

## A LETTER FROM REV DEB

### Like and Share Jesus

Dear Friends,

I learned many great things while our son and his family were living with us-not the least of which were tutorials in social media! It was very funny watching Evan and Grayce Mae make faces and exclamations for Snapchat. Who knew? "Not I", says the happy baby boomer. We all roared and an amusing use of one form of social media was in play. Evan would also sigh on a weekly basis when asked for yet another tutorial in how to turn on Netflix.



Daily, our lives are "infiltrated" with Tweets,

Instagrams, Texts, Facebook Likes, YouTubers, Pins for our Boards, and Yelp Reviews. We receive news in so many multi-faceted ways we are nearly immune to its impact or whether it is good, bad or ugly. Our news gets lumped together from all possible sources and we become numb.

Since Easter, I have been somewhat haunted by the first verse of our Lenten study in the gospel of Mark - 1:1. "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God". God began a new thing in Jesus that is meant to change the world's understanding of news.

Mark, along with the other gospel writers, was compelled to share news that stood in contrast to all other news. This news was the good news, intended for all the world and all the generations of readers and listeners to come. All news (of the world) would now be viewed through the lens of God's good news in Jesus. It was meant to be experienced and shared.

"Social Media" in Jesus day was mostly word of mouth. 14 centuries later the printing press set off a media revolution with the Gutenberg Bible and the Good News of the gospel had exponential impact. Today, we think of it all as that which is technological.

Yet, here's a reality for us to consider - we are and always have been Jesus' "social media". We are the most effective form of communication. Together, in thought, word and deed we have the greatest potential for setting off a revolution of good news in a bad news world.

It is a good thing to like and share the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Blessings,

Deb

P.S. "Like" us on facebook @[www.facebook.com/knoxpres](https://www.facebook.com/knoxpres)



## **Saturday Worship @ 5:00**

### **You're invited!**

Join us for a beautiful and intimate evening service. When life gets too hectic or Sunday sports get in the way of the family worshipping together, jump in just as you are. Mark your calendar. Bring a friend. You'll appreciate the distinctive character of this service.

Upcoming dates:  
June 17, July 15, August 26



## **ADULT EDUCATION**

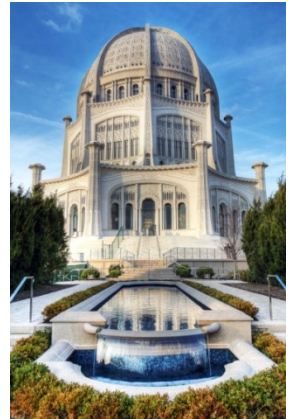
**Curious Christians get back on the bus!**

### **Baha'i House of Worship**

**Save the date! Saturday July 15**

Join us for a docent led tour of the Baha'i House of Worship in Wilmette, followed by lunch. Learn about the Baha'i faith, and explore the magnificent temple and grounds. The Wilmette Temple is one of only eight in the world!

More details and registration to follow soon. Questions; contact Julie McLean: 630.355.0126



## **Adult Education Bible Study Opportunities**

**All classes welcome newcomers at any time!**

For information on current Adult Education classes visit the website [here](#) or pick up a copy of the list of classes on a table in the Commons or the Information Desk.

### **"Whine, Women and Psalm"**

**Women's Summer Come And Go Bible Study**

**Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm**

What to talk about during the summer? How about a nugget of lament, a description of little known women and a devotional psalm? A little something for everyone!

Whining is usually something we frown upon and do not want to be on the receiving end. However, in scripture, God's people place all that ails (or their lament) before God's throne of grace. This is a way of remembering that God attends to our discontent and He helps us to grow in faith.

Permission giving!

Whine, Women & Psalm.

Women's Summer Come & Go  
Bible Study



There are women known and not known that should be discovered and remembered-our forbearers in the faith! What do we learn from them for our life today? Some were even know to be "whiny". There are psalms that rarely get shared and are there for us to find and share! We will use them as a devotion each week.

Come as often as you'd like and are able. Bring a friend! It is a great time of fellowship and friendship.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**Women on Wednesdays** concluded their study of David- Developing a Heart for God and will take a break for the summer. Watch upcoming newsletters for announcements of our new fall study. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare for little ones from birth to age

5. Questions? 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

Evening Book Club will meet in the Knox Parlor, Wednesday, June 14, at 7:30 pm. We are reading and discussing Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf. New readers and book recommendations are always welcome. You can find our current reading list on the Knox website by clicking on 'Groups' and then 'Evening Book Club' under Adult Groups. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 630.416.9537 or [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com).



## MISSIONS AT KNOX



### Pool Party – Dakota Partnership VBS

Pool Party – Dakota Partnership VBS Summer is time for swimming, right? Well, that is what we do for about 165 kids during our VBS. Most don't have swim suits. So we need to bring 165 of them. We need all the help we can get, getting those kids outfitted with a swimsuit. We will take any suit, any color, size, sex and type. Gently used or new ones. All the suits need to go into the mission box between Lehman Hall or the Coffee Bar. We especially need girls 3T to size 10 and any size boys. Any questions Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044.

### Are You Coming?

Come to South Dakota Saturday thru Thursday June 24-30 and to Montana July 16-22, to serve Christ among the beautiful Dakota Sioux People. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Luke 10:2)...Are you being called to love? Each year, the Dakota Partnership brings the message of God's love to many hundreds of children in South Dakota and Montana who can't wait for us to



return! Out on the Great Plains, both individuals and whole families come to serve in Vacation Bible School, preparing and serving meals and taking on work projects at historic country churches dating back to the 19th century. Our workers come from churches and ministries across Chicagoland and stay in local motels, eating their meals together. All ages are welcome and many families come to share this life-changing experience.

- Where: Sisseton, South Dakota and/or Fort Peck, Montana
  - When: June 24-30 in Sisseton, July 17 – 23 in Fort Peck
  - Transportation: Coordinated ride share or private vehicle
  - Sign up online for Sisseton at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) and select registration/sign ups
- Sisseton Questions? Building projects, Mike Loftus at [loftus51@comcast.net](mailto:loftus51@comcast.net), VBS, Sue Goll at [sgollcci@gmail.com](mailto:sgollcci@gmail.com) Fort Peck questions? Contact Brian or Deb Beard at [deb.beard@gmail.com](mailto:deb.beard@gmail.com)

### **Register Here for the Sisseton Mission Trip**



**Informational Meeting:** Sunday, June 4th, 11:45 am to 12:30 pm, Knox basement

For anyone coming on this year's mission trip for young adults (college age and beyond), or anyone interested in learning more about the trip, please plan to attend this meeting, and if possible, bring your parents/guardians. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Bruce Burkelman beforehand at [bmburkelman@yahoo.com](mailto:bmburkelman@yahoo.com) or 630-209-1421, and we will fill you in separately. This year, we are going to Belize, working with Praying Pelican Missions, living in a local church, running a VBS, and completing a construction project in the community. The trip is planned for 6 days, leaving on Thursday Dec 28, Dec 29 or Saturday Dec 30, and returning on Tuesday Jan 2, Jan 3 or Thursday Jan 4, depending on the flight costs when we buy the tickets in June. This is a slight schedule change from previous

announcements. Young adults are encouraged to consider inviting friends. Your commitment to go will be required in late June.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

# Grace\*

Knox Presbyterian Church

Go & Serve 2017

## **Go & Serve: Canton, Ohio 2017**

Please consider supporting our youth Go & Serve mission trip in any of the following ways. Watch our fundraising progress on the thermometer located on the south wall in the Commons Area. Thank you for supporting our youth Go & Serve trip to Canton, Ohio this summer where we will be working with our mission partner Hammer & Nails, Inc.

### **CAR WASH**

Time to wash away winter from your automobile! Have your car hand washed and dried by our Go and Serve youth on **Sunday, June 4 from 8:30-12:00 noon**. Drop your car off in the parking lot along Gartner on the way into church and it will be cleaned and ready for pick-up after the service. Donations welcome.

### **SPONSOR A GO & SERVE PROJECT**

In the Commons Area, sponsorships will be available for providing supplies at the Go & Serve work sites.

### **COOKIES**

Support our Go & Serve teams by baking cookies. Please place NUT-FREE cookies in a disposable PLASTIC CONTAINER marked Go & Serve. Place the container in the kitchen by **Friday, June 9**.



## **KNOX BLOG**

Follow the Knox Blog at [knoxblog.org](http://knoxblog.org) during the Go & Serve week to find out how the Go & Servers are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

## **THANK YOU!**

The congregation's prayers and monetary support has been tremendous. Please continue to pray for the Go & Serve participants and our mission partners Hammer & Nails, Inc. while we serve in Canton, Ohio June 11-17.

**Pizza Party: June 25.**

**Register Here**



## **Summer at Hesed House**

Recently Mission Council got in touch with Hesed House to talk about Knox' summer involvement at the Homeless Resource Center. Our plan was to do first shift on the 4th Saturday of June, July and August. We learned that we will be able to serve dinner on June 24 only (other 2 dates had already been taken). If you are interested in helping serve dinner on June 24 at Hesed House please sign up through Sign Up Genius (the same program used September-May). No food donations are needed. On Saturday, September 23 we hope to resume our regular Hesed House schedule.

## **Hesed House**

**May 27**

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 **May 7**. 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

## Young Family Picnic at Revs Deb and Clint's

Sunday, June 11

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Families with kiddos in 5th Grade and younger are invited to enjoy a BBQ picnic in Revs Deb and Clint's backyard.

- Hamburgers, hot dogs and chips will be provided.
- Please bring a side or dessert to share.
- Activities will include: games, bonfire and s'mores & water activities (weather permitting)



## Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School kicks off June 4 and we can't wait! If you would like to make a difference and have fun while doing it, consider joining our summer team! For information on serving this summer please contact Esther Moreno at [emoreno@knoxpres.org](mailto:emoreno@knoxpres.org)



## Family Camp

Knox is offering a Family Camp weekend on Sept 22 - 24 at [Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva, WI](#). We only have 10 rooms so register by June. Registration available online.



The weekend will include many fun activities provided by the camp as well as Bible Study, games for the kids and Sunday morning worship led by Rev. Clint and Jenny Hubbard. Downtown Lake Geneva is a 15 minute walk away along the lake shore which also offers many fun

opportunities. Check out the picture display at the Kid's Oasis in Fellowship Hall to see pictures from last year.

Room and pricing details:

Each room has a queen bed and a twin bed. All mattresses are Temper-Pedic and very comfortable. Two additional rollaway mattresses can be added for a total of 4 mattresses per room. Each room has 2 arm chairs that can be taken out if rollaways are needed. Family maximum occupancy per room is 6 or max of 4 adults. Adults are age 12 and older.

- Adult Fees: One Adult in room \$400.00
- Two adults in room \$450.00
- Three adults in room \$500.00
- Four adults in room \$550.00
- Cost for children 4-11 \$30 per child

There are many opportunities for fun and fellowship at Family Camp. Don't miss out! Questions – contact Jenny Hubbard at [jhubbard@knoxpres.org](mailto:jhubbard@knoxpres.org) or [630.615.4318](tel:630.615.4318).

**Register Here**

**Arts Camp**  
July 10 – 14  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**Register Here**



### Third Grade Bible Covers

Sewers and those who can cut fabric are needed to help put together the Bible Covers that we give to the Third Graders for their Bibles. We will put all the pieces together the week of June 26. If you can help, please contact Heather Pfeil at [630-445-5573](tel:630-445-5573)

### VBS - Maker Fun Factory

June 19 – 23  
9:00 am – 11:30 am  
Register Online Today!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

### G3 - Middle School Fellowship – Worship, Lunch and Games



**WORSHIP**



**LUNCH**



**GAMES**

Join us for four sessions over the summer to worship together, eat together and have fun together. Once a month we will meet to stay connected with our church friends and leaders. Register online for each month separately.

<b>June 4</b>	Worship, Pizza and All Church Games
<b>July 16</b>	Worship, Pizza and All Church Games
<b>August 20</b>	Outdoor Worship and Centennial Beach

**Register Online for each event separately**

# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES



## High School Camping Trip

Come sleep under the stars, eat s'mores by the campfire, and find out why Starved Rock is called "Starved Rock" on a camping trip with the High School Fellowship!

WHEN: July 21-23, 2017.

Leaving Knox at 4:30p on Friday and returning to Knox around noon on Sunday.

WHERE: Starved Rock State Park, approximately 1.5 hours away.

WHY: Enjoy the wonder of God's creation, the scrumptiousness of campfire cooking, and fun and fellowship with other teens.

WHO: Rising freshmen through 2017 high school grads. (No bears.)

SIGN-UP: Online (available June 1). Hard deadline is July 13, 2017.

COST: \$59.00 (includes two nights of camping, five meals, and transportation). (Poison ivy rash is extra cost.)

PACKING LIST: Available after registration.

QUESTIONS: David Newby; 312-969-0011.

[Register Here](#)

# CHURCH NEWS

## Faithful and Fit

***"And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." Hebrews 12:1***

*The church has a lot of work to do to make a positive impact in the world which has been set before us by God. Having a healthy heart and body will help us in our work. Listed below are many opportunities to help you and your family with your fitness efforts.*

**Fitness Playgroup** – Come exercise with Esther while your kids play. Come exercise even if you don't have kids. All are invited

Thursdays, 9:15 am – 10:00 am

June 8, 15, July 6, 20, Aug 3, 10

Cost: Free

**Yoga** – Our own Sherry Harter is working towards her Yoga certification and is offering a free class during the summer. She has gone through 2 months training to become an instructor and loves how centered and balanced she has become since starting Yoga.

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

June 7, 14, 21, July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 9

Cost: Free





Equipment Participants Need: Yoga mat, towel, water bottle, comfortable clothing but fitted shirt (People can get lost doing a downward dog with a t-shirt falling over their head. Bit embarrassing too.)

Tai Chi – Sherry Harter is a certified Tai Chi instructor

Tuesdays, 9:00 am – 9:45 am

June 6, 13, 20, July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1, 8

Cost: \$15

Equipment Participants need: water bottle, loose, comfortable clothing.

Bike Group – This group meets periodically throughout the summer. If interested, please contact Mark Blodgett, [blodgepsu@west-point.org](mailto:blodgepsu@west-point.org) to be added to the email list.

Self Defense Class - Watch for details for this class in the beginning of August.

## Faithfully Fit - Summer 2017 Fitness Challenge

What are your dreams for this summer, 2017? Time with family or friends? A special vacation? Summer sports? Rest?! The best garden ever? Gods great creation has come to life in glorious form and rainbow colors. It does wonders for our midwestern spirits!

Speaking of spirits being lifted, consider what restores you this summer-body, mind and spirit. In addition to improving that golf game or adding miles to your run, how might God be at work with a challenge to be faithfully fit? We use the word "fit" as a way of saying someone is in good shape. More often than not it refers to someone who is physically fit.

In an earlier era, the term was used more often to describe when something was fit to use or eat. When referring to a person, someone was "fit" for a task, qualified for a job or position. What might it mean to you to be faithfully fit?

Engage your friends, invite your neighbors, connect your family to a summer fitness challenge! Fitness that strengthens you body, mind and spirit. Look for opportunities all summer long at Knox!



## Veteran's Recognition Sunday July 2

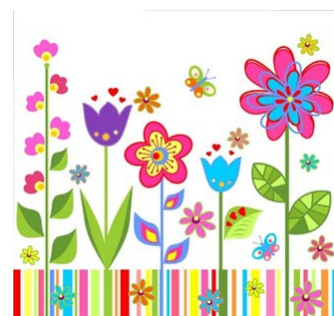
We will celebrate our many freedoms, especially the freedom to worship, the first weekend in July. We want to honor all of our veterans for their service on Sunday, July 2 during both worship services. We will have a boutonniere and name tag for each of our veterans. Please contact Bev Mayer, Pastor's Asst. at 630-615-4325 if you will be able to join us. There will be cake and coffee

during fellowship time between services to continue our celebration. If you are not able to join us please call the church office and let us know you served so we can recognize you in the bulletin.

## Knox Garden Walk

Now that our epic rains have subsided, six generous gardeners in our midst are busy preparing for the second annual Presbyterian Women's Garden Walk on Saturday, July 8.

Gardens will be open for touring from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Two Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your garden prayers and questions!



Tickets, \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the Walk, will be sold beginning June 11 in the Commons. While it will be possible to purchase tickets online, the actual ticket must be picked up from church during business hours or between services on Sunday.

Proceeds will benefit kiva.org, an international microfinancing agency. For more information, contact Nancy Whitmer (630.369.4862)

## Praying Crafters

Do you enjoy using knitting needles or crochet hooks?



Come join Lisa and Anne in the Parlor on June 2, 2017 and on June 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Bring your hooks or needles. Want to learn how to use these hooks and/or needles, join us! You are invited to come join us for a Spiritual time of creativity and fellowship. Our goal will be to have Christian Fellowship while creating pray cloths and prayer shawls for members of our congregation.

For more information call either Lisa Bonomo at [630-305-8869](tel:630-305-8869) or Anne Sherren at [630-932-0481](tel:630-932-0481).

## Kickoff Breakfast Recap

More than 50 brothers in Christ gathered at Knox May 20th for a great meal and fellowship to formally launch ManKIND, the revitalized men's ministry program at Knox. We heard inspirational messages from our primary service partner, Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, and Pastor Clinton. Marty Ovens and Jeff Hartman Jr. shared a vision for the ManKIND men's ministry program, and thanks to all attendees for your feedback and suggestions. Whether your interests and needs are around study, missions, service, support, or just great fellowship, ManKIND will be designed to offer something for everyone. Please consider joining one of the many study groups and upcoming events!



## Work Day - June 24

One of ManKIND's largest service efforts is providing beds for families making the transition from homelessness to a place of their own. In many cases, this might be the first bed a child has ever owned. Working with Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and Hesed House Transitional Living Center, the men of Knox have delivered, set up, and prayed over 100+ beds in the last year. Demand is growing, and we need more storage. Plan to join us at Knox's Basswood rental property (next to the church) as we erect a new storage shed, share more than a few laughs, and enjoy a BBQ lunch. Details and sign up info coming soon to the [ManKIND page](#) at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org).

## Fall Retreat - Save the Date

Join your brothers in Christ, September 15 - 17, 2017 for a fall weekend retreat in the beautiful Wisconsin wood at Wonderland Retreat & Conference Center in Camp Lake. Revel in a weekend filled with opportunities to relax and unwind with like-minded men of Knox. If you are looking for an enjoyable time

of peaceful reflection while taking in the fall colors, team building opportunities that both challenge and amuse, and time for thoughtful discussion concerning issues facing you as a man of Christ, please consider this wonderful occasion. For more information, please contact Jeff Mach at [jeffmach@me.com](mailto:jeffmach@me.com) or Jeff Hild at [jahild62@gmail.com](mailto:jahild62@gmail.com).

## A Letter from Pastor Robert

Dear Knox Family,

*"I thank my God every time I remember you,  
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,  
because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."  
-Philippians 1:3-5*

As I look back over the past seven years, I am amazed at all the ways God has woven us together. I have been blessed to share in your great joys and celebrations as well as walk with you during times of sorrow and grief. You have invited me into your lives and welcomed me with amazing hospitality. It has been an honor and a privilege to be one of your pastors and to serve alongside you within the Body of Christ.

After much discernment and prayer, I have accepted a call to be the senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Pensacola, Florida ([www.fpcpensacola.com](http://www.fpcpensacola.com)). The magnitude of leaving Knox for a new call is not lost on Catherine and me. As I sat in worship recently, memories flashed through my mind of our wedding day, and all of the Go & Serves, Confirmations, baptisms, funerals, and weddings I've been blessed to be a part of. Knox has truly shaped and molded me.

Catherine and I are so thankful for the time we have spent with you, for the ways you have cared for us, and for the ministry we have done together. Words cannot fully express the gratitude we wish to convey. Clint has invited me to preach for the last time on June 4 and then our last Sunday to worship with you all will be June 18. Between now and then, I hope that I will have the time for a more proper farewell with each of you.

Pray for me as I will pray for you. Know that you are loved and in good hands. And until we meet again, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,  
Robert Thomas Quiring



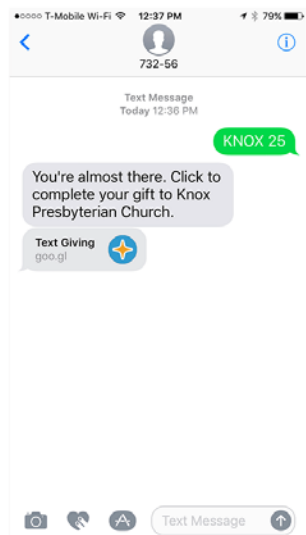
## Knox Implements Giving and Payments Through Texting

According to Pew Research, 81 percent of American adults use cell phones to send or receive text messages. And it's not just for chatting with friends. One in ten has already made a charitable contribution or payment via text message. In fact, a recent study found that most people named texting as their preferred method of giving to churches and charitable organizations.

Knox has taken advantage of the shift toward mobile technology and texting, not just for mass communication, but also to provide another giving option for your convenience.

## How to Give Via Text:

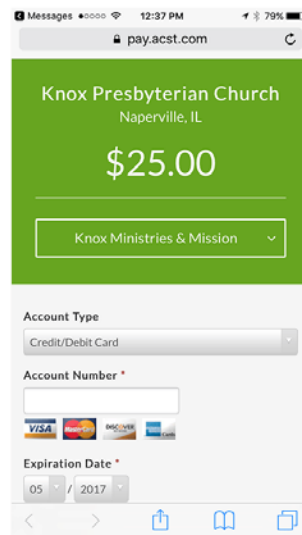
### 1. Text any amount



Send a text to 73256 (you can store this in your contacts if you wish).

In the body of your message, type the word "KNOX" and the dollar amount of your gift or payment separated by a space. For example, text "KNOX 25" to give \$25.

### 2. Complete your gift



The system will then respond with a link to the secure webpage to complete your gift or payment.

Enter your credit card or debit card information. You also have the option to pay directly from the bank account of your choice.

You will receive a confirmation once completed.

## Why is Knox doing this?

1. **It's fast, easy, and convenient.** No cash, no checkbook, no problem! Knox's text giving doesn't require you to download an app, it's simple to use.
2. **It's safe and secure.** Your transaction is handled through a secure webpage, linked to our financial system and your credit card processor.
3. Your gifts and payments are recorded in our financial system. All your gifts and payments will show up on your quarterly statements. Just make sure that the email you use on the secure webpage is the one we have on record.

Contact Michal Baker at 630.615.4301 or [mbaker@knoxpres.org](mailto:mbaker@knoxpres.org) if you have any questions.

Other information about ways to give to Knox can be found in the pews.

## 4 Ways to Give to Knox

1. Go to [knoxpres.org/give](http://knoxpres.org/give)
2. Text **KNOX** followed by a space and the amount of your gift to **73256**. For example, KNOX 20. Then select from the drop-down on the secure page for the ministry you'd like your gift applied toward.
3. **Schedule a regular gift by setting up a direct payment from your bank.** Contact Michal Baker at 630.615.4301 or [mbaker@knoxpres.org](mailto:mbaker@knoxpres.org).
4. Make a **Legacy Gift** to Knox. Provide your name and phone and we'll contact you:

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## Summer Blood Drive

On June 12, 3:30-7:30 pm, Knox will sponsor its annual Summer Blood Drive. This drive is in cooperation with the Heartland Blood Centers. Our current blood drive goal is only 20 units of blood. It used to be 45 to 50 units of blood.

With the end of the school year and the beginning of summer activities there is, unfortunately, an increase in demand for blood products. The blood products derived from a drive such as Knox's has a limited shelf-life. These products normally can last around 42 days.

Thus, Heartland is continually trying to meet current demands. That is the reason why Knox and countless other churches and organizations are asked to participate in regular blood drives. Heartland generally attempts to collect nearly 400 units of blood every day to meet the needs of the Chicagoland hospitals it serves. The blood products collected at our drives are used for the everyday patient. That is, grandparents, parents and children, who need the blood products derived from these drives for surgery and treatment.

If you cannot give blood, there are other ways of getting involved in the drive. First, you can recommend the Knox blood drive to eligible family members and friends. Also, there is a need for volunteers to help make this drive possible. So, whether you can give blood or not, you can participate by helping to sign donors up before the drive or work on the day of the drive.

There will be blood donor sign up sheets in the Narthex and there is also online sign-up possible at [https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/2032239](https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/2032239). In addition, you can call or email Neil Goltermann (630-750-5863; [ntgoltermann@aol.com](mailto:ntgoltermann@aol.com)).



## MINISTRY TO SENIORS



Seasoned Citizens

Join us for

"Father of the Bride"

Presented by the Summer Place Theater

Friday night, July, 7 at Naperville Central Auditorium

Tickets \$15

Sign up online at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org)

or Sundays at Knox June 18 and 25 and July 2

**Register Here**

## THANK YOU

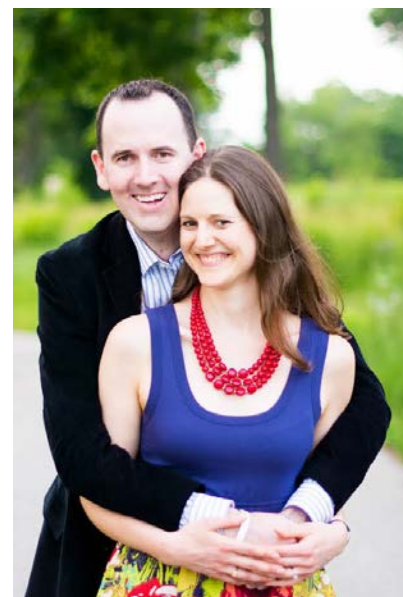
### Thank You, Pastor Robert!

Tall. Very tall. Even Lincoln-esque (in an Oklahomian kind of way). But the stature that is really revealed in Robert is inward and spiritual. He is more "Micah-esque," (which is to say: he has done right by us; he cares deeply about us; and he has walked humbly among us in his service to our Lord).

Deb and I along with all of our Knox Family have been deeply blessed by Robert's ministry these past seven years. As a trusted and respected colleague, Robert has led our Youth and Young Adult Ministries with devotion and distinction. Robert's loving kindness coupled with his considerable wisdom and insight have brought both depth and durability to his ministry of making young disciples and teaching them the love of Christ.

What a great joy it was to celebrate Robert and Catherine's wedding at Knox! The whole Congregation rejoiced over them while reveling in cupcakes! Now together, they will bring the faith of two to God's call to lead the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Pensacola into the good plans God has made for them.

Losing Robert from Staff is hard. His steady, loving presence will be missed. But the joy of seeing him "come into his own" through the full use of his abilities makes me even more grateful for the years he has labored among us. And I believe that as he takes up his new duties in Pensacola, he will be taking our best practices with him. Robert and Catherine will always be "one of us," you know...



I hope you will all take the time to write or speak to Robert and Catherine personally in the coming weeks, to thank them and bless them on their way. On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, Robert will be preaching for the last time before leaving on Go & Serve June 11-17. On Sunday, June 18, a reception in Robert and Catherine's honor will take place at Knox in the morning. This will be their last day at church before leaving for Florida.

For my part, I thank God for Robert Thomas, and I rejoice to have been a part of "the Knox team" with him these past seven years as he has grown and matured among us. I firmly believe he is ready to take up his responsibilities as Head of Staff at FPC Pensacola. We will hold Robert and Catherine in our hearts and in our prayers as they begin this next exciting chapter of the book God is writing about them.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Well done, indeed.

- Rev. Clint Roberts  
Head of Staff

## A Love-Offering

A number of folks have asked about making a "love-offering" to speed Robert and Catherine on their way. Donations are now being accepted for a gift to be presented on June 18th. Please memo your check to Knox: "RTQ Love-Offering." Your gift, along with your general financial support, is fully tax-deductible.

## Misericordia Candy Days

On April 28 and 29, the annual fundraising event for Misericordia took place all over Chicago. Our area includes Aurora, Bolingbrook, Lisle, Naperville and Woodridge. The weather cooperated on Friday, but Saturday was a different story.

We want to thank the 36 volunteers from our Knox family who participated in helping us raise close to \$35,000. Many of you may have driven by a street corner or patronized a local grocery store and made a donation and for that we are truly grateful. Our personal First Giving page raised \$3,500 and we wish to thank the many Knox contributors also.



Our son, Adam, has been at the McAuley Nursing Center for the last year and is doing very well. On behalf of our son and the other residents at Misericordia our heartfelt thanks for your friendship and support of our family.

Frank and Bev Mayer



**TPC (Teen Parent Connection)** celebrated the end of this year with a Pizza Party on May 16. We are pleased to say that it was another successful year for teen-age participants (both Moms and Dads) and their young families who enjoyed a meal together along with group discussions and educational programs. The participants and the TPC Staff often comment about the generosity and hospitality of our congregation.

**Thank You!** Many Knox organizations and individuals have contributed their time, food and love to these young people each Tuesday evening and we wish to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of you. We are also sincerely grateful for the support and guidance of Pastor Cindy, the Mission Council, Ron Mobley and staff and our always helpful office personnel.

In Christian Service, Susan Burns, Anne Kingsbury, Dotty Mobley and Bonnie Olson - TPC Hosts

## Thank You Chancel Choir & Praise Team

We would like to thank **the Chancel Choir and the Praise Team** for their generous musical contributions Sunday after Sunday. Their commitment and dedication is inspirational as well as their hearts for serving and using their gifts to glorify God. Please take a moment and let them know you appreciate them.

### Chancel Choir:

Alan Fry  
Alice Snelgrove  
Ed Wiles  
Bob Ellig  
Brienne Smith  
Carol Boals  
Carol Brand Price  
Connie Janke  
Maggie Nelson  
Margaret Lambka

Curt Parry  
Dick Wheeler  
Jo Ann Sault  
Gordon Friday  
Harriet Friday  
Janice Wiles  
Jerry Johnson  
Jill Poskin  
Ruth Browne  
Sharon Niemann

Jim Clinton  
Jim Snelgrove  
Kevin Erwin  
Joanne Hsu  
Judy Loftus  
Karen Van Iten  
Kim Lynn  
Liz Bradley  
Dawn Pakkebie  
Patti Tweito

Nancy Fry  
Mike Loftus  
Tim Sleep  
Susan Weiner  
Mike Komma  
Sue Pollard  
Mary Ellen Neumeister  
Phyllis Wheeler  
Wayne Bunker

### Praise Team:

Candice Sunblade  
Corey Richier  
Curt Parry  
Jeff Foltz

Lisa Bennett  
Matt Sunblade  
Pete Elmgren  
Sue Goll

Scott Solenberger  
Lenny Richier  
Thomas Parry  
Taylor Hubbard

Kevin Wray  
Tim Sleep  
Keith Hoggatt  
Karen Elmgren



Anne Sherren after she presented Jenny Hubbard with her graduation gift from the Dr. Anne Sherren Scholarship Committee on May 14, 2017. Jenny graduated from McCormick Seminary on May 13, 2017.

# CARE MINISTRIES

## Illness/Health Concerns:

Carole Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)  
 Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)  
 Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)  
 Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother)  
 Mark Scoughton (friend of Diane Charles)  
 Steven Obremski (son of former co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Shirley Sichel (aunt of Mariette Siczewicz)  
 Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)  
 Ginny Clayton  
 Julian Sosa (son of friends of Joan DuChane)  
 Theresa Inman  
 Dede Gruenberg (sister of Lori Dickens)  
 Marlene Parker  
 Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)  
 Mark Bickler  
 Edgar Eloby (co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Kathi Olson  
 Linda Usrey (Jonathan Charles' mother-in-law)  
 Phyllis Wheeler  
 Nancy Carr (aunt of Kelley Brown)  
 DeeAnn Crabill  
 Mike Mascal (son-in-law of Norah Johnson)  
 Caitlin Ritenour  
 Joel Staszewski (son of June Banks' cousin)  
 Pat Carter  
 Luke Roth (Ullestad family friend)  
 Debby Hunter (niece of Beverly Aper)  
 Dan and Ricky Lackey (friends of Janet Schletter)  
 Dawn Rouse (Anne Sherren's niece)  
 Rollyn Storey (father of Mark Storey)  
 Marlene North (friend of Betty Barcheski)  
 Jeff Macaluso (neighbor of Jeff and Sara Egan)  
 Kevin Pierce (former neighbor of de Conings)  
 David Hill (brother of Patty Reed)  
 Marjorie Stormer (mother of Mary Horek)  
 George Scherzer (brother of Robert Slayton's friend)  
 Carol DeYoung (Dawn Pakkebier's mother)  
 Daisy Trimnell (Wynscape in Wheaton)  
 Andrew Tihlarik (Helene Schaefer's grandson)  
 Alice Birzetis (Manor Care)  
 Donald Nietzel (uncle of Steve Reyes)  
 Phil Houston (Tabor Hills)  
 Phil Banta (George Banta's uncle)  
 Athena Digriandakis (friend of Lin and Pat Carter)  
 Jerry Sebesta (friend of Helene Schaefer)  
 Julie Eylander (Arlene Beslic's daughter)  
 Donovan McCoy (Tom and Margo Sieczynski's grandson)  
 Doug Shields (hospice)

## Hospital

MG Kotze (friend of Neels de Coning)  
 Alex Kamber (nephew of Arlene Beslic)  
 Pauline Reinert (Norah Johnson's cousin)

## Home Recovering

Jack Parker  
 Jack Ekblom  
 Karen Brigham  
 Shirley McDonald  
 Dorothy Mittelstaedt  
 Pat Daddezio  
 Carol White  
 Stephan Fako  
 Jerry Lahti  
 Bob Stout (co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Boots Parker  
 Sharon Powell  
 Patty Rose  
 Jon Lim (friend of Nico de Coning)

## Congratulations:

**Jen & Rick Ochenkowski** on the birth of their daughter Emery Mae on April 27.  
**Katie & Bill Linden** on the birth of their daughter Alexia Siena on October 25. Proud grandmother is Sue Dreghorn.  
**Carolyn & Jonathan Drum** on the birth of their twin sons James Lewis and Benjamin Clark. Proud grandparents are Ralph & Margaret Lambka. Proud great-grandmother is Jo Ann Sault.

## Grieving

### The friends and family of:

**Wilma Holman** on her death (Jo Banta's aunt)  
**Charles Addis** on his death (Linda Addis-Mellum's father)  
**Russ Sault** on his death  
**Arnold Schenk** on his death (close friend of Lin and Pat Carter)  
**Lynn Berg** on her death  
**Hazel Mead** on her death (Ron Mobley's aunt)  
**Irvin Atkinson** on his death (Janet Schletter's uncle)  
**Walt Jenkins** on his death  
**Scott Tambling** on his death

## 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.