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Knox News

January 2021



≡HAPPY≡
New Year
2021

BE STRONG & TAKE HEART,
ALL YOU WHO HOPE IN
The Lord.

Psalm 31:24



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Online Worship

Sunday@9am

Click on the graphic to learn more

In Person Worship

Knox will keep you posted to when we will resume In Person Worship

According to the Farmers' Almanac ("since 1818"), the month of January draws its name from one of the mythical gods of the Roman pantheon. This god, Janus, literally meaning "archway," was the Roman god of doors and gates. By virtue of this, he is seen as the god of beginnings and endings. So, as the almanac folks write, his name is "appropriate for the beginning of the year."

This begs the question, "Why wasn't the month at the end of the year named for him?" It could have been, as in the god of endings, right? It turns out December is so named for being the tenth month ("deca" for ten). We will immediately remember that it is not the tenth month at all. It was, however in the ancient Roman calendar year. Our twelfth month is named the tenth month! This just goes to show us that life can get pretty confusing.

What a confusing, confounding and convoluted year 2020 has been! It's challenges have touched all people in all nations. It's touched each person, us included. From the broadest impact to the most particularized, it is not a year we will soon forget. It is, actually, not a year we should forget. In fact, it's a year for us to seize for all it is worth related to what we may have learned or yet need to learn.

As we move from the end of 2020 to the beginning of 2021, it is a perfect time to consider three all-encompassing themes, looking back and looking forward. These themes can be expressed as what we have learned, or what we might expect to yet learn, about God, about ourselves and about what God wants us to do as God's people, as disciples of Jesus.

This is also true for us as a congregation. Our world has shifted. What shifts will be required for us to stay in step with God's best? As 2021 begins, let us pray that the Spirit of God will show us the path we are to follow, give us the wisdom to know how live in that way and the conviction and courage to forge ahead for the sake of our entire ministry and mission.

The god Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking back, one looking forward. May we take time to do both, and may God lead the way into what promises to be one of the most important years ever in the life of Knox, all to God's glory.

Pat



NEED ASSISTANCE
Knox can help!
CONGREGATIONAL CARE



**KNOX
SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS**
All Gatherings are on pause at this time
until we move back to Tier 2 guidelines.
Dates, time and location need to be
scheduled with **Ron Mobley** at
rmobley@knoxpres.org.



January 10 - "Status Quo"
Exodus 1:8-14

January 17 - "Felt Needs"
Exodus 3:1-10

January 24 - "Catalyst"
Exodus 6:1-8

January 31 - "On the Move"
Exodus 12:31-42

February 7 - "Overcoming Obstacles" Exodus
14:1-14

February 14 - "Rotten Attitudes"
Exodus 15:22-16:3

February 21 - "Organizational Agility"
Exodus 18:13-23

February 28 - "Values That Last"
Exodus 24:1-7

March 7 - "God First"
Exodus 25:1-9

March 14 - "At Rest"
Exodus 31:12-17

March 21 - "Grateful Hearts"
Deuteronomy 30:5-10



ADVENT
"Hope has a Home"

Star Sunday
Jan. 3 - "Hope is Honored"
Matthew 2:1-12

Each year, Knox hands out stars to every worshiper. The stars have a Bible word – and a church household to pray for. Members share faith stories about what their star word has come to mean to them for that year.

This year we will do Star Sunday a bit different.
We are offering 2 dates that you can drive by Knox and pick them up!

- **Saturday, January 2- 10am -12pm Front Door Only (Catalpa)**

- **Sunday, January 3 – 10:30am -12pm all 3 entrances (Catalpa, Basswood & Gartner)**
- Everyone will be given hand sanitizer before picking out your star from the basket
- After January 3 you may pick out a star at Knox in the Commons during office hours

If you are not comfortable with these in person options, after January 3, we will offer an online form and Knox will mail you your star!



Thank You Curt & Jan!

"Oh, sings my soul" when we make music together, for fun and to unite all, on earth and in the heavens, through music. Every silence, every note, every song, every production, even mistakes, made in hope that we touch just one life and fill someone, anyone, with the spirit of God.

Knox is blessed to have had Curt and Jan Parry lead the music ministry at Knox for the last 18 years. How fortunate Knox is to have had such a talented couple to nurture and grow a strong traditional and contemporary music program. The Praise Team and Choir is privileged and humbled to have worked with these two special people! We love them, our friendship runs deep and we will miss singing to Lord with them. Well done faithful servants!

Tune in on Sunday January 3 @ 9am to see a tribute for Curt & Jan!

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH

Our website is getting a new look!
On January 6 go to knoxpres.org and take a look around.

SAVE THE DATE: ManKIND Men's Ministry to offer Super Bowl Sunday BBQ!

Calling all sports and BBQ fans!! ManKIND Ministry looks to

MEN'S SMOKER SUPERBOWL



continue the tradition of our annual men's smoker *with a twist* in 2021 to accommodate these COVID times!

For our 4th smoker, on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, ManKIND will offer individual "Smoked" BBQ meals for takeout to enjoy while you root for your favorite Super Bowl LV (55) team!

It will be simple enough. Just place your order online at the Knox website (coming soon!) to receive your choice of two: either brisket, pulled pork or sausages. Your meal will include a sandwich bun, baked beans, cornbread, and coleslaw. Or, if you like, you will be able to order these fantastic smoked meats in bulk!

All orders placed will be available for PICK UP ONLY in the outdoor Knox portico on Super Bowl Sunday. Proceeds to benefit ManKIND's veterans Bed Ministry.



Thanks to everyone who has donated food & supplies to the Hesed House drop offs during the pandemic and also to those who have served as Drivers. Hesed House has been very appreciative that we have been able to adjust and continue our support on the 4th Saturday of each month with a hot dinner and breakfast, lunch bags, bottled water, and supplies for those moving out into their own homes.

Hesed House has just made a big change. They have added a huge, heated tent to their parking lot, to allow for better social distancing for their day programs and meals, but also to clear the warehouse for construction of their newest living quarters planned for opening in January. Please pray for the staff at Hesed House as they manage the changes and keep their guests safe.

The sign ups for each month will be posted ten days before the date of each drop off. If anyone would like to help with the preparations between the drop offs or would like to be added to the Driver invite list, let me know. Bruce Burkelman at [bmburkelman@ yahoo.com](mailto:bmburkelman@yahoo.com) or 630-209-1421 (mobile).



Knox Family Time

Families can find a weekly devotional and activities to do throughout the week. They can be found in the weekly Sunday email, in our Knox Kids Facebook Group and on our Website.

Godly Play

Do you miss Godly Play on Saturday evenings with Ms. Kim? Ms. Kim posts her Godly Play videos each week in our Knox Kids Group on Facebook. They are also included in the Knox Family Time each week.

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

January Family Activity Bags

Pick Up Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Basswood Parking Lot- One Per Family



★ January Family Activity Bags

Knox Children and Family Ministries have created Family Activity Bags for the month of January. Inside you will find fun activities to do together as a family throughout the month. There will also be activities centered around Epiphany Sunday (which happens on January 3rd). If you enjoyed your Family Advent Bags, we would love to continue to share this ministry with you.

[SIGN UP](#)

G3: Mid-Week Meet-Ups continue during January

[SIGN UP](#)

G3: Bedtime Prayers continue during January

[SIGN UP](#)

The Knox Connection Groups February 10 at 7PM

Maybe you are just getting started gardening, or perhaps you are an old pro. Whatever the case, join your Knox friends in this interactive session designed to help us plan for our gardens. Prepare your heart, mind, and garden supplies to fully experience God's miracle of transforming seed and soil to healthy plants and fruit in your own backyard!

[SIGN UP](#)

The Evening Book Club meetings will continue on the second **Wednesdays, 7 pm**, for the duration of the pandemic. Our discussion **January 13, 2021**, will be on *The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild* by Lawrence Anthony.

All readers are welcome, but if you are new to the group you will need to email Janice Wiles, wilesjan@gmail.com so your name can be added to the list to receive the Zoom link.

[READ MORE](#)

Stamps and Tops – No Soup!

Knox no longer accepts Campbell soup labels for the "Box Tops for Education" program. This campaign was phased out several years ago. Presbyterian Women (PW) is happy to accept used postage stamps that are carefully trimmed with scissors. (Leave about 1/4 inch border.)

These stamps are sent to the Alliance Stamp Ministry in Shell Point, FL, where they are categorized and sold to stamp collectors around the world.

Funds support missions and a special project in Latin America called the "Sunday School Curriculum Project," where Sunday school materials for children are printed in Spanish. Additionally, PW also accepts pop tops from soda cans that are given to the Ronald McDonald House charities. Stamp and top donations may be placed in the willow basket on the Mission table outside Lehman Hall.



Women on Wednesday finished Max Lucado's Advent study *Because of Bethlehem* and is on break. Watch the email blast and website for a new study to begin in early January. We will continue meeting on Zoom from 9:15-11:00.

WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge so if this time frame works for you please feel free to join us for a new study in the New Year! Questions? Please contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mlambka2@gmail.com

PW Circle's



Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, January 12 at 9:30 am**. For more information contact Susan Burns at sbburns@comcast.net.

Rachel Rebecca Circle will meet **Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 9:30 am** on Zoom. Kathi or Eileen will be sending details to members. This Circle always welcomes new members. Contact Kathi Olson at 630-420-1953 to learn more.

Ruth Circle will meet via Zoom on **Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 pm**. A link will be sent out for everyone to join in that evening for a time of devotion, scripture, fellowship and prayer. If you'd like to join this group that meets in the evening, please contact Bev Mayer bmayer@knoxpres.org or 630-202-5097 cell.



Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship Fund Committee encourages each person to consider their future vocation. Each person is encouraged to follow their passion. If you are considering a vocation of full-time Christian Service please feel free to talk to Anne or one of the Pastors. Remember that Knox Members are eligible to apply for a Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship. The next deadline is March 15, 2021.

Click [Here](#) For The Full Knox Calendar

Thank You Knox

Thank You!



What an incredible response we had for the Sisseton Angel tree. 235 Native American children felt Christ's love through your generous giving this Christmas. COVID is on the rise in Sisseton. The schools are still in person. This is positive for the kids. The kids get nutritious meals, positive interaction and in person teaching. What a wonderful blessing that we could help with making this Christmas brighter in this pandemic.



A huge thank you to Julie and Dane Milldrum and all those who helped on Saturday, December 12 to sort packages of Christmas gifts together for the children and families in Sisseton.

Thank you to the many who bought presents and wrapped them so beautifully for the children to have a special Christmas.

Our heartfelt thank you and God's blessings on those who brought the gifts and those who worked so hard to make sure each child receives them.

What a blessing to see the arms of our church family reach so far & wide!!



Sisseton Hygiene Bags Thank You-

Thank you to all of our families who donated Hygiene Bags to the families in Sisseton. We were able to donate over 50 bags!



Thank you to everyone who registered for a Family Advent Bag! We had a wonderful time seeing you and handing them out and we have enjoyed seeing your advent wreath pictures.



MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR SOUL

[King of Kings](#) by Hillsong Worship

[Star of Wonder](#) by Phil Wickham

[Here With Us](#) Joy Williams

[When Hope Came Down](#) by Kari Jobe

[10,000 Reasons](#) by Matt Redman

[Adore Him](#) by Kari Jobe

[Prince of Heaven](#) by Hillsong

[We Three Kings](#) by Piano Guys



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