

A LETTER FROM REV DEB

Spiritual Sincerity

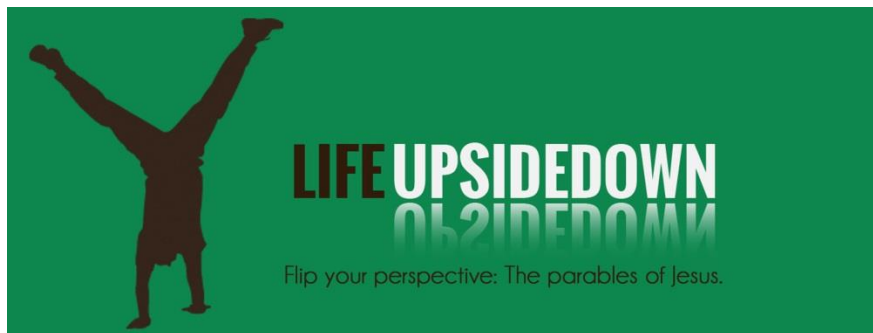
Matthew 21:28-32 - The Parable of the Two Sons

Dear Friends,

Mental checklists often occupy our minds during any “spare” minute of the day. Even though thinking about something won’t get it done, our minds keep at it. Woe is me - how to determine the priorities against the wants and the requests?! One thousand years ago Bernard of Clairvaux coined a phrase that has come down to us as, “The road to hell is paved with *good intentions*”.

Our mental checklists address our intentions, not our eventual actions. Clairvaux may well have had the parable of the two sons in mind. One son indicates an unwillingness to work. The other son responds favorably, perhaps telling his father what he wants to hear, but chooses not to act upon the intention. In the end, the 1st son reconsiders his response, changes his mind and acts upon his Father’s request.

Ortberg titles the last chapter of our Fall Study, “Spiritual Sincerity”. What does that have to do with the parable or our mental lists? Everything! Following Jesus requires confronting our do’s and don’ts, our lists and responses, our intentions and actions, with a willingness to ask forgiveness for what we leave undone. This is what leads to a sincere heart and a transformed spirit.



Life Upside Down - Flip Your Perspective: The Parables of Jesus

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| October 4 | “Coming Home”
Text: Luke 15:11-24 |
| October 11 | “Heart-Healing Forgiveness”
Text: Luke 7:36-50 |
| October 18 | “Spiritual Sincerity”
Text: Matthew 21:28-32 |

ADULT EDUCATION

All classes welcome newcomers of all ages and biblical knowledge.

Fall Study Small Groups

Day	Time	Location	Leader
Men & Women's Groups			
Sunday	9 am	Basement	Brooks Reid
	7 pm	Middle school Room	Frank Mayer
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Home	Ron and Dotty Mobley
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Knox Parlor	Rev Deb
	7:30 pm	Hopvine Brewing Co	Rev Eric Heinekamp
Women's Groups			
Tuesday	9 am	Middle School Room	Frank Mayer
	1 pm	Pastor's office	Rev Deb
Thursday	9:30 am	Middle School Room	Rev Cindy
Men's Groups			
Tuesdays	9 am	Knox Parlor	Frank Mayer
Thursdays	6 am	Knox Coffee Bar	Rev. Clinton Roberts

Other Bible Studies This Fall

Sunday

10:30 am facilitated by Jim Clinton in Room 202 - Great Minds of the Medieval World.

Tuesday

9:00 am facilitated by Sue Curry in Room 203. Beth Moore study called "A Woman's Heart....God's Dwelling Place". Please email Sue at curry.sue21@gmail.com for more information.

Perhaps no Old Testament event so dramatically illustrates God's persistent desire to relate to His children as the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. Through the tabernacle God initiated a deeper relationship with His Chosen People by bringing reconciliation and revealing His glory. And certainly, no Old Testament event so richly prefigures the coming of the true Tabernacle, Jesus Christ. You will be challenged to prepare your heart, like the holy of holies, to become a home for His love and glory — a dwelling place for the Most High God.

9:30 am Monthly, second Tues. of each month. Rachel-Rebekah Circle, offsite

Women's bible study, "Come to the Waters". Call Leslie Taylor @ 630-961-3140 or Kathi Olson @ 630-420-1953 for more information.

Wednesday

9:15 am - 11:15 am Women on Wednesdays - study of I and II Peter will begin on September 9.

Facilitated by Robin Kolar and Margaret Lambka. Register online or contact one of them. Childcare and activities for infants and children through Kindergarten. In Fellowship Hall and some classrooms.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Fall Craft & Bake Sale

You are invited to the Presbyterian Women's fall craft and bake sale on November 8 in Lehman Hall after each service.

Crafts, gifts and delicious baked goods handmade by the women of Knox will be offered for sale.

(If you are donating items for the sale, bring them to church on Saturday, November 7.)

Have questions? Call Carolyn Lorenz, 630-898-4738 or Dotty Mobley, 630-357-6625.



Women on Wednesdays

continues with our study of 1 & 2 Peter. The disciple Peter wrote these two practical and encouraging letters to strengthen the hearts of believers who were facing increasing persecution. Through words of hope and wisdom, he taught them how to live victoriously in the midst of life-threatening trials. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare and activities for infants through Kindergarten. WOW meets from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. with fellowship and refreshments, followed by large and small group discussions and prayer. It's not too late join us as we study these letters of encouragement and warning that are just as important for believers today to hear and understand. For more information see the WOW link or contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com, 630-369-4539 or Margaret Lambka mllambka2@gmail.com, 630-420-7885 for more information.

The Knox Book Club

The Knox book club meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm., in Fran Lukes' home. Due to an unexpected cancellation of our Sep. meeting, we will discuss *A Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult October 13 and we are reading *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion for November. We welcome new readers. Call Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or mail wilesjan@gmail.com for more information.



Rachel-Rebekah Circle

- Please join us at 9:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month. We are a busy group that offers many opportunities to become engaged with other women of Knox in mission, study and fellowship. Our bible study this year is, "Come to the Waters". This study can be entered into at anytime along the way, so come dip your toe in, and see what you think. Call Leslie Taylor @ 630-961-3140 or Kathi Olson @ 630-420-1953 for the "where" in October, and any other information you would like.



Mary Martha Circle

will start its round of 2015/16 gatherings on

Tuesday, October 13 at 9 am. Our October hostess is Sandi Hurford (231 Arlington Ave). Interested in joining or need more information? Please contact Ineke Pelella (630.357.3350).

Ruth Circle will meet in October on Thursday, October 22 due to another event taking place at Knox on our regular schedule. We will still meet in the Parlor at 7:30 p.m. and hope you will come and join us for the evening. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bev Mayer at 630-615-4325 at Knox.

MISSIONS AT KNOX



33rd annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 18 at 12:30 pm

The 2015 Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk will have a few new elements. After participants have walked the 1K or 5K, they will have the opportunity to pack a Meal-in-a-Bag for Loaves and Fishes Community Services. The goal is to assemble 250 bags each containing ingredients for a meal.

Wood fired brick oven pizzas will be available at the walk for purchase.

Come and join the Knox CROP Hunger Team and help raise money to help families in need in our own community, our country and world. Recruiters are very happy that again this year Presbyterian Women of Knox are able to sponsor each and every walker. Thanks PW for your continued support.

Fundraising envelopes are still available for pick up at the CROP Hunger Walk counter in the Commons area on September 27.

Knox CROP Hunger Walk recruiters, Rachel Koritala and Ineke Pelella

Michigan Fruit Pies are Coming!



October 25 kicks off the beginning of this year's Frozen Fruit Pie Fundraiser for the young adult Mexico Mission Trip where (15) young adults (college age) and adult sponsors will be leaving on December 28 for a week to build a home for a needy family in Mexico.

Place your orders at Knox on Sunday October 25, or on Sundays November 1 or 8. Pie pickup will be on Sunday November 22 (just in time for Thanksgiving) or we will work with you if you aren't available to pick up your pies that day. Pies will be available in several delicious fruit flavors from the orchards and kitchen at the famous Crane's Pie Pantry in Fennville, Michigan.

Thank you for your support for the Mexico Mission Trip. Questions: Bruce

Burkelman (bmburkelman@yahoo.com)

Loaves & Fishes



Loaves & Fishes
Ending Hunger in Our Community

The next Hunger Sunday is **Oct 4**. The most needed items this month are:

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

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



Hesed House

Fall is here and with the cooler weather comes a change in menus. We will be changing our Hesed House menus from tacos to casseroles and warm veggies. Please look for the recipes and the new food sign-up sheet at the sign up table in the commons. A huge thank you for all those who volunteer by giving their time and talents to this vital ministry. Your help and dedication truly

helps those in desperate need, and we are truly blessed by all of your dedication. Here is an article recently posted by Hesed House.

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, approximately 32 percent of the 14,144 people who experience homelessness in Illinois suffer from a serious mental illness. While Illinois already cut \$113.7 million from mental health services between 2009 and 2012, the State's most recent proposed budget includes a \$1.5 billion reduction in Medicaid, the largest source of funding for mental health services in Illinois.

Hesed House faces substantial cuts under the proposed budget, but at the same time it will have stronger needs from the community for its services. The proposed service cuts will also impact the agencies that employ substance abuse and mental health counselors, and the Medicaid cuts will impact the services provided by Aunt Martha's (which is also housed at Hesed House's Comprehensive Resource Center), making it harder for our neighbors most in need to receive medical care.

While Hesed House continues to help "the least of these," we truly hope that our lawmakers in Springfield will join us by recognizing how devastating the proposed budget cuts would be to so many in Illinois.

The Hesed House is in also need of these items: Diapers- sizes 4,5 and 6, Travel Size Shampoo, Travel Size Toothpaste, Cold Medicine, Cough Drops, Tums, Towels, Wash Cloths, Deodorant, Foot Powder, Batteries (AA AAA & C) Twin fitted and flat sheets and Prayers. If you would like to donate these or any other items, please place them in the Hesed House donation box.

If you would like more information about volunteering or about Hesed House, please go to knoxpres.org and click on volunteer donation opportunities, and then click on Hesed House, OR, you can email Diana Oshiro at ddoshiro@hotmail.com and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Next Volunteer Night: October 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

Naperville Success Story



At the age of 18, Sarah and Brian gave birth to their son, Kyle. As they navigated the complex role of adolescent parenthood, they experienced both moments of joy and fear. Through attending Teen Parent Connection's weekly support group at Knox Presbyterian Church in Naperville, Sarah and Brian built a social support network which helped them mediate barriers regarding childcare, transportation, and one of their most urgent challenges, financial stress.

Both Sarah and Brian resided with their families of origin, which were not environments of consistent safety or emotional support. Sarah and Brian used the budgeting and workforce development curriculum presented at our Naperville group in order to improve their living situations. By applying the knowledge and skills they acquired through the group program, the family reached their personal goal of obtaining higher paying jobs and living independently.

Sarah and Brian are invested parents who utilized the resources presented in group to provide a stable and cohesive living environment for their son. Sarah and Brian's growth and success is just one example of Teen Parent Connection's powerful impact on support group participants.

Soup's On

A fundraiser to benefit Loaves & Fishes, Hesed House, DuPage PADS and the Rotary Club of Naperville charities.

October 18, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tickets available at soupsonrotary.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Young Family Fall FunFest

Bring your kids and bring yourself to a fun autumn adventure. Select a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, jump in the leaves, enjoy bobbing for apples, taste fun Halloweeny munchies and enjoy s'mores from the bonfire. Other games and activities will fill the time together. It's coming up - just around the corner!

Saturday October, 3
4:30 - 6:30

Pastor Clinton and Deb's backyard
29W332 Wagner Road
Naperville, IL 60564

Sign up online or contact Jenny Hubbard.





Trunk or Treat: October 24

Trunks needed – If you would like to pass out candy from your decorated car trunk then contact Jenny Hubbard at jhubbard@knoxpres.org

Young Families Parent's Night Out

Sunday, October 11 – Bottom's Up

5-7:30 pm

Kids will be dropped off at the church for babysitting at 4:30 pm. Email Jenny Hubbard if you plan on attending at jhubbard@knoxpres.org



Blessed Ones Dance & Music Ministry

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

- December 3 – 15 and performing on Sunday, December 20th at the 10:30 am service and on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Children's Service.

Register Online. Contact [Jenny Hubbard](mailto:jenny.hubbard@knoxpres.org) with questions at 630-615-4318, jhubbard@knoxpres.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sleep Out Saturday

Knox and River Glen Middle School Youth will be participating in Bridge Communities Sleep Out Saturday to raise awareness and funds for homelessness.

- 11/7 - 11/8, 4:30 pm - 7:00 am
- Drop off/ Pick up will be at River Glen Presbyterian Church 1140 Raymond Drive, Naperville, IL 60563-4041

From River Glen the group will be bused to Glen Ellyn for the Sleep Out Rally. We will return to sleep at River Glen for the night. Bundle Up! We will be sleeping outside!

What to bring: Lots of warm clothes, Hats, Coats, Gloves, A tent if you have one, Sleeping Bags, Pillows, Blankets



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Check knoxblog.org and sign up for weekly updates about high school ministries.

Knox Youth Fall Dates

Youth Fellowship Every Wednesday Night - 6 PM Dinner; 6:30-7:30 YF

Oct. 18, Sunday – Six Flags

Nov. 6-Nov. 8 – Awakening in Indiana (Great Banquet for Youth)

Nov. 20-Nov. 22 – Winter Retreat

Dec. 9, Wednesday - White Elephant Gift Exchange - 6 - Dinner 6:30-7:30 – WEGE

CHURCH NEWS



Boomer Fall Gathering

Saturday October 24

6:00 pm

Meet and greet downtown Naperville for fellowship and food. These details TBA so stay tuned but mark your calendar!

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Bring a chair or a blanket and your warm coats so that we will gather at the Carillon park for a most interesting concert with our own Tim Sleep playing in the tower. Do you miss the days of Halloween? Join us for the SCARE-illon Concert.

This concert, back by popular demand, and will feature spooky and ethereal music of the season played by Carillonner Tim Sleep. Special guests, Élan Dance Company, also will perform at the event, which is free and open to the public.

To sign up, click [here](#) or call the church office.

Knox Gets Ready to Host Fall Great Banquet

What is the Great Banquet?

The Great Banquet is a spiritual retreat weekend with separate retreats for men and women. It is part of an International, ecumenical, Christian, lay led movement that began in Spain after World War 2. Now in many countries and with many titles, the retreats are similarly organized and include 3 days of unplugging; of 'stepping away' from our demanding lives for a time of worship, talks, shared meals, and fellowship. The original title of this was Cursillo which means in Spanish, "short course" as in a short course in Christian life and faith. At the least, it is a great refresher and for some, it is a first.



Why is it called the Great Banquet?

Jesus tells the story of the Great Banquet in Luke 14:16-24 and it becomes a message for the weekend. The weekend is also meant to be a "banquet" "in every way with wonderful conversation, new friendships, spiritual renewal, spectacular meals, study, laughter, reflection and especially - the opportunity to draw near to God with a whole lot less interruptions. It is a remarkable opportunity to experience Christian community in a quieter, smaller and more intimate setting; perhaps not so different from Jesus and His disciples. It is also amazing how Knox becomes the Knox Hilton for those days!

If you are interested in learning more about the Great Banquet, please feel free to ask your pastors or Brian Hubbard and Tom Rose of the Banquet Board.

The 2015 - 2016 weekends are:

Men's Weekends	Women's Weekends
October 8-11	October 15- 18
February 25 - 28	March 3- 6

Also, there are brochures in the Commons at Knox or you can go to IPGB.org

Knox Musicians to Present an Organ Trumpet Recital



On Sunday, October 25 at 3pm Dan Moore, trumpet and Tim Sleep, organ and piano will present a recital in the Knox Sanctuary. The trumpet selections will feature the works of Tartini through modern classics played on a variety of different trumpets. The organ selections, from Bach through Franck, will showcase the vast tonal resources of the sanctuary organ across genres.

Dan Moore is one of the Band Directors at Naperville North High school, attends Knox and has played for services and special programs at Knox. Tim Sleep has been organist at Knox since June of 2004 and also holds the position of Naperville City Carillonneur.

A reception will immediately follow the recital.

Christmas Cookie Walk

How exciting it is to be having our first ever "Christmas Cookie Walk" December 12 from 9 am to 2 pm! Doing the "Walk" will add to the festive holiday season and make your life less stressful for the holidays.

How can you participate?

- Sign up in the Commons area as a baker (Oct 18-Nov 22)
- Bake and donate approx. 8 dozen of one of your favorite homemade Christmas cookie or candy recipes
- Please bring donations to the church kitchen Dec. 10 or 11
- Come to the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 12



At the "walk" you will choose from our **huge variety of yummy, special holiday, homemade treats** for just \$6.50 per lb.

All your holiday cookie and candy making will be **finished!!**

Anyone consenting to be a "mega baker" of 500 items or more will be reimbursed for their ingredient purchases so save your receipts and turn them in to Doris Walker or Kathy Schulte. We will never have too many cookies and candies.

If it isn't possible to bake, but you would like to make a monetary contribution toward reimbursing our "mega bakers" for their products, that would also be much appreciated.

Remember, freezers are handy gadgets for doing things ahead of when you need them!

Reminder: Naperville Marathon November 8

You may have to leave a little earlier or take a different route to get to Knox!



MINISTRY TO SENIORS



Seasoned Citizens – Autumn at the Arboretum

"Save the Date" for "Autumn at the Arboretum" on Oct. 21 with details to follow and sign ups thru Oct. 11.

Register Online.

Hall Of Famers - October Luncheon

Join us for soup and sandwiches at noon in Lehman Hall on Thursday, October 8. The Willowbrook Wildlife Center will talk with us about our winged backyard friends and answer any questions about how to care for and enjoy the birds that visit the area during the year. Cost of lunch is \$7.00. Communion Service begins in the Chapel at 11:30.



CARE MINISTRIES

Illness/Health Concerns:

Chuck Ward (friend of Linda Mast)
Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies)
Anita Meyer (Carol Galen's mother)
Kari Erwin
Penny Clark (Diane Charles' mother)
Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
Ken Chapek (hospice)
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
Kate Hansen
Jeff Jackson (son-in-law of Carol Brand)
Carol Sieczynski Taff
Kay Bledsoe (cousin of Janet Schletter)
Helen Souta
Winfred J. Stamp (Janice Wiles' father)
David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)
Suellyn Steigmeyer (friend of Anne Mair's daughter)
Carole Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)
Helen Scheiner (Sarah Carlson's mother)
Anja de Leeuw (friend of Ineke Pelella)
Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
Dorothy Charles (Diane Charles' mother-in-law)
Edie Brooks (friend of Rita Eagleson)
Larry Sieczynski Jr. (Tom Sieczynski's nephew)
Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother)
Carol DeYoung (Dawn Pakkebieer's mother)
Larry Sieczynski Sr. (Tom Sieczynski's brother)
Alice Iverson (Carol Goodman's mother)
Paul Norris (friend of Jim and Ruth Hutto)
Ghabrielle (grandson of friends of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)
Ann O'Neill (sister-in-law of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)
Colleen Carosella (niece of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)
Gerry Cornett (friend of many Knox members)
Julie Hardesty (Dana Garman Stables' mother)
Mark Scoughton (friend of Diane Charles)
Gaston Sacramento (Robert Sacramento's brother)
Brandon McKenzie (nephew of Kathleen Olson)
Judy Bartlett (sister of Lisa Bonomo)
Leslie Novinger (Edward Hospital)
Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)
Al Pelella
Cecil Inman
Lois Whitlock (Alden)
Abby Swanson
Elijah Georges
Caroline Knell
Sharon Powell
Gloria Winslow (Alan Winslow's mother)
Laura Armstrong (family friend of Gary and Ruth Dispensa)
Carol O'Neill
Adam Mayer

Grieving:

The friends and family of Joan Kolhaas on her death (coworker of Kevin Williams)

The friends and family of 5 1/2 month old Adalyn Hanson on her death, (daughter of Amy (Pavell) and Jeff Hanson)

The friends and family of Rev. Robert DeYoung (father of Dawn Pakkebieer)

The friends and family of Dave Godwin on his death (Rita Eagleson's daughter's father-in-law)

The friends and family of Eleanor Harding on her death (Rita Eagleson's aunt)

The friends and family of Val Taylor on her death (friend of Judy and Gary Morten)

The friends and family of Chuck Hanson on his death (brother of Ron Hanson)

The friends and family of Phyllis Hurst on her death (Pat and Lin Carter's son-in-law's mother)

Congratulations:

Keelin & Brandon Jones on the birth of their baby girl Aylee Addison on September 2.

Anna and Anthony Papp on the birth of their baby boy Lucas Goncalves on September 14.

Military:

Jonathan Ballew

Matt Cincotta

Chris Hurford

Matt Krempel

Morgan Plummer

Jenna Hancock

Calvin Warren

Adam Barnes

All military personnel & their families.

Nursing Home/Home Bound:

Pick up a weekly prayer concerns card in the Commons for a list of our members who are in nursing homes & home bound.