

## "The Season of Light"

*"I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*  
-John 8:1

Dear Friends in Christ,

How ironic it seems that during Epiphany—the Season of Light—you should be taking down your Christmas lights, de-decorating your house and dumping your denuded Christmas tree at the curb for the garbage truck to carry away to wherever garbage trucks go. "Christmas is over," you think to yourself. Time to deal with the credit cards. Step on the scale. And wish you were "outta here" with your snowbird friends heading for Florida, Arizona and all points SOUTH. Epiphany may be the Season of Light—but it still feels really chilly and cold on grey January mornings. Perhaps you find yourself daydreaming of sugary, shell-covered beaches where the happy voices of children carry over rhythmic sounds of gently-breaking surf as you stroll beside the glittering sea. But no—it's only a daydream. You pull up your collar, tuck in your chin and trudge resolutely forward into the wind—and into the heart of winter.

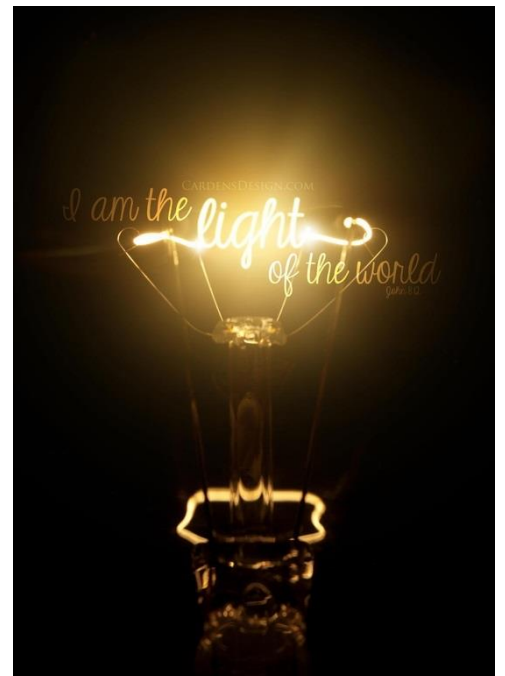
Which is why, in the Roberts' household, we "do not go gentle into that good night," as Dylan Thomas once pled. We have our treasured collection of antique oil-lamps. And each evening, we kindle them "against the dying of the light." We kindle them in gratitude. We kindle them in hope. We kindle them as an expression of faith in our life together—and for the presence of Christ with us in all things joyful and sorrowful, all things great and small.

Howard Thurman wrote:

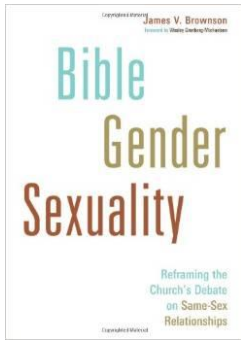
I will light candles this Season  
Candles of joy, despite all sadness,  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.  
Candles of courage where fear is ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all the year long.

Friends, remember this wintry season that God the Son was born for you. He has promised to be a light in dark places. In his light you will see light. No longer will you struggle in darkness. Through the Holy Spirit, the fire of his love will be re-kindled in your hearts—again and again and again.

With Epiphany joy,  
Clinton



# Adult Education



Join us for a Sunday Seminar Series talk on same gender marriage on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Lehman Hall. Jim Brownson, Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary will discuss his book *Bible, Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-Sex Relationships* (Eerdmans, 2013). Mr Brownson is the James and Jean Cook Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary (Holland, MI). The evening starts with light refreshments at 6pm and the talk starts at 6:30pm.



## SUNDAYS:

Sunday Morning 9:00 am Leader: Brooks Reid

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

January starts a new series; "Wholly Human, Wholly God." This video series by Bart Ehrman studies the historical development of the church's understanding of the divinity of Jesus.

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| 1/4/15  | Jesus in History                          |
| 1/11/15 | The Life and Teachings of Jesus           |
| 1/18/15 | Did Jesus Think HE Was God?               |
| 1/25/14 | The Death of Jesus—Historical Certainties |

## TUESDAYS:

Tuesday Evening 7:30 pm Leader: Eric Heinekamp

We will continue to meet at Hopvine on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm beginning January 13. Our topic is still to be determined. Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new people join us. Contact Eric at [ejkamp@aol.com](mailto:ejkamp@aol.com).

## WEDNESDAYS:



Women on Wednesdays begins a new study on Jan 7 with Joanna Weaver's "Having a Mary Spirit". Whether or not you have read/studied Weaver's first book "Having a Mary Spirit in a Martha World", you will enjoy this new book and DVD study. We explore the "Holy Makeover" God wants to give each of us and deal with topics such as guarding our hearts, managing our thought lives and overcoming the "Flesh Woman" in all of us. Wow meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 am and includes fellowship, large and small group discussion, DVD presentations and prayer. Women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome and there are activities and childcare for infants through Kindergarten.

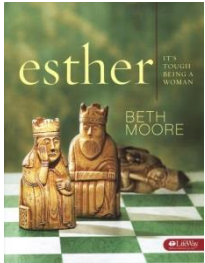
For more information or to sign up online visit [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) or contact Robin Kolar at [skolar7227@aol.com](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) or [630-369-4539](tel:630-369-4539) or Margaret Lambka at [mlambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mlambka2@gmail.com) or [630-420-7855](tel:630-420-7855).

## **THURSDAYS:**

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

Starting on Thursday, January 8. We will study Adam Hamilton's book entitled "Forgiveness- Finding Peace Through Letting God." Please call or email Cindy Karis if you would like to attend

[630-615-4308](tel:630-615-4308) or [ckaris@knoxpres.org](mailto:ckaris@knoxpres.org) All are welcome in the Middle School room from 9:30-11:00. Child care is provided!



**New Women's Evening Bible Study:** beginning Thursday, January 8, 7-9pm and continuing weekly for 9 sessions. Join Sue Curry as she facilitates Beth Moore's study: "Esther, It's tough being a Woman." A thought provoking study of threat and deliverance as Beth peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives today. Email Sue to reserve a spot and a book at [curry.sue21@gmail.com](mailto:curry.sue21@gmail.com)

## **The Knox Book Club**

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to read more? Make new friends? Take more time for yourself? Please plan to join us for one or more of our book club discussions. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Fran Lukes, 2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A, Naperville. We will next meet January 13, 2015, to discuss Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. In February we will discuss The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton. Questions? Check with Janice Wiles at [630-416-9537](tel:630-416-9537) or [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com)



## **Men's Breakfast: Calling All Knox Men**

You are invited to a Men's Breakfast Saturday, January 17th, starting at 8:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Knox's own WWII hero, Glenn King. Glenn will tell us about his war experiences as a bombardier, including being shot down over Germany and spending a very harrowing time in two German POW camps.

Please notify Frank Mayer if you will be attending at [fjmayerxge@comcast.net](mailto:fjmayerxge@comcast.net), or [630-305-9638](tel:630-305-9638).

## *Presbyterian Women*

### **Hearts of Hope: for Single Moms**

Begins January 8

We are excited to invite you to consider being part of a new small group at Knox Church!

It is an 8-week nurturing experience for single mothers entitled Hearts of Hope. Hearts of Hope will meet on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm Jan 8 through Feb 26. It includes dinner and a Bible study entitled "Finding Joy in Life's Ups and Downs."



By way of introduction, we are single or formerly single moms whose children are school age and older. We are seeking to encourage single women with children by sharing a meal, studying scripture, and learning together. We will prepare and provide dinner for you in one of our homes.

We hope this will be a special night out for you. Remembering the demands of being young single mothers ourselves, we want to serve you and encourage you through God's word and Christian fellowship. On the eighth week we will have a Celebration Night just for fun.

We hope you will prayerfully consider being part of this new program. Feel free to call Rev. Deb at 630-615-4306 or Karen Van Iten at 630.355.0284 with any questions you have.



**Rachel-Rebekah Circle** meeting will be at the home of Leslie Taylor on Tuesday, January 13 at 9:30 am. We will cover Lesson 5.

**Mary Martha Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 9 am at Sandi Hurford's home. Come and join us. Please contact Ineke Pelella at [630.357.3350](tel:630.357.3350) for more information.

## *Missions at Knox*



### **Learn & Serve Bus Trip**

Opportunity for Spring Mission activity from Mission Council  
March 22-26, 2015

Please join the Church World Service Learn & Serve Bus Trip, March 22-26, 2015 for a hands-on, educational mission opportunity. This trip will take volunteers from Illinois to the CWS warehouse in New Windsor, MD.

The cost for this trip is \$425 per person and includes transportation, housing in a double room, snacks on the bus, and some meals. Meals en route, Monday dinner, and Wednesday dinner on our trip to Baltimore are the responsibility of each traveler. If you desire a single room, please add \$155 to the cost. Any group of three or four people who would like to share a hotel room may contact us to work out a reduced cost per person. A minimum deposit of \$150 must accompany your registration form. The balance of \$275 is due by February 22.

This trip is open to anyone, but the volunteer work does involve standing for periods of time, and the campus is hilly and may be snowy. For more information, please go to [www.cwsglobal.org/illinoisbustrip](http://www.cwsglobal.org/illinoisbustrip) or contact Julia Jones at the CWS Illinois Office: [\(630\) 200-4572](tel:630.200.4572) or [jjones@cwsglobal.org](mailto:jjones@cwsglobal.org).

## **A Little TLC for TLC**

After our successful auction benefitting the missions at TLC and Lifespring, The Men Ministry has scheduled its workday on January 10, 2015. We have three main work projects: rebuild the first floor ceiling throughout the family room, dining room and kitchen, repair and repaint the stairwell and build shelving at the warehouse dedicated for TLC. Your help is needed as these are huge projects making a big impact for the people of Hesed House's TLC.



### Transitional Living Community

TLC is a temporary dormitory-style home to 52 individuals and families who are between homelessness and returning to an independent life and aggressively working toward self-improvement and independence. They are doing this by developing skills to manage a household and maintain employment, learning sound money management and savings practices, honing parenting skills and much more.

The Men's Ministry of Knox have been actively involved in building hope for these families for since 2013. In addition to these work projects, we have moved and furnished many families into their new apartments around the Chicagoland area and throughout the country.

For information about signing up for the workday on Jan 10 or donating items for families moving, please contact Marty Ovens at [630\)596-3989](tel:6305963989) or [martyovens@gmail.com](mailto:martyovens@gmail.com)  
Come help build HOPE on January 10th for those who need it the most.



## Relationships Drive the Mission



Five years ago I met a little girl named Ivy in Sisseton, South Dakota.

Today, we are faithfully involved in The Dakota Partnership, believing that we can make the difference for little Native American girls like Ivy, with wide smiles and so much love to share. Since we met Ivy, her mother has passed away from a genetic heart condition. Today, like so many of the children of the reservation, she is being raised by her grandmother. Ivy's Grandmother is grateful to The Dakota Partnership for the work we are doing on the reservations, growing a sustainable VBS program and establishing a loving relationship with her and Ivy. Our love for Ivy has grown over the years, and our love for these people is burning brighter than ever before. Gail and I have now returned to the reservation again, again, again AND again. Each time finding new hope for these wonderful people and establishing stronger connections with people on the reservation. Today, Ivy is in the fifth grade and still that wonderful girl turning

into a young lady. Our relationship is stronger than ever, as is the the relationship we have with others on the reservation and our peers who join us every year on The Dakota Partnership Go N Serve. The relationships we have gained and the service we have provided have changed our lives forever.

This next year, The Dakota Partnership will continue to serve these wonderful people on our annual mission trip to Sisseton, South Dakota and Fort Peck, Montana. Why don't you join us? It will change your life forever! There are two dates for you to choose from, so mark your calendars for **June 20 - 26, is the Sisseton Mission Trip**, and **July 26 - 31 is the Montana Mission Trip**. Contact me, Dan Pucci at [dan.pucci1@gmail.com](mailto:dan.pucci1@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

If you cannot join us on the mission trip this coming year, please consider supporting us with a financial contribution so others can enjoy the benefits of the presence of The Dakota Partnership on the reservations.

Blessings in Christ's Name,

Dan - Managing Director, The Dakota Partnership



## Thank you from Opportunity: Knox!

In the season of a thankful heart Opportunity:Knox would like to extend its deepest gratitude to the members of our congregation and all the church staff who participated in the tremendous success of the

auction with donations of items or cash, service on a committee, donation of time and talent, and your attendance to the inaugural Opportunity:Knox Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions. With your generosity a check was written to Lifespring Ministry of Wayside Cross Ministries in the amount of \$20,253.22. Likewise, Men's Ministry received a check for \$24,753.93 to further its work with the Transitional Living Community at Hessed House. The first workday for the Men's Ministry of the new year will take place on January 10th at TLC. Look for the announcement of the date for Opportunity:Knox 2015 auction in the coming months.



## Prayers for the Mexico Mission Trip

December 29, 2014 to January 3, 2015

Your continued prayers and support are appreciated for the (20) young adults and (5) adult sponsors on this year's young adult mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico to build homes for needy families. We pray we will be the hands and feet of Christ as we serve others on this trip.

Participants: Isaiah Booker, Bruce Burkelman, Emily Dunne, Caroline Dusenberry, Derek Dusenberry, Jonathan Dusenberry, Zoe Ebling, Santana Gemini, Taylor Giller, Lara Hrynko, Alex Kolar, Chris Kyser, Danielle Kyser, Mitch Martin, Derek Mickelson, Rachel Nelson, Gabby Palfiner, Lisa Parenti-Hrynko, Robert Quiring, Kathryn Storey, Mark Storey, Jackie Trowbridge, Ajay Varghese, Tori Winslow, Andrea Zimmermann



## Go & Serve 2015

Please join us for any or all of the following Go and Serve 2015 Fundraiser opportunities:



Mark your Calendars for February 5, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. when Knox night returns to **bd's Mongolian Grill** (221 S. Washington St)! If you missed last year, make sure you don't miss out on the fun this year. Come 'grill' your favorite Knox guest Griller, enjoy a good dinner with friends and family, and support Go and Serve 2015. Mention Knox Go and Serve to your server and we will receive 15% of your dinner bill and all of the grilling tips received that evening! Invite friends, family and neighbors for a great night out.

Our annual **Pasta Dinner Fundraiser** will be held in Lehman Hall at Knox on Wednesday, February 11, 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Please come out and support our youth mission trip this year. The Go & Serve location will be announced at the dinner. Cost is \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Sign-ups will be taken in the Commons after services on Sundays, January 25, and February 1 and 8.





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 January 15. Mention Knox Go and Serve (or provide the coupon below if you can) to your server and Knox Go and Serve will receive 10% of your dining bill! Extra coupons are available in the Commons Area. Friends and family welcome!



## Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **January 3**. The most needed items this month are:

Tuna, pinto beans, black beans, chilli, 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

"Families are forever, and love does not melt..."

Recently about 30 children from the Hesed House along with staff and volunteers participated in a Christmas window decorating project in Downtown Aurora. The scene was a family of snowmen in a winter wonderland with several threaded marshmallows on strings to represent falling snow. They wanted everyone who saw their magical wonderland to know that "Families are forever, and love does not melt..." Michael Cobb, Executive Director of Hesed House states that the children attribute this statement to knowing that along with their natural family, they have an extended family in the Hesed House. This includes all of you who give your dedicated time and talents. By doing this, you are sending a message to those we serve that like a family, we are here for them. Knox is truly blessed and thankful for our family of dedicated volunteers. We could not do this mission without you!



We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you are interested, please join us in this vital ministry.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year! May our love and dedication never melt!!

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: January 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





## Sisseton Angel Ministry

62 families of 268 children were given Christmas presents due to your generosity. We are Santa Claus for many of these kids, and they are eagerly await our return. This was a wonderful Christmas for many who would not have had such a wonderful Christmas season without your help, especially with the tragedy of the young quiet Native American man who killed four other people and then

himself. A fifth woman was injured and is recovering. She is in the hospital, having Physical Therapy and psychological counseling. Many of our families are intimately touched and impacted by this tragedy. We were able to give presents to the three kids of one of the victims, who are living with their grandmother. One of girls goes to Westside and the others are preschoolers. Keep them in your prayers.

I would like to thank all the people that make this mission possible. Rose Smilgys needs a big round of hugs. She keeps all the paperwork, makes labels and keeps me under control. Ineke Pellelela does all the angels and behind the scene work. Our angel present assemblers were Michael Baker, Patty Reed, Rose Smilgys, and Ineke Pellelela. The people on tap to help to make sure all the presents are ready and arranged are Doug and Cheryl Hansen, Jeff Goering, The Storey Family, Rhoda Wilson, Sally Kenaston, Ineke Pellelela, Rose and Chuck Smilgys, and the Michael Baker Family. The intrepid travelers this year are Julie and Dane Milldrum, Randy Johnson, Jeff Goering, Dick Nelson, Ross Lorenz and Lynesse Pearson. We have so many hands at work to make this mission happen.

The kids really do appreciate all the presents, prayers and support that we give them. We make their Christmas a little merrier and hopeful with the love of Christ.

## CROP Walk Recap

The final numbers are in for CROP Walk 2014: On Sunday, October 19, 11 Knox walkers participated in the 32nd annual Naperville Area CROP Walk. The Knox CROP Walk recruiters would like to thank each and every walker and sponsor for being part of this year's walk. Knox had a great team of walkers who raised a total of \$1961. All this money will be used to support local and global efforts to relieve hunger and malnutrition. Also, a big thank you to the Presbyterian Women of Knox for allocating funds to help make hunger history. PW was able to sponsor every Knox CROP walker. See you again in October 2015 for the next Naperville Area CROP Walk.



## A Heartfelt "Thank You"



We are grateful for the generous donation of Thanksgiving Baskets once again. Thank you to our anonymous giver. All the families who received one have expressed their heartfelt "Thank-You's". Here is a note from just one of them: "To our Knox Family, **Thank you for the gift basket. We are thankful and grateful to receive the food. Happy Holiday to you! With Love**"

## Cents-Ability

One of the smaller missions of Knox is Cents-Ability. By means of the yellow coin funnel Mission Council collects loose change to support this mission. Thanks to all who had their quarters, dimes, etc. spin in the funnel. A total of \$68 was collected this year. Cents-Ability uses its funds for the fight against hunger and poverty. In case you would like to donate your spare change as well, the yellow funnel can be found on the Mission table.





# Children's Ministries



*"Where Children Come First"*

## Join us at Children's Day Out!

Registration for Fall 2015 will begin January 20. Our program is designed for children age 15 months-to Pre-K.

Our mission is to provide a social and learning foundation for each child in a Christian environment. We strive to provide an atmosphere in which each child can grow and:

1. Learn about his/her world
2. Communicate with others
3. Develop a sense of independence
4. Grow in Christian Fellowship

Children's Day Out is held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Children may attend one or two days per week. Tuition is \$180 for 8 attendance days. Please contact the CDO office for more information at [630.355.7544](tel:630.355.7544) or [bburner@knoxpres.org](mailto:bburner@knoxpres.org)

## Pre-school Play Group – Come meet other young families!

Families of Toddlers and Preschoolers  
Want to get out of the house and meet other young families of Knox? Then join us for a time for parents and kids to play and socialize. Many toys will be put out for the kids during this open house play group.



January 10 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am



## 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!

Youth who were baptized in these years are included and asked to contact Jane.

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

## Mission Opportunities for Families



### 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

Register online with Knox by Jan 18, please.

On Jan 23, meet at Feed My Starving Children, 555 Exchange Ct., Aurora, IL 60504.



## Food Donations for Loaves & Fishes

Children's Ministries is asking children to bring food donations to Sunday School and on Wednesday Nights. Donations will be collected in classrooms every Sunday and at the sign-in table every Wednesday. In January we are collecting:

**Canned Protein** such as tuna, chicken, salmon, pork & beans, pinto beans, etc.

## Touch the Water & Taste the Bread

Learn about Baptism & the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, January 25 - 12:15 pm (after Chillmania) to 2:15 pm**

Families can attend all together or one adult with a child.

Recommended for children in First to Fourth Grade. If your child is not in this age range, but you feel this would be meaningful for your family, please join us.



For questions, contact Jane Burkelman: [jburkelman@knoxpres.org](mailto:jburkelman@knoxpres.org) or 630-615-4303

## Wednesday Night Program Resumes January 14

Prime Time - J.A.M. - G3

5:00 to 7:15 p.m. (dinner included)

Register Online

Prime Time - Grades K, 1 & 2

J.A.M. - Grades 3, 4, & 5

G3 - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Contacts: Jenny Hubbard (J.A.M. & G3) at [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org)

Jane Burkelman (Prime Time) at [jburkelman@knoxpres.org](mailto:jburkelman@knoxpres.org)



## Families of Fourth Graders - An Opportunity for your child to Serve

As an offering of the Wednesday Evening Program Pastor Clint works with the 4th Grade Bible Study class to prepare a worship service for the congregation. You do not need to be registered on Wednesday Evenings to participate. If your fourth grader is interested in being a part of the worship service, please contact Jenny Hubbard at 630-615-4318 or [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org).

## High School Youth Activities



### Whirlyball

MLK Day - Mon, Jan. 19

4-6 pm

More info & sign up @ [knoxblog.org](http://knoxblog.org).

Whirlyball Lombard

800 E. Roosevelt Road

Lombard, IL 60148

# Church News

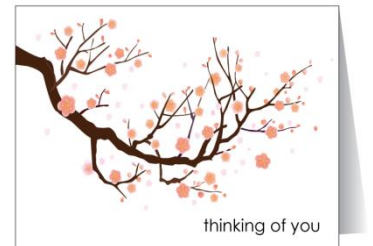


## Knox is even more accessible!

The Knox staff hopes you have noticed and maybe even had the chance to use the new handicap accessible doors located at the Catalpa and Basswood entrances. This newest addition to Knox Presbyterian was due to the generous donation by an anonymous member of our church. This new enhancement improves the accessibility for folks of all ages needing a little assistance entering our church home. We would like to thank this generous donor.

## New at Knox: Greeting Card Ministry

Starting in January, the Deacons will launch a new project for congregational care. Many of us know that during our times of need, a simple card can make all the difference. How nice to know that people are thinking and praying for us. For your convenience, a variety of greeting cards will be located in the Commons after each Sunday worship service. We hear of so many prayer requests from our church family and want to do something to help. Now you can easily send a card to someone who may be grieving or recovering from illness or surgery. How encouraging and kind to receive a message from someone at Knox who wishes you well. Simply choose your card, fill it out and then place it in the mailbox provided. A team of volunteers will address and stamp the card for you. A one dollar donation is suggested to cover the cost of this sweet service. Please consider taking advantage of this ministry.



We are also looking for people that would like to be part of our Greeting Card Ministry. We will need people to help us coordinate our projects and others that can simply show up and address cards or write a line of encouragement to someone on our list. We will have dates that people can drop in to help us, no commitment or experience needed! If you are interested please contact one of us: Joan Tanck, [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org), Ginny VanBlaricom, [gvanb5@aol.com](mailto:gvanb5@aol.com) or Jennifer Vollbrecht, [jenandhermen@att.net](mailto:jenandhermen@att.net).

## Knox Deacons CHILIMANIA 2015 - January 25!!!

- \* Mark your calendars for CHILIMANIA, the annual fundraiser of the Knox Deacons!
- \* Enjoy as many types of soups & chili as you wish and vote in our friendly competition on for this year's BEST of the BEST!
- \* Tickets can be purchased beginning January 11th, and can also be purchased on the day of the event.
- \* Deacon chefs carefully prepare both vegetarian & non-vegetarian, spicy or mild, chilli & soups for all to enjoy! Hotdogs will also be provided for the non-soup loving member of the family.
- \* Enjoy great food and fellowship while supporting your Knox Deacons and their only fundraising event of the year!



## Knox Dinners for 8



Would you like to meet new people at Knox? Join a "Dinners for 8" group! 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 beginning the first Sunday in January or you can sign-up online at the Knox webpage. If you have questions, contact Joan

DuChane (630.747.8513 or [duchane1014@gmail.com](mailto:duchane1014@gmail.com)) or Jan McCombs (630.743.9494 or [janmccombs99@gmail.com](mailto:janmccombs99@gmail.com)).

## January Chick Flick

Think God has a sense of humor?, ....look at the platypus!

Chick Flick meets once again January 23 for the hilarious "Bruce Almighty" starring Jim Carey and Morgan Freeman.

Join us for some Chinese takeout and a good laugh. Registration now open online, or in the Commons for two Sundays prior to movie night. Dinner \$8, just a movie, free



**Cash Management Council** is in need of a volunteer to join our counting team to count the weekly offering. Volunteers count with a partner once every 6 weeks. If you are interested please contact Susan Morgan [630-420-2423](tel:630-420-2423) or at [snbmorgan@wideopenwest.com](mailto:snbmorgan@wideopenwest.com)

## Sweetheart Family Dance

All AGES are invited

February 7

6:30 pm— 8:30 pm

Need a date night, some family fun or time to socialize with friends? Then join us for a Valentine Themed dance where a DJ will play music from various decades and get us all dancing. This will be a night to remember and fun for all!

**Activities will include:**

lots of dancing, dancing games, crafts, a picture booth station (bring your cameras), light refreshments and more dancing.



Event is free but we still need to know you are coming so we can plan better — Please register online or sign up in the coffee bar between services starting February 1.





## December 8, 2014 Session Meeting Highlights

The December Session Meeting is traditionally a time to welcome new members of Session and to say farewell to Elders who have completed their 3-yr. term. We began the evening in the Sanctuary with devotions and the singing of Christmas Carols. We then gathered in the Coffee Bar area for refreshments and to conduct our business meeting. Some highlights of the meeting are as follows:

Communion on December 7 was served to 482 people. Three people received Home Communion during November and early December. Three children were baptized. One wedding was held off site and five deaths were acknowledged.

Session approved establishing Knox as a Military Caring Church and will sponsor an organization called TAPS, which supports military families. Knox will provide meeting space for this group.

Approved becoming a sponsor of World Peace Day (Interfaith Prayer Service to be held on January 1 @ 2:30 p.m. at North Central College's Wenz Hall). This sponsorship is funded by a generous donor.

The meeting concluded with prayers lifted up for many in the congregation, community, nation and world.

## 2014 KNOX CHRISTMAS CARD FUND

Thanks to the following persons who contributed to the Knox Christmas Card Fund in lieu of sending cards to Knox members:

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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)  
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Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies)  
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Beth Stolrow (Jack and Judy Ditmar's daughter)  
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Stacey Rubio (daughter of Sandy Adler)  
John Foy (friend of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)  
Larry Sieczynski (Tom Sieczynski's brother)  
Helen Kirkwood (Marge Sleith's sister)  
Kari Erwin  
Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)  
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## Grieving:

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

The family and friends of Rudolph Oswald on his death (former member)

The family and friends of Ted Winbigler on his death (Alice McGregor's father)

The family and friends of Fred Gislain on his death (Jenny Hubbard's father)

The family and friends of Blanche Turek (Helen Souta's cousin)

The family and friends of Joan Knudsen (Julie McMullen's mother)

The Kugelman, Loomis, and Chamberlain families on the death of Neva Loomis (Beth Kugelman's grandmother)

The Hrynko family on the death of Larry Hrynko

The Smith family on the death of John Smith (Brian Smith's brother-in-law)

The McGregor family on the death of Nancy Winbigler (Alice McGregor's sister)

The Horek family on the death of Robert Donahue (Mary Horek's uncle)

The Schaeffer and Wachholtz family on the death of Mary Bedor (Joan Schaeffer's mother)

The family and friends of Christopher Weiland on his death (Scout Troop 505 member)

## Celebrating:

Congratulations to Sean & Sarah (Dirks) Danaher on the birth of their son Keegan Nolan on November 20.

Congratulations to Levi & Cassandra Conley on the birth of their daughter Holland Grace on December 9. Proud grandparents are Pat & Randy Fisher.

Kelly and Paul Hollstein welcomed son Andrew Zachary Hollstein on 12/18. Grandparents are Ed and Janice Wiles

Jon and Julia Dana welcomed twins 12/17, Sean Robert and Fiona Anne

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Blessings to all of you.

The Liotine Family