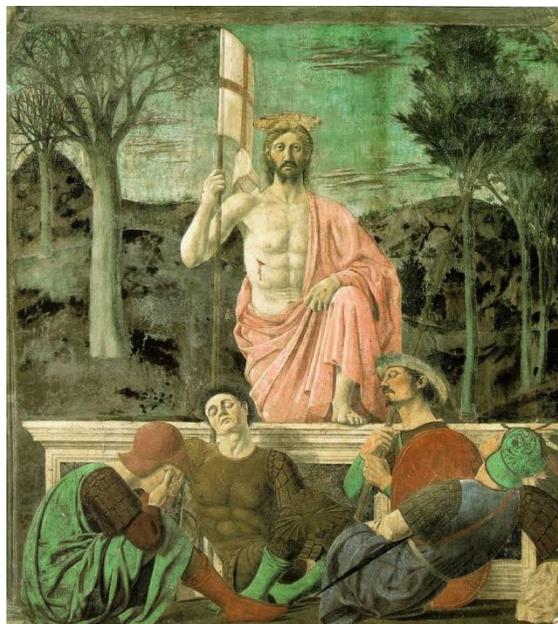


A LETTER FROM REV CLINTON

The Triumph of Hope

Of all the paintings of the Resurrection, the 15th century fresco by Piero della Francesca is one of the more memorable. The rising Christ (looking like an Olympic athlete) places a conquering foot on the lip of his own sarcophagus while holding aloft a flag depicting the Cross of St. George the Dragon-Slayer. Beneath him in disarray are the sleeping forms of the Temple guards. His face is stern, passionless, iconic. His arm rests casually on his lifted knee in a posture of triumph. On his right, the trees are barren. On his left, they are clothed with the greenness of spring. It's quite a statement! But it does not warm the heart. The moment of Christ's resurrection is stripped of its mystery. The supernatural event is presented with magisterial objectivity. The Conquering Hero has come back from the dead.

When I think of his resurrection, my inner eye sees Jesus standing in the garden before Mary Magdalene, her tear-streaked face suffused with astonishment and joy. His eyes are kind and his expression gentle, like someone who has been through great suffering and now is at peace. He speaks her name and she responds, "My Teacher!"



A few weeks ago I attended the Silent Samaritan Breakfast where author Mary Stemming spoke of her journey toward peace after the suicide of her husband. She shared a story about some flowers which were sent from her seminary teachers on the day of the funeral. The card that was enclosed read, "*We are the people who believe in the triumph of hope.*" That statement has stayed in my heart ever since I heard Mary say it. There, in response to a death that more than any other kind defines what hopelessness is, comes this gentle yet ringing affirmation: "*We are the people who believe...*" We believe in life. We believe in love. We believe in the God who lovingly made each of us for goodness' sake. We believe in the Son who died to take away our lovelessness and despair; the Son who rose again to lead us toward the triumph of our hope. Not just the idea of hope or the possibility of embracing it (more or less) in the life we now are living. No. We are speaking now (as St. Paul did) of the "sure and certain hope" that shines in and through our suffering; the hope that gets welded like steel into the very girders of our soul; the hope that is not a fool's hope and will never disappoint us because it rests not in us but in the glory of God: Christ crucified and risen.

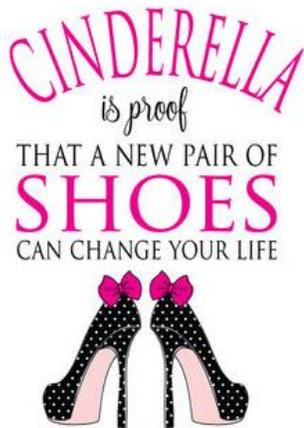
"*We are the people who believe in the triumph of hope.*" We are the people who believe in Jesus, the Hope of the world. Friends, my prayer for you this Easter is that your hope in him--in his presence, his promises, his gifts of amazing grace--may grow in lustre and brilliance in your mind and your heart day by day and year by year throughout every trial and sorrow, until that Morning comes when the shadows flee away, and you, like Mary, at last will see him face-to-face, and hear him speak your name.

Therefore, since we are saved by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;
and we triumph in our hope of sharing the glory of God!
(Romans 5:1-2)

with Easter joy,
Clinton

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon



Presbyterian Women's annual Spring Luncheon will be held at 11 am Wednesday, May 16, in Lehman Hall. All women of Knox and friends are cordially invited! Please register online or in the Commons between Sunday services until May 13. Childcare is available through registration. Each attendee should bring a salad to serve 6-8 people. Mary Martha Circle will provide desserts.

Author Vashanti Taylor of Victory Cathedral Worship Center in Bolingbrook will speak to "Change Your Mind, Change Your Life." Through laughter and inspired words, Vashanti will lead us on a motivational journey to change or improve what we wish to change by learning to live intentionally. (And if Cinderella changed her life by just changing her shoes, imagine what you can do!)

Vashanti's book, *A Journey Worth Taking*, will be available after the program. Prior to the luncheon, the newest officers of the Presbyterian Women

Coordinating Team will be inducted in the sanctuary at 10.30 am. For more information, contact Nancy Whitmer (n.w.whitmer@gmail.com) or Jan Wiles (wilesjan@gmail.com).

Register Here

Reserve your spot NOW for the churchwide gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, Kentucky, August 2 – 5, 2018. Participants will enjoy workshops, tours, forums, resource gathering (and shopping!), plenary sessions with inspiring speakers, worship and more. Register

at www.presbyterianwomen.org.

Contact Linda Adcock (lindaadcock7@hotmail.com) if you are attending. She would like to plan shared fellowship time in Louisville.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Women in the Presbytery of Chicago Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 21, 2018, in Park Ridge, IL For information, contact Linda Adcock, lindaadcock7@hotmail.com

The Coordinating Team Meeting for Knox Presbyterian Women will meet April 2, 2018, in the church parlor at 9:00 am for continental breakfast and fellowship. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30

am. All women of Knox are invited to attend. Contact Linda Adcock (lindaadcock7@hotmail.com or [630.278.9894](tel:630.278.9894)) for more information or questions.

Circles

All women of Knox are invited to attend a monthly circle. If you have questions about which one is right for you or you want someone to attend the first meeting with you, please contact Linda Adcock [630-278-9894](tel:630-278-9894) (lindaadcock7@hotmail.com)



Rachel-Rebecca Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at the home of Carolyn Lorenz. Please study lesson 8. New Members are always welcome.

Mary Martha Circle will meet at 9.30 am Tuesday, April 10. This will be our last meeting of the year. For more information, contact suejohnpeter@gmail.com.



Women on Wednesdays

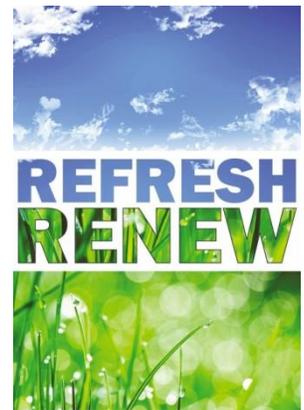
Women on Wednesdays continues with our study of Liz Curtis Higg's "Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them". Each week we meet and study a new "bad girl" so new members are welcome at any time! We will not meet Spring Break week, March 28th but will return for the next "bad girl" on April 4th. WOW meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 with coffee and fellowship, DVD presentations, large and small group discussions and prayer. WOW is for women of all ages and Bible knowledge and also includes childcare for little ones from birth to age 5. Questions? Contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mlambka2@gmail.com.

Women's Retreat

April 27, Friday 6:00PM - Sunday April 29, 11:00 am
Renew & Refresh, with Caryn Rivadeneira.

Register Here

Time for some R&R! Join us for a weekend retreat of relaxation, quiet, peace and personal reflection. The spacious 47 acre property of LaSalle Manor Retreat Center (20 miles and 40 minute drive west of Knox Church) has wooded paths, a prairie and small lake. Benches are around the property and a deck overlooks the lake. All rooms are single occupancy (each has single bed, desk, closet and sink), with private showers in a single per hallway bathroom facility. The lodge is comprised of stones and logs, with many breakout spaces. Take time walking the labyrinth and gardens. There will be group time with speakers, small group discussions, and Sunday Service. During our extended Saturday afternoon freetime enjoy LaSalle Manor's amenities, take a nap, chat with the speakers or enjoy a conversation with friends, both old and new!



MISSIONS AT KNOX

**Mission to Upper Galveston Bay, Texas
May 19 – 25, 2018**

The Call is going out for Christian service to our fellow Americans in greater Houston whose homes were flooded during Hurricane Harvey. They have not been forgotten and we are still praying for them. Many residents are still waiting for help before being able to move back into their homes. Lacking flood insurance and other resources, the need is real and ongoing. Is God calling you to serve?



Volunteers from Knox PC, Elmhurst, Beaufort SC and Castle Rock CO have already indicated their plans to serve on this mission! Here are some of the details:

- 25 Volunteers Maximum can be accommodated on this trip.
- Cost: \$100 registration fee per person plus roundtrip airfare (tbd) and shared ground transportation costs (stipends are available on an as-needed basis). Room and Board is provided.
- Our Mission Partners in Texas:
 - Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders
 - Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, 1511 El Dorado Blvd. Houston, TX

We will be given Room & Board at Clear Lake Pres in two large rooms and an additional Gathering Area. Showers and bathrooms are nearby. Volunteers 16 and above are eligible with mandatory parental guidance for minors. Bring sleeping bags and/or blankets and linens and towels. There are no laundry facilities on site. Pack work-clothes, casual attire, work-boots, etc. and bring any tools/belts/gloves/safety-glasses etc. for personal use.

The work will be primarily interior. So we'll be insulating, dry-walling, floors and doors, cabinets and vanities, trimming, painting, etc.

Please contact Elder Mark Lively, Pastor Clint or Pastors' Assistant Bev Mayer (630-615-4325, bmayer@knoxpres.org) if you are interested in serving or in learning more about this mission.

*"Carry each other's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
-Galatians 6:2*

Knox Go & Serve 2018

Please consider supporting our youth Go & Serve mission trip to Alma, Michigan in any of the following ways. Watch our fundraising progress on the thermometer located in the Commons area.

PHILLY PRETZEL FACTORY

Enjoy 20% off your entire order at Philly Pretzel Factory (1037 W. Ogden Avenue, Naperville) from April 6th-22nd with a \$10 donation to Go & Serve 2018. Pick up a 20% discount card and make a donation in between services on March 18, 25, April 1, and 8.

HOPVINE BREWING CO.

Third Thursdays at Hopvine! Join us every third Thursday at Hopvine Brewing Co (4030 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora) for lunch or dinner. Mention Knox Go & Serve and provide the coupon (available in the Commons area) to your server and Knox Go & Serve will receive 10% of your dining bill. Friends and family are welcome!



THANK YOU!

We would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to those who have supported Go & Serve this year through our bd's Mongolian Grill and Pasta Dinner Fundraisers. We raised over \$1300!!

Spring is Coming, Really!! It's Time Again to Clean Your Closets

On Sunday, April 22 Knox will sponsor and host the Wayside Cross Ministries truck for our 10th Annual "Fill-A-Truck" Sunday. Our Knox family has been faithful servants to the residents of Wayside Cross and filled the truck every year for the past 9 years. The men and women of Wayside Cross thank you.



Clean your closets, dresser drawers, and storage areas. Give the men and women of Wayside Cross your outgrown or gently used clothes. Your donation of clean clothing will help serve hundreds of people with meals, clothing, and lodging. Your clothing will either be distributed through the Community Outreach Program or turned into \$\$\$ for WCM in the Hope Chest Resale Store. Children's toys, strollers, small furniture and counter-top appliances can also be donated. Even ripped or torn clothing is turned into \$\$\$ by recycling to organizations that provide clothing to third world countries.

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

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **April 1**. Donations can be left on the cart in front of the Commons or in the bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

Most Needed Items: pasta, crackers, dry cereal



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

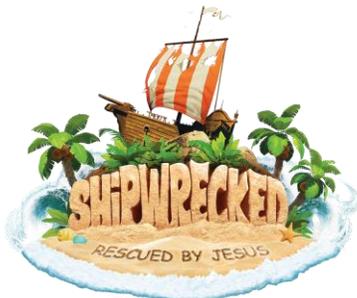
Kids in the Kitchen – Mission Opportunity



The kids of Knox will participate in various mission activities throughout the year to help feed the community around them. In March we packed 500 breakfast meals for Loaves and Fishes and in April we

will be preparing several meals for the group going to Hesus House. We will be cooking on Wednesday, Apr 25 from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. This is a great way for kids, 6 and up, to learn cooking skills while prepping food to help others. We will need adults to help supervise so please plan on one adult attending per family.

Register Online



VBS - Shipwrecked

June 18 – 22

9:00 am – 11:30 am

3 years (potty trained to Entering 5th Grade)

Register Online, Early Registration ends May 15.

Arts Camp

July 9 – 13

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Entering 4th Grade – Entering 8th Grade

Register Online by June 25



Blessed Ones Dance & Music Ministry

Sundays, Apr 22 – May 6

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

3 years – Kindergarten

Performance at the 10:30 am Service on May 13 – Mother's Day!

Register Online

Fourth Grade Service

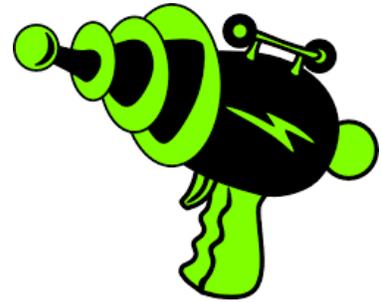
During the Wednesday Evening Program Pastor Clint and Jenny Hubbard work with the 4th Grade Bible Study class to prepare a worship service for the congregation. The service will be on Apr 15 at the 9:00 am Worship Service. You do not need to be registered on Wednesday Evenings to participate. If your fourth grader is interested in being a part of the worship service, please contact Jenny Hubbard at [630.615.4318](tel:630.615.4318) or jhubbard@knoxpres.org.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

G3 – Middle School Fellowship

Laser Tag
Friday, April 13
Chasers Laser Tag, 1811 High Grove Ln, Naperville
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Register Online



CHURCH NEWS

Writing Workshop: Life Writing for Pleasure or Profit



Calling writers of all ages and interests! Mark your May calendar if you are interested in joining Barbara Brabec's "Life Writing for Pleasure or Profit" workshop series. Beginning on Wednesday, May 16, and for following Wednesdays for six weeks, workshops will be presented here in Knox at 2:30-4:00 and 7:00 to 8:30. Email Barbara at bbrabec01@gmail.com to get on her mailing list to receive detailed information after April 23. (Friends outside of Knox are also invited.)

Presbyterian Women's Annual Flower Sale

Order Forms Due: Sunday, April 1
Delivery: Thursday, May 10 after 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Just in time for Mother's Day!

Hanging baskets or Premium Combo Pots are our most popular Mother's Day gift! Or, pick out assorted flowers to plant for yourself, mother, wife or loved ones. Talk to anyone who has ordered and find out how beautiful and durable these flowers are. Flowers are grown in a Michigan Greenhouse and they offer us a great fundraising price. Extras will also be available for cash and carry on May 10!



Order forms and pictures are available [here](#). Please tell your friends and neighbors as they won't be disappointed! Any questions, contact Dee Dee Porter at 630-650-9340 or portrace@comcast.net. Proceeds go to PW missions.

Do you want to work in a collaborative, fun and meaningful environment? Work at Knox!

We are now accepting applications for Communications Coordinator, Media Coordinator and Sunday School & Family Ministry Coordinator. Listed below are brief position summaries with a link to the complete job description. Call Joan Tanck @630.615.4309 to apply.



Communications Coordinator

The purpose of this position is to help tell our stories through various forms of print and social media and provide expertise on effective communication/marketing programs for both church-wide and ministry-specific messages. This is accomplished in many ways including the use of our Knox website, social media, indoor and outdoor signage and a variety of printed communication. This position is approximately 19 hours a week. **Job Description**

Media Coordinator

Our Media Coordinator helps to make our Sunday worship come alive for the congregation. They are responsible for the media production including audio, visual and video capture for the Sunday morning services. This position also coordinates with small group needs for audio and visual aids throughout the week, training and managing volunteers for on-site support. This position is approximately 8 hours a week including Sunday mornings from 7:00 – 12noon. **Job Description**

Sunday School & Family Ministry Coordinator

Are you passionate about sharing the message of Christ with children? In this position you will support Children & Family Ministries Director (CFM), and Children's Ministry Council. We are looking for someone that will ignite and nurture a desire for families to have a genuine relationship with God and build Christian relationships with others. Responsibility to maintain dynamic Sunday School & Family programs and bring ideas for new ones! This position is approximately 12 hours a week. **Job Description**

Knox Tech Group Needs Your Help

We are looking for anyone who can help us during the day to help supervise and assist morning and afternoons in Lehman Hall and the Sanctuary for meetings, lunches, weddings and funerals

Description of Responsibilities:

Before - Turn on the lights and when necessary turn on the sound

During - Guiding guests and helping solve their needs

After - Turning off what you turned on

THE CUSTODIAL STAFF WILL ALWAYS BE THERE TO ASSIST YOU

Tell us you are interested by sending an email to Ron Wachholtz at rewachholtz@gmail.com Give us your name, email, and phone number or send your interest to Ron at 1344 E Bailey Rd., Naperville, 60565. We will contact so we train you and talk about your availability.



The Tech Group will train you and we promise, it won't be difficult with written directions also being provided. This really is a position where being available makes a difference to those using Knox. It is a way to spotlight your friendliness and your love of Knox. And if you like you can choose to work with a friend. We hope you will join us

Curious Christians Are on the Road Again!



On Saturday, April 7, we will travel to the University of Chicago Campus where we will meet up with Dr. Ken Sawyer who will first lead us on a docent-led tour at the Oriental Museum before heading to the McCormick Theological Seminary JKM Library. This trip is a follow-up to the Reformation presentation Dr. Sawyer made last October. The Library houses several significant collections, including

Luther manuscript letters and printed works, Swedish and German hymnals, several original editions of Luther's German Bible and many 16-century treatises and pamphlets, and we are working on securing permission to view these materials!

Stay tuned for all the details, but we will travel by van from Knox leaving in the morning around 9:30 am. Our tours will take us into the early afternoon and we are planning on a group lunch in the Campus neighborhood. Like many of the Curious Christian tours we expect to arrive back at Knox around 3:00 pm.

Registration, including payment, will be available on-line. Information on registration and payment, will also be available in the Commons on Sundays. Check the Sunday Bulletin for new updates and look for the Adult Ed Council members to ask questions!

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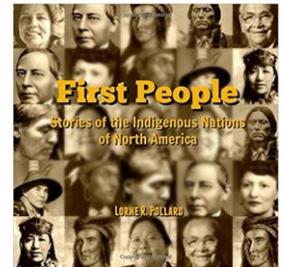
Men's Breakfast



The next Mankind event is a breakfast on April 14, including a presentation by Knox's own author, Lorne Pollard, speaking on "First People: Stories of Indigenous Nations of North America." Lorne will enlighten us with stories of the descendants of three distinct migrations, from Siberia,

(discovered via DNA analysis) starting about 16,000 BCE, (newer discoveries suggest possibly 28,000 BCE) who took advantage of warming events to migrate to North America and then to South America. Think about those dates in the context of the story of Abraham in our Old Testament. Additionally, we're in the early stages of planning a Knox workday in conjunction with the breakfast.

Register Here



Family Camp



Knox is offering a Family Camp weekend on Sept 21 - 23 at [Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva, WI](#). We only have 6 rooms so register by June.

Register Here

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 Jenny and one of the Pastors. Downtown Lake Geneva is a 15 minute walk away along the lake shore which also offers many fun opportunities. If you would

like to help us plan group activities for the weekend please contact Jenny!

Room and pricing details:

Room description: 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 ages 12&up.

- 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 or [630.615.4318](tel:630.615.4318)

Evening Book Club continues to meet the second Wednesday of the month in the Knox parlor at 7:30 p.m. We made a change in our lineup, so April 11 discussion will be Hope Heals: a true story of overwhelming loss and an overcoming love, by Katherine and Jay Wolf. All are welcome. Our reading list for future months can be found on the Knox website, under 'Groups'. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 630.416.9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.



MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Hall of Famers Lunch Thursday, April 12!

An Afternoon with Jackie Kennedy



Former First Lady, Jacqueline Kennedy, as portrayed by Historian and Actress, Leslie Goddard. Leslie will share the story of Jacqueline's life in the White House, her struggle to retain her family privacy, her restoration work, her attempts to showcase the arts, as well as her recount of her husband's death.

Please join us for worship in the chapel at 11:30 am before lunch at noon.

Cost: \$7

For reservations, please call: Diane Heintz at [630.615.4324](tel:630.615.4324) by Monday, April 9.

THANK YOU

We give our heartfelt thank yous to all of the staff, elders, deacons and the Knox congregation for a wonderful celebration for my 20th anniversary. We were all deeply touched by the many cards, the beautiful gifts and lovely words of appreciation! I am still overwhelmed and humbled by your greetings and support and love. What a blessing it has been for us to be here with you all. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and God bless each and every one of you, our church family!

Love, **Harold, Cindy and Jackie**

CARE MINISTRIES

Illness/Health Concerns:

Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)
Dede Gruenberg (sister of Lori Dickens)
Edgar Eloby (co-worker of Kevin Williams)
Debby Hunter (niece of Beverly Aper)
Steve Macaluso (neighbor of Jeff and Sara Egan)
Kevin Pierce (former neighbor of de Conings)
Jim Albrecht
David Hill (brother of Patty Reed)
Marge Nevin
Holly Delahoussaye (Anne Sherren's cousin's daughter)
Karen Hargis
Paula Brady (Becca Hyde Goering's mother-in-law)
Sally Kenaston
Linda Spear (Amanda Hartley's stepmother)
Marlene Parker
Ron Champagne (Stacey Barrett's father)
Helen Brassington
Jenny Craig Rantz (Susan Tokh's niece)
Marlene Larson
Nathan Horek (Mary and Barry Horek's son)
Mark Bickler
Vince Streff (father of Peg Foltz)
Bev Frier
Pete Johanknecht (Lori Rose's father)
Theresa Inman
Lisa Huerkamp (friend of Sue Goll)
Lois Whitlock
Lou Daddezio (Kristina Mastrino's father)
Phyllis Wheeler
Pat Daddezio (Kristina Matrino's mother)
Jinny Clayton
Susie Tabbert (Jan Parry's aunt)
Pat Carter
Rose Smith (mother of Tom Smith)
Helene Schaefer
Laura Varney (Doug Varney's mother)
Sue Evans (Jan Parry's sister-in-law)
Norman Pfeiffer (Eric Pfeiffer's father)
Eleanor Antenen
Steve Mazzarella (retired Naperville North teacher)
Dawn Oliver (friend of Dave and Bonnie Olson)
Ed Terry (Anne Sherren's brother)
Jennifer Streff (Peg Foltz's sister)
David Price (son of Marshall Price)
Mary Harrison (Missy Jung's mother)
Arlene Parker (Alden on Oxford)
Laurie Gilmer
Laura Georgias (Arlene Beslic's daughter)
Gerald Busby (brother-in-law of Cathy Eyberger)
Peg Little (Bolingbrook Hospital)
Jack Parker
Larry McCoy
Allen Haznedl
Tom Vosburgh
Dale Colby
Carol O'Neill

Drew Mastrino
Will Reishus
Caitlin Ritenour
Jerri Picha
Linda Copenhaver
John Bergesen
Hank Mittelhauser
Bob Mittelstaedt
Paula Ply
Emily Schwartz
John MacDonald (Tom MacDonald's father)
Jean Donahue
Lana Levine (Zach Sullivan's mother)
Jon Lim (friend of Nico de Coning)
Jay Pakkebier (Dave Pakkebier's father)
Betty Hemmeter

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

Pat Norris on her death (Natalie Howser's mother)
Tom Carsey on his death (friend of Kurt and Lisa Dorr)
Jim Jones on his death (father of Linda Teets)

Congratulations:

Melissa & Don Kaltenberg on the birth of their daughter Mia Rose on January 25. Proud grandparents are Mike & Susan Komma.

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.