

## A LETTER FROM REV DEB

### Gifts at Christmas

Dear Friends,

The annual season of gift giving is upon us..."lists out"?

Got it all straight--no embarrassing duplications or re-gifting to the giver?

I imagine if someone asked you what you would really like to receive this Christmas; or what gift you would really like to give...these gifts would not be something. My hunch is these would be gifts that touched the very quality of life: yours, others, the world - in an important way.

Our things become dust and rust. In this world that seems to spin out of control and comprehension, what we really long for is the blessing of someone's love and regard, the hoped - for miracle that offers renewed life, the chance to see someone benefit from food and shelter.

This season gives us an opportunity to hold on to the good, to declare grace and then offer it. The season offers simple gifts which clothe us with perseverance and call us forward.

Consider the gifts of Advent that we honor with candle lighting each Sunday: the very gifts we long for, pray for and work for. We ask for the light of hope to dispel distrust, for the light of peace to build bridges across uncompromising divides, for the light of joy to erase anxiety and for the light of love to bring healing to aching woundedness.

This Christmas season may our prayers and actions ring out across the earth with resounding joy, for our greatest gift has been given, Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing ... The wonders of his love.



Blessings to you in Christ,  
Deb

### Advent 2016 - "And Earth Shall Ring...With Resounding Joy"

Christ came for the whole world and to know him is to respond in joy.

To grow in Christ is to share in the continuing ripple of Impact that has reverberated throughout the world, God's "love come down" which began when Jesus was born.

While Christ has come, there is always a "now" to Christ coming. In an uncertain world, He is our certainty. People of old and people of today worry about "the end of life" as they may have known it. Or people may take the opposite view seeking worldly ways for security and protection.

What Christians have is God coming to us in Jesus, Emmanuel. The scriptures may offer challenge but there is clarity as to our hope. Jesus, the Christ is our answer.

## Sermon Series



November 27 - Awake!

What happens when we become complacent in faith?

Snoozy in life?

Matthew 24:36-44

Romans 13:11-14

December 4 - Arise!

Is anyone ever equal to the call of serving God? God enables us to rise to the challenge.

Matthew 1: 18-24

Romans 1: 1- 7

December 11 - Away or A Way?

What is your way in the world? How do we prepare the way for Jesus?

Matthew 3: 1 - 11

Romans 12: 1 - 2

December 18 - Apart or A Part?

God invites us to be a part of his way and not to part ways.

Matthew 4: 18 - 24

Romans 15: 7 - 13

Christmas Eve - The "Now" of Christ Coming

Isaiah 9:2-3,6-7

Luke 1:46-56

Matthew 2:1-12

The Christmas story continues to resound throughout the world and yet, still be born anew.

Christmas Day - Unprecedented Joy!

Let the singing resound! Christ is born!

## Knox Office Christmas Schedule

**Dec 23**

Closed after 12 pm

**Dec 30**

Closed after 12 pm

**Dec 26**

Closed

**Jan 2**

Closed

**Dec 27**

Closed

## An Advent Weekly Devotion

One of the best parts of the Christmas season is our love of carols! Ever wonder how they came to be? What was the inspiration? How long ago were they written and by whom and why?

Our weekly online Advent Devotion will highlight a carol for you. Use it as a lens of light throughout the week. This will come to you each week in our weekly email blast. Thanks Curt and Jan!

## **Mark Your Calendar for Saturdays @5:00**

In a busy season, don't miss worship. Join us!

December 17

## **Don't Miss Knox Sundays in December!**

Sunday, December 4	Naperville Men's Glee Club Christmas concert at 3:00 pm
Sunday, December 11	Carols and Candlelight at 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 18	Caroling with Clint Bus 3-5:30 pm
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day Service at 10:30 am
Sunday, January 1	New Year's Day Service at 10:30 am

## **Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24**

Services at 3, 5, 7 and 9 pm

Our 3:00 and 5:00 afternoon services are meant to be family friendly and for the whole church family as well.

- 3:00 Our dancing and singing preschoolers, Blessed Ones, will be sharing in this service
- 5:00 Our Children's Choir will sing at this service.
- 7:00 This is a service of candle light and communion led by our Knox Praise Team
- 9:00 This is our traditional service of candlelight and communion led by our Chancel Choir and brass instruments

Don't forget Christmas Day service at 10:30 am. Come as you are. We'll sing our favorite carols.

## **Join us for Knox's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Fest!**

Fun for the whole church family.

Saturday, December 3 - 5:00-7:00 pm

You've enjoyed Easter Fest and Knox Fest. Now gather for our new Christmas Fest.

- Enjoy dinner with friends and family provided by the Church Life Council. You don't have to bring a thing.
- Enjoy a Christmas craft. We will be decorating picture frames with many festive possibilities, sponsored by Children's Ministry Council.
- Photo opps with Santa and photo opps at the manger.
- Look your holiday best with Santa.
- Dress up as your favorite wise man or shepherd or ? And have a photo at the manger with Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. Come see!
- A nativity walk – A beautiful and interesting display of nativity sets from the congregation from around the world.
- Sing those favorite carols! Join Curt and Jan Parry in a carol sing along in the sanctuary.

You are gonna love it. Bring a friend. Bring the neighbors. Most importantly bring yourself and family.





## Children's Christmas Eve Choir

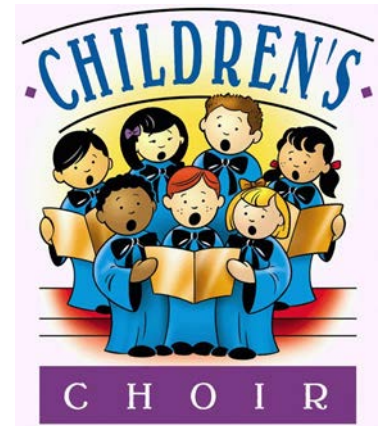
ANY CHILD K-8 who would like to sing (regardless of their involvement in Wednesday nights) is invited to be a part of the Children's Christmas Eve Choir. We will sing for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service. If you are in town for Christmas and have family visiting, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to see your child involved in church! The rehearsal times are as follows (or immediately after the 10:30 service) and will be held in the music room:

Sunday, December 4 – 11:30-12:00

Sunday, December 11 – 10:00-10:25

Sunday, December 18 – 10:00-10:25

Saturday December 24 – 4:30 – preservice rehearsal; 5:00 Our time to Sing!



New this year, **Register Online**

Questions? Contact Jan Parry at [jparry@knoxpres.org](mailto:jparry@knoxpres.org) or 630-615-4317



## Carols & Candlelight

**December 11, 7pm**

As the busy Christmastide season engulfs us, we all search for a place of respite and peace. Come and join us for that breath of air as we celebrate the incredible gift that God has given us.

Come and listen,

come and sing,

come and experience,

come and breathe the Good News.

All of our choirs will be participating along with our orchestra, under the direction of Brad Pfeil. Bring your family and friends!

## Caroling with Clint

**Sunday, December 18 - 3:00 - 5:30pm**

Join us as we board a school bus and venture to visit our members in need of a visit to share some Christmas cheer with song. All ages welcome and encouraged! After we carol we will enjoy some refreshments and hot chocolate. Please bring a dessert to share.



# ADULT EDUCATION

## Adult Education Bible Study Opportunities

All classes welcome newcomers at any time!

### Sunday

- 9:00 am led by Brooks Reid in the Senior High Room  
10:30 am led by Jim Clinton in Room 202, Skeptics and Believers Debate in the Western Intellectual Tradition:  
12/4 Secular and Postmodern Theologies  
12/11 Religion and Rationality  
12/18 Faith, Suspicion and Modernity  
This will end the series Skeptics and Believers. In January we will begin a new series; "Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation."  
7:00 pm led by Frank Mayer and Randy Johnson in the Chapel

### Tuesday

- 9:00 am Led by Sue Curry in room 203. Please join us for Beth Moore's NEWEST study on 2 Timothy called Entrusted. No class on second Tuesday of any month. Please contact Sue at [curry.sue21@gmail.com](mailto:curry.sue21@gmail.com) to reserve a book.  
1:00 pm led by Rev. Deb Roberts (for women) in her office  
7:30 pm led by Ron and Dotty Mobley at their home; contact them at 630-357-6625

### Wednesday

- 9:15 am Women on Wednesdays - study of Psalms using the book Invitation to Psalms by Michael Jenkins; facilitated by Robin Kolar and Margaret Lambka. Register online or contact one of them. Childcare and activities available for infants and children through Kindergarten; takes place in Fellowship Hall and some classrooms  
7:30 pm led by Rev. Deb Roberts (for men and women) in her office  
7:30 pm led by Rev. Eric Heinekamp at Hopvine This group is studying the Adam Hamilton book "The Journey". Not meeting 11/23 but will meet the rest of the year.

### Thursday

- 6:00 am Men's Daybreakers Group facilitated by Rev. Clinton Roberts at the Coffee Bar. Focuses on the coming Messiah in the Old Testament and the return of Christ in the New Testament.  
9:30 am led by Rev. Cindy Karis in Middle School Room; child care available.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Mary Martha Circle** will meet at 9.30 am on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the home of Pat Warren. Contact [suejohnpeter@gmail.com](mailto:suejohnpeter@gmail.com) for more information.

**Rachel-Rebekah Circle** will meet Tuesday, December 13, at the home of Betty Hemmeter. This is our annual Christmas luncheon, so please note the time change. We will meet at 10 am. Each member is asked to bring a small salad to share, except for those that signed up for other duties. Co-hostesses are Carolyn Lorenz and Mary Ellen Neumeister. Our study is on the the fourth chapter of, "Who is Jesus", led by Anne Sherren. Please RSVP to Betty Hemmeter @ [bhemmeter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bhemmeter@sbcglobal.net). Anyone interested in this circle can contact Leslie Taylor @ [630-961-3140](tel:630-961-3140) or Dotty Mobley @ [630-357-6625](tel:630-357-6625). Visitors are welcome.





**Women on Wednesdays** will conclude their study of the Psalms with a Brunch on Dec 7. We will then break for Christmas and return in January with a new study. We would love to have you join us in Jan on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15. We begin with coffee and fellowship and have large group video presentations and small group

discussion and prayer. WOW also includes childcare for little ones from birth to age 5. Questions? Watch the website for January start date and study information or contact Robin Kolar at [skolar7227@aol.com](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) or Margaret Lambka at [mllambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mllambka2@gmail.com).



## Knox Book Club

Our Book Club group meets every second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Knox Parlor. Next meeting will be December 14 to discuss Wonder by R.J. Palacio. Our January book is The Limbus of the Moon by Bill Mego, a Naperville resident and columnist. Please contact Janice Wiles with questions or book recommendations [630-416-9537](tel:630-416-9537) or [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com) All readers welcome!

## Hearts of Hope: for Single Moms

We are excited to invite you to consider being part of a new small group at Knox Church! It is a 7-week nurturing experience for single mothers entitled **Hearts of Hope** which will meet on **Wednesday nights** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm **Jan 11 through Feb 22, 2017**. It includes dinner, fellowship and a Bible study entitled "Finding Joy in Life's Ups and Downs." We are single or formerly single moms who are seeking to encourage single women with children by sharing a meal, studying scripture and learning together. We will prepare and provide dinner for you in one of our homes.

If you are interested in becoming part of this program please feel free to call Rev. Deb at [630-615-4306](tel:630-615-4306) or Karen Van Iten at [630-355-0284](tel:630-355-0284) or email her at [kdvi3@wideopenwest.com](mailto:kdvi3@wideopenwest.com) with any questions you have.



# MISSIONS AT KNOX

## Dakota Partnership Christmas Angels

The Christmas forms are coming in. The tree will be filled with angels the Sunday before Thanksgiving. All is ready for Knox to show Native American children that they are cherished by God and Dakota Partnership. To participate:

1. Wait until Sunday, November 20 or call Julie Milldrum if you have a specific age or child you would like to do.
2. Go to the Commons on Nov 20, select an Angel, fill out the back of the angel with information, leave that Angel on the counter. The tree will have angels until they are all taken.
3. Pick up the direction sheets for that specific child. Purchase the gifts, wrap them. Drop them off at the Church Office or on December 11 before 9:00 in Lehman Hall.
4. There will be someone by the tree before and after services after the tree is up to show you how to do it. Or call Julie Milldrum [630-717-8240](tel:630-717-8240) / [630-470-7044](tel:630-470-7044).
5. **Presents must be back no later than December 11 before the 9 am service to Lehman Hall.**



### **Want to Come and Help?**

We need help help help on December 11 putting all the presents in order, sorting and loading. Any amount of time you or your family can give us we would be appreciated. Call Julie Milldrum [630-717-8240](tel:630-717-8240) or [630-470-7044](tel:630-470-7044)

**Interested in joining us on the Christmas adventure?** We always need help. Ineke Pelella will not be with us this year so we have a big hole to fill. We will miss her since she has been doing it since the beginning. Call or contact Julie Milldrum [630-717-8240](tel:630-717-8240) [630-470-7044](tel:630-470-7044) Or Randy Johnson [630-851-2511](tel:630-851-2511).

### **Things needed for our Christmas Sisseton adventure.**

Coats, blankets, sheets and towels are always needed by the families in Sisseton. Gently used or new toys that we can give to a family. There always seems to be someone who did not make the list. You can also donate money to help with the transportation costs. But the most important part is prayers that we have a flawless trip and these presents give the children joy and the knowledge that God is there with them all the time. If you have any questions feel free to call Julie Milldrum [630-717-8240](tel:630-717-8240) [630-470-7044](tel:630-470-7044)

## **Cookie Walk Is Coming in December!**

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for the second annual Cookie Walk which will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Lehman Hall. Bakers for Cookie Walk are busy making plans to provide you with delicious fancy cookies and candies that will be a hit at your holiday gatherings. The Knox

Cookie Walk is one of the last cookie walks in Naperville. So you will get the freshest cookies. Hostess trays, stocking stuffers and gift tins of cookies and candies will be available at Cookie Walk.

Bakers are still needed for Cookie Walk. If you enjoy making holiday cookies for a great cause, please contact Doris Walker at 630-605-6973 or e-mail Doris at [elmhurstgrad@yahoo.com](mailto:elmhurstgrad@yahoo.com). Doris will provide you with all the information for baking. Sign-up for bakers will also be available in the Commons each Sunday starting November 6.

All proceeds from Cookie Walk fund the Knox Deacons' ministry to the families of Knox.



## **Christmas Card Fund**

Instead of sending Christmas cards this year, Knox members are invited to join a longstanding tradition by offering Christmas greetings to the entire congregation while making a donation to Knox mission projects at the same time! A large Christmas card will be in the Commons area on the mission Table. Make checks payable to Knox Presbyterian Church, marking the memo section "Christmas Card Fund - your mission choice."

Mission projects to designate include: The Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Loaves & Fishes Community Services, The Scott Moreau Fund, The Lehman Foundation Fund, and The Anne Sherren Scholarship Fund. You set the amount of your donation and either place it in the offering plate or give it to our Financial Administrator – Michal Baker. Those signing by December 18 will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donations are accepted immediately but the card will be posted November 27 until New Year's Day.

Can you think of an easier way to send over 500 Christmas Cards? Contact Anne Sherren at 630-932-0481 with questions.



# 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.



## Teen Parent Connection



The holidays are getting closer!! Please consider supporting our annual (incentive-based) Holiday Sharing Program by donating toys, winter clothing and books for children ages newborn - 5 years. We also need gift cards in \$10, \$20 and \$30 increments from Walmart, Target, Jewel, Ultra, Ross, gas stations, etc.

Our participant families have been earning Holiday Bucks by coming to parent groups, receiving home visits, going to school, getting job interviews, etc.. They are saving their bucks so that they can be used in TPC's Holiday Shop to "purchase" gifts for their family.  
Last year the Holiday Shop served 130 families in need.



For more information on how you can help support this program, please email [christinew@teenparentconnection.org](mailto:christinew@teenparentconnection.org)

## Hesed Hesed House

**December 24**

6-11 pm

11 pm - 3 am

3 am - 7 pm

Please consider volunteering for a shift. You can do so by signing up online:  
@ [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) click on Registration/Sign-up

**Shift Volunteer Sign-Up**

If you need assistance with sign up, please contact Jill Wittwer at [jillwittwer@yahoo.com](mailto:jillwittwer@yahoo.com) or 630-400-8827



## Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **December 4**. Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

**Most Needed Items**





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Dance & Music Ministry - Blessed Ones

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

- Session 2 - December 1 - December 15 and performing on Sunday, December 18 at the 10:30 am worship service and Christmas Eve at the 3:00 pm Children's Service.

Contact [Jenny Hubbard](#) with questions or 630-615-4318, [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org)

**Register Online**



## 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 9

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](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org)

## Christmas Fest

Saturday, December 3 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Fun for the whole family!

Enjoy dinner with friends and family provided by the Church Life Council. You don't have to bring a thing. Christmas Crafts, we will be decorating picture frames with many festive possibilities

Picture opportunities with Santa and dress up opportunities and photo opportunities in the manger. A nativity walk - Different nativity sets from the congregation will be displayed during the evening.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES



## Christmas Party

Friday, December 9, 9:00pm – 10:30pm  
(immediately following the Pay It Forward babysitting fundraiser)

**Register Online**

# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES



**What:**

White Elephant Gift Exchange & Christmas Party

**When:**

Wednesday Night – Dec. 7 - Dinner 6-6:30; 6:30-7:30 Party  
Knox Basement

**What to Bring:**

A Wrapped Present from home. Don't buy anything, find something not being used at home any more that you think people would enjoy or would want to "steal" during the game (ask your parents if you can take it). Don't bring anything that cost you more than \$10 when you originally bought it. Dress: Everyone is encouraged to dress in their tackiest Christmas sweater OR tackiest Christmas socks, hat, etc.!

## College-Age and Young Adult Christmas Get Together

Wednesday, Dec. 28 - 7-9

We will have a get together in the basement of Knox on Wednesday, Dec. 28. We will have food, board games, and fellowship. Hope you can come!



## Young Adult Mission Trip to Yucatan, Mexico

We covet your prayers for our Young Adult Mexico Trip this Dec. 30-Jan. 7. We will be attending our first Amor Global Gathering, where we will be partnering with many other Christians to build homes in the Yucatan area of Mexico. We have worked with Amor for many years in Tijuana, but this will be our first trip to a Global Gathering and this area of Mexico. We are excited for this opportunity to serve God by serving our neighbor and look forward to sharing our experience with Knox in January!

# CHURCH NEWS



## Cookie Walk Is December 10!

Come to the second annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Lehman Hall.

You will be able to select your own assortment of holiday cookies and candies from dozens of trays of cookies baked by ladies (and men?) from Knox Presbyterian! Cookies are priced at only \$6.50 per pound.

If you are invited to someone's home for a Christmas meal or celebration, you will want to pick up one of our gorgeous hostess trays to take with you as a gift. This is an especially nice way to say thank you for the invitation. Nicely packaged stocking stuffers and small gifts of candy and cookies will be available for purchase for those special people that you will want to remember "with a little something."

Remember, the Knox Cookie Walk is one of the last cookie walks in Naperville. So you will get the freshest cookies!

You are urged to attend the Cookie Walk on Saturday the 10th as there is no guarantee that cookies will be left for sale on Sunday morning as happened last year. Publicity for Cookie Walk has been increased substantially this year with coverage in local newspapers, community calendars, social media and signage at and around the church. Attendance on Saturday is expected to surpass last year's level. So don't miss out on getting the best selection of cookies and candies!

All proceeds from Cookie Walk fund the Knox Deacons' ministry to the families of Knox.

A concert by  
The Naperville Men's Glee Club

**Christmas Presence**

Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm

Knox Presbyterian Church  
1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville

Guest Artists  
Mary Elliott, soprano  
Tim Sleep, organist

**\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION**  
**\$12 SENIORS - \$10 STUDENTS**  
(group and family rates available through members)

Tickets may be purchased and printed on our website, [napervillemensgleeclub.org](http://napervillemensgleeclub.org), starting November 5th, are available from members, or may be purchased at the door.

Christmas Cookie fundraiser at intermission. Ample free parking.

## Naperville Men's Glee Club

### Christmas Concert

**December 4, 3 pm**

One and only concert this year!

Contact Ed Wiles or Chuck Wilde for tickets or group rates.



## Part time custodian help needed – join the team!

If you would like some extra spending money and can help us to keep Knox look welcoming for the upcoming holidays – we need you! You would be scheduled on an as need/on call basis and help fill in during staff vacations, large events or other times when an extra hand is needed. This could be weekdays or weekends and the tasks could be 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 to help maintain a clean environment for all our members and visitors. For more information please contact Ron Mobley at 630-615-4305 or [rmobley@knoxpres.org](mailto:rmobley@knoxpres.org).



## Directory updates!

We have been advised by Lifetouch that our directories will be in mid-December! Yea!! As always, member addresses, phone contacts and emails can also be found in your Knox Connections account.



## Poinsettias for Decorating the Sanctuary at Christmas

- Order between services in the Commons from November 6 to December 11
- Cost is \$16, payable by check or cash
- You are invited to pick up your poinsettia after the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.
- Contact Liz Bradley at [bradley.richard@comcast.net](mailto:bradley.richard@comcast.net) or [630-983-8737](tel:630-983-8737)



## Dinners for 8

Back by Popular Demand – The 3rd Annual Knox Dinners for 8!



Beginning in January, groups of 8 adults will be organized for each Dinner for 8 group. Each group will plan two dinners between January and May. After the group decides on a date, the host will choose a theme and assign each dinner group member a dish to share. This is not a gourmet dinner club, but an opportunity to strengthen and deepen the relationships between those who attend Knox Church. Can't commit to joining a group? Sign-up to be on the Substitute List.

Registration sheets will be in the Commons or you can sign-up online at the [Knoxpres.org](http://Knoxpres.org) beginning the first week of December. If you have questions, contact Joan DuChane at (630) 747-8512 or Diane Mittelhauser at (630) 369-3923.



## Knox Goes to the Movies!

Mark your calendars! Friday and Saturday January 20 and 21 Knox goes to the movies... we're having a red carpet weekend! What better way to chase away the post-holiday slump than a feature film or two.

**Friday, 1/20:** Chick Flick - "Defending your Life" A heavenly romantic comedy starring Meryl Streep and Albert Brooks

**Saturday, 1/21:** Family pizza & movie night following 5 pm worship "Inside Out" Disney Pixar's funny yet tender award winning film

Presented by: Family Worship, Adult Ed. & PW  
More details to follow!



## Stephen Ministry is Calling

Stephen Ministers help bring Christ's healing love to people going through hard times like grief, divorce, separation, sickness, or loneliness.

Are your gifts Listening, Empathy, Caring, Connecting, Kindness, Christian Love, Prayer? Join our training class beginning in the new year!

Contact Rev. Cindy (630-615-4308) or Rev. Deb (630-615-4306) for more information



Save the Date for

## Ken Lehman's 90th birthday!

**What:** An Open House Birthday Celebration  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall at Knox Presbyterian Church  
1105 Catalpa Lane  
Naperville, Illinois  
**When:** Saturday, Jan. 28 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Light appetizers and dessert will be served.  
Please send any photos or special memories of Ken for a scrapbook. Please mail any cards or notes to:  
Tricia Ullestad  
88 Drendel Lane  
Naperville, Illinois 60565  
Please **RSVP if you are able to attend by January 15.**  
Call or email Tricia Ullestad at 630-961-5403 or pullestad@gmail.com  
Hosted by Tricia Ullestad, Ginny Shugert, & Mike Lehman



# STEWARDSHIP

## IMAGINE WHAT GOD WILL DO



We are excited with the response from Knox members to give out of our Abundant Blessings back to God in gratitude for His many blessings in our lives. As one of the leading congregations in the Chicago Presbytery, we have demonstrated how we all can show Christ's Love to our community and to bring Hope to our world.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Our Lord has given us a Vision to do even more, both within the ministries at Knox and throughout the world with our involvement in global missions. As we have been Abundantly blessed in serving at Knox, we have an even greater opportunity to Serve Christ and Bless the poor, disadvantaged, weak and forgotten.

At the time of this writing we have seen a great affirmation with the pledges returned, which stressed the outpouring generosity from our "First Fruits" with increased giving.

THANK YOU all so much for Imagining this Vision for Knox with us. As we continue to experience this outpouring of generosity, we will be able to expand Christ's Loving influence to others, as well as, enhance the ministries we offer in the years to come.

The number of pledges collected is still far short of the 364 that were made last year. If as a supporter of Knox in the past, you have not yet returned a pledge card for 2017, there is still an opportunity for you to do so. We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your 2016 amount by at least 10% a month or annually, as you are able.



## MINISTRY TO SENIORS



### Hall of Famers

Thursday, December 8, 2016

The Knox Chancel Choir and friends will present

"What Is Your Favorite Christmas Memory?"

Members of the choir, the congregation, and the Hall of Famers have shared some of their favorite Christmas Memories from the past and present with us. We will share them with you interspersed with songs by the choir, special groups from the choir and instrumentalists. We hope to share the Christmas Spirit with everyone and learn about all of your "Christmas Memories". Join us for Prayer and Communion in the chapel at 11:30 am and lunch at 12:00 noon in Lehman Hall before the program. Cost: \$7.00

Reservations can be made by calling Diane Heintz 630-355-8181.

# CARE MINISTRIES

## Illness/Health Concerns:

David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)  
 Karen Hryciuk & Hryciuk (friend of the Heath Family)  
 Carole Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)  
 Ryan Schmidt (friend of Jonathan and Tara Charles)  
 Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)  
 Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)  
 Stephanie Siczewicz (Pete Siczewicz's aunt)  
 Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother) (hospice)  
 Mark Scoughton (friend of Diane Charles)  
 Steven Obremski (son of former co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Diane Terry (Anne Sherren's cousin's wife)  
 Shirley Sichel (aunt of Mariette Siczewicz)  
 Jack Romine (father of Jill Poskin)  
 Elijah Georges (Arlene Beslic's grandson)  
 Becky Schaefer  
 Mark Armstrong (friend of Gary and Ruth Dispensa)  
 Nancy Emond  
 Jo Ann Allen (good friend of the Du Chanes)  
 Lynn Berg  
 Michelle Sutton (friend of Bob and Jean Casper)  
 Ann Beran Jones  
 Jack Mathison (Brent Mathison's father)  
 Phyllis Wheeler  
 Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)  
 Theresa Inman  
 Julian Sosa (son of friends of Joan DuChane)  
 Pat Carter  
 Dede Massaro (sister of Lori Dickens)  
 Judith Abella  
 Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)  
 Jennifer Quinto  
 Catherine Campbell (Christy Stephan's grandmother)  
 Beverly Aper  
 Breanna Paladino (daughter of a neighbor of the Porters)  
 Edgar Eloby (co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Jim Swanson  
 Teri Sounhein (mother of Erin Lehman's best friend)  
 Amy Bratsos  
 Mary Jo Brischetto (Chris Brischetto's mother)  
 Pat Real  
 Stan Mercer (brother-in-law of David Bonomo)  
 Marlene Parker  
 Wayne Zascoda (Shirley McDonald's niece's husband)  
 Kathi Olson  
 Bart Nourse (hospice) (close friend of Lin and Pat Carter)  
 Howard Larson  
 Carol DeYoung (Dawn Pakkebie's mother)  
 Mark Bickler  
 Joel Staszewski (son of June Banks' cousin)  
 (Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago)  
 Maura Rego (Pat Real's daughter)  
 Linda Usrey (Jonathan Charles' mother-in-law)  
 Bert Bergstrom (friend of Helene Schafer)  
 Marian Stamp (Janice Wiles' mother) Nancy Bunker  
 (Wayne Bunker's mother)  
 Rosemary Park (South Carolina)  
 Rudy Barabas (father of a friend of Helene Schaefer)  
 Carl Ramcke (St. Patrick's Rehabilitation Facility)  
 Glendon "Bodie" Wilson (Sisseton friend)

## Home Recovering

Ellie Crabill  
 Sally Kenaston  
 Mark Lively  
 Mike Mascal (son-in-law of Norah Johnson)  
 Megan Benton  
 Alan Graves  
 Ron Mander  
 Walt Jenkins (Tabor Hills)  
 Earl Britton  
 Bob Stout (co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Brian Hubbard  
 Arona Banovz  
 Marilyn Wilgocki  
 Daisy Trimmell (Wynscape Health and Rehabilitation)  
 Anne Sherren  
 Bob Copenhaver  
 Glenda Rossolillo  
 Peg Little

## Hospital

Sharon Powell (Loyola Hospital)

## 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.

## Grieving

### The friends and family of:

**Joseph Fettig** on his death (Aaron Shemon's grandfather)

**Ken Chapek** on his death

**Catherine Campbell** on her death (Christy Stephan's grandmother)

**Robert Neumann** on his death (Karen Smith's father)

**Beth Harris** on her death (daughter of Bill Harris)

## Military

Jonathan Ballew	Matt Krempel
Morgan Plummer	Chris Hurford
Calvin Warren	Matt Cincotta
Adam Barnes	Scott Zweir
All military personnel & their families.	