

Dear Friends,

A recent cover in the Parade magazine of the Chicago Tribune had a garish, comic book- like picture of people huddled and screaming in fear. The title across the corner in equally garish script and color asked..."What Are You Afraid of?". This seems to be a topic of our times indicating that there is much to fear and that we live in scary times.

While waiting for a movie to begin last week at a theater, I was captive to many pre-movie 'trailers', most of which showed previews for one horrible horror movie after another. I finally decided that visually portraying the worst possible fears anyone can imagine may be a way for at least the movie goer to walk away and say, "whew...I survived that!", perhaps thereby gaining some sense of confidence.

What has been true since the beginning of time and through all scary times is actually a scriptural commandment..."Do not fear." This is mentioned hundreds of times in the Old and New Testaments. Our faith and trust in God's presence and promise will not remove the fears we face or the times we may endure. It may serve however to draw us toward God in all things, toward one another and toward a courage that comes beyond our humanness.

Then with the people of God gone before and with prophets, saints, angels and our Lord Jesus Christ, together we shall declare..."there is no fear in love, but perfect love (God's love) casts out fear...God is love and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this way..." I John 4:16-18

This Lent, let's face the challenges of our times and each day by discovering how God equips us to do so with love and courage.

Blessings in Christ,
Deb

The Season of Lent

Lent 2015 - Facing Your Fears



We all have fears. The world can be a scary place. This Lent, we will discover together the ways that God equips us to face our fears with hope and faith. We will even learn how to "cast out fear" and gain freedom from the captivity of our fears.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. This is a family friendly service led by our youth. Service begins at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. First Sunday in Lent is February 22.

Our Lenten Cantata

This year, the music department of Knox will present the Lenten cantata, "Covenant of Grace" by Joseph M Martin. This compelling work celebrates God's faithfulness and His everlasting promises to His people. From the promises made to Abraham and David, to their fulfillment in Christ Jesus, "Covenant of Grace" is a testimony to God's redeeming work. The Chancel Choir, and Praise team will bring this message of hope on Sunday, February 22, at both the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Join us, as we offer a renewal of God's "Covenant of Grace".





By now you've had your star for a month. Any "epiphanies" or revelations in the past 30 days? We hope you will share them with us! Email Rev. Deb at droberts@knoxpres.org.

This month's star story from Bill Smith:

Star Story – January 20, 2015 by Bill Smith

Star Sunday is a special day in the Smith house, we all anxiously look forward to that first Sunday when we get to pick a new word for the year as well as find a new family to pray for. With our big family – we get all the fun times 5! My word for 2015 is CLEAR. Many years when I select my star, it takes quite a while for the word to make sense in my life. This year, there was no need to wait, it hit me immediately. I believe the word CLEAR is calling me to quiet my mind from all the distractions in my business life, and focus on what is truly the most important thing, my love for Jesus and my love for my family. As a guy who usually is comfortable running 100 miles per hour with my hair on fire trying to start and grow companies, I often have far too many thoughts, ideas, and pressures during the course of a day, and that leads to a muddled view rather than a CLEAR view. My task is to follow one of my favorite verses every day of my life: Psalm 46:10 "Be Still and Know That I Am God" and trust in the direction He takes me.



Have you looked up your new star word in the Bible? [Click here to learn more!](#)

How to use your star word as a devotional guide:

With Scripture:

Use a concordance and look up all the ways and times it is used in the Bible. Is there a particular verse or two that jumped off the pages for you? This word may start out with one set of meanings to you and over time take on a newer, more expansive understanding; an understanding that enriches your knowledge of scripture and your relationship with God.

With Relationships:

Your star word may guide you in your relationships with others. For example, if your word is "friend", friendship can go both ways..."to gain a friend, be a friend"..."What a friend we have in Jesus". You will have fun discovering the meaning of your word.

Prayer:

What a great comfort to know that you are being prayed for and what a wonderful opportunity to pray for another! Lord knows, we all stand in "the need of prayer". Our stars provide one more way to be a true family of faith, where care and concern are extended.

May this be a bright year of many insights and epiphanies!

Adult Education

New Lenten Classes Beginning

7:30 pm - Wednesdays, starting February 4 - Women's study of Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*; facilitated by Rev. Deb Roberts in the Parlor. Contact Deb at droberts@knoxpres.org.

Bible Study for Young Marrieds - organizational lunch meeting will take place February 8 at 11:45 am in the Library. Contact is Rev. Deb.

Current Weekly Adult Studies are listed below. All classes welcome newcomers of all ages and biblical knowledge.

Sundays

9:00 am - A video series by John Ortberg entitled *Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus*; facilitated by Brooks Reid in the Senior High Room. Class ends February 8.

10:30 am - "Wholly Human, Wholly God" video series by Bart Ehrman. Facilitated by Jim Clinton in Room 202.

2/1 The Death of Jesus –Historical Certainties

2/8 Jesus’s Death—What Historians Can’t Know

2/15 The Resurrection—What Historians Can’t Know

2/22 What History Reveals about the Resurrection

7:00 pm - A study of the book, *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton; facilitated by Frank Mayer in the Middle School Room. Contact Frank at fjmayerxge@comcast.net or 630-305-9638 for more information.

Tuesdays

9:00 am - Men’s study of the book of James; facilitated by Frank Mayer in the Middle School Room. Contact Frank at resources given above.

9:15 am - 11:00 am Beth Moore study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians; facilitated by Sue Curry in Room 203. For more information contact Sue at curry.sue21@gmail.com.

7:30 pm - Are you satisfied with your life? Are you content? Our Tuesday evening Bible study at Hopvine will be discussing the book Satisfied: Discovering Contentment in a World of Consumption by Jeff Manion. We meet at 7:30pm each Tuesday at Hopvine Brewing Company at 4030 Fox Valley Dr. in Aurora. This is a great study that includes a short video and spirited discussion. We warmly invite new faces to join us. Facilitated by Rev. Eric Heinekamp.

Wednesdays

9:15 am - 11:15 am - Women on Wednesdays is studying Joanna Weaver's "Having a Mary Spirit". It's not too late to join us as we explore what it means to have a "Holy Makeover". WOW meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 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. Come join us on Wednesday mornings! For more information visit knozprex.org or contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or 630-369-4539 or MargaretLambka at mllambka2@gmail.com or 630-420-7885.

Thursdays

6:00 am - Men’s Daybreakers Group is studying 1 John led by Rev. Clint Roberts at the Coffee Bar.

9:30 am - 11:00 am - Study of Adam Hamilton’s book *Forgiveness - Finding Peace Through Letting Go*; facilitated by Rev. Cindy Karis in the Middle School Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Cindy if you would like to attend at 630-615-4308 or ckaris@knoxpres.org.

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Beth Moore’s study, *Esther, It’s Tough Being a Woman*; facilitated by Sue Curry in Room 202. E-mail Sue at curry.sue21@gmail.com with questions.

Christianity 101

In response to growing demand for a basic training on our faith and our church, Outreach and Membership is pleased to launch an exciting new class called Christianity 101. This six week class will provide straightforward information on some of the key elements of our faith and life together at Knox. Topics will include:

- Why do we have religion? Who is God?
- What is the Bible, who wrote it, and why is it important today?
- Who is Jesus Christ?
- What are the key tenets of our belief such as grace, faith, and salvation?



- What is the church? How do we operate? How do we worship?
- What are we, as Christians, called to be and do? What is our mission?

Each session will include a short video, scripture readings, lively discussion, and homework. While this course originated from questions raised by new members, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Our goal is to present this class more than once per year.

Christianity 101 will be offered on Sundays at 10:30am. We will begin February 8th and conclude March 15. Facilitators for this class will be Josh Weir and Rev. Eric Heinekamp. Please contact the church office with any questions.

The Knox Book Club



The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:30 pm in the home of Fran Lukes, to discuss The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton. The book for March discussion will be The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, by Daniel James Brown. You may contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com with any questions. Our meetings are for all who love to read!

Presbyterian Women



Mocktail Party for the Women of Knox

Presbyterian Women cordially invite all women to come to the Knox Mocktail Party at the church on Friday, February 27th at 6:00pm! Join us for an evening of finger food, fellowship and fun.

Jill Wittwer, Wardrobe Consultant, will lead an interactive conversation about fashion. Jill will answer questions and give tips on how to make the most out of your wardrobe. Feel free to bring an item with you that would like help styling, whether it's an accessory or an unworn item

that's hanging in your closet.

Sign-ups will be taken in the Commons on Sunday, February 15th and Sunday, February 22 as well as on the Knox Website. Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Lorenz at 630-898-4738 or mclorenz@comcast.net.

[Register Here](#)

Presbyterian Women Membership

Ladies, as members of Knox, you are also members of Presbyterian Women (PW), a national organization under The Presbyterian Church USA, devoted to faith, fellowship and mission. There is no sign-up fee or application needed to be included in the amazing activities of PW:

- Join any of our four circle groups, where you will find true faith and fellowship in an intimate setting with other PW women
- Attend our highly regarded weekend retreat in May
- Come to our Chick Flick Nites, which we co-sponsor with AdultEd
- Walk with us on the Memorial Walk
- Attend a first-time Mocktail Party for women on February 27th.
- Take part in one of our fundraising activities for our missions
 - Opportunity: Knox Dinner, Silent & Live Auction
 - Butterbraids
 - Flower Sale
 -and more



Please let us know of your interest in becoming an active member of this inclusive, caring community of women. Leave a message with the church receptionist, contact membership coordinator Diana Newby at dagnpremier@gmail.com; contact our PW founder, Betty Hemmeter at bhemmeter@sbcglobal.net or 630-357-8223; or our past National Vice President Ann Beran Jones annberanjones@comcast.net or 630-769-6070.



Rachel-Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 10 at 9:30 at the home of Eileen Engstrom. We will discuss lesson 5 of reconciling Paul. Eileen's address is 1253 Jane Avenue. Please RSVP at 369-1774.

Mary Martha Circle will be on Tuesday, February 10, at 9 am at Krystyna Cruickshank's home (1028 Kennesaw Ct.) Come and join us. Please contact Ineke Pelella at 630.357.3350 for more information.

Missions at Knox

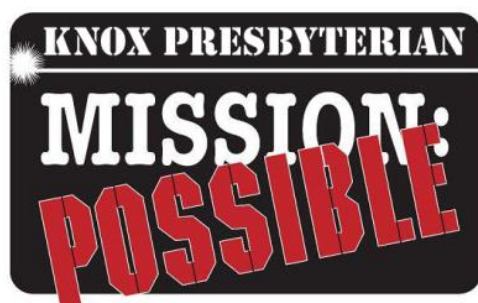
Feed The Need! 2015 MobilePack



- Feed My Starving Children local Mobile Pack 2015
- Help pack over 800,000 meals in less than 42 hours
- More than 4000 volunteers needed!
- Sunday, February 15 and Monday, February 16
- Knox has 19 slots Sunday, February 15 from 3-5 email
- Email jtanck@knoxpres.org to sign up for the 3-5 shift on Sunday
- About 270,000 of those meals will be delivered to the Ebola-stricken countries in Africa!

Please join this community service event and help feed starving children across the world by packing nutritious meals in 2-hour shifts.

Check out the website at feedtheneednaperville.org to sign up for other times and other ways to help.



Summer Mission Trips

The Dakota Partnership will continue to serve the wonderful people in South Dakota and Montana on our annual mission trips 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 20th - 26th, is the Sisseton Mission Trip, and July 26th - 31st is the Montana Mission Trip. Contact me, Dan Pucci at 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.

What's Cooking? Knox Helps Feed Hundreds...

An excerpt from the St. John United Church of Christ, Aurora Illinois newsletter...



These days, ask anyone at St. John UCC-Aurora. "What's cooking?" and we'll tell you about "what we're cooking in" preferring instead to share a cool story of receiving 107 pieces of Cuisinart Cookware for church use and community families living in need. Just three days before Christmas, St. John UCC received just over 10,000 Jewel-Osco trading stamps from generous and kind Naperville friends: More than 8600 saver stamps were received from Knox Presbyterian Church.

We collected 107 wonderful new skillets, lasagna pans, lidded pour pans, stock pots and 12-inch "everyday" pans with covers. How did this come about? It seems the good people of Knox Presbyterian Church had

been collecting and saving Jewel-Osco "Saver Stamps" since September 3 to help the women in Families Helping Families (FHF's) living transition program get cookware. When Vicky Joseph, Executive Director of FHF, received an email from Joan Tanck of Knox, offering the stamps, she shared that these families already had all the cookware they needed. What to do? Share the abundance! Make milagritos in the home kitchens of families stretched beyond their financial limits. Help replace the abhorrent cookware in a little church's 1950s kitchen. Vicky connected Joan with the church's pastor, Rev. Cyndi Gavin. The rest is history. And the future! Some families already received sets and individual pieces. St. John's monthly Community Clothes Closet will offer some of the pieces. Some are left over for the good women in Mesa de Maria (Mary's Table), cooking classes for women living in Hispanic family contexts. These little miracles remind us: God is good all the time. All the time, God is good!

- Each Jewel-Osco saver stamp was earned by spending \$10 at JewelOsco. Calculate that; it's over \$86,000 of groceries. Wow! Knox Pres folks enjoy eating! Like Jesus, they come to the table; they break and share the bread of life with beloved of God.
- Each piece of cookware "cost" between 50 (1-qt pour pan) to 160 (open 12" skillet) saver stamps. Stamps. ☸
- Ten different pieces make a cookware set retailing for \$400.
- Many, many of the families in our community use cookware made with unsafe metals or cook in pails made for cleaning. Though the safety of cookware is constantly debated, everyone would agree cooking pails and old Teflon skillets from the 1970s are unsafe.

Stay & Serve for Hesed House's Transitional Living Community (TLC)

On January 10th more than 40 men donated a day from their busy schedules to volunteer at Hesed House's Transitional Living Community (TLC). TLC is living community for nearly 60 men, women and children who are choosing to transition from homeless to independence.

Prior to the January 10 workday the Men's Ministry work team met a 10 year old TLC resident who said, "thank you for fixing our ceiling, its falling apart, whenever we eat the ceiling crumbles and lands on the dining room tables and in our food". My mom says it's probably not safe for us".

The Stay and Serve workday started at 8am and the last men worked until nearly 7pm. These men tackled three important projects. They removed the existing ceiling in the family room, dining room and kitchen and replaced the ceiling with over 400 safe, waterproof and custom fitted tiles.



Go & Serve 2015

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



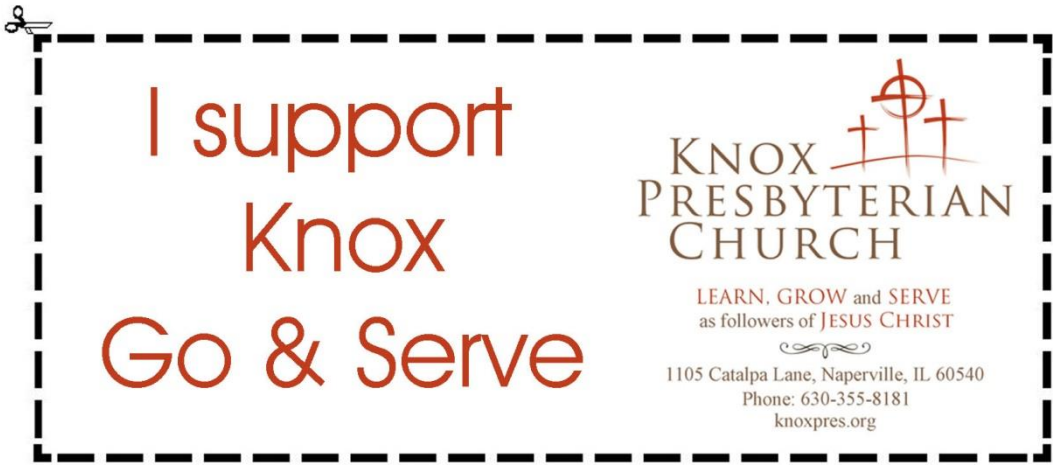
Mark your Calendars for **February 5**, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. when Knox night returns to **bd's Mongolian Grill** (221 S. Washington St)! If you missed last year, make sure you don't miss out on the fun this year. Come 'grill' your favorite Knox guest Griller, enjoy a good dinner with friends and family, and support Go and Serve 2015. Mention **Knox Go and Serve** and we will receive \$3 per diner 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. [Register Here](#)



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 **February 19**. 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 **February 1**. 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

"Hesed" is God's unfailing mercy and love."



From the Bible passage of Micha 6:8, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

Did you know:

Going into its 32nd year, Hesed House is one of the second largest homeless shelters in the state of Illinois, addressing the needs of more than 130 children and the newly homeless individual who comes to Hesed House seeking hope every 8.5 hours. Approximately, 400 individuals a day receive services through Hesed House, all of whom are treated with dignity and respect. Hesed House is run on five core values:

1. **Service without judgment:** To serve individuals without judging how they become homeless.
2. **Ministry Based:** To work with believers of all faiths to accomplish God's will.
3. **Hospitality and dignity focused:** To treat every person like honored guests.
4. **Advocacy for social justice for the poor and homeless:** To give a voice to those who have been deprived representation.
5. **Compassionate Approach:** To live up to the definition of compassion.

Knox is truly blessed by all the volunteers who give their much needed time and talents to the Hesed House. Please consider volunteering or providing food for our next sign-up date on **February 28**. Please sign up in the commons to bring food or work one of the shifts at **6pm, 11pm, or 3 am**. If you are unable to volunteer,

Hesed House is also in need of these items: Cold Medicine (without acetaminophen), cough drops, ibuprofen, white athletic socks men & women's, twin sized flat fitted sheets, Jeans, men and women's. These items can be placed in the "Hesed House" donation box located in the commons. Blessings to All.

Next Volunteer Night: February 28

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

Prime Time and JAM Sunday Schedule

What fun we are having learning new songs and praising God! And for your family calendars, here is the schedule for the children's choirs singing in our morning worship services:

February 1 – JAM – 10:30
February 8 – Prime Time – 9:00

March 1 – JAM – 9:00
March 8 – Prime Time – 10:30

March 22 – combined Prime Time & JAM – 10:30



We thank you in advance for making this offering of choir music a priority for your family. As your child rehearses every Wednesday, it is important that they see that there is fruit to those practices.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at: jparry@knoxpres.org

Join us at Children's Day Out! Registration for Fall 2015 is underway. Our pre-school program is designed for children age 15 months through 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 or 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.

February 14 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am – Held in Lehman Hall (Gym)
March 7 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am – Held in Fellowship Hall



Save the Date
Vacation Bible School
June 22 - June 26
[Register Here](#)

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.

Middle School Youth Activities



Main Event Entertainment

28248 Diehl Road, Warrenville, IL 60555
(pick - up and drop - off at the site)

Date: January 31

Time: 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm (Lazer tag will start right at 6:00 pm)
Cost: \$20.00 includes dinner, 1 hour of bowling, laser tag, game tokens, and time with the gravity ropes

[Register Here](#)

Snow Tubing

Villa Olivia, Elgin

Date: February 21

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. (Meet at Church)

Cost: \$20.00 + extra money for lunch/snacks

Driver/Chaperones needed

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



High School Youth Activities



Lock-In

Feb. 7 - 7:30 PM-7 AM - more info at knoxblog.org.

[Register Here](#)

Church News

Love to Decorate?

Worship Music and Arts Council is looking to start a decorating committee under Carolyn Lorenz to decorate the Church throughout the year. If you are interested please contact: Renee Hicks 630-637-4104 or Reneehicks818@gmail.com or Kedra Smith 815-230-9625 or kedrasmith@yahoo.com

Sanctuary Flower Coordinator: Do you enjoy flowers? We need someone to coordinate the flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Services and Holidays with Celidan Floral. If you are interested please contact: Renee Hicks 630-637-4014 or Reneehicks818@gmail.com or Kedra Smith 815-230-9625 or kedrasmith@yahoo.com

Love to plan events?

Decorate? Meet new friends? If so, consider joining the Knox Church Life Council and have a little fun while serving the Knox Congregation! Come join us at our next meeting on March 1 after the 2nd service in the Middle School Room, or call Jan McCombs (630-743-9494) or Jan Reid (630-961-0180) for more information.



Pancake Breakfast

The Troop 505 annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the door. Advance tickets will be sold in the Commons on Sunday, February 1, 8 and 15. Call or email Neil Goltermann (630-750-5863/ntgoltermann@aol.com) with any questions.

Winter Blood Drive at Knox

Saturday, February 21

7:30 am – 11:30 am

Located in the Sr. High Rooms

To make your appointment to donate, sign up online

at www.heartlandbc.org, call or email Neil Goltermann at 630-750-5863/ntgoltermann@aol.com

Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are welcome!

Please come to save lives & support the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast event (blood donors get a discount)!

PHOTO I.D. IS REQUIRED



New at Knox: Greeting Card Ministry

For your convenience, a variety of greeting cards will be located in the Commons after each Sunday worship service. 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. You may also take the cards home and use them as needed. A one dollar donation is suggested to cover the cost of this sweet service. Please consider taking advantage of this meaningful ministry.



We are also looking for people that would like to be part of our Greeting Card Ministry. We 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 meet the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Sunday of every month. Drop in to help us; no commitment or experience is needed! If you are interested please contact one of us:

Joan Tanck - jtanck@knoxpres.org, Ginny VanBlaricom - gvanb5@aol.com or

Jennifer Vollbrecht - jenandhermen@att.net



Butterbraids are Back!

Back by popular demand, PW of Knox will be selling BUTTERBRAIDS to raise money for missions. Sales begin March 1st in the commons and all order forms are due Sunday, March 15.

Butter-braids will be delivered on the 22nd in time for Easter.

Contact Jennifer Vollbrecht at jenandhermen@att.net with questions.

Winter Wonderland 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 DJ Rev. RTQ 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.

[Register Here](#)





January Session Highlights

Knox's Session met on Monday, January 12th at 7:30 pm with Rev. Deb Roberts moderating. They welcomed newly-installed Elders Ann Smith, Clay Thomson, Renee Hicks, Karen Elmgren and Ineke Pelella. Elder Randy Johnson was reelected as Treasurer and Cheryl Hanson as Stated Clerk.

In a separate meeting of the Corporation, Elders Brian Beard, Joe Gilkerson, Cheryl Hanson and Randy Johnson were elected President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Moderator appointed a subcommittee to draft a balanced budget for 2015 for Session's approval at its scheduled retreat on Saturday, January 31st, taking into account the most up-to-date stewardship information. The 2015 Budget will be presented to the congregation at its Annual Stated Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary.

The Session elected seven Elder Commissioners to Presbytery for 2015 and three Alternates. They are as follows:

Elder Commissioners:	Alternates:
Brian Beard	Carol Brand Price
Neels deConing	Julie Mildrum
Joan DuChane	Anne Sherren
Randy Johnson	
Ralph Lambka	
Clay Thomson	
Doug Varney	

In addition, all active Session members may, if needed, act as Elder Commissioners for a particular meeting of Presbytery if there is a shortage of elected Commissioners and Alternates planning to attend.

Session closed with a circle of prayer where petitions for our members, congregation, nation and world were lifted up by individual members and concluded by Rev. Clint Roberts



Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2015. Click [here](#) for an application form. Applicants should be persons pursuing a fulltime career in Christian Service. If you have questions please contact Anne Sherren at [630-932-0481](tel:630-932-0481) or atsherren@noctrl.edu.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

For over 50 years Presbyterians have observed the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during Lent. Knox has participated in this Presbyterian Denominational Wide Offering for its History. The amount of our Knox Contribution to this Offering has varied from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Many gifts add up to make an impact. For our newer members we may think of this offering as the Lenten Offering.

This offering gives us a chance to give something extra to areas that are truly in need. The Presbyterian Church (USA) along with other denominations, make a great impact in helping put our gifts to good service. For more information read your weekly bulletin inserts during Lent. There are envelopes in the pews for your generous contributions. If you have additional questions, contact one of your pastors or Mission Council members or Anne Sherren 630-932-0481. Knox Collects the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering each Sunday during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday with the culmination on Palm Sunday.



Ministry to Seniors



An Evening with Jazz Vocalist Janice Borla

Friday, Feb 13
8pm

Madden theater in Wentz Hall tickets
\$15

[Register Here](#)

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)
Ella Wahl
Marie Chmelik (cousin of Helen Souta)
Lois Whitlock
Kayla Rocholl (great granddaughter of Alice Birzetis)
June Chapek
Beth Stolrow (Jack and Judy Ditmar's daughter)
Leona Haworth (Alden)
Stacey Rubio (daughter of Sandy Adler)
Bill Sherren (Lexington)
John Foy (friend of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)
Caryl Brown
Larry Sieczynski (Tom Sieczynski's brother)
Judy Powell
Helen Kirkwood (Marge Sleith's sister)
Court Kenaston
Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
Lois Webber (hospice)
Jeff Charles (Bob Charles' brother)
Richard Slayton (Robert Slayton's father)
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
Carol Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)
Irma Ekman (friend of the Caspers)
Dan Veitkus (Providence Rehabilitation Center) (brother-in-law of Ed Crylen)
Phyllis Schroeter (Springs Rehabilitation)
David Colling (hospice) (Judy Morten's brother)
Edna Shepherd (Edward Hospital)
Frank Whittaker (Northwestern Memorial Hospital)
Irma Ekman (friend of Bob and Jean Casper)

Military:

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

Grieving:

The family and friends of Ivan Ivy on his death (daughter is Mary Corp)

The family and friends of Larry Dunham on his death

The family and friends of Don Andree on his death (Leah Taylor's stepfather)

The family and friends of Teresa Glasgow on her death (Rita Eagleson's aunt)

The family and friends of Ted Renkes on his death (charter member)

The family and friends of Bitsy Winkler on her death (Sally Kenaston's mother)

The family and friends of Julian (Susie Widloe's nephew) on his death

The family and friends of Josefina Velino (Steve Velino's mother) on her death

The family and friends of Evelyn Roadcup (Liz Lawrence's grandmother) on her death

The family and friends of Arleen Teichen (friend of Bill and Sharon Powell) on her death

The family and friends of Gene Ash on his death (Erin Lehman's uncle)

Celebrating:

Congratulations to Dominica & Neal Dybas on the birth of their daughter Natalia Skye on December 20. Proud grandparents are Dave & Bard Dybas.

Congratulations to Ashleigh & Evan Roberts on the birth of Pierce Thomas on January 25. Proud grandparents are Deb & Clint Roberts.

A Note of Thanks

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