of Istanbul to the shores of the Aegean Sea.

Istanbul is a centuries old center of Christendom and Islam. Here the Nicene Creed gave us form and faith and guidance under Constantine. Here today, is a center of contemporary somewhat secular Muslim life. Mosques and Basilicas claim their place in a history which is as much present as it is past. The churches of Revelation, of John and Paul, are calling these Midwestern pilgrims to further exploration.

We have travelled from the Bosphorus and the Sea of Marmara (marble) along the Dardanelles to Gallipolis's Anzac Cove and the Aegean Sea. Today we begin our tour of Ephesus. It is a grand tourist destination and at least 5 miles in from its original shore in the days of Paul and John. We arrive at our final Turkish destination both excited and sad. So much to see in the most restored ancient site of this remarkable land and so much history to hear and make sense of. In our next installment we will say more about our experience of visiting the wonders and relics and churches of our forebears in the faith.



Adult Education

SUNDAYS:

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

"The Catholic Church: A History", With the Reformation our church history splits from the history of the Roman Catholic Church. In addition to the series by William R. Cook that we have been following up to now we will rely on a variety of other video sources.

- 7/7 John Calvin and the Reformation in Geneva -- Brad S. Gregory, University of Notre Dame
- 7/14 Catholic Responses - The Council of Trent -- (William R. Cook - part of the series we've been using)
- 7/21 England Breaks with Rome -- Robert Bucholz, Loyola University of Chicago
- 7/28 England after Henry VIII - Mary and Elizabeth -- Robert Bucholz

This is a course for anyone who wants to know how we got here from there.

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.

7:30 pm Leader: Eric Heinekamp

This group will be studying a book of the Bible (TBD). They warmly welcome anyone that would like join them. Contact Eric Heinekamp at ejkamp@aol.com for details.

Knox Presbyterian Church Adult Education Council Sunday Seminar Series

Passport Stop: "Travel to Rome and Early Byzantine Art"
Follow along with Pastors Deb and Clint on their journey!

Gallery Tour: "Featuring the Late Roman and Early Byzantine Treasures from the British Museum"

Date: Sunday July 28, 2013

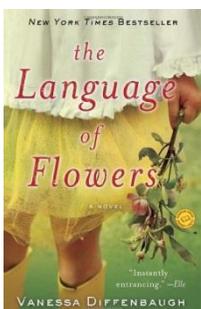
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm (tour and lecture)

Lecturer: Amy Babinec

Registration is REQUIRED.

Discount for early sign up before July 4th!

Discounted Fee: \$10 Includes admission, tour and lecture, Sign-ups are going on now in the Commons (After July 4th, Fee will be \$15)



July Evening Book Club – "The Language of Flowers"

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Fran Lukes, 2153 Lancaster Cir. Apt. 101A, Naperville. Discussion will be on the book "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Our August pick is House Rules by Jodi Picoult. New readers always welcome! Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or email wilesjan@gmail.com for directions or questions.

Presbyterian Women

Sewing Dresses for Haiti

PW Women sewed "little dresses for Africa" before Christmas. We sent 41 dresses to Haiti with Jeanine Ryan.



Left: left to right - Leslie Taylor, Betty Hemmeter, Anne Mair, Janice Wiles, Bonnie Poole, Liz Bradley, Debbie Geraci, Kathi Olson, & Rose Smilgys. Middle: All of the dresses we sent. Right: Mary Ellen Neumeister
We currently are working towards 100 more dresses which we will send to Africa this fall.

Missions at Knox

Thank you from the Mission Council!

Mission Council would like to thank the Knox congregation for its leadership giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. As one of the top 100 congregational donors to the Offering, you set the standard for participation and undergird the vital work of three ministries very dear to the Presbyterian Mission Agency's heart - The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People.

Thanks for another good TPC 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 successful year for teen age participants (both moms and dads) and their young families who enjoyed meals together along with group discussions and educational programs. The number of participants has been consistently good due to the hospitality of our congregation! 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 and guidance of Pastor Cindy, The Mission Council, Dick Wheeler and his staff, and our helpful office personnel.

There is now a team of four hosts who take turns on Tuesdays assisting in setting up the meals and serving when needed. Our team members are: Barb Ebling, Dotty Mobley, Heidi Paulius and Bonnie Olson. 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.

Thanks again!
Barb, Dotty, Heidi and Bonnie

Crop Walk News

The final numbers are in for CROP Walk 2012. For a second year in a row, the Naperville Area CROP Walk was #1 in Illinois. A total of \$76,051 was raised by 681 walkers from 20 local churches/organizations. 19 Knox participants walked the CROP Walk raising \$3,685. Thanks you walkers, donors and Presbyterian Women of Knox for your support. One of the recipients of CROP \$\$ is Loaves and Fishes. The local community pantry received over \$9,000 from last year's walk which helped provide groceries to the a large number of Naperville/DuPage families needing assistance. Survivors of the tornado outbreaks in Oklahoma and Texas also received emergency assistance through your CROP \$\$.



Preparations are underway for the 2013 CROP Walk which will take place on Sunday, October 20, at 1 pm. More details about this year's walk will be published in upcoming newsletters.



Loaves & Fishes

The next **Hunger Sunday is July 7**. The donation theme for July is: "Back to School!" Please donate backpacks. 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: July 27

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

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

Children's Ministries

Looking for ideas...

The Children's Ministries Council is looking for people to make short presentations that would be interesting to parents with preschool children. Do you have an interest, education, or experience that you would like to share? Examples of possible subjects are nutrition, development milestones, and scrapbooking. Please share your ideas with Denise Gallagher at tdblgallag@sbcglobal.net.



Summer Sunday School

Two Sessions Each Week - 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Every Sunday through August 25 (except July 7)

Dance & Music Ministry - Blessed Ballerinas - Blessed Voices

Little Dancers/Singers Needed, Ages: 3-6
Practices: Wednesdays, July 3 - 17 - 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(Kids do not need to be in both groups, if they want to sing only, that is ok)
Performance: July 21 – 10:30 a.m. Service

Registration available online
Contact Jenny Hubbard if interested: jhubbard@knoxpres.org or 630-615-4318



Arts Camp

July 8 – 12 ● 10:00 am - 12:00 pm ● \$30
For kids entering 4th grade through 8th grade

Activities will include: woodworking, painting, acting, singing, and a flash mob type dance.

The week will be focused around the scripture Jeremiah 1:5
"Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart"

Registration Available Online

Middle School Fellowship Committee

Needed:

Parents of Middle Schoolers to help plan, organize and lead Middle School Fellowship events. We meet once in the summer to plan the events for the year and parse out who will organize each event. Committee members do not need to be at every event. If interested, please contact Jenny Hubbard at jhubbard@knoxpres.org.



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.



Thank You for Supporting GO AND SERVE 2013, FAITH+WORKS



The Youth Program would like to thank our Knox family for supporting Go and Serve by bringing their cars to be washed. We made \$1150 at the car wash!!

The 141 members of this year's Go and Serve team would



like to thank the Knox community for its incredible support. Your prayers and financial contributions made the trip to Alma, MI area possible. Thank you to all who baked cookies: to Brent Mathison for donating lunch meat and cheese; To Barb Barhamand for her donation of Gatorade and water bottles; Bob Ellig and Bluco for donating building supplies. A special thanks to the Knox Sunday School classes for making some of the nightly gifts that we all received!! We appreciate all the volunteers who loaded and unloaded the tool truck and then stored all the tools and equipment. Thank you to all the folks who picked up, delivered, and returned our fleet of 13 vans, and for those who donated the first tank of gas! To the Knox office staff, we are thankful for the behind the scenes work you do before the trip! Thanks again for supporting our Pasta Dinner way back in February, our kick-off event for the year.

We enjoyed our stay at Alma College. They were such appreciative hosts, and were so helpful with all the details of our stay. We worked on many different projects, and our lives are richer for having had the opportunity to serve these families that soon became friends. This group of youth demonstrated their faith by the works they performed for the community of Alma. Our trip would not have been possible without the love and prayers of our Knox family.

Church News

The New Cookbooks are Here!



Our latest Knox cookbooks are here and they are a "feast" for your eyes! They come as a hardbound 3 ring book, making it easy to add more of your favorite recipes, and it comes with it's own stand so you can use it hands free. Not only do they make wonderful gifts, ALL the profits go to fund the missions that the Presbyterian Women's group support, here and abroad. They are truly a gift that keeps on giving.

If you are looking for a shower gift, a birthday gift, hostess gift, or even an early

Christmas gift, look no further!

They will be on sale Sundays in June and part of July in the Commons.

They will also be available in the office or by calling Jenny Hallam at 630.364. 2526.

Price: \$15

Cash and checks made out to "PW of Knox" cheerfully accepted at time of purchase.

Thank you to all of you who contributed to this gourmet delight.

Blessings,

Jenny Hallam for the Presbyterian Women of Knox

What's Happening? Fair and Ice Cream Social Come and find out what is happening at Knox

September 8 - 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Different Councils and Programs will share service and participation opportunities which are beginning in the fall.

Answers to FAQ:

- From 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the fellowship and coffee time will occur as usual.
- Also from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Lehman Hall, there will be a bounce house and face painting tables.
- On the Sunday after Labor Day weekend, there will not be a Knox Fest (church-wide lunch and celebration) this year because on August 25, there will be a church-wide lunch to welcome back the Robertses and thank Rev. Kapp.



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). Let them know how much space that you will need (half a table or more). Also provide a short description of your service and participation opportunities as there will be a list of what is being showcased.



Part Time Custodian Needed

Part time custodian (15-20 hours per week) needed for Knox Presbyterian Church. Must be able to work evenings and weekends. High School Diploma or G.E.D. Certificate required. Preferred start date mid-July.

Contact: Joan Tanck at 630-615-4309 or jtanck@knoxpres.org
Dick Wheeler at 630-615-4305 or rmwheeler@knoxpres.org

Divorce Recovery Workshop

July 18 – August 29 ● Thursdays ● 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Rev. Cindy Karis will lead this Divorce Recovery Workshop, a weekly group meeting to help you face the challenges of divorce and move toward rebuilding your life. The group will use "The Fresh Start – Divorce Recovery Workbook" by Bob Burns & Tom Whiteman, available through amazon.com. Contact Rev. Cindy at 630-615-4308 or ckaris@knoxpres.org for more information.



The Knox Bike Ride - Metric Century. Save the date! Saturday, September 14th!



- All proceeds will be donated to Loaves & Fishes.
- There will be 3 distances: 100km (62miles), 50km (31 miles), and 23km (15 miles).
- If you're not able to ride, please consider volunteering at one of the rest stops.
- For more information please contact Tomas Paulius at tpaulius@sbcglobal.net or (630) 548-4179.

Ministry to Seniors

Seasoned Citizens Event

Join us for Summer Place Theater's production of
OKLAHOMA!

Friday July 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Theater at Naperville Central High School
Tickets \$17 Seniors \$14
Sign up Sundays at Knox July 14 or July 21
or RSVP to Rev. Cindy Karis at ckaris@knoxpres.org or 630-355-8181.



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Dana Garman Stables
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Dee Dee Porter

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Carol White

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Tricia Ullestad
Terri Wigger

SOUTHWEST

Amy Bratsos
Jill Johnson
Shirley McDonald
Sally Mueller
Jane Nelson
Phil & Carol Pogue
Kathy Schulte &
Sarah Stone
Kim Williams
Mike Williams

Calendar of Events

July 3 Blessed Ballerinas/Blessed Voices practice begins
July 7 Loaves & Fishes Hunger Sunday – Backpacks
July 8-12 Arts Camp
July 9 Evening Book Club – “The Language of Flowers”
July 18 Divorce Recovery Workshop begins
July 26 Seasoned Citizens Event - Oklahoma
July 27 Hased House Volunteer Night
July 28 Adult Ed Sunday Seminar Series – “Travel to Rome and Early Byzantine Art”

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:

Gerry Anderson (Daisy Trimnell's brother)
Amanda Bailey (cousin of Pam Williams)
Peggy Clark (Phil Houston's sister)
Nico De Coning
Bob Kirk (Thera Leigh's brother)
Leona Haworth
Jill Huggins (Judy Loftus' sister)
Sharon Mulqueen (Ed Wiles' sister)
Mitzi Pierce (Pam Guth's aunt)
Bill Porter (Bob Porter's brother)
Steve Ryson (Daisy Trimnell's son)
Paul Schipke (friend of Linda Mast)
Marilee Slick
Helen Souta
John Thompson
Anastasia Tollard
Betty Truitt (Linda Gerner's mother)
Nancy Wiechmann

Grieving:

The Graham Family on the death of Ken's sister-in-law Lt. Col Janey Graham
The Loftus Family on the death of Mike's brother-in-law John Craig
The Harris Family on the death of Suzanne's mother Lucille Taylor
The Shepherd Family on the death of Graham
The McMullen Family on the death of Ken's sister-in-law Darlene McMullen
The Browne and Wiechmann Families on the death of Doris Weichmann
Robert Quiring and the Baumann Family on the death of Bill Baumann
The Gerner Family on the death of Larry's aunt Violet Halpin
The Galen Family on the death of Carol's nephew Nick Meyer

Celebrating:

Christian & Molly Evans on the birth of their son, Jackson William on May 2.

Military:

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

Dear Knox Family,

I don't even know where to begin to express my gratitude for all of the kind words & well wishes we received when leaving Naperville. What a hard decision it was to make because I wanted to bring our Knox family with us, but we decided to move to the Kansas City area to be closer to family and Dick's corporate office in Lenexa. Leaving all of you behind was very hard on us, especially me, because you have been our "family" for 23 years. This new chapter in our lives will be an adventure with plans on seeing all of you again. This isn't good-bye ~ it's "see you later" as we will return to visit. Thank you, Knox, for always being there for us!
God's blessings to you all!

Love,
Dick & Beth Ryser