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February 2021



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAT



On February 1, I will have been your Interim Transitional Leader for one year. One year. Wow! What a year this has been!

When I arrived, I was an unknown to almost all of you outside those tasked with the search for who might be the best fit for Knox in this much-anticipated transition. On the flip side, you also were unknown to me beyond information received in conjunction with the search process. Under God's gracious hand, we were brought together for a very special journey.

We began to settle in with one another from that very first day a year ago. It was a Saturday, which meant that my first face-to-face interaction with the Knox community was with those gathered for Knox@5 worship. The next morning, I worshiped alongside others during our then-customary two Sunday services. By lunchtime that day, some 19 hours into our life together, hundreds of us had our first impressions of one another as we stepped into all our



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KNOX SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Gatherings of 25 or fewer can resume at Knox. Please contact [Ron Mobley](mailto:rmobley@knoxpres.org) at rmobley@knoxpres.org to schedule date, time and location.



Online Worship

expectations for the future.

What a future that has been! Far beyond anyone's imagination, we have faced challenges and opportunities, large and small, that have been far beyond our control. In the midst of these realities, we have walked through a dizzying array of shifts and pivots, loss and gain, a narrowing of life and an expansion of life. How grateful I am for God's presence with us every step of the way!

At this one year anniversary mark, I join you in, once again, looking to the future. We all have our hopes related to what lies ahead for Knox as we remain patient, resilient, inspired and faithful to God and our mission to Learn, Grow and Serve as followers of Jesus Christ. Ministries at every level are being freshly stirred to do all we can to maximize a sense of palpable connection within our Knox family and to our community. Our dedication to being people of the Good News of Jesus is as strong as ever, and our world needs us more than ever as well.

As this second year of our life together begins, I invite us all to do all we can to fulfill our calling. This year is one of promise where the pandemic can be broken as quickly as possible and life brings us more and more into contact with one another in person, where we go deeper in understanding who we are as a congregation and how we can meet the greatest needs of our larger community and where our faith deepens and expands under God's gracious goodness.

I'm thrilled we get to step into year two together to live for God's glory in every way.

Pat



January 31 - "On the Move"
[Exodus 12:31-42](#)

Prayer of Readiness

Sunday@9am
Click on the graphic to view

In Person Worship

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



Click on the graphic to view Bulletin



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Gracious God, Lord of our journey, you know where we are and where we need to be. Sometimes you call us into the wilderness, not so we will lose our way, but so we may be found by you. Open our ears, our eyes and our hearts so we will hear, see and know you in fresh ways. Give us grace for the journey so we will learn to trust you in every circumstance. Take us where you want us to go as we learn to walk in step with you. Amen.

February 7 - "Overcoming Obstacles"
[Exodus 14:1-14](#)

February 14 - "Rotten Attitudes"
[Exodus 15:22-16:3](#)

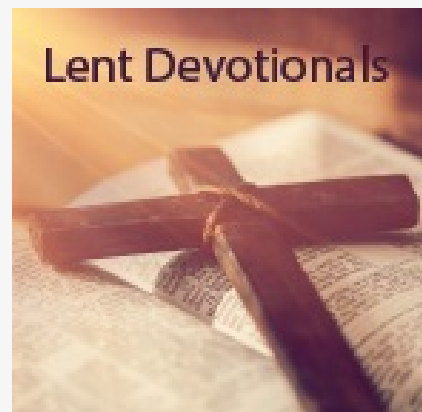
February 21 - "Organizational Agility"
[Exodus 18:13-23](#)

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](#)



Ash Wednesday Two Online Services February 17 at 12 pm & 6 pm

Online Ash Wednesday service will be available on the Knox website and on our usual streaming platforms.

Ashes will be distributed at Knox from 1:30 - 2:30 pm and 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed outside to people in cars as they drive up to the Catalpa entrance. Pastors and Worship Music Arts Council members will be outside on both sides of the cars to distribute the ashes.

Health protocols will be followed with disposable Q-tips being used to avoid cross contamination.

A Lenten devotional will also be distributed as well as downloadable music to play in the car while waiting and for use throughout lent.

Midweek Meditations *with Pastor Pat*



Join Pat each Wednesday for a quick look into Scripture that will also be the text for our upcoming Sunday worship.

Click the [play](#) button to view the meditation.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH



Annual Congregational Meeting

In compliance with the church By-Laws, we will hold our annual meeting on **Sunday, February 14 following the worship service at 10:00 am** via Zoom.

Please go to the knoxpres.org and register to participate in the meeting and choose how you'd like to receive a copy of the annual report. We'll let you know when the report is ready.

You'll have 3 options to chose from:

- have them emailed
- hard copy mailed to your home
- drop by Knox, come inside to Commons, sanitize hands and pick one up.

[SIGN UP](#)

MEN'S SMOKER SUPERBOWL



[ORDER BBQ](#)

Calling all sports and BBQ fans!!
Orders need to be made by January 29

ManKIND Men's Ministry looks to 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 from Stone Jug BBQ for takeout from Knox Presbyterian Church to enjoy while you root for your favorite Super Bowl 55 team! Or, if you like, you will be able to order these fantastic smoked meats in bulk! Order Today!

Proceeds benefit ManKIND's Veterans Bed Ministry



Loaves & Fishes
Ending Hunger → Empowering Lives

**MOST NEEDED
ITEMS**

Loaves and Fishes Drive Up, Drop Off Event Hunger Sunday, February 7 at Knox Basswood parking lot at 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

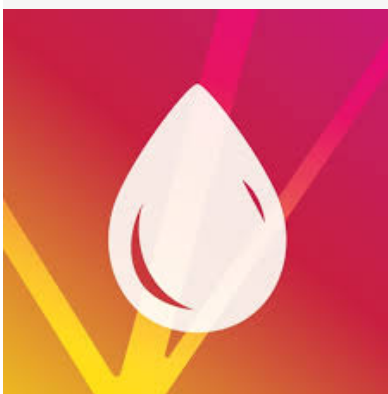
This event will coincide with ManKIND Smoker event at same time in Catalpa parking lot.

Also, a virtual food drive, if anyone prefers, it is available via this link: [Virtual Food Drive](#)

Questions? Contact Kim Williams, zoodogs@comcast.net

Loaves & Fishes is a major Knox Mission partner, has acquired a 30,000 sq ft warehouse in Aurora. This new facility will greatly increase their ability to receive, store, and process food to be distributed to their client families and individuals in need.

For more detailed information about Loaves and Fishes, visit www.loaves-fishes.org



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Knox Blood Drive February 8, 2-6 PM

There will be a blood drive at Knox and appointments are encouraged!

You can download the App from Google Play or the App Store. Type Versiti Donor in the search bar.

Questions? Contact by email [Neil Goltermann](mailto:Neil.Goltermann) or (630-) 750-5863.



Virtual Fellowship Time

February 21 - March 28 from 10:00 am-10:30 am
Starts on Sundays during Lent.

Enjoy a casual conversation with our church family.
Register online - Join us as often as you can.
A Zoom link will be sent out on the Friday before each Sunday.

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We look forward to seeing you!



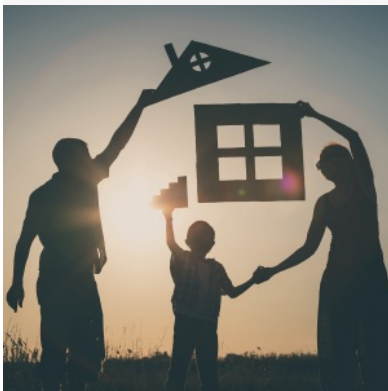
The Power of Prayer-Seeking God's Peace

Prayer Service for the Pandemic at one Year of Remote Life

Please join Knox and the surrounding Community as we come together to reflect on one year of Remote life. We will pray for personal losses and also to give thanks and celebrate the ways God has provided even in dark days. Please join in an interactive prayer service on **Saturday, March 13 at 6:00 pm** to be held on Zoom. Please register to receive the zoom link.

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Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7



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](#)

Friday Night, Family Night

Knox Children and Family Ministry Council is planning a Family Night on Zoom to take place on February 12th at 7pm.

Please sign up and Join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

[SIGN UP](#)



Lent Activity Bags

Families of all ages can register for Lent Activity Bags. Registration will be open until February 10th and the bag pick up will take place at Knox on February 13th from 10am-12pm

[SIGN UP](#)

G3: Mid-Week Meet-Ups continue during January

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G3: Bedtime Prayers

[WATCH BEDTIME PRAYER](#)

The Knox Connection Groups - 3rd Session 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 Knox Connection Groups - 4th Session March 10 at 7PM



Knox will be holding its fourth Knox Connection Group on Zoom- Imagining the Post Pandemic Life. This date is at the one year point from when our community went into lockdown. This session will explore the first year of Pandemic Life and imagine life after the Pandemic. What are our hopes for this future time? Is there anything we want to carry forward into Post Pandemic Life from our remote life? What has been lost over the past year? How are we grieving these losses?

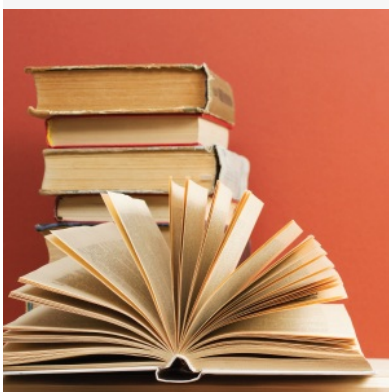
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Mission Highlight

Highlighting one of our newer Mission partners, Jake and Gina Anderson with Wycliffe Bible Translators: Jake and Gina, along with their 4 kids, live on the edge of the Amazon. Jake is a pilot who regularly flies into remote Amazon villages to transport missionary doctors and Wycliffe Bible translators to provide Bibles in the native tribal languages. Jake and Gina have made a 20-year commitment to this vital work of spreading God's love.

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The Evening Book Club Zoom meetings will continue on the second Wednesdays, 7 pm, for the duration of the pandemic. Our discussion February 10, 2021, will be on *The Other Einstein*, by Marie Benedict, historical fiction novel.

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.

Visit knoxpres.org and click on Events to view Evening Book Club

[READ MORE](#)



The Church Life App

Church Directory – online! Stay connected with Knox Members

The most up to date information for address, phone numbers and emails is by using the Church Life app. You can easily download it from your app store and it is updated daily. You can even get directions to people's homes with the click of a button!

[DOWNLOAD APP](#)

Your log in as the same as your login to Knox Connections. If you are unsure, we can help you! Call the church office at 630-355-8181. Go ahead and try it, you will be glad you did!



Women on Wednesday has begun

Melissa Spoelstra's Bible study- Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World. As the author says, "By examining God's words of instruction through Jeremiah, we will discover six guidelines for living that can help us to overcome fear, worry, doubt and bitterness as we surrender our wills to God and put our hope in Him alone". We continue to meet on Zoom from 9:15-11:00 on Wednesday mornings. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge so if this time frame works for you please feel free to join us!

Questions? Please contact Robin Kolar
at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka
at mllambka2@gmail.com

PW Circle's



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

Rachel Rebecca Circle will meet **Tuesday, February 9 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, February 18 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.

Not Your Mother's Circle will meet on zoom Saturday, February 20 at 12 pm. Please contact Lisa Dorr at dorrll@yahoo.com if interested in joining the group.



One Great Hour of Sharing

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

The three programs supported:

- 1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program**
- 2. Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program**
- 3. Presbyterian Hunger Program**

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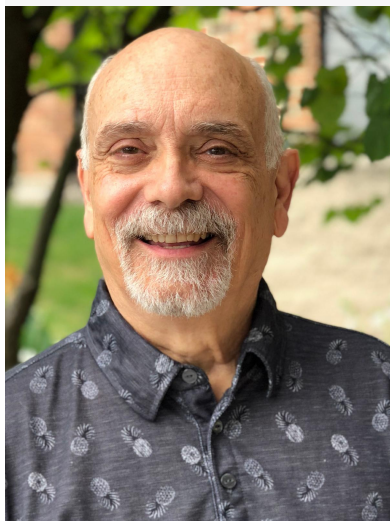
If you have additional questions, contact one of your pastors or Mission Council members. Knox will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering each Sunday during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday (February 17) with the culmination on Palm Sunday (March 28). Thank you for your generous gifts

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.

[REGISTER](#)



Worship, Music & Arts Notes:

I am excited and honored about my new role at Knox as the Interim Worship, Music & Arts Director. It will be a challenge to continue the legacy of meaningful worship experiences and quality music that Jan and Curt Parry have provided over the last 18+ years.

Save the date - February 17 for an Ash Wednesday service.

Our teams are working hard together to re-imagine them safely for this year.

I am humbled by the depth of talent at Knox and look forward to facilitating the worship services in the coming months.

Tim Sleep

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

Thank You Knox



Thank You From Mission Coordination Council!

We are thankful for the continued support for Hesed House. Bruce and Jane Burkelman continue to coordinate the collection and drop-off of food and other much-needed items. We appreciate the commitment and generosity of our Knox community and volunteers.

The Mission Coordination Council met on December 14th and want to thank the generosity of the Knox community for the support of the Knox missions. We were able to use the remaining 2020 budget to provide additional support to a number of Mission partners, with particular thought to those especially impacted by Covid.

Thank You to all who contributed to the Joy Offering and The Christmas Card Fund!

The Christmas Joy total was \$2,970.00



The Christmas Card Fund was \$4,762.00.

All the people who participated in the Knox Christmas Card Fund:

Carol Boals, Bobbie Britton, Sam and Virginia Burton, Richard & Christina Cline, Jerry Johnson, Randall Johnson & Diane Heintz, Rev. Cindy Karis & Harold Bullard, Walter and Mary Ellen Kelly, Bryon & Kim Lynn, Frank & Beverly Mayer, Gary & Alice McGregor, Rob and Ann Naubert, Brian & Laurie Pettit, Bonnie Poole, Anne Sherren, Awad & Rhoda Sifri, James & Alice Snelgrove, Douglas & Daryl Lynn Varney, Benjamin & Nancy Whitmer.



MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR SOUL

[God Is On The Move](#) by 7eventh Time Down

[Say I Won't](#) by MercyMe

[There is A King](#) by Elevation Worship

[Nothing More Than You](#) by Cory Asbury

[Keep Coming Back To You](#) by I AM THEY

[New Day](#) by Danny Gokey

[Just As I Am](#) by Jason Crabb

[Evidence](#) by Josh Baldwin

[This is a Move](#) by Brandon Lake