

Dear Knox Family in Christ,

November is my favorite month for homely pursuits. I like the "safe-and-secure" feeling of accomplishment that comes after Deb's garden is put to bed, the leaves are raked, the squirrels are in their nests, the firewood is stacked and the freezer is stocked with my favorite meats and vegetables. These annual activities bring with them a growing sense of gratitude as I look forward to Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. None of these tasks get done without the willing work and provision of my family—but these labors are truly labors of love.

November is also a time when I am more keenly aware and grateful for all that makes Knox a vibrant household of faith. In our worship and fellowship, our teaching and learning, our giving and serving—I see Knox being built up into a spiritual house where each member belongs and is valued and loved for who they are. I take great joy in being able to serve and provide for such a household as this. It makes me feel "safe-and-secure" to experience the goodness of our Lord who has promised to be the Leader of this household: Knox—for today, tomorrow and always.

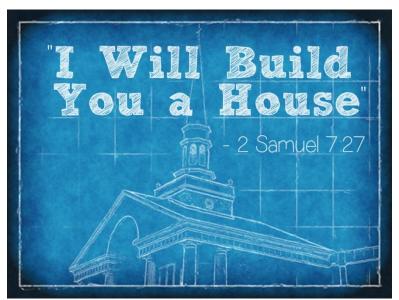
Giving any way I can in support of my family is a privilege and joy for me. I take great comfort and satisfaction in being able to help meet the needs of my household. The same feelings hold true for my church family. It is a great privilege to be able to contribute to the life and work of our congregation because here I can see a little more clearly the coming of that Kingdom we pray for each time we say the Lord's Prayer. I see a house where children are cherished, where seniors are honored, where strangers are welcomed, where hurting finds healing, brokenness mending, loneliness friendship and lost stories are found. In the members of this household, I can see the face of Christ.

November 23 is Thanksgiving Sunday. We'll adorn our Lord's dinner table with the fruits of the harvest. We'll get to sing, "All is safely gathered in, ere the winter's storms begin" (just like the squirrels would—if they could—as they bury their nuts in Deb's garden). More importantly, as thankful people whose "wants have been supplied", we'll find comfort and joy in providing for our spiritual household with our pledged support for the coming year. It is altogether right and true that no pledged offering is too insignificant to count. Only by being "gathered together" can we become the household of God, the family of Christ.

Friends--faithfulness begets fruitfulness. And generosity brings forth abundance. Take comfort this harvest season feeling "safe-and-secure" in Jesus. As beloved members of His family, let's joyfully provide the means for our ministry as the spiritual household we are.

With gratitude, Clinton

Knox Stewardship Sermon Series:



Sunday November 9: "On Tents and Temples"

After King David won the Kingdom and ruled from his palace of cedar in Jerusalem, he decided he would build a house for God. But God had other plans in mind... "Would you build me a house to dwell in?" God spoke through his prophet Nathan. "I have been with you wherever you went. I will make you a house," says the Lord. The House that God promised was no palace of cedar but the offspring of David, fulfilled 1000 years later in the birth of Jesus.

Come learn how God is still building His people into the household of faith through the living presence of Jesus: Son of David and Son of God.

Scriptures:

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Ephesians 2: 19-22

Stewardship Sermon Series continued...

Sunday November 16: "God's Householders"

The apostle Paul had many ways of describing the first generation of Christians. He used the metaphor of the Body in Romans 12, and in his letter to Timothy, he described Christ's followers like furnishings within a great house. Come claim your unique gifts for ministry and rejoice in how God has made you a member of His household through prayer, faith and Spirit.

Scriptures:

Psalm 84: 1-4 2 Timothy 2: 20-21 Romans 12: 6-13

Thanksgiving Sunday November 23: "Built into a Spiritual House"

After David's death, his son Solomon built a Temple for God to dwell in. Yet that Temple (like everything else in this life) had a beginning and an end. In marvelous contrast, Jesus Christ is building us as living stones into a spiritual house that will endure throughout eternity. Our fellowship here on earth has eternal consequences as we seek to love one another as He loved us, make disciples and go out into all the world with the message of the Gospel.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, you will have the opportunity to pledge your financial support to the mission and ministry of the church for 2015. Your pledged support is a tangible expression of your faith in God and will determine the scope and measure of our ministries in the coming year.

Scriptures:

1 Kings 6: 1-2, 11-14 1 Peter 2: 4-5, 10

Adult Education

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

Day	Time	Location	Leader	Suggested (<u>Group</u>
Sunday	10:30 am	Knox – Room 202	Jim Clinton		All
Sunday	10:30 am	Knox	Rev. Eric Heinek	kamp	All
Sunday	7-8:30 pm	Knox – MS Room	Frank Mayer		All
Sunday	at night	Knox	Rev. Robert Qu	iring	Young Adults
Monday	7:30–9 pm	Knox – Parlor	Ron & Dotty Mo	bley	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 Heinek	kamp	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 H	ome		Young Families
Saturday	7:00 pm	Jeff & Stephanie Hild's	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!

SUNDAYS:

Sunday Morning 10:30 am Leader: Jim Clinton

November 2 will be our last session on the church wide study.

November 9 we will begin a series looking at how other thinkers have viewed our relationship with God. It will be a sort of "Great Books of Faith."

11/9 The Idea of the Holy, Rudolph Otto

11/16 Land Thou, Martin Buber

11/23 The Courage to Be, Paul Tillich

11/30 The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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 9-11am. Contact Sue at curry.sue21@gmail.com to reserve a book.

WEDNESDAYS:



<u>Women on Wednesdays</u> is continuing the study of "Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today". Abigail and Gomer have taught us lessons on dealing with confrontation in relationships and accepting unconditional

love. It's not too late to join us in this DVD based study as we examine the lives of more women in the Old and New Testaments and apply lessons to our own lives. 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 <u>7227@aol.com</u> or <u>630-369-4539</u> or Margaret Lambka at <u>mllambka2@gmail.com</u> or <u>630-420-7885</u>.



"Homosexuality, Marriage and the Bible"
What the Scriptures Have to Say about Same-Sex Marriage in Church

Sunday Nights in November at 7:00 pm in Lehman Hall

November 2: -Introduction-

Part One: "Stories of Sodom and Gomorrah and the Levite's Concubine"

Scriptures: Genesis 19

Judges 19

November 9:

Part Two: "Ritual Purity and The Holiness Code"

Scriptures: Leviticus 18:22

Leviticus 20: 13

November 16:

Part Three: "The Teachings of Paul" Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 6:9

1 Timothy 1:10 (traditionally ascribed to Paul)

Romans 1: 24-27

November 23:

Part Four: "The Foundations for a Christian Marriage"

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13

Colossians 3: 12-17

(note: For other New Testament scriptures addressing marriage and divorce, see Mark 10:2-12; Matthew

19: 1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7; Ephesians 5: 21-33)

-Conclusion-

Galatians 3: 23-28

John 15:12

The Knox Book Club is reading children's or young adult books for our November 11 discussion. Reader's choice. Come ready to share. We continue to meet the second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Fran Lukes. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or wilesjan@gmail,com with questions.



Presbyterian Women

Rachel-Rebecca Circle will meet on Tuesday,

November 11 at 9:30am, at the home of Mary Ellen Kelly. The address is 1447 Swansea Ct. We will study lesson three.

Ruth Circle meets 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 meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, at 9 am at Ineke Pelella's home (2748 Willow Ridge Dr.) Come and join us. Please contact Ineke Pelella at 630-357-3350 for more information.





Chick Flick, Where film, faith and fellowship come together!

Our series continues Friday, November 14 with 'The Spitfire Grill" starring Marcia Gay Harden and Ellyn Burstyn.

Join us for this tale of redemption. Dinner 6:15, Movie followed by discussion 7:00 pm. \$8 paid in advance.

Registration 11/2 and 11/9 in the Commons or on line, deadline midnight on Wednesday 11/12,

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Mission Fair at Knox

The morning of Sunday, November 2, Knox Mission council will be holding a Mission Fair. Representatives from Knox mission partners will have booths with information and be available to share details about their specific organizational goals and support needs. Please plan on visiting with some of our partners that morning to learn more about how you can help them.

Sisseton Christmas Angel Tree

Christmas Angels will be available on the tree the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 23. The angels will be on the tree until they are all claimed. Please return presents need by Sunday, December 14. If you would like a particular child please contact Julie Milldrum. The Sisseton residents are also in need of blankets, sheets and towels.

Anyone is welcome to join us on our trip to deliver gifts to Sisseton. We will

leave early Monday, December 15 and return late Wednesday, December 17. We would love to have you come and join us.

For additional information contact Julie Milldrum at 630-717-8240.





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.*" You may also contribute online at knoxpres.org, please select Christmas Card Fund.

Mission projects to designate include Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Hesed House, The Scott Moreau Fund, The Lehman Foundation Fund, Pastors Discretionary 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 7 will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donations are accepted immediately but the card will be posted November 23 until New Year's Day.

Can you think of an easier way to send over 500 Christmas Cards? Contact Anne Sherren at 630-615-4325 with questions.

Operation Christmas Child - Sunday, November 16

Good Newsl Great Joyl is the theme for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoe-box drive. We invite you this year to help spread the Good News and Great Joy to God's children around the world! As a family you can pack shoe boxes with gifts for a child to open as their only Christmas present this year. Or you can donate the following items and our middle school children of Knox will assemble them into shoe boxes for you. All donations (completed shoe boxes or individual items) must be received by November 19! Please drop them off in the gift



wrapped boxes located in the Commons or bring them to the Wednesday Night youth programs by November 19. Desired items can include:

shoe boxes toys small stuffed animals school supplies socks hats t-shirts hair bands

non-liquid hygiene items (toothbrushes, combs, washcloths, soap)

Pick up a brochure in the Commons area and plan to join us in this important mission! Please direct questions to Ginny Van Blaricom (630-904-5354) or avanb5@aol.com. Thank you!!



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 and write a simple message...but do not seal or put a stamp on the envelope.
- Postage stamps are needed and should be enclosed separately. Also appreciated are books or sheets of "forever" stamps to help with mailings.
- 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.
- We will gather, along with other churches, to address the cards on Tuesday, Nov 18 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1500 Brookdale Rd, Naperville, from 9 am to noon.

Place your donations by/on Sunday, November 16 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 Christmas cards you sent which were enclosed in our Christmas gift bag. I'm in the choir. We sang to the inmates as they went to receive their gifts from our warden. I saw how excited many people were to be getting a card. Many here do not get mail from home. Thank you for taking the time to even sign cards and even write simple messages. Your simple gesture made very many people's Christmas here. May God bless and keep you."

Brenda

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is November 2. The most needed items this month are:

Tuna, pinto beans, black beans, chili, cereal, pasta, rice, crackers and oatmeal Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!



Hesed House



Please join other members for service and fellowship by signing up for a shift or providing a dish. Sign-ups are in the Commons or you may call Diana Oshiro 630-697-1764 or Jan Gravel 630-416-9707.

Next Volunteer Night: November 22

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

What A Difference It Makes! Pastor's Discretionary Fund

For over a decade, Knox has had this fund to *assist* members *by* members. When times of crisis, change and financial need arise, your generosity has enabled the Pastors to offer support to members in need.



One thing we are sure of....life brings the *unexpected* and one day anyone of us may find ourselves in a difficult financial situation that requires a quick response. Your pastors are able to help members in a quiet and anonymous way through the gifts to this fund.

Here's how your generosity makes a difference:

Utility bills

Medical costs and prescriptions Gas and food needs

Transportation needs Car repairs

Scholarships Educational support

Counseling and legal fees Rental costs

Moving costs Infant needs

Moving costs
Winter clothing needs

The list is as long as the individual needs that emerge. During the holidays each year, a small gift bag is offered to unemployed members. There is a letter of encouraging words and scripture, prayers and gift cards

Thank you again for years of support and care. As we enter this holiday season, we hope you will consider a gift to the Pastor's Discretionary fund. Every gift contributes a gift!

Here is how you can help:

to help enjoy the holiday season.

Earmark your donations for PDF and put in the offering or give to our Financial Treasurer, Rita Eagleson. You can also give online by logging into your KnoxConnections account, select an amount for your gift, and then choose the fund of your choice.

Children's Ministries



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 ihubbard@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 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 if interested or 630-615-4318, jhubbard@knoxpres.org



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Middle School Activities

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 at Knox

Cost: Bring a snack to share



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

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High School Youth Activities

What: High School Winter Retreat

When: November 21-23; Leave 5 PM Fri; Return Noon Sun

Where: Wonderland Camp in Wisconsin

Cost & Due Date: \$115 Due Sunday, Nov. 2 - includes long sleeve shirt

Sign up online at knoxpres.org – select Online Registration.







High School Ministries

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

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



Church Mews



The turkey and all its fixings will be prepared by Chef Clinton. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is no cost for the meal. If you would like to be on the prep team, please call Bev or Rev. Deb at 630-355-8181. Call Bev Mayer to R.S.V.P. at 630-615-4325 or bmayer@knoxpres.org

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Knox Presbyterian Church BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 24, from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Located in the Fellowship Hall

To make your appointment to donate, sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org or contact Neil Goltermann [ntgoltermann@aol.com or call 630-750-5863) Sixteen year old donors must have a signed consent form. Check the Narthex for forms or contact Neil.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome!
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Family Advent Event

Our Knox Family Advent Event will be on Sat., Dec. 6 from 5-7:00 pm. Join us for a chicken potluck dinner, holiday crafts and a chance to meet Santa. Sign up on-line or in the Commons Sunday, November 9 through November 30. Families will contribute to the dinner according to their last names. Those beginning with A-L will bring dessert, M-R will bring fruit or a salad, and N-S should bring a side dish.

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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 12 and October 19. Delivery of these items to Knox will be Sunday, November 23. 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!

In support of this year's Young Adult Mexico Mission Trip, we will be taking orders for Delicious Michigan Fruit Pies after services at Knox on Sundays 10/26, 11/2, and 11/9, and in addition, orders can be placed anytime through 11/10 at Knoxpres.org and select online registrations. Pie pick up will be on Sunday November 23rd (just in time for Thanksgiving) between 9:45 am and noon, or we will work with you if you aren't available to pick up your pies that day. The pies are again coming from the famous Crane's Pie Pantry in Fennville, Michigan and will be available in Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Red Raspberry, Rhubarb

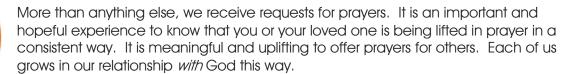


Raspberry and Pumpkin. Thank you for your support for the Mexico Mission Trip. Questions: Bruce Burkelman (bmburkelman@yahoo.com)

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Something New At Knox - The Online Prayer Team

Be a part of the prayer ministry of Knox!



Sign up by emailing Diane Heintz at dheintz@knoxpres.org to receive a weekly email with the list of prayer concerns and then find time in your own busy schedule to be

part of a much larger prayer effort. Prayer cards are also available on Sundays at the sanctuary entrance.

Ireland Anyone?

Why a trip to Ireland some may ask? Yes you've heard of the beautiful Emerald Isle, with 50 shades of green to be seen on a daily basis. When the weather is good and the horizon is far and wide... this is a breath taking land of fertile fields, mounding hills, winding roads, plunging cliffs and rocky shores, sheep and shepherds and villages filled with the warm, withy, welcoming Irish people! But there's much, much more!

Ireland is a place of great spiritual birth and renewal. Did you know that the Irish evangelized Scotland and Scotland evangelized much of the US during it's formation as a country? The Irish Celtic tradition under girded our Reformed heritage with theology, prayers, hymnody and symbolism. Take for example our Celtic cross which stands tall outside Knox and is also a part of our beautiful stained glass window in the sanctuary. What does it all mean?



We hope you'll want to learn more by joining us on November 13 for our Hall of Famers program starting at 1 pm. We will talk about our special Knox trip - "In search of Celtic Christianity". You will also enjoy some breathtaking pictures that will help to tell the story. Please call Diane at the church office to RSVP 630-355-8181 or email dheintz@knoxpres.org.

Ministry to Seniors



November Seasoned Citizens event:

Naperville Municipal Band Fall Concert Sunday, November 9, 3:00 pm Wentz Hall (Sign up Sundays at Knox Oct 19-Nov 7 or online at knoxpres.org)

Care Ministries

Illness/Health Concerns:

David O'Leary (uncle of Lin and Pat Carter) (hospice)

Peter Pfeiffer (Eric Pfeiffer's brother)

Chuck Ward (friend of Linda Mast)

Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies) Dede Gruenberg (Dave Massaro's daughter, Lori Dickens' sister)

Debbie Eggum (cousin of Robert Slayton)

Marie Chmelik (cousin of Helen Souta)

Dan Veitkus (brother-in-law of Ed Crylen) (Silver

Cross Rehabilitation Center)

Haroldine Chandler (Rev. Deb Roberts' mother)

Blanche Turek (cousin of Helen Souta)

Kayla Rocholl (great granddaughter of Alice Birzetis)

Beth Stolrow (Jack and Judy Ditmar's daughter)

Don Andree (Leah Taylor's stepfather)

John Earl (Catherine Quiring's grandfather)

Cecil Inman (Meadowbrook in Bolingbrook)

Ruth Sheets (Pat Warren's mother) (hospice)

Helen Souta

Rose Rocklin (Lorelei Lesak's sister)

Judy Powell

Sheila Elmgren (Pete Elmgren's mother)

Kari Erwin

Larry Sieczynski (Tom Sieczynski's brother)

Sally Kenaston

Helen Kirkwood (Marge Sleith's sister)

Court Kenaston

Jack Stage (uncle of Robert Slayton)

Scott Tambling

Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)

Laurie Fiore

Lukash Kostka (Diana Oshiro's friend's son)

Leilla McIntire (former member) (hospital in Arizona)

Nancy Coonce (Edward Hospital)

Congratulations to:

Brit & Doug Kelly on the birth of their son Owen Douglas on October 13. Proud grandparents are Mary Ellen and Walt Kelly.

David & Lauren Hyde on the birth of their son Thomas James on October 14. Proud grandparents are Steven & Janet Hyde.

Ed & Debbie Thompson on the birth of Althea Ruth on September 29. Proud grandparents are Patti and David Thompson.

Grieving:

The Naffziger family on the death of Lois Engelman (July Naffziger's sister)

The Banta family on the death of John Gray (Jo Banta's father)

The Dispensa family on the death of LaVergne Dispensa (Gary Dispensa's mother)

The Bellandi family on the death of Karen Peterson (Karla Bellandi's mother)

The Pettit families on the death of Janet Ohnesorgen (Blanche Pettit's niece and Brian and Scott Pettit's cousin)

The family of Joanne Larsen on her death (mother-in-law of Bob Nash's son)

The Wray family on the death of Wayne Smith (Melanie Wray'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.