

A LETTER FROM REV CLINTON



Dear Friends,

I remember very clearly the first dollar bill I received as a small child because:

- a) It was more money than I had ever had before.
- b) I tore it up

I had never earned a whole dollar. A quarter? Yes. Even fifty cents? Yes. But a whole dollar? Never. Back in 1961, a whole dollar went a long way further than now.

I suspect this was why my best friend Brad Frailey, when he was proudly shown my dollar, immediately demanded that I give it to him. I did not want to give Brad my dollar. But, after struggling with my conscience for a while, I decided I ought to share the dollar with Brad—for the same reason Mom and Dad expected me to share my toys. So I tore the dollar carefully in two and gave him half. They say that money isn't worth what it used to, but I can assure you that half a dollar bill is worth exactly the same in 1961 as it is today: it's worth nothing. Learning to share, however, just might be worth everything.

The apostle Paul writes to the Christians, "...you glorify God by...the generosity of your sharing" (2Cor. 9:13). Paul was asking them to do more than give: he was calling them to share. The Scriptures teach us that as believers, we're called to share our faith. We're called to share our possessions. And we're called to share our time. Sharing requires a living relationship while simply giving to others may not. It's like the difference between giving someone enough money to go and eat breakfast rather than inviting them to sit down and eat breakfast with you. Sharing involves us in the lives of others.

As followers of Jesus, we're called to share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens. We're called to encourage each other, abide with each other, admonish each other and keep faith with each other. As

members of one faith community, we're called to care for each other, provide for each other and pray for each other. Sharing these things requires more than money—it requires sharing our heart, mind, strength and time for God, for Christ and for the world.

Nowadays, there are so many worthy causes asking for our dollar that we would, if we could, tear it up into many pieces. What makes supporting the church priceless is that here we are called not just to give, but to share the good news of Jesus in a life of shared faith.

Dear friends, may you too be blessed abundantly as you generously share the love of Christ through the greatest gift of all: yourself.

With joy,
Clinton

November Sermon Series: **“The Generous Share Love”**

“You glorify God...by the generosity of your sharing.”
-2 Corinthians 9:13

- November 1:** **“Cherish Your Relationships”**
Text: 2 Timothy 1: 1-7
(Communion Sunday)
- November 8:** **“The Gospel of Acceptance”**
Text: Acts 10: 34-35; 11:17-18
- November 15:** **“The Generous Share”**
Text: 1 Timothy 6: 17-19
- November 22:** **“The Glory of a Grateful Heart”**
Text: Philippians 4: 2-9
(Thanksgiving Sunday)

ADULT EDUCATION

All classes welcome newcomers of all ages and biblical knowledge.

Sunday

9:00 am - Facilitated by Brooks Reid.

10:30 am - A series entitled *Great Minds of the Medieval World* by Dorsey Armstrong, Purdue University professor. Each lecture in this series stands alone--one can miss a week or two and not fall behind. The class is facilitated by Jim Clinton in Room 202.

11/1 Thomas Aquinas

11/8 William of Ockham and John Duns Scotus

11/15 Geoffrey Chaucer and Dante Alighieri

11/22 Franchesco Petrarch

11/29 Lorenzo De Medici

7:00 pm - Facilitated by Randy Johnson in the Middle School Room.

Tuesday

9:00 am - Men's study of the book of Acts resumes. Class is facilitated by Frank Mayer in the Middle School Room. For more information contact Frank at fjmayerxge@comcast.net.

9:00 am - 11:00 am Beth Moore study - *A Woman's Heart...God's Dwelling Place*. Facilitated by Sue Curry in Room 203. No class on second Tuesday of any month. Contact Sue at curry.sue21@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday

9:15 am - 11:15 am Women on Wednesdays - study of 1 and 2 Peter facilitated by Margaret Lambka and Robin Kolar; takes place in Fellowship Hall and some classrooms; activities and childcare for infants through Kindergarten. Contact Robin at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret at mllambka2@gmail.com.

Thursday

6:00 am Men's Daybreakers Group facilitated by Rev. Clint Roberts at the Coffee Bar

9:30 am - 11:00 am - 5-week Advent study on James W. Moore's book, *"Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam."* Class is facilitated by Rev. Cindy Karis in the Middle School Room; child care is available.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A poster for the 'Treats Treasures' event. The word 'TREATS' is in large, white, outlined capital letters at the top. To its right are three small icons: a cupcake, a pie, and a jar. Below 'TREATS' is a large, red, cursive word 'treasures'. To the left of 'treasures' are two Christmas ornaments and a solid olive-green circle. Below the word 'treasures' is the text 'SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 4:30 P.M.' and 'SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 10 A.M.' in white capital letters. At the bottom, 'LEHMAN HALL' is written in white capital letters. A paragraph of text at the bottom describes the event: 'Bring your baked goods, jams, jellies, and other canned items, as well as any old jewelry you may not be wearing any longer, to Knox on November 6 or 7 for drop off. We are also accepting ornaments that you may wish to donate or create. Items will be sold after each service, too. Bake or create, buy or bling. This event supports the Pastors' Discretionary Fund. Contact Carolyn Lorenz at 630-888-8060 for more information.'A poster for 'Chick Flick' featuring a red curtain background with a film strip border. The text 'chick flick' is in a red, cursive font, and 'DINNER & A MOVIE' is in a white, bold, sans-serif font below it.

Chick Flick

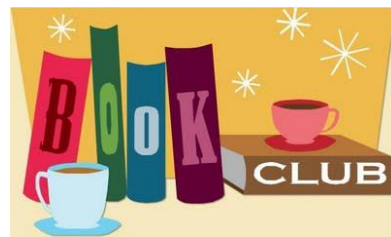
Join us for Chick Flick, Friday November 13 as we screen **21 Grams** - a compelling story of the unlikely intersection of lives, that will have us discussing chance, fate and faith. Sean Penn, Benicio Del Toro, Naomi Watts star in this riveting drama!

Dinner from the incredibly delicious Biaggi's
Dinner and a movie \$8, movie & discussion only, free!

Registration online now open, or in the Commons, November 1 and 8.

The Knox Book Club

Knox Book Club has a new location! We will continue to meet the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., but now you can find us in Room 202 at Knox. We are reading *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion for Nov. 10. Future picks are posted on the Knox website (Groups). New readers always welcome. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com with any questions.



Rachel-Rebekah Circle - will meet on November 10 at 9:30 at the home of Carolyn Lorenz, 1420 Greenlake Dr, Aurora, IL. We will be discussing Lesson 3 of our study book, *Come to the Waters*. Please call Carolyn at 630-898-4738 if you plan to attend.

Mary Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 10 at 9 am at Ineke Pelella's home (2748 Willow Ridge Dr). Interested in joining or need more information? Please contact Ineke Pelella (630.357.3350).



MISSIONS AT KNOX

Operation Christmas Child / Shoebox time is here again!

Please help us fill the boxes stacked in the Commons Area! Drop off your donations in the container provided next to the boxes by November 8. Our Mid-week program participants and their families will assemble the boxes on Wednesday evening, November 11. Completed shoeboxes are welcome too! Filled boxes will be delivered to Samaritan's Purse on November 13.

Supplies needed: washcloths, bar soaps, combs, toothbrushes, toothpastes, small toys, school supplies, hard candy and gum. Items not allowed are chocolate, perishable foods, liquids or breakable items.

Operation Christmas Child forms are available on a Commons table. Financial donations are welcome too! Thank you for providing an underprivileged child the opportunity to experience the miracle of Christmas.

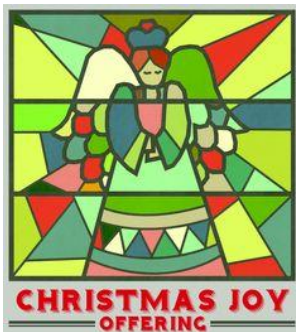


Christmas Joy Offering

Two Promises - One Offering

How is the Christmas Joy Offering used?

As we prepare for the Advent season, we remember the promise of salvation God made to us – a promise that was kept through the birth of Jesus. With the support of our congregation, the Christmas Joy Offering honors that promise by making and



delivering upon meaningful promises of our own.

- 50% - Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions
Financial assistance to individuals and families that have dedicated their lives to the church.
- 50% - Presbyterian Mission Agency ministries in racial ethnic education and leadership development Education and leadership development opportunities.

Knox receives donations to the Christmas Joy Offering during Advent and culminates in the Christmas Eve offering.



It was a wonderful afternoon for a walk: On Sunday, October 18, a team of 19 Knox walkers participated in the 33rd annual CROP Hunger Walk. Team Knox consisted of Bob Nash, Walter Larsen, Becky & Ariana Wilde, Jo Banta, Linda, Roger & Hannah Mellum, Lisa, David & Jeff Bonomo, Betty & Rich Hemmeter, David Bebb Jones, Kim Lynn, Ineke Pelella, Rachel Koritala, Cindy Karis & Harold Bullard. More than \$3800 was raised. Thank you very much to all the walkers and donors.

A special thank you also to the Presbyterian Women of Knox. Again this year PW was able to sponsor each and every walker.

Not quite done yet with the thank yous. Knox recruiters appreciated all the help of Jenny Hubbard, Kay Dostal, and the Wednesday Night youth for planning and creating the bandanas for each walker.

Knox CROP Hunger Walk recruiters

Michigan Fruit Pies are Coming!

In support of this year's Young Adult Mexico Mission Trip, we will be taking orders for Delicious Michigan Fruit Pies after both services at Knox on Sundays 10/25, 11/1, and 11/8, and in addition, orders can be placed anytime through 11/9 at www.knoxpres.org/groups/young-adults. Pie pickup will be on Sunday November 22 (just in time for Thanksgiving) between 9:45 am and Noon, or we will work with you if you aren't available to pick up your pies that day. The pies are again coming from the famous Crane's Pie Pantry in Fennville, Michigan and will be available in Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Red Raspberry, Rhubarb Raspberry and Pumpkin. Thank you for your support for the Mexico Mission Trip. Questions: Bruce Burkelman (bmburkelman@yahoo.com)



Loaves & Fishes The Power of Community Campaign

You can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors today!

Did you know that a \$1 donation saves Loaves & Fishes' clients about \$10 in services? Clients then reinvest into our local economy through rent, mortgage payments, utilities, transportation, and other household expenses. You can empower our

neighbors toward self-sufficiency!

Thanks to your support, Loaves & Fishes has reached our \$6 million goal for the Power of Community Campaign, which is our first public fundraising campaign. Every donation received since January 2013 has been counted toward our goal and has helped Loaves & Fishes introduce sustainable solutions to hunger through its Client Engagement Model, launch several nutrition initiatives to provide kids with well-balanced meals, and reconfigure our facility to create a more dignified experience for our clients. We still need your help! Due to the expanded needs and increasing number of low-income families, Loaves & Fishes has identified the necessity for an additional \$500,000 to be raised by December 31, 2015. This funding will enable us to launch and enhance several essential programs, such as an expanded Infant Care Initiative, the Hunger Vital Sign™ screening program in coordination with area healthcare providers, as well as provide a strong start to the second year of the Loaves & Fishes' successful Client Engagement Model. You can also donate at loaves-fishes.org.

The next Hunger Sunday is **Nov 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!

The Power of Community Campaign



New Hesed House Coordinators

We would like to thank Janet Gravel and Diana Oshiro for serving as our Hesed House Coordinators the past two years. They have done an excellent job of providing leadership for this vital ministry!

Jill Wittwer and Carol Reinerio have graciously volunteered to fill the positions. Please greet them and sign up to serve at Hesed House as you are able.

Next Volunteer Night: November 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

Christmas Card Project – 2015

Companions Prison Ministry

Again this year we have been asked to help *Companions Journeying Together* to send thousands of Christmas cards to those confined in prisons, juvenile and other facilities. Our intention is to let the imprisoned know that someone is thinking about them at a time when they can feel so alone. Often, this is their only card and makes a big difference.



We will collect cards and stamps until Friday, November 20 when we will gather with many other churches in Naperville to address and sign the cards. Please join us in the middle school room here at Knox on Friday, from 9:30 to 12 noon. In addition to making someone's Christmas a little bit brighter, there will be coffee, bagels and fellowship as we work along side with Jana Minor, the founding director.

What to do.....

- ⤴ Donate new or nice "left over" cards. Sign your name and write a simple message on the cards...but do not seal or put a stamp on the envelope.
- ⤴ Postage stamps are needed and should be enclosed separately. Also appreciated are books or sheets of "forever" stamps.
- ⤴ Place your donations in the decorated Christmas box on the Mission table by the coffee bar by Friday, November 20
- ⤴ COME & help address & sign the cards Friday, Nov 20 at Knox in the middle school room, 9:30 to 12 noon. You are really needed & the fellowship is great!

For questions contact: Mary Ellen Neumeister 331-472-4888, meansmimi@aol.com.

"I am writing to thank you so much for the Christmas cards. You guys think about us when our own family don't. Every year around Christmas time I get really emotional and a feeling of joy every time the officer called my name at my cell door. I felt like somebody again. Someone cares about me again. I do appreciate the love you guys send to me every Christmas." (note from an inmate)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Need Time to Christmas Shop? G3 Pay It Forward Middle School Fundraiser Babysitting Services

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

When: Friday, December 4

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Cost: \$20.00/child or \$50.00/family

Register Online

Questions, please contact Jenny Hubbard at 630-615-4318

or jhubbard@knoxpres.org



Dance & Music Ministry - Blessed Ones

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

- Session 2 - December 3 - December 17 and performing on Sunday, December 20 at the 10:30 am worship service and Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Children's Service.

Contact [Jenny Hubbard](mailto:jenny.hubbard@knoxpres.org) with questions or 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



G3 Middle School Fellowship Christmas Dance Party

Friday, December 4 - 9:00pm - 11:00pm
(immediately following the Pay It Forward babysitting fundraiser)
Register Online

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

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



What: Winter Retreat
When: November 20-22; Leave 5 PM Fri; Return Noon Sun
Where: Wonderland Camp in Wisconsin
Cost & Due Date: \$100 - due Thursday, Nov. 5 (Scholarships available)
 More info and sign up @ knoxblog.org.

CHURCH NEWS



The turkey and all its fixings will be prepared by Rev Cindy and her team. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is no cost for the meal. If you would like to be on the prep team, please call Bev or Rev. Cindy at 630-355-8181. Call Bev Mayer to RSVP at 630-615-4325 or bmayer@knoxpres.org

Register Online.



The 2nd Annual Knox Dinners for 8... Back by Popular Demand!

Sign-up begins Sunday, December 6 in the Commons or **register online**. Watch for more information to come in the December newsletter. Questions? Contact Joan DuChane (630.747.8513) or Jan Reid (630.244.5151).

November Already!?

Your Deacons thank you for signing up to bake for our **Christmas Cookie Walk!** We can't do it without you!

We will have separate tables for treats with nuts and gluten free items. However, please understand we cannot make any allergy free guarantees since we are not in control of the baking procedures and products.

You can take "tons of baking and candy making" OFF of your list of things to do! Just make 3 batches (or about 8 dozen) of ONE of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies and bring them to the church kitchen on Dec. 10th or 11th.

Come to the Christmas Cookie Walk in Lehman Hall on Dec. 12 between 9 am to 2 pm. Purchase special homemade treats for just \$6.50 per lb. You will also find gift trays, small gifts, individually wrapped treats and other surprises ready for giving - take some OTHER items off of your list! Life is good! Especially with cookies and candy!



Family Advent Event

Our Knox Family Advent Event will be on Sat., Dec. 5 from 5-7:00 pm. Join us for a chicken potluck dinner, holiday crafts and a chance to meet Santa. Santa will read a story to the children and your child can talk to him in a relaxed setting. Bring your camera!

Sign up online or in the Commons Sunday, November 8 through November 29. Families will contribute to the dinner according to their last names. Those beginning with A-L will bring a side dish, M-R will bring a dessert, and S-Z should bring fruit or a salad.

Marathon Madness!

Due to the Naperville Marathon schedule, Knox will have special worship times the weekend of November 7 and 8.

Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm
(Praise Team)

Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 am
(Chancel Choir)

Please plan ahead to allow more time and route changes.



Cash Management is looking for a few counters to join our team of counting the weekly offering. Commitment is once every 6 weeks counting the offering with a partner. Schedule is flexible. Please contact Susan Morgan at 630-420-2423 or at snbmorgan@wideopenwest.com

MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Seasoned Citizens

Join us for
Drury Lane Theater's Production of
Irving Berlin's White Christmas, the Musical

Matinee on Thursday, December 3

Lunch 11:30

Show 1:30

Tickets \$53

Choose Lemon Sole with Lemon Dill Sauce
or

Beef with Red Wine Mushroom Sauce

Sign Up at Knox Nov. 1 and Nov. 8
or **online at knoxpres.org** by Nov. 8



Hall Of Famers

Hall of Famers will meet on Thursday, November 12. Lunch is served at 12:00. Cost is \$7.00. Services are held in the Chapel at 11:30. Join us for turkey tetrazzini, cranberry jello salad and pumpkin squares. The Summer Place Singers will bring us a program of T.V. Jingles, past and present.

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)
Penny Clark (Diane Charles' mother)
Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
Jeff Jackson (son-in-law of Carol Brand)
Carol Sieczynski Taff
Kay Bledsoe (cousin of Janet Schletter)
Kari Erwin
David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)
Suellyn Steigmeyer (friend of Anne Mair's daughter)
Pat Gislain
Carole Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)
Lynn Berg
Helen Scheiner (Sarah Carlson's mother)
Bunny Cox
Anja de Leeuw (friend of Ineke Pelella)
Jack Parker
Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Marleen North
Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
Bill Barcheski
Edie Brooks (friend of Rita Eagleson)
Larry Sieczynski Sr. (Tom Sieczynski's brother)
Larry Sieczynski Jr. (Tom Sieczynski's nephew)
Pat Carter
Stephenia Siczewicz (Pete Siczewicz's aunt)
Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother)
Barb England (Kristy Cortright's mother)
Mitch Porter (nephew of Bob Porter)
Carol DeYoung (Dawn Pakkebier's mother)
Paul Norris (friend of Jim and Ruth Hutto)
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)
Brandon McKenzie (nephew of Kathleen Olson)
Steven Obremski (son of co-worker of Kevin Williams)
Jason Hand (husband of Don and Joan DuChane's niece)
Robert Owen (father of Lisa Bonomo's friend Sarah)
Dr. Tom Jandris (co-worker of Joan DuChane)
Ron Hiltz (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
Margie Casper (friend of Carol O'Neill)
Ed Tanaka (Sandi Hurford's father) (hospice)
Diane Terry (Anne Sherren's cousin's wife)
Sarah and Kevin (sister and brother-in-law of Rebecca Klopp)
Doug Shields
Liz Smith
Cecil Inman
Abby Swanson
Caroline Knell
B. J. Walker (The Springs)
Theresa Inman
Gloria Winslow (Alan Winslow's mother)

Laura Armstrong (family friend of Gary and Ruth Dispensa)
Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)
Gary Nichols (former member)
Karen Brigham
Elaine Nelson (friend of Bobbie Britton)
Anne Sherren
David Roberts (Clint Roberts' brother)
Leslie Greene Novinger

Grieving:

The friends and family of:
Joyce Zielinski, on her death (Tom Zielinski's mother)
Leonard Kubinski, on his death (father of Barb Dybas)
Helen Souta, on her death
Walter Akin, on his death (Mary Lynne Stoller's father)
Gaston Sacramento, on his death (Robert Sacramento's brother)
Dorothy M. Charles, on her death (Diane Charles' mother-in-law)
Ron Slager, on his death (John Janke's nephew)

Congratulations:

Christine & Thomas Fako on the birth of their son
Jack Pentreath on October 20. Proud grandparents are Steve & Betsy Fako.

Military:

Jonathan Ballew
Matt Cincotta
Chris Hurford
Matt Krempel
Morgan Plummer
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.