

Dear Friends,

It all started when I saw a photo while thumbing through the Presbytery newsletter last January, the mad rush of Christmas behind us for another year. The photo might have been easily overlooked in the midst of other articles and photos and because I wasn't looking for it! But once it caught my eye, it caught my full attention and imagination....there was a picture of "the Bean" (Cloud Gate) in downtown Chicago, in the middle of Millennium Park, with a small group of folks standing next to it- portraying the Nativity!

Members from one of our small, downtown churches had donned flowing robes and dragged along a manger to stand before the mirrored image of skyscrapers, buses and cloudy skies reflected in the "Bean". They became part of the portrait of the bustling scene filled with passersby and city lights - a picture of contrasts to be sure. All the hurrying crowds in their pre-Christmas mindset might have scurried by and almost missed this sight except for the fact that it was so unexpected. On a blustery Chicago day, the church members chose to offer their sacred portrait of God's coming into the world and into the gritty, noisy landscape of our lives.

The humble photo has been "with me" all year. I have imagined it over and over again as a promise really. So often when I am overwhelmed, when I am not looking, when and where I least expect it, God finds me. God's grace, God's guidance, God's hope appears before me, often through humble messengers, in the midst of my all too busy, noisy life.

I pray this Advent season that you will be "caught up", surprised, encouraged, found, inspired by God's Emmanuel. May the ancient story come to life as your story once again for it is God's lasting truth.

Christmas Blessings to all!

Deb

## Preparing for Christmas-Advent

### "Unexpected God"

We so often have experiences of God or in fact we feel as if we encounter God when and where we least expect it. There comes a moment of recognition that God has found us and come to us. The world didn't expect a baby in a dingy manger to become our King and Savior. The world didn't look for or expect God's called cast of characters to become leaders and prophets and remembered saints. Yet their stories are God's story, now our story; a story of renewal, redirection, spiritual power and hope.

Enjoy meeting and re-meeting some of the members of the greatest story ever told which also happens to be our family album! The sermon series, accompanying blog and resources will bring to life and into our midst the eternal truth told through those who paved the way for Jesus birth.

First Sunday in Advent:

Nov 30 Moses and Paul - Unexpected Call  
Ex 3:1-15, Acts 9:1-20

Dec 7 Elijah and Peter - Unexpected Strength  
I Kings 19:3, 11-16

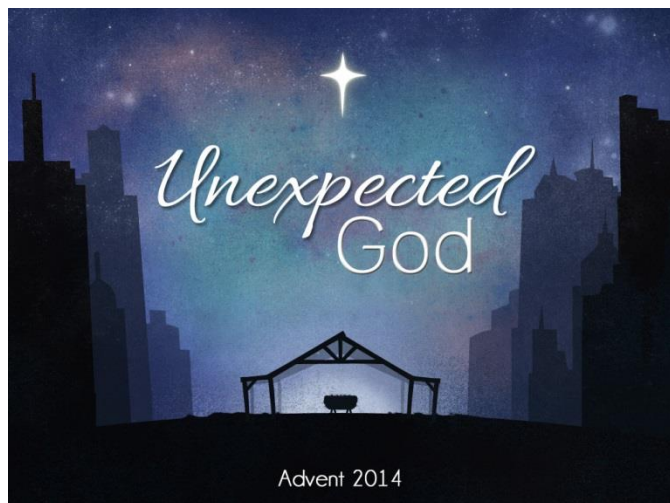
Dec 14 Esther and Mary Magdalene - Unexpected Leadership  
Est 4:14, Luke 1:26-38

Dec 21 The Joseph's - Unexpected Grace  
Gen 45:4, Matt 1:18-24

Dec 24 Christmas Eve - Unexpected God  
Luke 2:1-20, John 1:1-5

*Evening Services:	4:00 pm	Children's Service
	7:00 pm	Family Service with Communion and Candle lighting
	9:00 pm	Service with Communion and Candle lighting
	11:00 pm	Service with Communion and Candle lighting

Jan 4 Epiphany - Unexpected Revelation  
Matt 2:1-12



# Adult Education

## SUNDAYS:

Sunday Morning 9:00 am Leader: Brooks Reid

Sunday, Nov. 16, our group began an Advent study using the book The Women of Christmas by Liz Curtis Higgs. Newcomers are always welcome in our group. We meet in the senior high room from 9-10:00 am.

Sunday Morning 10:30 am Leader: Jim Clinton

During December, in addition to the traditional Christmas class, we are looking at "Faith and Culture."

- 12/7 Movie- "The Green Pastures" by Marc Connelly part 1
- 12/14 Movie- "The Green Pastures" by Marc Connelly part 2
- 12/21 Traditional Christmas class
- 12/28 The Cotton Patch Gospel

## TUESDAYS:

Tuesday Evening 7:30 pm Leader: Eric Heinekamp

We will continue to meet at Hopvine on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. We are discussing the book "Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton. This study starts November 18 and ends December 16th. Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new people join us.

## WEDNESDAYS:



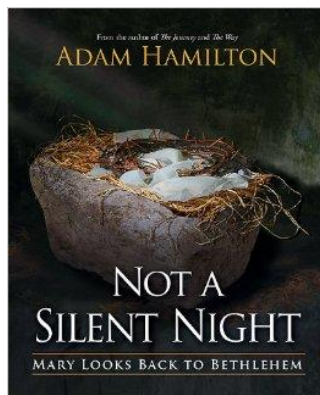
Women on Wednesdays will conclude the study of "Twelve Women of the Bible; Life-Changing Stories for Women Today" with a brunch on Dec 10. We have enjoyed learning about these Old and New Testament women and have found much to apply to our lives today. WOW will resume on Jan 7th with Joanna Weaver's "Having a Mary Spirit". Women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 as we explore the "Holy Makeover" God wants to give each of us. We'll deal with topics such as guarding our hearts, managing our thought lives, and overcoming the "Flesh Woman" in all of us. WOW includes fellowship, large and small group discussions and prayer and there are activities and childcare for infants through Kindergarten.

For more information or to sign up online visit [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) or contact Robin Kolar at [skolar7227@aol.com](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) or [630-369-4539](tel:630-369-4539) or Margaret Lambka at [mllambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mllambka2@gmail.com) or [630-420-7855](tel:630-420-7855).

## THURSDAYS:

Thursday Evening 9:30 am Leader: Rev. Cindy Karis

Thursday morning Bible Study is using the book: Under Wraps for our Advent study. All all welcome in the Middle School room from 9:30-11:00. Child care is provided!



## Rev. Deb's Women's Advent Bible Studies

"Not a Silent Night". By Adam Hamilton

Adam Hamilton begins at the end in this study of Advent through Mary's eyes. This is an opportunity to imagine Jesus life from Mary's point of view as well as to envision the journey of preparing for his coming. It is a poignant and meaningful approach which gives new life to the gospel story.

Tuesdays: 1:15 - 2:30pm, In her office November 18- December 16  
Wednesdays: 7 - 8:30 pm, In her office November 19, December 3-17

## The Knox Book Club

The book club selection for our December meeting is The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman. (Note, this is a change from our initial selection.) Please join us if you have read this heart-wrenching bestseller. We will be meeting Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. at Fran Lukes' home, 2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A, Naperville. Our January book will be Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline, and we are reading The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton for February. We love drop-ins as well as new regulars. You may contact Janice Wiles at [630-416-9537](tel:630-416-9537) or [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com) with any questions.



# Presbyterian Women

**Rachel-Rebekah Circle** will have the December meeting/luncheon at the home of Betty Hemmeter. Please come at 10:00 and bring a salad to share. We will be discussing lesson 4 in Reconciling Paul. Betty's address is 1125 N. West St, Naperville. Please RSVP to Betty at [630-357-8223](tel:630-357-8223).



**The Ruth Circle** will be meeting offsite in December. On Thursday, December 11, our circle will be attending "Illuminations" at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL for the holiday season. If you'd like to attend, please let Bev Mayer know ([630-615-4325](tel:630-615-4325) or [bmayer@knoxpres.org](mailto:bmayer@knoxpres.org)) so she can tell you the final details.

## Missions at Knox

### Fundraising at Hopvine

Every third Thursday of each month (all year!) join other members of Knox at Hopvine Brewing Co (4030 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora (next to The Comedy Shrine) for lunch or dinner! The next day at Hopvine is **December 18**. Mention Knox Go and Serve (or provide the coupon below if you can) to your server and Go and Serve will receive 10% of your dining bill! Extra coupons are available in the Commons Area. Friends and family welcome!



[Take a look at their menu here.](#)

### Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF)

On behalf of the pastors and all the recipients of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, many thanks for making this an ongoing and important ministry of Knox and a true blessing to so many! We have seen the miracle of this caring ministry upon the lives of Knox families.

Our recipients say...

"The gift from PDF was a concrete sign of hope and spiritual encouragement to my family"

"The financial assistance we received was the presence of our church family coming alongside us with the very presence of Christ and the love of Christ"

"You cannot imagine what the prayers and support have meant at a time of my own 9/11; what it means to know that I do not stand alone"

Our Pastors say...

"This past year has placed before us many who have spent lifetimes working and contributing; only to have a series of events leave them with next to nothing, save for the hope and encouragement that is offered by their church family in the name of Jesus Christ. It is humbling to us to be able to offer support through the PDF!"

Our Financial Secretary says...

"We are happy to report that a total of \$40,501 was spent this year to help 24 persons and families. Your contributions help the pastor's to quietly and confidentially assist our families in times of need."

If you would like to make a donation this holiday season, please mark your check PDF and send to Rita Eagleson, our Financial Secretary, or you can give online by clicking on the Give button on our homepage and selecting PDF in the drop down menu.

[Please click here to visit the online giving page.](#)

Knox also receives donated cars. Contact Rita if you are interested in doing this.





## Teen-Age Parents & Toddlers on Tuesdays

The Teen Parent Connection group that meets each Tuesday evening at Knox could use some help. There are plenty of dates available from January through May to provide and serve a pre-planned meal for about 20 teen-age parents and their toddlers. Meals need not be home cooked or complicated and

paper products are provided for your use. Instructions, personal support and reimbursement are available. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. which should allow you to be finished by 7:15 p.m. Sound like something you would like to do?

Please check out the Knox website <http://knoxpres.org/outreach/> and you will see the schedule. If one of those dates is good for you, just give us a call and we will be happy to enter your name. We are grateful to those who have helped out earlier this year and hopeful that we can look forward to having help for the next part of the year.

Thank you,  
Bonnie Olson 355-4417 ([bdolson@ntsource.com](mailto:bdolson@ntsource.com)) and  
Heidi Paulius 630/548-4179 ([hpaulius05@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hpaulius05@sbcglobal.net))

*TPC (Teen Parent Connection) is a nonprofit DuPage County organization that provides programs and services related to teenage pregnancy and parenting. Through the support of the Mission Council, Knox has hosted weekly meals for this program for over 20 years. To learn more about Teen Parent Connection please refer to their website: <http://www.teenparentconnection.org/>*

## Mission Opportunities for Families

Congratulations Knox! We collected enough supplies to make 40 School Kits which CHURCH WORLD SERVICE will give to people in need around the world. As a matter of fact, CWS school kits and baby care kits were given to survivors of an apartment building fire in Chicago in September: <http://www.cwsglobal.org/newsroom/news-features/cws-kits-help-fire-survivors-in-chicago.html>



### In December:

**Pay-it-Forward Fundraiser** - Dec 13 - Middle School kids and adult advisors offer babysitting for infants to children age 5 at the church from 1:30 to 5:00 pm.

**Sisseton Christmas Angels** - Dec 14 - Gifts are due before the first service.

**Caroling with Clint** - Dec 21- Join others from 3:00 to 5:30 pm to visit our members in need of some Christmas cheer!

### In January:

#### **Knox Family Night at Feed My Starving Children**

Friday, January 23, 8:00 to 9:30 pm

For families with children in Kindergarten or older, Must register online with Knox. On Jan 23, meet at Feed My Starving Children, 555 Exchange Ct., Aurora, IL 60504

#### **Food Donations for Loaves & Fishes**

During the whole month of January, Children's Ministries will be encouraging children to bring food donations to Sunday School and on Wednesday Nights, just like adults have been bringing food donations on Hunger Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month). More information will be in the January Newsletter.

See individual articles for more information or check these events out on [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org)



**Loaves & Fishes**  
Ending Hunger in Our Community

### **Loaves & Fishes – H.O.P.E. (Help Other People Eat)**

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

With your help, Loaves & Fishes can show all those families impacted by our economy that they are not alone. For just \$30, a fraction of what most of us spend at the grocery store, Loaves & Fishes can provide a complete holiday meal for a family of 8.

Thank you for helping us provide hope this holiday season!

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

Store gift certificates (to purchase turkeys or hams) 1-3 lb. (non-refrigerated) canned hams egg noodles or rice boxed/instant potatoes boxed or bagged stuffing mix canned yams or sweet potatoes canned gravy or broth	canned fruit or applesauce canned green beans and corn cream of mushroom soup canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce Jell-O & pudding mixes brownie mix or pie filling
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The next Hunger Sunday is **December 7**. Please choose items from the holiday food list above for donation. Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

### Hesed House



"Thank you so much for all the faithful volunteers month after month who serve at Hesed House on the 4th Saturday night every month. We are also grateful to the women & men who worked tirelessly on the PW Auction and raised \$57,000. to help those in need at Hesed House, the Transitional Living Community and several other vital ministries!!" God bless you all.

Please join other members for service and fellowship by signing up for a shift or providing a dish. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Commons. Blessings to you all!

#### Next Volunteer Night: December 27

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



### Baptism Birthday Party

January 17, 2015 • 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us to celebrate your child's Baptism!

For Families with children baptized during 2012, 2013, and 2014!

Pizza Dinner - Fellowship - Cake

Contact is Jane Burkelman: [jburkelman@knoxpres.org](mailto:jburkelman@knoxpres.org) or 630-615-4303

R.S.V.P. - Register Online or Contact Jane

### Special Classes on Dec 14 & 21:

On these Sundays, the classes for Kindergarten through Middle School will be combined and meet in the basement. Children still sit with their parents for the start of Worship but pick-up will be from the basement. The Preschool Sunday School class will meet as usual.

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son"* John 3:16

- F On Dec 14, our lesson is "Jesus is Coming". We'll talk about waiting and hear the story of the unexpected events that end Elizabeth and Zechariah's waiting as told in Luke 1.
- F On Dec 21, our lesson is "Jesus is Here". We'll hear the story of Jesus' birth as told in Luke 2:1-20 and talk about God's glory coming to earth and how we respond by reflecting that glory in other worlds, by giving God the glory.



### Sunday School Calendar:

- F Dec. 28: Sunday School will not meet.

*Remember at Knox, children are always welcome in worship.*

*When SS doesn't meet, children up to PreK are also welcome in childcare.*

- F Jan. 4: Sunday School will meet.

## Dance & Music Ministry - Blessed Ones

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

- < December 4 - December 18
  - o 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](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org)

[Click here to register online.](#)

## 83 Middle School Fellowship



### Christmas Party

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

Date: Friday, December 12

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

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

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

[Click here to register online.](#)

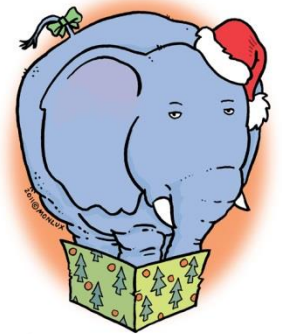
## High School Youth Activities

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

**When:** Wednesday Night – Dec. 10 Dinner 6-6:30; 6:30-7:30 Party Knox Basement

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

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



## Church News

### Knox Dinners for 8



*full plates + new friends = one great evening*

Would you like to meet new people at Knox? Beginning in February, groups of 8 adults will be organized for each dinner group. Each group will plan two dinners between February and May. After the group decides on a date, the host will choose a theme and assign each dinner group member a dish to share. This is not a gourmet dinner club, but an opportunity to strengthen and deepen the relationships between those who attend Knox Church. Sign-up sheets will be in the Commons or you can sign-up online at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) beginning the first week of January. If you have questions, contact Joan DuChane ([630.747.8513](tel:630.747.8513)) or Jan McCombs ([630.369.4606](tel:630.369.4606)).

### Look Ahead to January

Epiphany Star Sunday January 4

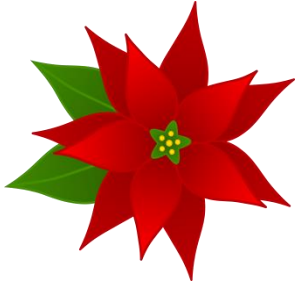
Do you have a star story to share? Contact Rev. Deb. at

[droberts@knoxpres.org](mailto:droberts@knoxpres.org)





# Christmas at Knox



## Poinsettia Sale

Beginning in November through December 7th, Worship, Music and Arts Council will be offering the opportunity to sign up for Poinsettia plants in the Commons between the 9:00 and 10:30 services. The cost this year is \$16 per plant. Your Poinsettia will adorn the Sanctuary during Christmas Eve services and your dedication will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins. You may take your plant home after our last Christmas Eve service.

For questions please contact Dotty Mobley by phone, [630-357-6625](tel:630-357-6625) or email, [rambly@aol.com](mailto:rambly@aol.com).

## College-Age and Young Adult Christmas Get Together

Sunday, Dec. 14 - 5-7

We will have a get together right before Carols and Candlelight in the basement of Knox on Sunday, Dec. 14. We will have snacks, board games, and fellowship. Hope you can come!



## The Longest Night Service for Healing and Remembrance

December 17, 7:30 p.m.



December 21 is actually the longest and darkest night of the year, not the 17th. But we remember the night and stand together against any and all darkness as we gather in worshipful warmth to hold a candle of light for others, for our world and for ourselves. This beautiful and meditative service acknowledges the loss of loved ones in the midst of this "merry" season. We recognize and pray for the uncertainty of illness or unemployment or broken relationships.

This is a service of music and scripture, of candlelight and prayer, of hope and comfort. We hope you will make time in a busy season to come for your own need of healing, for the need of someone you love and for needs of others you know. Together, we shall remember the light of the world which no darkness can overcome.



As the busy Christmastide season engulfs us, we all search for a place of respite and peace. Come and join us for that breath of air as we celebrate the incredible gift that God has given us.

Come and listen,  
come and sing,  
come and experience,  
come and breathe the Good News.

All of our choirs will be participating along with our orchestra, under the direction of Brad Pfeil. Bring your family and friends!



## Caroling with Clint

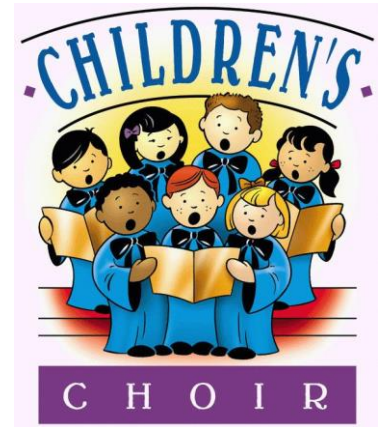
Sunday, December 21 - 3:00 - 5:30pm

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

## Children's Christmas Eve Choir

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

Sunday, December 7 – 11:30-12:00  
Sunday, December 14 – 11:30-12:00  
Sunday, December 21 – 11:30-12:00



## Additional Rehearsals for JAM and Prime Time

We will need to continue rehearsals for JAM and Prime Time beyond the actual Wednesday Night Program end. On Wednesday, December 10, we will combine both choirs for a joint rehearsal from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be served at 5:45!

## Naperville Men's Glee Club Concert

*Two Christmas Presence Concerts* from . . .

**The Naperville Men's Glee Club**

- 1. CANDELIGHT ADVENT**  
Saturday evening, Dec. 6th - 7:30 p.m.  
St. Margaret Mary Parish  
1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville
- 2. YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART**  
Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7th at 3:00 p.m.  
Knox Presbyterian Church  
1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville

**Purchase Tickets:**

- [NapervilleMensGleeClub.org](http://NapervilleMensGleeClub.org)
- NMGC members
- Call 630-448-0518
- At the door

[Click here to register online.](#)

## 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 S-Z should bring a side dish.

[Click here to register online.](#)



## Dakota Partnership Christmas Angels



The Christmas lists have been checked twice. The tree is up with the Angels all ready to be picked off the tree. The parents are all waiting for wonderful presents for their children. One less worry as the parents or guardians prepare for the Christmas season. If you would like to participate choose an angel but make sure you get the form for that child and place the tree angel in the box provided with the back of the angel all filled out. Presents need to be back by **Sunday December**

14. They can be dropped off any time before the 9 am service and placed into the Parlor. If you are interested in joining our Christmas adventure just call or contact Julie Milldrum 630-717-8240.



**Things needed for our Christmas Sisseton adventure.** Blankets, sheets and towels are always needed by the children in Sisseton, as well as any gently used or new toys that we can give to a family. There always seems to be someone who did not make the list. Money to help with the transportation costs. But the most important part is prayers that we have a flawless trip and these presents give the children joy and the knowledge that is God is there with them all the time. If you have any questions feel free to call Julie Milldrum 630-717-8240



### NEED TIME TO CHRISTMAS SHOP? G3 Pay It Forward Middle School Fundraiser Babysitting Services

The Middle School kids and adult advisors will be providing a fundraiser to raise money for the young adults participating in the Young Adult Mission Trip that takes place after Christmas. We will be providing babysitting for infants to age 10. Parents can drop off their kids and go Christmas Shopping, go on a date, or just relax. Structured activities will be planned.

When: Saturday, December 13  
Time: 1:30pm - 5:00pm  
Cost: \$20.00/child or \$50.00/family  
Register Online

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

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

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

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



### Christmas Card Fund

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

Mission projects to designate include Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Hesed House, The Scott Moreau Fund, The Lehman Foundation Fund, The Pastor's 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 1 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 630-932-0481 with questions.

# *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:**

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)  
Debbie Eggum (cousin of Robert Slayton)  
Marie Chmelik (cousin of Helen Souta)  
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)  
Stacey Rubio (daughter of Sandy Adler)  
John Foy (friend of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)  
Rose Rocklin ( Lorelei Lesak's sister)  
Larry Sieczynski (Tom Sieczynski's brother)  
Helen Kirkwood (Marge Sleith's sister)  
Scott Tambling (Alden on Oxford Lane)  
Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)  
Lukash Kostka (Diana Oshiro's friend's son)  
Nancy Coonce (Waterford Alden)  
Janet Schletter (Tillers in Oswego)  
Court Kenaston  
Judy Powell  
Kari Erwin  
Dan Veitkus (Silver Cross Hospital) (brother-in-law of Ed Crylen)

## **Grieving:**

The Pelella family on the death of Isaac Haverheck (Ineke Pelella's father)

Laurie and Rich Fiore on the death of son, RJ

The friends and family of Eileen Mondri on her death (friend of Mayer, Janke, and Kenaston families)

The Smith family on the death of Michael Smith (Tom Smith's brother)

The friends and family of Ruth Sheets (Pat Warren's mother)

Bonnie Poole and family on the death of her cousin's wife Marty Graw

The Dunham family on the death of Scott Dunham

The friends and family of Leilla McIntire (former member)

The Langham family on the death of Ruth Poole (Bill Langham's sister)

The family and friends of Jack Stage on his death (Robert Slayton's uncle)

The family and friends of Hope Clark on her death (Diane Charles' cousin)

The family and friends of Jeannette Conley on her death (Levi Conley's grandmother)

## **Celebrating:**

Congratulations to Joe & Melissa Bitsky on the birth of their son Landon Thomas on October 22.

## **Military:**

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