

Knox News

APRIL 2021



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAT



April is full of evidence that ministry is building and expanding for Knox! Just take a quick look at some of what is on the way this month:

1. Session is now allowing for up to 100 in any worship service, up to 50 for other gatherings depending on room size and up to 200 on the property in total at any given time.
2. Our Church Nominating Committee has begun the process by which they will recommend a slate of people to serve as our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to be elected at a congregational meeting in the near future.
3. The Director of Worship and Music



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KNOX SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Gatherings of 100 or fewer can resume at Knox. Please contact [Ron Mobley](mailto:rmobley@knoxpres.org) at rmobley@knoxpres.org to schedule date, time and location to make sure we do not have overlapping meetings, Thank You.

Arts search committee has narrowed its list of candidates from a strong pool of great people and is delighted with the possibilities ahead.

4. A search will soon be underway for a new part-time leader for all social media-based connecting points of our ever-broadening reach electronically.

5. All aspects of ministry and mission are hitting significant benchmarks for people of all ages for those who already call Knox home and those who are just coming into our orbit as reflected in this Knox News.

6. Resurrection Weekend comes to us right out of the gate this month with in-person worship options on Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th (4 services!) and our pre-recorded virtual service that will stream at 9:00 am on Sunday (available to be viewed anytime after that, of course).

Be sure to invest in the ways that fit you best, and be sure to invite others to join us at this very special season.

With these half a dozen reasons to celebrate among many others, let's give ourselves fully to all that God has in store. Remember, all of our Knox life isn't just for us who already know this fellowship as our spiritual home. It's for all of our neighbors. Keep spreading the word about what God is up to including this very month.

Pat



Worship
WITH US IN PERSON
SATURDAY@5PM & SUNDAY@9AM

REGISTER FOR IN PERSON SERVICE
@ KNOXPRES.ORG - EVENT PAGE
OR WORSHIP ONLINE SUNDAY@9:00AM

In Person Worship

Registration is required and opens up every Monday for the next weekend.

Go to the Events Page at
knoxpres.org.

If you tried to register for an in person church service but found registration was full, please check back later in the week or the day of the service.

Often there are spaces due to last minute cancellations.

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Worship
TOGETHER
SUNDAYS ONLINE @ 9AM

CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR LIVESTREAM
REPLAY ANYTIME AFTER 9 AM

Online Worship

Sunday@9am

Click on the graphic to view



Click on graphic to view the bulletin
that is updated every Thursday on

March 27/28 Palm Sunday

"Our King is Here!" - Mark 11:1-11

Saturday, March 27

5 pm in person service

Sunday, March 28

9 am in person service and 9 am
online service

Please register for in person services
@ knoxpres.org

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**Knox will have palms outside the
Catalpa doors for you to drive up
and take one (self-service) after the
Palm Sunday service on a "first
come/first served" basis.**



April 1, Maundy Thursday

7 pm in person service with

Communion. Darin Nettleton will lead
this contemplative service and provide
the message with Rev. Dr. Pat Smith
officiating for communion.

Please register for in person services
@ knoxpres.org

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the website at the top of the
Sermons Page.



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 **Cash/
Check**

 **Online**
knoxpres.org

 **Legacy
Gift**

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Are you curious?

Come check out what changes has been happening inside Knox when you are ready. Here is a sneak peek...



April 2, Good Friday

12 pm in person service with Communion. Rev. Cindy Karis will provide the message and communion at this reflective service that will feature special music.

Please register for in person services @ knoxpres.org

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Easter Prayer Vigil

In Person

Maundy Thursday

8pm - 10pm

30 minute time slots

Good Friday

9am - 11am and 2pm - 7:30 pm

30 minute time slots

Virtual

Maundy Thursday

8 pm to Good Friday 7:30 pm

30 minute time slots to be in prayer from home

Please register at knoxpres.org

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April 3/4 Easter

"Our King is Alive!" - Mark 16:1-8

Holy Saturday, April 3

5 pm in person service

Easter Sunday, April 4

6:30 am in person sunrise service

with Communion at Veterans
Park (303 E. Gartner Road)

Easter Sunday, April 4

9 am in person traditional service with
special music.

11 am in person contemporary service
with music by Knox Praise Band.

1 pm in person blended service
with elements from all of Knox's
worship traditions.

Please register for in person services
@ knoxpres.org on Monday March
29.

Easter Sunday, April 4

9 am online service that can be
viewed anytime after

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Communion Worship Services April 10 & 11

Communion will be celebrated during the April 10, 5 pm service along with drive up communion available from 6:15 - 6:45 pm.

It will also be offered during the Sunday, April 11, 9 am service with drive up communion available from 10:15 - 10:45 am.

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



Hesed House Support Saturday, Mar 27th, 4:00-4:30 pm

A Food & Supply “Drive Thru, Drop-Off” at Knox.
All items have been provided - Thank you for your continued support!

Questions? Contact Bruce Burkelman
at bmburkelman@yahoo.com or 630-209-1421

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Loaves and Fishes Drop Off at Knox Hunger Sunday, April 4

Many thanks to the Knox Congregation for generously donating over 300 lbs. on March 7th. Happily April's Hunger Sunday falls on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Loaves & Fishes, 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.

**MOST NEEDED
ITEMS**

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

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

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Scout Troops 505 & 1505 34th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Meal pick-up April 10, 8AM – 12PM
at Knox Presbyterian Church
\$5 per ticket

ORDER TICKETS

Enter code 1228.71.6884

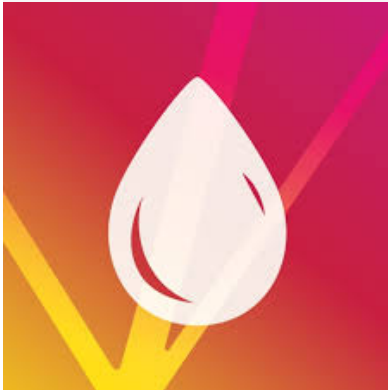
Each ticket purchases 1 breakfast of pancakes and sausages.

Due to COVID-19 safety restrictions, we will host a meal pick-up for the Pancake Breakfast this year.

Non-perishable food items will also be collected for the local food pantry.

Please go to [Scoutsales.org](https://scoutsales.org) starting March 1 and enter scout code 1228.71.6884 to place an online credit card order for breakfast tickets.

Questions? Please contact Lisa van der Vorst at (630) 780-8597.



Knox Blood Drive April 12, 2-6 PM

We've had a blood drive every 8 weeks since August 2020. This matches the current rules about how often donors are allowed to donate blood.

Appointments are encouraged!

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

[SCHEDULE APPT.](#)

Fill-A-Truck Sunday



Save The Date For Fill- A-Truck May 16

It's Time to Clean the Closets Again!!!

On Sunday, May 16 Knox will sponsor and host the Wayside Cross Ministries for our **13th Annual "Fill-A-Truck" Sunday**. ***Note that I've not received a confirmation on this date, so be sure to double-check the date in the May Newsletter.***

[READ MORE](#)

Our Knox family has been faithful servants to the residents of Wayside Cross and filled the truck every year for the past 12 years. The men and women of Wayside Cross thank you.



Palm Sunday Pictures

We would love to have a picture of your family waving your palms for Palm Sunday which takes place on **Sunday, March 28**. You can make your own palms with your handprints or with a piece of construction paper.

Please send in your pictures to Erin at ehartman@knoxpres.org by **Wednesday, March 24** so that we have enough time to compile all of the pictures to be used during our service.



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](#)



G3: Bedtime Prayers

[WATCH BEDTIME PRAYERS](#)



Decorating the Easter Cross

On Saturday, April 3rd, 10 am – 12 pm, we will be decorating the Easter Cross in the Children's Garden (weather pending). We hope that you can join us!

Families can drive up and children can get out of the car (masked) and add a flower to our Easter Cross (we will be providing the flowers). The cross will then be brought into the Sanctuary for our Easter Services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.



Egging of Knox Families

During the week of March 14th-20th our Children and Family Ministry Council "egged" a total of 123 families delivering a dozen eggs to each family.

Please reach out to Erin Hartman ehartman@knoxpres.org if we might have missed you and if we did, we do apologize. Thank you Children and Family Ministry Council!

May Activity Bags

Our Children and Family Ministry Council will be putting together



Family Activity Bags for the month of May. You can sign up for one on our website.

We will do the Drive Thru pick up like we have done in the past, which will take place on May 1st from 10am-12pm. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to sharing these with you!

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Save The Date: VBS June 21 - 25

We hope that you can join us for our Knox VBS taking place June 21st - 25th, 2021. If you missed our VBS reveal, you can [see it here](#). If you are interested in helping with the planning or implementation of VBS this year, please email Erin Hartman at ehartman@knoxpres.org. If you are a family interested in VBS either virtually or in-person, we would love for you to [complete this survey](#) to help us in the planning process.



Youth

Day Away at Stronghold

Join us on April 17th for a Day Away at Camp Stronghold! We are headed up to the castle for some time of fellowship, fun, and to help welcome the Confirmation Class of 2021 into our midst. Arrive at Knox at 9:30, and be prepared for a full day at Stronghold. We will return at 9:30 pm. **Registration available soon.**

Confirmation:

Day of Decision at Camp Stronghold is April 17th! This mandatory confirmation event is the capstone of our year together. The day will be jam packed with activities, fun, reflection, food, and of course safety, so wear your masks! And mark your calendars for Confirmation Sunday on May 2nd!

Go and Serve:

Thank you to all the councils, circles, and families who supported Go and Serve during our Raffle! This trip is not possible without your generosity.

Mark your Calendars: Spring Retreat is May 14-16!
Sign up today!

[SIGN UP](#)



GO & SERVE 2021

Be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ at Go & Serve 2021 in Detroit, Michigan – **June 13-19.**

Important Go & Serve Dates:

April 5 - 25 – Early Registration (\$360)

April 26 – May 12 – Late Registration (\$410)

May 12 – Young Adult (\$150) Registration Deadline

May 19 – MANDATORY MEETING for all Go & Serve participants at 7:30PM

May 23 – Go & Serve Sunday



The Knox Connection Groups - 5th Session April 14 at 7PM

Knox Story Night, Sharing the Stories of Knox
Pride In The Past; Faith In The Future

Please join our Knox family for our next connection group. This zoom group is hosted by Alan and Nancy Fry. This will be a time to celebrate what Knox has done through the years from 1960 to 2021:

Why we joined Knox, what we have celebrated, the impact our kids programs have had, our adult groups, our fellowship together and where it has led us.

WHERE IS KNOX HEADED IN THE FUTURE!

Join us to share your stories of what Knox could be doing in Naperville and the world in the future. If you have pictures of events in which you shared or memories of things that have made Knox special please send a pdf file to carolericp@yahoo.com or give Nancy a call 630-669-2045.

SIGN UP



The Knox Connection Groups - 6th Session May 12 at 7PM

Knox Connection Group May: Antarctica Exploration

Please join your Knox friends for an evening of exploration of Antarctica. Ed Wiles and Jeff Hartman will transport our Zoom Connection Group South to Antarctica. We will learn about the continent where 70% of the World's Water is Frozen. They will bring the beauty of God's creation to our eyes. Discussions will include considering the factors that threaten a disruption in the climate change equation. Please sign at knoxpres.org for the

Zoom link that will be sent to you before the program.

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The Annual Presbyterian Women's Flower Sale

New date in 2021, Friday May 14 from 10 am - 5 pm

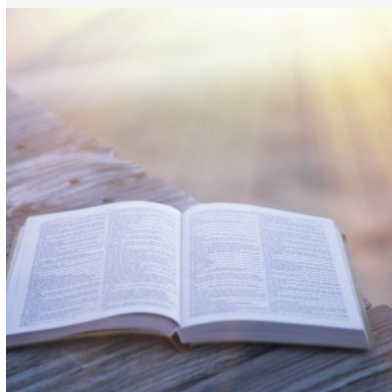
You may pre-order your flowers for the best selection, or you can purchase extras on that day.

You can sign up to have the order form sent directly to you when they become available in late March.

Contact [Dee Dee Porter](#) with any questions.

The new greenhouse is in Michigan as well. Our old vendor has ended their fundraising events but our new vendor is sure to please!

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Zoom Bible Study

Jim Clinton's Group

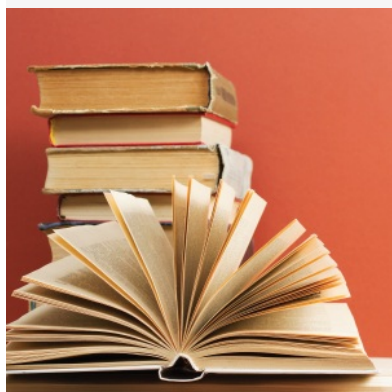
Sundays at 10:30 am

This group will start a new unit. It is a five part video presentation hosted by world renowned author and Christian thinker Sister Helen Prejean. Sister Prejean is best known as the author of the book *Dead Man Walking*. The title of the series is "Questioning Capital Punishment." The five units are:

- 4/11 Crossing the Breach
- 4/18 What in God's Name?
- 4/25 A Change of Heart
- 5/2 Radical Forgiveness
- 5/9 Next Steps

Join us for thoughtful, lively discussion and a wide variety of opinions. For an invite to the Zoom meeting contact Mary Horek at horek@sbcglobal.net.

Questions? contact Jim Clinton @ j_clinton64@outlook.com

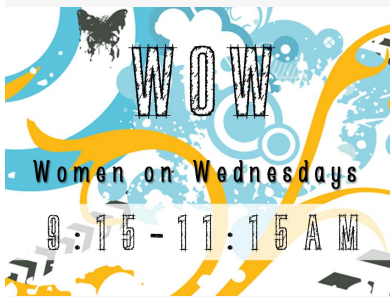


The Evening Book Club Zoom meetings will continue on the second Wednesdays, 7 pm, for the duration of the pandemic. Our discussion **April 14** will be on *American Dirt* by *Janine Cummins*.

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

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Women on Wednesday continue the 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 as well as in person at Knox. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge so if this time frame works for you it's not too late 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, April 13 at 9:30 am**. For more information contact Susan Burns at sbburns@comcast.net.

Rachel Rebecca Circle will meet **Tuesday, April 13 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, April 15 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. We'd love to have you come and be a part of this great group and feel connected with other women of Knox.

Questions? Contact Bev Mayer bmayer@knoxpres.org or 630-202-5097 cell.

Not Your Mother's Circle This group supports one another's spiritual journey, promotes long-lasting friendships, and serves God's purpose wherever there is a need. NYMC rotates location, and usually meets the second Saturday morning each month from 9:30 -11.

The group also enjoys social and local mission centric activities. Most members work part or fulltime and have young adult children. New members welcome. Email Sue Goll



Please Welcome Our New Children's Day Out Teacher

We are pleased to introduce a new teacher to the CDO staff. Becca Collins will be joining the 2s classroom through May. She'll be working with Lynn Feilinger. Please welcome her if you see her.

She's provided a brief bio to share.

Hello, I am Becca Collins and I am married with 3 children; Paige

is a senior at Naperville Central, Lauren is a sophomore at Naperville Central and Ryan is in 7th grade at Lincoln JR High. My family has lived in Naperville for the last 16 years. My children attended Kingsley Elementary.

Before having children, I was both a preschool and a kindergarten teacher. Over the years I have enjoyed teaching swimming lessons and being a Girl Scout Leader. During my spare time I walk my chocolate lab Bailey, read books and cheer my daughters on in their swim meets.

I very much look forward to spending the days with your children and getting to know them.



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!

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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!

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

Knox Members Moving



We say farewell and God Bless you to **Deb and Paul Trowbridge and their 4 children** as they

move to Tennessee this month. We give thanks for their faithful service to Knox and the community. Deb has served as a Children's Day Out teacher for 16 years. Their family was active in youth and young adult activities through the years as well as our Thanksgiving Day celebrations by providing food and fellowship. We wish them well and pray for many blessings in their new home!

Later this month we will say farewell and God Bless you to **Karen and Pete Elmgren** who are moving to Colorado. We give thanks for their faithful years of service to Knox and the community. Both Karen and Pete have served as Elders, have served the Great Banquet Community and both have been faithful members of the Praise Team every Sunday morning for the past 18 years! Most recently Karen has served faithfully on the Restart Task Force. We wish them well and pray for many blessings in their new home!

In April we will say farewell and God Bless you to **Lisa & Kurt Dorr** who are moving to Texas. We give thanks for their faithful years of service to Knox and the community. Both Lisa & Kurt have served in many ways as: College Mentor, PW Retreats & Prayer ministry, middle school fellowship, Youth Go 'N Serves, Sunday School teacher, with the Great Banquet community and Daybreakers to name a few. We wish them well and pray for many blessings in their new home!

Thank You



Thank you for all who have contributed to the One Great Hour Of Sharing Special Offering!



MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR SOUL

[God So Loved](#) by We the Kingdom

[How Can I Keep From Singing](#) by Audrey Assad

[Praise To You Alone](#) by Gas Street Music & Millie Tilby

[Bound For Glory](#) by Vertical Worship

[Sing His Praise Again](#)(Oh My Soul) by Bethel Music & Jen Johnson

[The Commission](#) by Cain

[Authority](#) by Elevation Worship