

A Note from Rev. Deb Roberts

"God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our Lord. Many will see what God has done and be astounded. They will put their trust in The Lord." - Psalm 40:3

Dear Friends,

It was exciting to have an author in our midst last month and to hear him talk about his book. While there wasn't much time on a busy Sunday morning to ask lots of questions, I got in a few. I asked him about becoming a Christian which he did during his youth. It seems that by the time he went to college he knew he would devote his life to serving Christ.

Skye Jethani has done this in large part by communicating in every venue possible - preaching, teaching, counseling, writing, speaking, and using the gifts of media in creative ways. Clearly he is an articulate, committed, inspired communicator for The Lord. We talked about the interest in his book and the reality that no amount of advertising marks the success of a book. In the end, it depends upon others sharing with others....."hey, have you read this book?"

The old phrase, "by word of mouth" marks the success of most things-from restaurants to a reliable mechanic to a brand of cereal. Just the other day a good friend was telling me about her shampoo, where she gets it, and how she would never be without it. I thought to myself, "I've got to look into this quickly! I need it too!" I was reminded in my conversation with Skye how important "word of mouth" can be in sharing our faith journeys or about our church home.

This Fall, as we discuss and study, listen and share about our relationship to God, I hope we will grow in the ways of the psalmists words..."it is God who gives me a new song" in the midst of a discouraging world. As we sing "our songs" together, I hope we grow in confidence and faith so that we too might inevitably, naturally, share our songs of praise to others.

Come and see not only what God has done, but what God is doing!

May others see and be astounded by the grace and the goodness of Jesus, the Christ!

Blessings in Christ,

Deb

"With" Fall Spiritual Emphasis Updates and Resources Weekly Overview on the Web

- Go to our home page www.knoxpres.org and click on the 'With' photoslide
 - (Or click on Groups and under Adult Groups click on Bible Studies)
- From here you can visit our blog to view insights on the weekly sermon, sign up for a small group, or view/listen to the weekly sermons
- Share your "Ah hah" insights and questions with us by commenting on the weekly blog posts
- Check out our prayer resource table in the Commons each Sunday
- Check out Skye Jethani's Web devotional (\$1.99/mo):
<http://skyejethani.com/product/with-god-daily-devotional/>

Adult Education

"With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God" fall study groups.

Day	Time	Location	Leader	Suggested Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Knox – Room 202	Jim Clinton	All
Sunday	10:30 am	Knox	Rev. Eric Heinekamp	All
Sunday	7-8:30 pm	Knox – MS Room	Frank Mayer	All
Sunday	at night	Knox	Rev. Robert Quiring	Young Adults
Monday	7:30–9 pm	Knox – Parlor	Ron & Dotty Mobley	All
Tuesday	9:00 am	Knox – Parlor	Frank Mayer	Men
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Knox – Rev. Deb's	Rev. Deb	Women
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Hopvine Brewing Co.	Rev. Eric Heinekamp	All
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Knox	Rev. Deb	All
Thursday	6:00 am	Knox – Coffee Bar	Rev. Clint	Men
Thursday	9:30 am	Knox – MS Room	Rev. Cindy	Women's
Thursday	7-8:30 pm	Knox	Sue Curry	All
Saturday	6:00 pm	Brian & Renee Hicks Home		Young Families
Saturday	7:00 pm	Jeff & Stephanie Hild's Home		MS & HS Parents

You can sign up in the online by signing into your Knox Connections account and selecting available small groups.

In addition to our fall study classes, these Bible Studies are also available!

TUESDAYS:

Children of the Day: 1 & 2 Thessalonians – Beth Moore Leader: Sue Curry
9:00 am

Is family life a challenge? Is work driving you crazy? Do you know God has a purpose for your life, but can't figure out what it is? Know that your circumstances are not coincidental. God's timing is impeccable. Join Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores as she walks you through the truth of each verse of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. In this study, you'll face crises, afflictions, relationships, doubts, concerns, and fears. Find encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns. Facilitated by Sue Curry. Starting on Tuesday, September 16, running through January from 9-11 am. Contact Sue at curry.sue21@gmail.com to reserve a book.

WEDNESDAYS:



Women on Wednesdays is off to a great start with our study of "Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today". So far we've met and learned lessons from Eve, Rebekah, Leah, and Hannah.. It's not too late to join us in this DVD based study as we examine the lives of 8 more women in the Old and New Testaments. WOW meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 and includes fellowship, large and small group discussions and prayer. We welcome women of all ages and Bible knowledge and have activities and childcare for infants through Kindergarten. Please join us as we discover new insights and see how we can apply Biblical lessons to our lives today.

For more information see the WOW link or contact Robin Kolar skolar at 7227@aol.com or 630-369-4539 or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com or 630-420-7885.

The Knox Book Club has chosen 61 Hours, a Jack Reacher novel by Lee Child, for our Oct. 14 gathering. The books featuring Jack Reacher, a maverick hero, and former military cop, are always thrilling and suspenseful. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. in the home of Fran Lukes (2153 Lancaster Circle, Apt. 101A).

New readers, as well as book recommendations, are welcome any time throughout the year. Contact Janice Wiles at [630-416-9537](tel:630-416-9537) with any questions.



Presbyterian Women

Rachel-Rebecca Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 14 at 9:30 am at the home of Flora Albrecht. Flora's address is 530 Sleight St. Please email Flora at florajalbrecht@gmail.com or call her at 630-369-3713 if you plan to attend. We will be discussing lesson 2 from our study book Reconciling Paul.

Ruth Circle resumes meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. All are welcome to come!

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Knox Parlor

If you have question, please contact Bev Mayer at 630-615-4325 at Knox.

Mary Martha Circle will start a new round of gatherings on Tuesday, October 14, at 9 am at Ineke Pelella's home (2748 Willow Ridge Dr.) Feel free to come and join us. Please contact Ineke Pelella at 630-357-3350 for more information)

Missions at Knox



YMEN Brother's Kitchen on Saturday, October 11 - providing a meal for the homeless in North Lawndale. We will depart from the church at 9am. For information please email Dan Pucci at dan.pucci@allscripts.com.

Missions continued...

Jewel Osco Cuisinart Stickers Needed

Jewel Osco has had all kinds of promotions in recent years. Notice how the cashier asks if you're playing the monopoly game or if you are collecting stickers? I usually decline these promotions.

A number of our mission partners in Naperville, 'Naperville Cares', 'Families Helping Families' and



others are offering deposit boxes for the most recent sticker promotion for Cuisinart Cookware. Last year 20 families in need benefitted from a collection of hundreds of stickers which provided complete place settings for each family. Here are the latest details:

- You get 1 sticker for every \$10 you spend.
- If you are not collecting for yourself, collect them whenever you shop anyway and bring them to Knox.
- Knox will have a deposit box in the Commons on the sign up tables starting Sunday through December.

We will help provide needed cookware for many families. How great is that?



Operation Christmas Child

Knox has been a part of this valuable ministry for many years and this year we have set a goal to collect 80 shoeboxes that will share hope and the promise of God's love for children all over the world.

If you would like to participate, pick up a "How to Pack a Shoebox" flyer in the commons. All donations must be returned to Knox by Sunday, November 16.

It Takes a Church Opportunity: Knox

Men's Ministry of Knox and Presbyterian Women of Knox created Opportunity:Knox Dinner, Silent & Live Auctions in an effort to raise money for two outstanding missions; the Transitional Living Community at Hesed House and Lifespring of Wayside Cross. Both missions provide the opportunity to individuals and families to transform from homeless and hopeless to "homed" and hopeful through housing, guidance and educational programs.



At TLC Men's Ministry has already restored a playground to its glory days; made much needed repairs to bathroom facilities, and took care of a nasty sewer pipe problem. In addition our men have moved and helped furnish "homes" for families who have completed the TLC program and the group is still reaching out to those families to make certain that the transformation continues and their desire to continue the work they have started has grown ever greater.

Presbyterian Women of Knox, a long-time donor to Lifespring of Wayside Cross Ministry, hosted an Easter Party for the children and a Christmas-in-July Barbeque for all the residents. Looking into the beautiful face of a little girl, wide-eyed with wonder, excitement and innocence, it is easy to gain perspective on the great need for our support to provide Lifespring with more reliable perishable food refrigeration and comfortable furnishings for the common areas.

One person can't make a difference; but a group of like-minded, spiritual-based individuals can transform lives. Won't you join us for a lovely dinner and fine fellowship as we "come and serve" on October 24, 2014 at 6pm in the Bolingbrook Golf Club, the perfect setting for transformation?

Tickets will continue to be on sale in the Commons Sundays between services on 9/28, 10/5, 10/12 and online through 10/14.



Crop Walk 2014

32nd Annual NAPERVILLE AREA CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014 @ 1 PM

Why do we walk and/or sponsor the CROP Walk? Because of the:

- Families in need in our area who visit Loaves and Fishes Community Services for assistance.
- 1 out of 6 people world-wide who don't have enough to eat.
- Syrian refugees in the Middle East.
- Millions of people in Africa who lack access to clean drinking water.

Please consider walking or sponsoring a Knox CROP Walk participant. 100% of your donation will be used to help people in need locally and globally. Kick off is at 1 pm on Sunday, October 19th, at Grace United Methodist Church. You can pick up your donation envelope on 9/28, 10/5 and 10/12 at the CROP Walk counter in the Commons Area. Come with your family, your friends and dogs to walk the 1K or 5K.

The Knox CROP Walk recruiters are very pleased that again this year, the Presbyterian Women of Knox have been able to allocate funds to sponsor every CROP Walker from our church. Thank you so much PW for your commitment.

Knox CROP Walk Recruiters,
Rachel Koritala and Ineke Pelella

Prison Ministry Christmas Card Project - 2014



Every year, hundreds of volunteers make it possible for Companions Journeying Together to send thousands of Christmas cards to those confined in prisons, juvenile and other facilities. Will you help again this year by providing them with cards?

Please sign your name...but do not seal or put a stamp on the envelope. Postage stamps are needed and should be enclosed separately. Remember we cannot send any cards that have

anything glued or taped on them or on the envelopes. That includes purchased cards that have pretty little things glued on them, stickers or tape.

Place your donations by/on Sunday, November 2 in the box wrapped like a present on the Mission table near the Coffee Bar. For questions, contact Mary Ellen Neumeister 630-357-8328, meansmimi@aol.com.

Our intention is to let the imprisoned know that someone is thinking about them at a time when they can feel so alone. Often, this is their only card and makes a big difference as evidenced by the thank you notes below:

"Thank you so much for the Xmas cards. I feel like a little kid at Xmas time all again. God bless everybody at Companions."

"I am writing to thank you for the beautiful Christmas card. Every year I get a card from you. I keep waiting for a card from my family but it never comes."

"I am writing to thank you so much for the Christmas cards. You guys think about us when our own family don't. Every year around Christmas time I get really emotional and a feeling of joy every time the officer called my name at my cell door. I felt like somebody again. Someone cares about me again. I do appreciate the love you guys send to me every Christmas."

"I would like to thank you and all the volunteers that make it possible for me and my fellow brothers and sisters to receive a card during this trying holiday when a reminder that someone is thinking about you is truly needed. There was a time when I was in deep despair, struggling with my life, never willing to reflect on where I went wrong. It wasn't until I received an envelope during mail call. I held it in my hands for quite a while reading and rereading the names and postmark then when I opened it on the front of the card was a picture of the Joyful Mystery, The Nativity. I brought me to tears. I made me rethink life, rethink my situation and look into who I am as a person. Despite my shortcomings I'm capable of making a difference in the world. To this day I'm a humble man. Thank you and God bless you."

Children's Ministries is collecting supplies for and assembling School Kits for Church World Service.

CWS sends their school kits to people in need around the world.

Watch the Bulletin Announcements for the items collected during the following week. Collection bins will be in the Commons every Wednesday and Sunday. We began this collection in September. The collection schedule for October is:

Wed, Oct 1 & Sun, Oct 5 - 70-count spiral notebooks. Each kit needs 3. Please no loose-leaf or filler paper)

Wed, Oct 8 & Sun, Oct 12 - Boxes of 24 crayons (only boxes of 24)

Wed, Oct 15 & Sun, Oct 19 - Last days for collecting. We'll post what's needed to complete the Kits.



Yes We Can!

Please join us in a community wide effort to collect soup to feed the hungry. Bring your cans of soup to Knox through **October 18**.

Our community wide team goal is to collect as many cans of soup as we can. We will donate these cans to Loaves and Fishes, DuPage PADS, and Hesed House. We will make the donation at Soup's On - Rotary Club of Naperville's largest Fundraising event on or by Oct.18, 2014.



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **October 5**. 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

"Our family loves serving at Hesed House on the 4th Saturday of each month, it's a great opportunity to serve God's children and allows our children to see beyond Naperville."

- The Biggs Family

Please sign up for preparing a meal or helping on a shift on October 25. Sign ups are in the Commons or you may call Diana Oshiro 630-697-1764 or Jan Gravel 630-416-9707.



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: September 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



Dakota Partnership Needs a Computer

Wanted: one newer laptop to put all the kid's data. Our old laptop is a Vista vintage so we need to upgrade to use the new printer. It would be terrific if it could also have MS Office installed!

Children's Ministries

Wednesday Night Programs are Off and Running!

It's not too late to register! Registration is available online.

Contacts:

JAM & G3 - Jenny Hubbard jhubbard@knoxpres.org 630-615-4318

Prime Time - Jane Burkelman jburkelman@knoxpres.org 630-615-4303





Saturday, October 26

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Parking Lots and Gymnasium

Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event where people gather and park their cars in our parking lots. They open their trunks or backs of vehicles and decorate them. Then they pass out candy from their trunks.

Activities include:

- ☺ Trick-or-Treating from car to car
- ☺ Halloween Crafts
- ☺ Bounce House & Games
- ☺ Cookie Decorating & Refreshments

If interested in decorating your vehicle for this event, contact Jane Burkelman at jburkelman@knoxpres.org or 630-615-4303. Feel free to pick a kid-friendly decorating theme such as Luau, Zoo, Veggie Tales, Harvest, Horses, or just fun Halloween decorations.

If interested in volunteering to run a game or serve refreshments, contact Jane, too.



3rd – 7th Graders Needed to be Acolytes

If interested in lighting the candles on the Communion Table at the beginning of the 9:00 am Worship Service contact Jenny Hubbard at jhubbard@knoxpres.org or 630-615-4318.

Dance & Music Ministry - Blessed Ones

Blessed Ones are adorable children ages 3-6 who meet Thursdays from 5:00 - 5:30pm.

- Session 1 - October 23 - November 6
 - Performing on Sunday, November 9th at the 10:30 am worship service.
- Session 2 - December 4 - December 18
 - Performing on Sunday, December 21 at the 10:30 am worship service and Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Children's Service.



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

Middle School Activities



October – Hayride, Bonfire with Hot Dogs and S'mores

Knock Knolls Park, 336 Knoch Knolls Rd, Naperville, IL 60565

Saturday, October 4

Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm (meet at the park)

Cost: \$15

November – Lock - In

The ultimate sleepover party with dodgeball, all church games, Bible Study, snacks, and a movie. We will conclude the evening with a sunrise communion service at 6:30 am (parents invited)

Friday November 14 - 8:30 pm – Saturday November 15 - 7:00 am

Cost: Bring a snack to share



December – Christmas Party

We will play games, bake cookies and have a Christmas gift grab bag game

Friday, December 12 - 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm


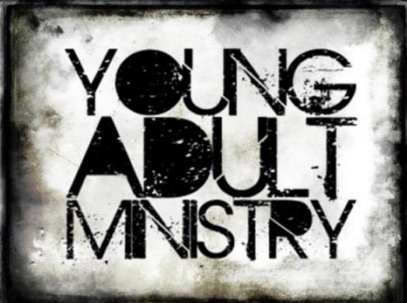
Cost: Bring a grab gift for the game in the \$5 range

High School Youth Activities

SIX FLAGS FRIGHT FEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- What: Six Flags Fright Fest
- When: 9:45-8:30 PM - Sunday, October 19
- Due Date: Thursday, October 16
- Register & Pay online at www.knoxblog.org.



	<p>High School Ministries</p> <p>Wednesday Fellowship In the Basement Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 pm</p>
<p>Young Adult Discussion on Tap (College & Young Professionals) Quigley's Irish Pub Downtown Naperville Wednesdays 8-9:30 p.m. Usually the first room on the right.</p>	

Church News



A Grief & Loss Workshop is being offered for 8 weeks beginning Thursday, October 23 - Thursday, December 11 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. in Rev. Deb's office. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one in the past few years and would like to understand the healing process, please call or email Pastor Cindy Karis at 630-615-4308 or ckaris@knoxpres.org. One of our trained Stephen Ministers will also co-facilitate.

Boy Scout Troop 505 Wreath Sale

It's that time again! The Boy Scouts will be taking orders for beautiful, fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths and other holiday decoration items between services, on October 12th and October 19th. Delivery of these items to Knox will be Sunday, November 23rd. Please contact Ginger Ovens at 630-527-8139 or gbovens@wideopenwest.com for any questions. Thank you for your continued support of Troop 505!!



Fruit Pies are Coming!



October 26 kicks off the beginning of the Frozen Fruit Pie Fundraiser for this year's young adult Mexico Mission Trip where (24) young adults (college age) and adult sponsors will be leaving on December 29 for a week to build homes for needy families in Mexico. Place your orders at Knox on Sunday October 26th, or on Sundays November 2nd or 9th. Pie pickup will be on Sunday November 23rd (just in time for Thanksgiving) or we will work with you if you aren't available to pick up your pies that day. Pies will be available in several delicious fruit flavors from the orchards and kitchen at the famous Crane's Pie Pantry in Fennville, Michigan. Thank you for your support for the Mexico Mission Trip. Questions: Bruce Burkelman (bmburkelman@yahoo.com)

The Pastors' Discretionary Fund

Knox's Pastors' Discretionary Fund exists to help members of our own faith community facing financial difficulties of various kinds. So far this year, more than 33,000 dollars have been provided to more than 21 families and individuals facing challenges ranging from long term unemployment to unforeseen medical expenses. When one of our pastors becomes aware of a need, pastoral care, counseling and prayer are used as part of a ministry that can also include financial assistance. The assistance is provided confidentially with regard for the privacy of the recipient.

So far this year, Knox's PDF has helped to provide mortgage and other debt relief, defraying of major medical expenses, Samaritan Interfaith counseling services, prescriptions, mission scholarships, gas and grocery gift cards and holiday food packages.

Currently, the PDF has only \$3,300 available for use—about 1/10 of what has been disbursed so far this year. Please prayerfully consider making an extra-commitment gift to Knox's PDF so that we as a faith community can truly "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

Thank you from Pastors Clint, Deb, Cindy and Robert!



2014 Higgins Scholarship Recipients

During his lifetime, William H. Higgins gave financial assistance to many students at McCormick Theological Seminary. At the time of his death, he left a bequest to continue his support of those preparing for professional leadership in the church. This bequest is called the Higgins Scholarship Fund and has been administered by a committee accountable to the Presbytery of Chicago since 1960. We are very excited this year to have two Knox member recipients:

- Jennifer Hubbard, McCormick Theological Seminary, M. Div student
- Je Myoung Lee, McCormick Theological Seminary, M. Div student

Congratulations!



Follow us to Knox – Car Window Decal

Please pick up your complimentary window decal to show your support of Knox! The vinyl stickers are available in the Commons.

Care Ministries

Illness/Health Concerns:

David O'Leary (uncle of Lin and Pat Carter)
(hospice)
Peter Pfeiffer (Eric Pfeiffer's brother)
Larry Trimnell
Chuck Ward (friend of Linda Mast)
Kari Erwin
Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies)
Drew Mastrino
Steve Clinton (Jim Clinton's son)
Gene Ash (Erin Lehman's uncle)
Dede Gruenberg (Dave Massaro's daughter, Lori Dicken's sister)
Debbie Eggum (cousin of Robert Slayton)
Marie Chmelik (cousin of Helen Souta)
Mark Guth
Dan Veitkus (brother-in-law of Ed Crylen) (Silver Cross Rehabilitation Center)
Haroldine Chandler (Rev. Deb Roberts' mother)
Blanche Turek (cousin of Helen Souta)
Judy Powell
Scott Tambling
Matt Phillips
Leslie Elliott
Liz Hewitt (Cheryl Hansen's mother)
Norah Johnson
John & Carol Good (Karen Elmgren's parents)

Congratulations to:

Jonathan & Carolyn Drum on the birth of their son, Theodore Roger on August 11. Proud grandparents are Ralph & Margaret Lambka, and great grandparents Russ & Jo Ann Sault.

Jason & Kim Horek on the birth of their daughter Madeline (Maddie) Horek on August 15.
Grandparents are Barry & Mary Horek.

Grieving:

The Dunne family on the death of Michael Banko (Debbie's brother)
The Bednar family on the death of John Pezze (Lynn Bednar's uncle)
The Powell family on the death of Charles Hott (Bill Powell's brother-in-law)
The Smith family on the death of Dick Smith (Indianapolis, Indiana)
The Smith and Stanfield families on the death of Joel Stanfield (Kedra Smith's brother-in-law)
The Nauta family on the death of Dan Tyler (Ruth's brother)
The Schwartz family on the death of Fred Schwartz
The Carter family on the death of close friend John Digrindakis
The Stables family on the death of Eleanor Gatz (Dana Stables' step-grandmother)
The Hess family on the death of David Hughes (Mary Grace's father)
The Kyncel family and Margaret Thomas on the death of Anne Kyncel (Margaret Thomas' niece)
The Bergesen family on the death of Rev. David Bergesen (John Bergesen's brother)
Margaret Thomas on the death of her niece Anne Kyncel
The Banta family on the death of John Gray (Jo's father)

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.