# KNOX THE KNOX NEWS

**June & July 2019** 

## A Letter From Rev Clint

### Thunderstorms

Dear Friends,

Among the many undisputed pleasures of summer stands one which might be considered more a curse than a blessing: the thunderstorm. Thunderstorms can be extremely destructive, yet they are also extremely common, occurring thousands of times a day over vast expanses of land and sea. They cause both fires and floods, yet they continually renew the face of the earth. They are wild and untamable, yet as predictable as the heat of a summer's afternoon.

Thunderstorms can bring an experience of exaltation and peace. Out of the living pages of Scripture, the Lord of Hosts appears to the children of Israel in thunder and lightning. Moses ascends high into the storm cloud to return after forty day and nights, carrying the Law of God in his arms, his face radiant with reflected glory. Later on, a towering thunderhead will guide the Israelites by day and a column of lightning by night. God came to Job in a terrific thunderstorm and visited Elijah the same way. Yet when God spoke, it was with "a sound of sheer silence" (1 Kings 19).

Last week was so hot and humid you could poach eggs on the sidewalk. There was enough moisture in the atmosphere to turn the sky a shimmering, whitish-grey, interspersed with vague, cloudy shapes that appeared and disappeared like fish in the Ashbury retention pond.

By suppertime, the tension in the air was oppressive, pressing in upon the lungs, lacerating the nerves. Off to the Northwest, the sky turned black and ominous. Lightning flickered, tress shifted uneasily beneath sudden gusts of air. Now comes the sound of thunder, slowly increasing as the lightning grew nearer, its distant mutter becoming and angry growl and then an earsplitting CRACK! as the lightning and sound comes together. With a shriek of wind, laboring clouds give birth to torrents of falling water. Parking lots turn into seething lakes and city streets into rivers. Outside the doors of the church, I watch and listen as the lightning and thunder move off into the distance, leaving behind a steady finale of soft, steady rain.

How would you describe the peace of God? For me, it's often in the sounds that come after the storm is over: the song of the crickets, the rain gently drumming on the leaves. I feel it in the cool, fragrant air that drives away the heat of the day. I see it in starlight and moonlight illuminating the breaking canopy above.

Heat and pressure are inescapable, if we choose not to live out our lives in places sealed tight against the sky. Storms will come. They must. They can bring destruction of one kind or

another. But they bring new life as well—even to the most arid of landscapes. That is why I love thunderstorms. They remind me of Who's really in charge of this planet: our wild, untamable, life-bringing God.

With Joy, Clint



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## **Church News**



#### 9:45-10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship with doughnuts!

#### 10:00-Morning Worship

This worship service will be family-friendly and incorporate elements from both the 9:00 a.m. traditional and 10:30 a.m. contemporary services offered September thru June. Children 3rd grade and older will remain in worship, while children 2nd grade and younger may be excused for their own children's program. There will be a full sermon, hymns, songs and praise, special musical offerings and Communion on the first Sundays of the month.

You won't want to miss our Fourth of July celebration with the recognition of our Veterans on Sunday, June 30th! Make your summer plans now for attending the 8:15 a.m. Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship or the Saturday Service at 5:00 pm!

## New Summer Worship Schedule! June 30 - September 1

**Saturdays @ 5:00** will continue as scheduled throughout the weeks of summer.

#### **Sundays**

#### 8:15 am-Prayer Service.

This 35 minute traditional prayer service will include hymns, prayers, a shorter message and Communion on the first Sundays of the month. It is designed for those wishing to worship earlier on Sunday morning.

#### 8:45-9:00 am

Coffee Fellowship

#### 9:00 am-Christian Education For All Ages

Coming this summer, new adult classes will be available for the first time between the two worship services, as well as our ongoing summer Sunday School program for children through 5th grade.



## **Knox Live Streaming June 16**

Hi Knox Readers! We have some exciting news from the Tech Team at Knox Presbyterian Church! Imagine being able to watch the Sunday service all from the comfort of your home or office. If for some reason you can't make it to church or are unable to drive, there is no need to get into traffic when you can watch the service from your smart TV, phone or tablet. Yes, Knox Presbyterian Church is now streaming live on the internet. We are able to deliver the message of God in real time. Our new streaming service also allows you to play back previous sermons in case you missed one. With the modern technology, we will be able to get closer to living Christian lives. So, head on over to knoxpres.org and catch the Sunday service from our Sunday stream player. You can also download the Sunday Streams app on your phone and type in Knoxpreschurch and watch the service from your smart phone or tablet. We look forward to seeing you online June 19.

Pat Schwarz AV Media Coordinator

### **CDO Teacher Retires**



As Children's Day Out winds down for the school year we have to say goodbye to one of our teachers! Denise Gallagher has been a fabulous member of our family since August 2010, Denise brought a wealth of

experience to our program and helped us all grow in so many ways. To me personally she is a mentor and has guided me with grace and understanding. Please take a moment to thank Denise for her many years of service to our program and the hundreds of children she has guided so lovingly. Thank you, Ms. Denise! - Beth Burner, Director, Children's Day Out





# PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL! June 23rd at 10 AM

Enjoy some ice cream novelties and meet your deacon! We look forward to some summertime fun.



## **Veteran's Recognition Sunday – June 30**

Please join us on Sunday, June 30 at the 10:00 a.m. service as we honor our Veterans on this special day. Since it's the 1st week of the summer schedule please note the time. We will have a boutonnieres and name tags for each of our veterans. Please contact Bev Mayer on her direct line at 630-615-4325 or email bmayer@knoxpres.org if you will be able to attend. Coffee and cake will

be served in celebration of this special event. If you are not able to come, please call the church office and let us know you are a Veteran so we can recognize you in the bulletin.



## **Eyeglass Drive**

Hello, my name is Andrew Vetter. I am a Boy Scout of Troop 505, which is chartered out of Knox. Currently, I am going for my Eagle Scout, and I would like to reach out to the church for my Eagle Project. For this, I will be running an Eyeglass Drive, collecting Prescription, Readers, and Sunglasses. If you would like to contribute, I have a collection box on the wooden table outside of the Multi-Purpose room. The deadline to contribute is July 15th. The box will be up all throughout the week. Thank you!



## Blood Drive-June 3 In the Basement at Knox

On June 3, 2019, Knox will sponsor its annual Spring Blood Drive. This drive is in cooperation with the Heartland Blood Centers, now a Versiti Blood Center. Our current blood drive goal is only 20 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 Commons and there is also online sign-up possible at <a href="https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/2032239">https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/2032239</a>. There is also a Versiti app available for downloading, that can be used to register In addition, you can call or email Neil Goltermann (630-750-5863; ntgoltermann@aol.com).



## **Session Highlights**

Reverend Cindy Karis shared an article in *Mission Views* magazine that included pictures and information about the Knox Go & Serve mission trip to Puerto Rico led by Director of Youth, Darin Nettleton. It was a demonstration of the Knox commitment to be

the hands and feet of Christ.

Session business focused on the restructuring plans that were approved in April to streamline Session. The new council descriptions were shared for guestions and comments as we move toward this transition.

Knox Fest 2019 is planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August. Along with an all-church lunch, Knox elders will provide information about the work and focus of each Session council.

Session closed with prayer.



#### Renew & Refresh Our Website

We are currently working on updating the website and it will be launched early July!

## Let's Get Social! Stay Connected!







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@knoxnaperville



## **Missions at Knox**



### **Knox Go & Serve 2019**

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

#### ANGEL KEYCHAIN AND BRACELET FUNDRAISER

Make a \$5 donation for a Prayer Angel Keychain or Bracelet and pray for a Go & Serve participant. Keychains and Bracelets are available in Commons through June 2 in between services.

#### WORK SITE PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Looking to support Go & Serve through project support? Check out the project posters that include the homes we will be working on in Sisseton, South Dakota. The posters will be on display in the Commons.

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Time to wash away winter from your automobile! Have your car hand washed and dried by our Go and Serve youth on Sunday, June 2 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. 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!

#### **GO & SERVE COMMISSIONING**

Join us Saturday, June 8 at the 5:00 pm service as we commission our Go & Serve Team. Send us on our way with prayers as we will be leaving bright and early on Sunday morning.

#### **COOKIES**

Send the Go & Serve Teams off with a sweet treat by making NUT-FREE cookies. Gluten-free cookies are also appreciated. Please place the cookies in a plastic Glad/Ziplock container with a lid and label "Go & Serve." The cookies can be dropped off in the kitchen by the end of the day on Friday, June 7.

#### **THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to the members of the congregation for supporting us through fundraisers, prayers, cookies, etc. We could not provide PEACE BY PIECE without your help!

#### Click Here to Donate to Go & Serve

## **Important Dates For Go & Serve Participants**

June 3-Mandatory Adult Leader Meeting, 7:30 PM June 9-15-Go & Serve Trip to Sisseton, South Dakota June 19-Go & Serve Pizza Party, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM June 23-Go & Serve Celebration Sunday



### **Loaves & Fishes**

### The next Hunger Sunday is June 2 and July 7.

Donations can be left on the cart in front of the Commons or in the bin next to the Mission Council table.

Thank you!

**Click Here to See Most Needed Items** 



## Are YOU Coming?

## Come to South Dakota on Saturday June 22 - Friday, June 28.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." (Luke 10:2) Each year, the Dakota Partnership brings the message of God's love to hundreds of children in South Dakota and Montana who welcomes us as teachers and friends, willing to share ourselves and Jesus.

Individuals, and families come to serve from 5-10 Chicago area Presbyterian Churches and two inner Chicago area ministries to serve in Vacation Bible Schools, Food prep/meal serving, and work/maintenance projects to monument churches, some dating into the 1860's!

We stay in local motels and meals are served and communally shared with locals at a Sisseton Church.

Click Here to Register Online

Registration available above or www.knoxpres.org. Questions Contact Mike Loftus loftus51@comcast.net



## **Happy Birthday Sisseton Kids!**

Many Sisseton kids did not get a birthday this year. We are going to throw a birthday party for the younger kids to remedy this. We need your help.

#### Needed:

Used or new Beanie Babies or stuffed animals (used as presents)
Used or new books (used as presents)
Any questions: Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044



### It's Pool Time In Sisseton

Time again to collect gently used or new suits for kids to be able to swim at the pool in Sisseton. We will take any swim suit; any color, size, gender and type.

All the suits need to go into the mission box between Lehman Hall and the Coffee Bar. We especially need girls 3T to size 10 and any size boys.

Do you know anyone on or with a swim team? Julie Milldrum is teaming up with some swim teams and they have donated many suits that the kids have out grown. We would love to have any connection we can with any swim team. Please contact Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044



## Towels & Bedding Needed

We will again be collecting any household goods. The homeless shelter and our Sisseton community would love to have blankets, towels, and sheets. Used or new would be fantastic.

Any questions Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044



## Starting in July

Dakota Partnership is again collecting filled backpacks to help the students in Sisseton get off to a good start for the 2018-2019 school year. The backpacks will be delivered August 8th. What a joy to the family and to us to know that the kids will be ready for the new year. This one more symbol of our constant presence, caring and God's love. Thank for all your contributions.

If you would like to help with this worthy cause:

- Obtain a supply list (supply lists can be found online)
  OR
- Pick up a tag on the Commons table at Knox (before and after the service on Sunday)

#### Starting July 21

- Buy the backpack and fill it with the school supplies listed on the tag.
- Return filled backpacks to Knox with the tag on the outside of the bag.
- Drop off on Sundays in the Commons or leave them in the office anytime the church is open-Deadline August 4

Placing the tag on the backpack will help ensure that we get the backpacks to the correct age student. We have 312 students who will need backpacks so any help you can give will be appreciated. If you would rather not purchase the backpack feel free to donate supplies, backpacks or cash to help get supplies needed.

Any Questions call Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044.

Click here to visit the Dakota Partnership page, the school lists are at the bottom of the page.

Click Here to Visit Dakota Partnership Page



## **Crop Hunger Walk-Save The Date!**

This year we are celebrating **50 years** of CROP Hunger Walks. 50 years of Ending Hunger in our communities, country and around the world. In 1969, a group of young people in Bismarck, North Dakota set out to energize their community in the fight against global hunger. Today, the CROP Hunger Walk has grown into a national movement fighting hunger and

poverty both around the world and in over 800 communities throughout the United States, including Naperville.

The Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 20 at 1 pm. Knox CROP Team captains hope can join us for a 1k or 5k walk to help raise funds for families in need of food, water and shelter. More details will follow in late summer.



## Mission Highlight

On Sunday, May 5th my husband, Harold, and I attended the dedication ceremony at First Presbyterian Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Our Go "N Serve team has been there twice in the past and Knox has partnered with their building team these past 2 years. Our own Rev. Deb served at Benton Harbor as Interim Pastor years ago.

It was a wonderful worship celebration culminating in a huge circle in the new space where we prayed and anointed their "Open Wide Our Front Door" initiative. Praise be to God and many thanks to our Knox Congregation for their generous gifts and lovely "Peace" plant that was delivered for this occasion!

Rev. Cindy Karis







## **Women's Ministries**

## **Women On Wednesdays**



Women on Wednesdays concluded their study of the Gospel of John and will take a break for the summer. Watch upcoming newsletters and knoxpres.org for announcements of our new fall study to begin in September. 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 or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com.

## **Evening Book Club- All Are Welcome!**



Evening Book Club will meet June 12 to discuss A. J. Jacob's The Year of Living Biblically, the 2007 bestseller that journals the author's experiences attempting to follow scriptural prescriptions in a modern-day context. For our July 10 gathering, we will be reading Allie and Bea by Catherine Ryan Hyde. We meet at 7:30 pm in the Knox parlor, the second Wednesday, but will not meet in August. The reading list for the remainder of 2019 can be found on the Knox website, under 'Groups'.

New readers are always welcome. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 639.416.9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.



### Knox Garden Walk

Saturday, June 29 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Tickets \$15 each available in the Commons or at knoxpres.org starting June 2- June 27 between Sunday services. Tickets must be picked up at church during office hours (9 am-4 pm).

Tickets also may be purchased (cash/check only) at any of the six houses for \$20.

In case of severe weather, the Garden Walk will be held from 11 am – 5 pm Sunday, June 30. Check knoxpres.org for updates.

The Walk is hosted by Presbyterian Women to benefit Bridge Communities, a local non-profit that transitions homeless families to self-sufficiency.

**Order Tickets** 

## **Circles**

**Deborah Circle:** Contact Ann Beran Jones <u>annberanjones@comcast.net</u>

Mary Martha: Will not meet until September. For more info contact Susan at

sbburns@comcast.net

#### Rachel-Rebekah:

Ruth: Ruth Circle - will not meet until September. If you have questions, please call Bev Mayer at 630-615-4325 or email bmayer@knoxpres.org.

#### **Not Your Mother's Circle:**

Not your Mother's Circle are active ladies, with young adult children, and still working. Our regular routine of rotating members homes will resume in September. Summer activities listed below are open to all, but require advance reservation.

#### -Saturday June 15th - Morton Arboretum, Lisle

We'll gather for breakfast 9:00 AM at Ginko Cafe, then set off on a leisurely stroll to explore. Those coming should bring a favorite poem or short devotional about nature, we will read them along the way. To RSVP, or for additional information contact circle member Sue Lies (630) 294-3231

#### -Friday evening July 12th - Arrowhead Golf Club, Wheaton

Wind down the week with cocktails, wine and appetizers on the Clubhouse patio over looking beautiful gardens. The group will gather 5:30. To RSVP, or for additional information contact circle member Diana Newby (630) 272-6508

## Save the Date: Treats and Treasures November 2 & 3 Helping Hands are needed for Donations and Set Up.



#### **Donations Needed**

Baked goods: cakes, pies, candy and bread(no cookies please and also label if there are nuts or gluten free)
Jars: pickled food, jams, jellies
Handcrafted Holiday and All Occasions Greeting Cards
Handcrafted or like new ornaments
Previously treasured jewelry

**Look for more details coming soon.** Contact Sandi Hurford 630-355-6794 or Carolyn Lorenz 630-888-8060 with questions.



## Men's Ministries

## Finding your God Buddy Breakfast - June 1

## Sign Up Today!



Invite your friends to an informative breakfast hosted by ManKIND Men's Ministry on Saturday, June 1, at 8 a.m. for a presentation at Knox by Rich Gorecki, author of the God Buddies blog, and men's group leader and elder at River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville.

Most men find that they lack truly deep, authentic friendships withother men. Many of us struggle with the responsibilities of life. We are to be a caring father, a devoted husband, a committed Christian, and a focused employee.

But, too often, we find that we are alone on an island, trying to figure life out. So what can we do about it?



Rich's God Buddies concept helps men develop more authentic and deeper friendships based on biblical principles, prayer, and accountability. In today's culture, guys need closer friends to help in our battle against temptation, busyness, and isolation.

Join your ManKIND friends as Rich (left) explains more about how this God Buddy concept came to life and provides practical guidance on developing your inner circle of GB's.

A donation of \$10 is suggested. Questions? Reach out to Jeff Hild at jahild62@gmail.com.

**Click Here to Register** 



## Children's & Family Ministries

## Sunday's this Summer!

I am very excited that Knox is offering something different this summer which will allow families to enjoy a time of study, followed by worship together. Beginning June 30th, we will be having a Christian Education hour with classes for all at 9:00 am followed by a worship service at 10:00 am. During worship, children 3 – 2nd Grade will leave the service for a shortened period of time to have special lessons on communion, baptism, prayer and the Bible. These special lessons will be different than the Sunday School lessons taught at the 9:00 am hour and will be led by Erin Hartman, our Sunday School Coordinator. I hope you will join me in my excitement of this new opportunity where children will be welcome to experience worship more broadly. During communion Sundays all children will stay in the service to participate in the sacrament. We have added a helpful hint card for worshipping with children as well as worship activity sheets in the back of the sanctuary. These can be found on top of the bookshelf with the Children's Bibles. Childcare for 3 – under will continue to be offered during the Sunday School hour and the 10:00 Worship Service.

-Jenny Hubbard, Director of Children and Family Ministries

## **Summer Sundays For Kids!**



#### 9:00 am Sunday School

Sandbox Set 3-6 year olds pick up in room 14

Playground Pack 1st-5th Graders pick up in Sr. High room

Middle Schoolers are invited to help with the younger classes

### <u>10:00 am Worship</u>

2nd Grade and under will be dismissed for a special lesson during the Service.

### **Communion Sundays July 7 & August 4**

The children will stay in worship to participate in the sacrament of communion

## **No Sunday School**

Knox Fest, August 18 & Labor Day, September 1

### September 8, Fall Sunday School

Back to Sunday School during both 9 am & 10:30 am Worship Services



## Kids in the Kitchen – Mission Opportunity

Join us around the table! The kids of Knox, 6 & up, will participate in various mission activities throughout the year to help feed our congregation and the community around them.

### Wednesday, June 12, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

-Making granola bars to use as snacks for the Family Mission trip to Sisseton



VBS – ROAR!!

June 17 – 21

9:00 am – 11:30 am
3 years (potty trained) – Entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
Register Online –



Arts Camp July 22 – July 26

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Register Online by June 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Click Here to Register Online For All Events**



## Safe Haven Training

Children's Ministry Council has many Safe Haven Trainings planned for the upcoming months. If you are planning to volunteer for VBS, Go N Serve, Sunday School, etc. than please plan on taking this 20 minute training. Background checks are done for every volunteer and this must be completed one week prior to volunteering.

All volunteers who work with children and youth are required to complete this training.

## **Upcoming dates...**

Conference Room - Sun, June 2 - 11:30 am

Parlor - Sun, Jun 9 - 10:00 am

Parlor - Sun, Jun 9 - 11:30 am



## **G3-Middle School Ministries**



## Arts Camp July 22 – July 26

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Register Online by June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Click Here to Register Online For All G3 Events** 





## Youth



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## **High School Ministries**

Sunday and Wednesday night youth events will end for the summer after Go and Serve. We will meet at least one Sunday evening in July! Keep an eye on Knoxblog for details.

## Summer Bible Study- Taught by Darin Nettleton Parables of Jesus

From seeds and soil to servants and kings, our Lord Jesus often taught through parables -- short stories with enigmatic meaning. Join us this summer as Darin Nettleton leads us through some of the parables of Jesus. This class is open to all ages high school and up!

For More Info Click Here to Visit knoxbloh.org





## **Young Adult**



## Fellowship & Bible Study

Young Adult Fellowship is a small group of adults in their early twenties who meet regularly for Bible study, service and fellowship. If you would like to participate in our YA Fellowship, email or text Darin Nettleton. dnettleton@knoxpres.org (425)530-0009



## **GO & SERVE 2019**

Go and Serve is only one month away! The excitement is in the building! The plans are rolling! The location is finalized! Be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ at Go & Serve 2019 in Sisseton, South Dakota. Those who are eligible to attend Go & Serve as Young Adults for the low cost of \$100 are those who graduated high school in 2017 through 24 years old.

(Folks 25 and older are still allowed to attend, but they are considered Adults.) If you are interested in volunteering as a Young Adult, reach out to Darin Nettleton!

**May 8** – MANDATORY MEETING for all Go & Serve participants 7:30 pm in Lehman Hall. Call Darin Nettleton with questions at (425) 530-0009 or email at <a href="mailto:dnettleton@knoxpres.org">dnettleton@knoxpres.org</a> \*\*Don't forget that the Policy Forms are due\*\*

May 19 - Go & Serve Kick-Off Fundraiser Sunday

**June 2** – Go & Serve Car Wash 8:30 am – 12:00 pm



## **Young Adult Summer Softball**

All young adults (High school grads of 2019 through 25) are welcome to join us this summer! We are planning on reserving the softball field at Gartner Park four weekends throughout the summer! Keep an eye out on the Knoxblog for exact dates, or reach out to Darin to be put in a text group.

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## Save the Date: Young Adult Winter Mission Trip

Trip Dates: December 28/29 to January 4/5

For all young adults (High school grads of 2019 through 25) interested in learning about this trip, please plan on attending the informational meeting on June 2nd. If you cannot make this meeting, please reach out to Darin (dnettleton@konxpres.org). Adult sponsors are also invited to prayerfully consider joining us! Keep an eye out for more info on the trip at knoxblog.

Click Here to Go to knoxblog.com





## **Adult Ed**

## Summer Christian Education For All Ages 9:00 am Sunday

Coming this summer, new adult classes will be available for the first time after the 8:15 Prayer Service and before the 10:00 am Worship Service.



## Summer Christian Education-Taught by Pastor Clint, Pastor Cindy, Jenny Hubbard

#### Journey through the Bible

As you are planning summer trips near and far be sure to take a moment to travel with us. Each week we will focus on different sections of the Bible through lessons and discussions.

June 30 - Our Beginnings

July 7 - The Law

July 14 - Judges and Kings

July 21 - Major/Minor Prophets

July 28 - Synoptic Gospels

August 4 - The Gospel of John

August 11 - The Early Church

August 18 - No Class, Knox Fest

August 25 - Letters

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## Visit knoxpres.org for weekly groups and Bible studies. All groups listed welcome anyone to join them.

**Knoxpres.org** 



## **Ministry To Seniors**



Hall of Famers Group is on Summer Break and will not meet again until September. Have a wonderful, healthy and relaxing summer.

## **Seasoned Citizens Summer Events**



Saturday, June 22 DuPage Symphony at 7:30pm at Cantigny Military



Friday, July 19th Mama Mia at Summer Place at Yellow Box, \$15.00



Wednesday, July 31 Morten Arboretum, The 4-C Notes, bring lawn chair or blanket \$17 non-member and \$11 for members

**Click Here to Register Online For All Events** 



## **Thank You**



#### **Thanks from TPC!**

We are pleased to say that it was another successful year for teen age participants and their children who enjoyed a meal together along with group discussions and educational programs. The participants and TPC staff have often commented about the generosity and hospitality of our congregation!

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 THANKS to all of you. We are also sincerely

grateful for the support and guidance of Pastor Cindy, The Mission Council, Ron Mobley and his staff, and our wonderful office personnel.

Personally, I wish to thank the very many kind people who helped make coordinating meals for this important mission so rewarding for me. Lori Rose will be assuming the coordinator's role beginning in September and I know she will be wonderful!! With gratitude,

Bonnie Olson and loyal host team members, Susan Burns, Anne, Kingsbury and Dotty Mobley



Special thanks to everyone who donated to this year's Fill-A-Truck Sunday event. For the 11th year in a row we successfully filled the Wayside Cross Ministries truck. In fact this year the men from Wayside Cross packed the truck efficiently pushing all the air out of our bags and loaded the truck literally from floor to ceiling. We even donated several very desirable household items. These items were gently

handled and will be sold on the Hope Chest website providing a very nice source of funds. Thank you all for continuing to be so generous.



#### **Grateful News from Scott Moreau:**

"I had a delightful meeting with Rev. Dr. Komi Hiagbe—who was one of our scholarship recipients (2003-2005). He is now Rector (equivalent of President) of Global Theological Seminary in Ghana and an ordained Presbyterian minister. He said that he and his family were ready to return to Ghana and discontinue their studies at NIST due to lack of funds. They prayed for three weeks and fasted for one of them. Three

days after they finished the fast, NIST called to say they had been granted a Moreau Fund scholarship from Knox which enabled them to continue their studies. After completing his PhD in Germany, he returned to NIST as a lecturer (2010-2012). In 2012, he came back to Ghana to take up a leadership position at GTS.

It was fun to see God's work in this story!"

Dr. Scott Moreau | Academic Dean, Wheaton College Graduate School Professor of Intercultural Studies



## Thank you!

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these people from the gifted completion of their dedicated service."

Yes, this could be the motto of the gifted musicians at Knox who joyfully give up their time and talents each and every week to lead us into God's presence with passion, tenderness and love.

We thank the Chancel Choir, the Praise Team and the Handbells for their dedication and devotion. We are deeply grateful.

**Chancel Choir:** Alan Fry, Alice Snelgrove, Bob Ellig, Brianne Smith, Carol Boals, Carol Brand, Connie Janke, Curt Parry, Daisy Trimnell, Dave Pakkebier, Dawn Pakkebier, Dick Wheeler, Ed Wiles, Gordon Friday, Harriet Friday, Jan Parry, Janice Wiles, Jerry Johnson, Jill Poskin, Jim Clinton, Jim Snelgrove, Jo Ann Sault, Joanne Hsu, Judy Loftus, Karen Van Iten, Kim Lynn, Lisa Bonomo, Liz Bradley, Maggie Nelson, Margaret Lambka, Mary Ellen Neumeister, Mike Komma, Mike Loftus, Nancy Fry, Phyllis Wheeler, Ruth Browne, Sue Ann Lauzen, Sue Pollard, Susan Komma, Tim Sleep, Wayne Bunker, Zach DeYoung,

**Praise Team:** Candice Sunblade, Curt Parry, Jan Parry, Jeff Foltz, Karen Elmgren, Lenny Richier, Lisa Bennett, Matt Sunblade, Pete Elmgren, Scott Solenberger, Sue Gol, I Taylor Hubbard, Tim Sleep,

**Handbells:** Marilyn Wilgocki, Director, Allan Hins, Andrew Kouns, Arlene Beslic, Betsy Schmit,t Brianne Smith, Cathy Eyberger, Diane Greenawalt, Diane Heintz, Janice Wiles, Jo Ann Sault, John Kouns, Karen Van Iten, Kim Lynn, Patty Rose, Rachel Shershen, Susan Komma,

## Misericordia Candy Days

On April 26 and 27, the annual fundraising event for Misericordia took place throughout the Chicagoland area. Our local efforts include Aurora, Bolingbrook, Lisle, Naperville and Woodridge. In spite of the weather, our dedicated volunteers still came out knowing how important our mission was to the future of the children and adults who call Misericordia home.

We wanted to thank the 37 volunteers from our Knox family who participated in helping us raise over **\$28,000**. We appreciate those who generously donated at a street corner or at a grocery store.

We also had a personal First Giving page for our family which raised **\$2,110** and appreciate the support of many Knox contributors. Our heartfelt thanks for your friendship and support on behalf of our entire family.

Frank and Bev Mayer



## **Care Ministries**

#### **Congratulations:**

**Cameron and Katie Shields** on the birth of their son, **Edward Hayden** on April 17.

#### **Grieving:**

#### The friends and family of:

Eleanor Crego on her death (friend of Arlene Beslic)
Mark Scoughton on his death (friend of Diane Charles)
William Sacramento on his death
(nephew of Robert Sacramento)
Eric O'Neill on his death (nephew of Charlie O'Neill)
Dede Gruenberg on her death (sister of Lori Dickens)
Gerardo Roberto on his death
(father of Jim Sault's brother-in-law)
John MacDonald on his death (Tom MacDonald's father)

#### **Weekly Prayer Cards:**

Pick up a weekly prayer card in the Commons for the most current list of our members who are in the hospital, at home recovering, nursing homes and home bound.

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