

Lenten Offerings – a letter from Rev Deb

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." - 1 John 4: 11-12

Dear Friends,

Here we are knee deep in snow, frigid temps and Lent once again! Did you give anything up in a sacrificial way for the sake of spiritual or physical well-being? Did you take anything on as a spiritual offering or discipline? I know, these are the questions we love to hate or hate to love.

What most of us would appreciate hearing is, "How about an all-expense paid trip to the Bahamas? Tomorrow soon enough?"

Here is another way to look at the Lenten season. It has a beginning and an end. It concludes joyously with the celebration of Easter. When we get to Easter morn, Daylight Savings time has already begun and we are so much closer to spring busting out all over!! What if we thought of this season as a time ripe with possibilities? A time bursting with invitation? A time of harvesting offerings to God? Like the long winter, we endure and march onward....but what if we didn't think of it that way?

I'd like to suggest that our Lenten offerings to the Savior take the form of invitations; invitations sprinkled and scattered like seeds. These seeds may take hold and become blossoms in remarkable ways. As we reflect upon Jesus call and his invitation to follow, why not invite others to experience his love and mercy?

What if the most important thing you did for someone was to invite them and possibly connect them to the Vine whose strength sustains all the branches? An event, a worship service, a meal, a service of healing, the Holy week prayer vigil, a family serving opportunity...on it goes.....What if your humble invitation was the beginning of Christ transforming their lives?

Instead of belaboring the tragic news and all that scares us silly; instead of beguiling others with the latest, greatest fashions to buy or restaurants to try, let's make invitations our offerings to God and to others, in a world and a season crying for rebirth and renewal. Seedtime and blossom may surprise you. Gathering and Harvest time may show us all once again what is possible in Christ!

Blessings on the journey,
Deb

The Season of Lent



"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." - 1 John 4:18

The Lenten season kicked off with the family friendly Ash Wednesday service. The worship experience offered our children and youth a meaningful way to understand the meaning of this day in the life of the Church. The Choir Cantata, entitled, "Covenant of Grace"

was offered the first Sunday in Lent and was a beautiful way to address our fears which are covered in God's grace.

We go forward to examine the ways God equips us to face our fears with grace and strength. As part of our Lenten reflection, we will invite the congregation to place their fears and worries on a cross in the sanctuary. As we take our concerns to the cross of Christ, written on small pieces of paper, the cross will take shape before our eyes.

On the opposite wall we will build the scroll of good news with hands of hope. Cut out hands in different colors and sizes will be available to write upon them, our experiences and prayers of hope. These two visuals will remind us all season of Christ sacrificial love which carries our fears and transforms our challenges into renewed hope.

Easter Day we will celebrate our new life in Christ as the sanctuary itself will be transformed into a garden of Spring beauty and color!

- March 1** Fear of Losing Control
 Communion Sunday
 Special Music: Children's Choir Jam sings at 9:00
 Special Music: Matt and Candice Sunblade at 10:30
- March 8** Fear of the Unknown
 Special Music: Dancers Kaylor Smith and Erin Williams
 Special Musicians Camille Liotine and at 9:00
 Children's Prime Time Choir at 10:30
- March 15** Fear of Punishment
 Special Music: Blessed Ones at 9:00
 Middle School Bells at 10:30
- March 22** Fear of Failure
 Fourth Grade Service at 10:30
 Special Music: Jam and Prime Time Combined Choirs at 10:30

Holy Week

- March 29** **Palm Sunday**
Fear of Death
 Special Music: Taylor Hubbard
- April 2** 12:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service
 Special Music: Jan Parry
 Prayer Vigil begins at 12:30 pm in the Chapel
- April 3** 7:30 pm Good Friday Communion Service
 The Fear of Abandonment
 Special Music: Chancel Choir
 Prayer Vigil concludes
- April 5** **Easter Sunday**
Freedom From Our Fears
 "Behold I stand at the door and Knock"
 Special Music: Brass Quartet and Combined Choirs
- 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Veteran's Park
 9:00 am & 11:00 am services at the church



Lenten Service of Healing and Remembrance

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 pm

A service of prayer, reflection, scripture and music which speaks to the spirit of God's presence and healing strength in our lives. Life brings disappointments, loss, illness, uncertainty and more, but when we gather together in the strong name of Jesus, the Christ, who is our Great Physician, we find renewed hope and healing power for life.

Together we remember God's promises to us in Christ and through prayer, we are buoyed for the challenges in our lives. There will be opportunities for personal prayer with pastors and Stephen Ministers and time for quiet reflection.

Easter 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

The prayer vigil begins after the noon Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 2 in the Chapel and concludes with the Good Friday evening service on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 pm. Please sign up for a 30 minute time period in the Commons.



Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

The Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 am at Veterans Park, 303 E. Gartner Road. Please bring your own lawn chairs for seating. Rev. Robert Thomas Quiring and Rev. Cindy Karis will co-lead the worship and communion will be celebrated. Refreshments will be served!

Children's Easter Choir



Yes, it's that time of year to plan rehearsals for our Children's Easter Choir! This choir is open to ALL children K-5th grade. You do not have to be a part of the Wednesday evening children's programming.

Rehearsals are:

March 15 - 11:30 – 12:00

March 22 - 11:30 – 12:00

March 29 - 10:00 – 10:20 (not after the 10:30 worship service because of the Easter Egg Hunt!)

I will hand out a practice CD and lyrics at the first rehearsal.

The worship services on Easter morning (April 5) at Knox will be 9:00 and 11:00. The Children's Choir will sing for both services but you don't have to participate both times. If you can give me an idea which one your child would be attending, that would be helpful.

Thank you so much. I look forward to a large and joyful choir!

Jan Parry

Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck

Sunday, March 29

11:30 am after the Second Service

Church Life will provide pizza, please bring a salad, fruit dish or dessert to share.

Kids will be making bags to collect eggs, so they will not need to bring their own baskets.

REGISTER HERE



Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary

Easter flowers are available for order to be on display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Orders will continue through March 15 in the Commons.



Star Stories 2015 Continue



Resources for study were available all last month in the Commons. We hope you are praying for your star person or persons and learning about the scriptures associated with your star word.

Here's a great idea!

One of our Knox Family Fellowship Groups is meeting each month to discuss their words and scriptural meanings. This way their star words are becoming an opportunity of study for all of them.

This Month's Star Story by Diana Newby

I had an amazing unexpected God moment and star story all wrapped together during Advent this year. The unexpected event sent me home to look all over the house for my star and I found it! Wow-it was in sync with our Advent series and my star experience.

Some things happen for a reason or as we say it was "beshert" (fated) My star word was 'Trusted'. It was a feeling I needed even beyond my realizing it. I took a walk with Mandy, our dog on a cold December night. My spirits were low because the time frame reminded me of my father's decline and the loss of both of my parents.

I heard a voice behind me admiring Mandy's little sweater and asking to pet my dog. Slow to respond, the voice asked again and I turned around. I met a lovely woman who was pleased to meet Mandy and introduce her to her friends. They were women who lived in a Little Friends home for challenged adults in our neighborhood. I never knew it was there until this chance meeting.

Their genuine enthusiasm and smiles brightened my cold evening and Mandy loved the attention. She and I offered them some moments of giggles and chatter. It was so unexpected for all of us to meet and yet we were messengers to one another. It restored my spirits and my sense of God's presence. God also trusts us to be messengers of care to others.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..." Proverbs 3: 5

Adult Education

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

Sundays

9:00 am - Lenten study of the book *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Facilitated by Brooks Reid in the Senior High Room.

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

3/1 The Disciples' Visions of Jesus

3/8 Jesus's Exaltation-Earliest Christian Views

3/15 The Backward Movement of Christology

3/22 Paul's View-Christ's Elevated Divinity

3/29 John's View-The Word Made Human

10:30 am - Christianity 101 - Basic training on our faith and our church. This is the fourth of six weeks (different topic each week). Facilitated by Rev. Eric Heinekamp and Josh Weir in the Library. All are invited and people can drop in for any of the sessions.

11:30 am - Bible Study for Young Marrieds - a study of the book *With: Reminagining the Way You Relate to God* by Skye Jethani. Class will meet in Rev. Deb Robert's office.

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.

Tuesdays

9:00 am - Men's study of *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton; 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 - Hopvine Brewing Company, 4030 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora - a study of facilitated by Rev. Eric Heinekamp. This group will be studying and comparing the Easter story in all four Gospels March 10 - 31.

Wednesdays



9:15 am - 11:15 am - Women on Wednesdays - study of Joanna Weaver's book, *Having a Mary Spirit*. Takes place in Fellowship Hall and some classrooms. Childcare is provided. For more information contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com.

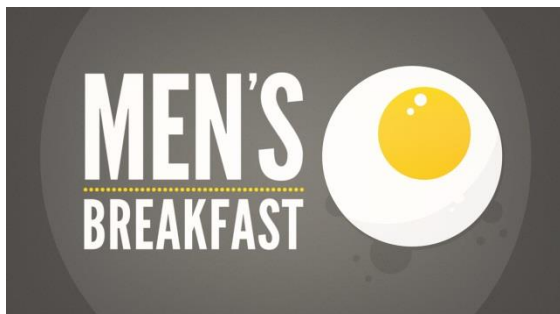
7:30 pm - Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*; facilitated by Rev. Deb Roberts in the Parlor. For more information contact Deb at droberts@knoxpres.org.

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 - Will begin the study of Adam Hamilton's book *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton on March 5. Facilitated by Rev. Cindy Karis in the Middle School Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Cindy with any questions 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.



The Selma March for Voting Rights began 50 years ago on April 21, 1965. At our March 7 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in Fellowship Hall, David Bebb Jones, Parish Associate at Knox will share his experience as a participant on the first day of the March under the leadership of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Notify fjmayerxge@comcast.net if you will attend. Donation \$5. All Knox men over the age of 18 are invited.

Rev. Jones met Dr. King while a student at McCormick Theological Seminary in 1959 and was invited to the Selma March by the National Council of Churches. The program will include some notable history of the Civil Rights Movement and conclude with Rev. Jones' experience in Memphis following Dr. King's assassination in 1968 and include dimensions of the Presbyterian Church in civil rights and racial relationships.

Adult Ed Sunday Seminar Series presents:

"Dangerously Close to the Heart of God"

A discussion on homelessness in Chicago



Join us for a Sunday Seminar Series talk on Homelessness in Chicago on Sunday, March 8 in Lehman Hall. Doug Bradshaw will be speaking about the work he's doing as Executive Director of the Chicago nonprofit Facing Forward to End Homelessness. He will also talk about homelessness in general but more specifically he will talk with us about experiencing God's heart as he draws near to the broken hearted.

Facing Forward's Executive Director, Rev. Douglas Bradshaw, previously served at River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville. In his 12 year tenure he helped the church build robust outreach programs to serve the needs of the local and global community. Prior to serving at River Glen he served the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston for 10 years, building youth and singles ministries. Doug is a

graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and his passion is to help the church live the wisdom of Micah 6:8; to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

The evening starts with light refreshments at 6:30 pm and the talk starts at 7pm.

The Knox Book Club



Knox book club will gather Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Fran Lukes, to discuss The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, by Daniel James Brown. Our pick for April is Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. You may contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com with any questions. Our meetings are always open to new readers.

Presbyterian Women



Join us Friday, March 6 as we explore the heart-wrenching journey of Philomena, played by Dame Judy Dench as she seeks out the child given up through challenging circumstances at an Irish Convent years earlier. Dinner will be a Gaelic menu!

Sign-ups on-line or in the Commons March 1st.
Dinner (\$8, 6:15 pm) and a movie (7:00 pm)! Movie only, free.

REGISTER HERE

Spring Flower Sale

Mark May 7 for flower sale delivery, watch for forms in March!



March 15 one day early bird sign up in the Commons for PW retreat, Pruning Our Branches and you get a free PW cookbook! \$175, LaSalle Manor, May 15-17, heavenly food, beautiful surroundings, and divine inspiration!

Rachel-Rebekah Circle on March 10 at 9:30 am at the home of Carolyn Lorenz, 1420 Greenlake Dr., Aurora. We will be discussing lesson 7 from the study book, Reconciling Paul. Please call Carolyn at [630-898-4738](tel:630-898-4738) if you would plan to attend.

Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 9 am at Ineke Pelella's home (2748 Willow Ridge Dr.) Come and join us. Please contact Ineke Pelella at 630.357.3350 for more information.



Missions at Knox



Mitakwye Oya 'in -- "We are All Related"

On April 11 & 12, our friends from the Native American reservations in Sisseton, SD and Fort Peck, MT will be visiting our congregation! They will be staying with some of the members of The Dakota Partnership that weekend, and joining us on April 12 for several celebrations.

First, one of the pastors from the reservation will join our pastors as part of our weekly sermon message. You will not want to miss that. Second, after the 10:30 service The Dakota Partnership will be hosting an "Indian Taco" buffet with the original taco recipe

from the reservation and all the taco fixings. Finally, there may also be a visit to Chicago (after lunch) either Saturday or Sunday, to see the sights of our beautiful city. Check the weekly bulletins for more information as we get closer to the weekend. **Come join us!**



Spring is Coming, Really !!!!!!!

On Sunday, April 26 – 8 am to 12 pm, Knox will sponsor and host the Wayside Cross Ministries truck for our **7th Annual "Fill-A-Truck"** Sunday. It's hard for me to believe, that we've filled the truck every year for the past 6 years. The men and women of Wayside Cross thank you.

Clean your closets, dresser drawers, and storage areas once again. Give the men and women of Wayside Cross your outgrown or gently used clothes.

Your donation of CLEAN CLOTHING will help serve hundreds of people with meals, clothing, and lodging. Your clothing will either be distributed through the Community Outreach Program or turned into \$\$\$ for WCM in the Hope Chest Resale Store. Even ripped or torn clothing is turned into \$\$\$ by recycling to organizations that provide clothing to third world countries.

If you have something larger, arrangements can be made for pick-ups of furniture, larger items or appliances, by calling Wayside Cross Ministries at 630-892-4239 or filling out the form on the WCM website, www.waysidecross.org. If you have any questions about this event or Wayside Cross Ministries, call Gary McGregor at (630) 926-2603.

Is it Swimsuit weather yet!?

Burr it is cold but we are starting to think of Sisseton Vacation Bible School. **We need swimsuits.** Any color, type (prefer one piece), new or used) and size (girls large to ex large). We are picky. One girl was so trilled with her new suit she wore it everywhere. She told everyone about it. Small things make such a difference to these kids. Questions Julie Milldrum 630-717-8240



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **March 7**. The most needed items this month are:

Tuna, pinto beans, black beans, chili, cereal, pasta, rice, crackers and oatmeal

Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

It's Cold Out There...



Please extend the folks staying at Hesed an extra prayer as we go through the coldest months of the year. Hesed House has housed over 200 people in the PADS emergency shelter the past few months, and have more often than not been open 24 hours as a packed warming shelter during this recent cold stretch. Think and pray for Spring!! Hesed House is also in need of these of these items:

Disposable Diapers sizes 3,4,5,& 6, Pull-Ups- large sizes, Shoes & Boots, Gloves & Hats, Hand Warmers, White Athletic Socks, Twin Sized Sheets, and Flash Drives. If you could donate any of these items please put them in the Hesed House donation box.

We are also in need of volunteers to work one of the three shifts or to donate a food dish. So if you find you have some time to share, please consider volunteering. If you would like more information about volunteering or about the Hesed House, please go to the Knox Presbyterian Church web site and click on volunteer donation opportunities, and then click on **Hesed House**, OR, you can email Diana Oshiro at ddoshiro@hotmail.com or Janet Gravel at janetgravel@gmail.com, and they would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Hesed House's next volunteering date is Saturday, March 28. Please sign up in the commons to bring food or work one of the shifts at **6pm, 11pm, or 3am.**

Next Volunteer Night: March 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

Go & Serve 2015 June 14-20

Thank you Knox for supporting our bd's Mongolian Grill and Pasta Dinner fundraisers! Your support raised us just over \$2000. At the Pasta Dinner we announced our Go and Serve 2015 location: **Albion, Michigan!**

They are thrilled to be partnering with us and really need our assistance to help rebuild their community.

Our theme this year: IMPACT is far beyond the hammer and the nail!

Thank you for supporting us both prayerfully and financially as we prepare to IMPACT the Albion community with our good works.



FMSC Mobilepack feeds 802,872 children!

Thank you to all who participated in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack this year. It was a huge success! Here are some facts why:

1. 2,200 kids fed for 1 whole year!
2. 802,872 meals packed in
3. 5 shifts in 10 hours total
4. By 3,833 volunteers
5. 42 hours total Mobilepack time from set-up to teardown

THANK YOU! God surely blessed us, these meals, all the packing and support volunteers, and the children receiving these meals.

Children's Ministries



Blessed Ones Dance & Music Ministry - Blessed Ones new dates

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

Session 1 – February 26 – March 12 and

Performing on Sunday, March 15 at the 9:00 am worship service.

REGISTER HERE

Session 2 – April 23 – May 7 and

Performing on Sunday, May 10 at the 10:30 am worship service.

REGISTER HERE

Contact Jenny Hubbard if interested or 630-615-4318, jhubbard@knoxpres.org



Sunday School Calendar:

March 22: Sunday School will meet as usual.

March 29: Sunday School will meet. 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Fish Banks

- During Lent, Children's Ministries will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing using their Fish Banks.
- Banks are available from a basket on a table in the Commons.
- Collection will be on Easter at all services.



There is a fabulous preschool program right here at Knox! All children ages 15 months to 4 years old are welcome to attend one or two days per week.

Registration is happening right now! The registration fee for Knox church members is \$50. Please contact the CDO office at 630.355.7544 to schedule a tour. Information is also available online at knoxpres.org.

Family Camp Opportunity

Camp Geneva in Holland, MI offers a Family Camp long weekend on September 4-7, 2015 with "Extend your stay" options for an even longer weekend. Registration will begin June 15 through Camp Geneva's website at <http://www.campgeneva.org>. Once you have registered, please also register with us at www.knoxpres.org so we can plan accordingly. The weekend will include many fun activities led by Camp Geneva as well as some led by one of our Knox Pastors specifically tailored for our group.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny at 630-615-4318
jhubbard@knoxpres.org



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

Families of Toddlers and Preschoolers

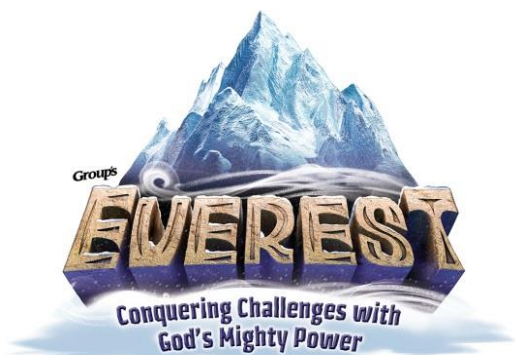
Want to get out of the house and meet other young families of Knox? Then join us for a time for parents and kids to play and socialize. Many toys will be put out for the kids during this open house play group.

March 7: 10:00 – 11:30 am, in Fellowship Hall



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.



VBS: June 22 – 26

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Middle School Youth Activities



Bowling – Brunswick Zone
Saturday, March 28
12:45 pm – 3:15 pm – Meet at Brunswick Zone
(1515 Aurora Ave, Naperville)
Cost: \$17.00

Spring Lock-IN
Friday, April 17 – Saturday, April 18
8:30 pm – 7:00 am
Cost: Free



Register Online
Questions? Contact Jenny Hubbard
Jhubbard@knoxpres.org
630-615-4318

High School Youth Activities

March

High School Spring Retreat @ Stronghold - March 20-22 - Sign up at knoxblog.org

April

Broom Hockey @ Seven Bridges - Friday, April 24 - Sign up at knoxblog.org

May

Baccalaureate for High School Graduates @ Knox - Saturday, May 23 - 7:30 pm

Church News

Where is God Calling Knox?

Long Range Planning Congregation Feedback Needed!

The Long Range Planning Team has been hard at work and meeting regularly since October 2013. We have completed the first two phases of our analysis trying to answer the questions – “Who are we?” and “Who is our neighbor?” We have moved into our third and final phase and are considering the forward looking question “What is God calling us to be and do at Knox?” We shared some of our thoughts at the recent session retreat and we are seeking your input as well.

We would love to hear your thoughts on where you think God is calling Knox for the next 10 years. We will be holding a Congregation Feedback Session the evening of Sunday, March 15 at 7:30 pm. The purpose of this informal session is to provide our initial ideas on the goals and priorities for Knox, get you feedback on these, and hear you dreams and ideas for the future of Knox. We are very excited about where God is calling us and want to make sure all voices are heard. So please put this important session on your calendars. Thanks! If you have any questions or comments please contact Deb Beaird or Rev. Eric Heinekamp.



Are you looking for some, fun, fellowship and fitness this summer? Come join our church league and play softball with us. We play once a week and no experience is required. It's a women's league for ages 18 and up. Contact Susan Morgan for more information at 630-420-2423 or snbmorgan@wideopenwest.com



Part Time Custodian Needed

Part time custodian needed for Knox Presbyterian Church. You must be able to work evenings and weekends and early hours. This position performs custodial tasks and maintenance duties inside and outside our church. You will help to set-up and take down furniture and equipment for both church and community events that take place at Knox and also help maintain a clean environment for all our members and visitors. For more information please contact Rob Biggs at [630-615-4305](tel:630-615-4305) or rbiggs@knoxpres.org.

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. Butterbraids will be delivered on March 22, in time for Easter. Contact Jennifer Vollbrecht at jenandhermen@att.net with questions.

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. Contact the Church Office 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.



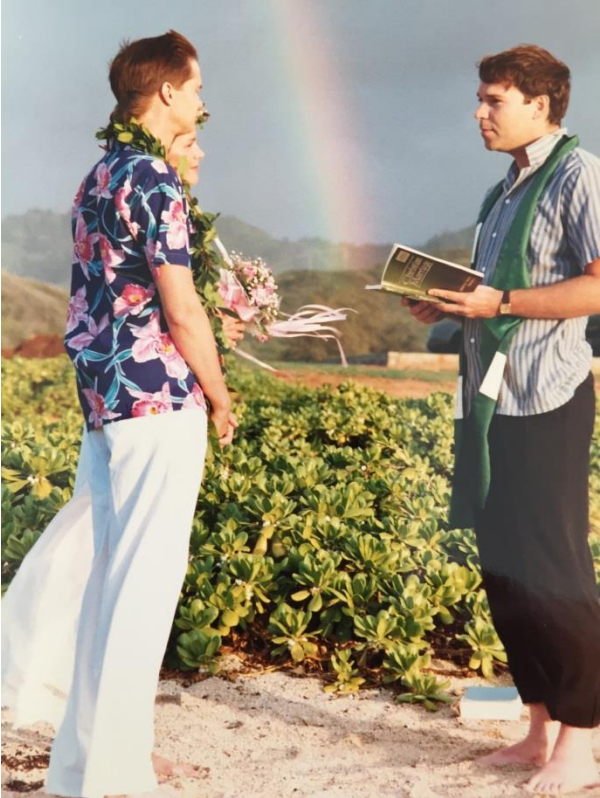
Knox's Session met on Monday, February 9 at 7:30 pm with Deacon Tom Cloke and Knox member Je Lee present. Je will complete his M.Div at McCormick Theological Seminary in May 2016 and has requested the Session's endorsement of his Candidacy for Ordination as a Teaching Elder by the Presbytery of Chicago. After sharing his Statement of Faith, Je answered questions from the Session and shared with them his desire to serve as Pastor of a small town/rural Presbyterian church. The Session unanimously voted in the affirmative to sponsor Je's candidacy and prayed with him.

In other business, Session renewed its contract for facility usage with the Indian Prairie Great Banquet. The Basswood property renovation has been finished and the house will be put forward for rental by Little Realtors. The meeting concluded with prayer for members and friends facing special needs.

In Addition: The Presbytery of Chicago met for its Stated Assembly on Saturday, February 21 at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. All seven (7) Elder Commissioners and four (4) Teaching Elders from Knox were in attendance.

During the day-long meeting, the Assembly voted to ratify the proposed Amendment on Marriage by a vote of 149 in favor, 60 opposed and 8 abstentions. As of 2/23/2015, 61 presbyteries in the PCUSA's 171 presbyteries have voted yes and 23 have voted no.

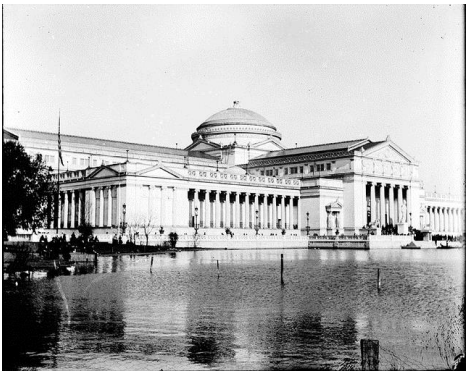
In other business the Assembly voted unanimously to add the Belhar Confession (from South Africa) to the Book of Confessions.



Happy Anniversary Clinton!

Tuesday, March 24 is the 30th anniversary of Rev. Clint's ordination as a pastor. What a blessing you have been to all of those in your care as a pastor, Congratulations Clinton!

Ministry to Seniors



Hall of Famers will meet for lunch on Thursday, March 12 at 12:00 noon in Lehman Hall. Our program will be a presentation by Naper Settlement on the World's Fair Columbian Expedition. Please join us at 11:30 am for Holy Communion and worship in the Chapel prior to our luncheon. Cost is \$7.00 payable at the door. All folks 55 plus are welcome!! Call Diane Heintz at 630-615-4324 to make your reservation.

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)
Peter Pfeiffer (Eric Pfeiffer's brother)
Chuck Ward (friend of Linda Mast)
Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies)
Court Kenaston
Marie Chmelik (cousin of Helen Souta)
Lois Whitlock
Kayla Rocholl (great granddaughter of Alice Birzetis)
Beth Stolrow (Jack and Judy Ditmar's daughter)
John Foy (friend of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)
Annie Caselli (Nancy Azzaro's mother)
Helen Kirkwood (Marge Sleith's sister)
Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
Richard Slayton (Robert Slayton's father)
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
Dan Veitkus (Providence Rehabilitation Center) (brother-in-law of Ed Crylen)
Virginia Jones (Jim Jones' mother)
Jean Banks and Nell Reinert (cousins of Norah Johnson)
Heidi Morgan (granddaughter of Norah Johnson)
Jeff Jackson (son-in-law of Carol Brand)
Bob Birkemeier (friend of Lin and Pat Carter)
Bill Sherren
Ella Wahl
Carol Brand
Mary Ellen Neumeister
Abby Swanson
Judith Augsburg (Terry Thornton's mother)
Richard Slayton (Robert Slayton's father)
Haley Smith

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 Sam Slick on his death (Marilee Slick's son)

The family and friends of Chester Mitchell (Melissa Naffziger's father) on his death

The family and friends of Debbie Eggum on her death (Robert Slayton's cousin)

The family and friends of Ann Driscoll on her death (Julia Dana's mother)

The family and friends of William Kenny and David Gabrielse on their deaths (Kelly and Kurt Gabrielse's uncles)

The family and friends of David Colling on his death (Judy Morten's brother)

The family and friends of Ethlyn Miller on her death (Jan Reid's aunt)

The family and friends of Major Oliver O. Ogden on his death (Liz Bradley's brother)

The family and friends of Gilbert Johanknecht on his death (Lori Rose's uncle, Pete Johanknecht's brother)

The friends and family of Anton Vopenka on his death (friend of Helen Souta, Helene Schaefer)

The friends and family of Jeanne O'Connor on her death (grandmother of Kevin, Caroline, and Callie Canfield)

The friends and family of Phyllis Kramer on her death (Joan Tanck's aunt)

Celebrating:

Diana and Jamie Hawken on the birth of their daughter Erin Lucila on Feb. 17.

A Note of Thanks

Bob and Joan Casper wish to thank the pastors and congregation for your support, prayers, and caring during Bob's Recent heart valve replacement surgery. Our heartfelt best and thank you to all.