

January & February 2020

A Letter from Pastor Dave Handley



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: *God Is With Us*

A personal appeal from Pastor Dave Handley

The opening of Matthew's Gospel is like fireworks in a dark sky: "*Do not be afraid,....God is with us.*" (Matthew 1:20, 24). The Christmas Joy Offering is one tangible way we can give that message to two groups of people who are most vulnerable: minority college hopefuls, and retired church workers facing critical financial needs.

There are only two special Presbyterian Church USA offerings Knox Church supports each year: Christmas Joy during Advent, and One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent. The Joy Offering is being received all of December through Christmas

Eve. In this season of Giving, and sometimes over-indulgent festivities, some find it a good discipline to set aside a daily sacrificial offering as a reminder of Who it is we are honoring. Others write a single check and send it directly to the church office. Still others make this a yearly part of their Christmas Eve celebration at worship December 24.

Consistent with the prophetic voice of our denomination, this special offering goes to those we do not normally think about at this time. 50% of the recipients are students of color who cannot afford the cost of higher education, but have great potential for careers, service, and witness. These promising young people experience "*God with them*" as opportunity opening up to enter quality higher education at Presbyterian-related schools. All this through the generosity of others in the Church who contribute to the Joy Offering. The other 50 % acknowledges the sacrificial service church workers have given in places that did not have great resources for salaries, health care or retirement plans. Those facing critical financial needs, then, experience "*God with them*" through the help offered by the Joy Offering at Christmas time.

May the generosity of Knox Church, through these special offerings for often forgotten friends, overflow this month through our support!

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Church News

Be a Good Neighbor – Try Parking on the Street!

During the Christmas season, car traffic and parking around Knox Church becomes especially congested. For years, the merchants in Naperville Plaza Shopping Center have generously shared the Plaza parking lot with Knox. So, this Christmas season is a great time to be good neighbors by parking on the streets if able, and avoid over-crowding the Plaza parking lot during their busy season. **Especially December 22**

You might actually find yourself enjoying a stroll along the neighborhood sidewalks to Knox! The map shows areas where street parking is allowed. In general, it is permissible to park on any street in Knox's neighborhood, unless marked with a No Parking sign. Finally, another way we can show our appreciation for our neighbor merchants' in the Plaza is to do some shopping there!



Check out the map in the Commons for more detail.

Or Click Here For More Info



January 5 is Star Sunday, when we celebrate Epiphany and the Coming of the Wise Men. The star shone down on the house where Jesus lay...

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.

Come to Knox on Star Sunday and bring a friend! Our Officers will be installed for 2020 and Communion will be served.



Multigenerational Game Night January 18, 6-9 PM

Members of all ages are encouraged to save the date for our next

multigenerational event – Knox Game Night. We will start the night off at 6 pm with a variety of board and card games. We will break for a dinner consisting of Rocco's pizza, veggies + dip, cookies, pop and lemonade. Afterwards, we will continue game play and Darin Nettleton will lead some fun interactive games for the group. Be sure to sign up online (or in the Knox commons)

[Click Here to Register](#)

Cost is free - although we will be collecting canned goods or cash donations for the food pantry



Knox Deacons Chilimania

Sunday, February 16, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Mark your calendars for CHILIMANIA, an annual fundraiser of the Knox Deacons!

Enjoy as many types of soups & chili as you wish and vote in our friendly competition on for this year's BEST of the BEST!

Tickets can be purchased beginning middle of January, and can

also be purchased on the day of the event.

Deacon chefs carefully prepare both vegetarian & non-vegetarian, spicy or mild, chili & soups for all to enjoy! Hot dogs will also be provided for the non-soup loving member of the family.

\$3 for kids, \$5 per adult, \$15 max per family.



CPR Training

Knox will offer classes again starting in February, for American Heart Month. Edwards is extending a special discount of \$10 per person to promote the value of this life saving skill.

Sign up for either:

Thursday, February 6 from 7 - 9pm

Saturday, February 22 from 9 - 11 am.

You can sign up on the Knox website under registrations! So far Knox has had over 150 people go through training! If you are a Knox usher, our deacons will continue to fund to have you attend this CPR class. When you sign up, select the registration that says, usher.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Effective bystander CPR that is provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival, but only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from a bystander. According to the American Heart Association, nearly 88 percent of cardiac arrests occur in the home or away from a hospital or physician's office.

Learn CPR - You could save a life!

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You won't want to miss this exciting Go & Serve Fundraiser and the BIG LOCATION REVEAL at the Go & Serve Talent Show!



Childcare Position Available!

Looking for someone to help in the Nursery during the Women on Wednesdays bible study.

Will run from Wednesday, Jan 8, 2020 through May 6, 2020. Hours are from 9am to 1130am once a week.

Contact Ann Smith: anncorinnesmith@gmail.com if you are interested!

Greeter/Welcome Desk Training

Saturday, February 15 • 9am, Room 203



Have you ever considered helping Knox by serving on the Greeter Team? Greeters are the first people that visitors to our church encounter. Please join our existing greeters in a morning of fellowship, fun, and training to help make our congregation both welcoming and inviting to everyone.

For more information, please call/text Carol Pfeiffer at 630-854-1657.



Children's Day Out

at KNOX Presbyterian Church

Children's Day Out Registration For Fall 2020 Begins January 7

Children age 15 months - 4 years are welcome to join us in learning, exploring and using our imagination. As a ministry our mission is to help children grow socially and emotionally in a loving and nurturing setting where they learn about themselves and their world, communicate with others and live in community. Registration forms are available online. Call our office for a tour, 630-355-7544 or email Beth Burner at bburner@knoxpres.org

[Click Here For More Info](#)

Dakota Partnership 2020 Dates! Sisseton, SD June 20-26, Fort Peck, MT July 10-18

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming **2020** Dakota Partnership mission trips to Sisseton South Dakota, and Fort Peck, Montana.



Consider joining us as we work with our Native American brothers and sisters in South Dakota and Montana. Our program brings Vacation Bible School to the children of Sisseton South Dakota, and the Fort Peck area of Montana. We also work to assist in maintaining the church's serving the Native American community.

The mission trips are family friendly, and a great opportunity to share the love of Christ as a family.

Room and pricing details:

Look for details on trip costs and accommodations on the church website which will be posted no later than January 31

Questions – contact Ralph Lambka at relambka@aol.com, 630-420-7885

Session Highlights



It was a night of celebration! The evening opened in the Sanctuary with devotions from Pastor Cindy Karis and the singing of Christmas carols and old Christmas standards. This was the last meeting for those elders completing their

Session term of service: Linda Adcock, Jim Cowan, Jon Dana, Mary Horek, and Tammy Sova. A warm thanks was shared around the circle. It was also a welcome time for new elders beginning their three year terms: Chris Brischetto, Erin Clemons, and Neil Goltermann.

Steve Bennett reported from the Interim Pastor Search Committee that they are close to making a recommendation of the Knox long-term interim pastor. It is anticipated that Session elders will receive this recommendation and supporting materials within the next two weeks. After careful review of those materials, Session elders will meet to vote on this recommendation.

Elders are preparing budget requests and annual report documents during this time of the year. These budget requests will be reviewed and approved by the Cash Management Council and Knox treasurer (Mike Williams 2019; Steve Witwer 2020) to finalize the 2020 budget. The annual report for each council will be submitted and distributed to the Congregation at the next Congregational meeting February 16.

The December meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Dave Handley.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan DuChane, clerk of Session

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Missions at Knox



Loaves & Fishes
Ending Hunger in Our Community

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sundays are January 5 & February 2

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](#)



Teen Parent Connection 2020 Meal Sign-up Dates Available



Teen Parent Connection (TPC) is a nonprofit DuPage County organization that provides support, resources, and services related to teenage pregnancy and parenting. A group of 5-10 teen parents, their toddlers and TPC facilitators meet at Knox each Tuesday evening during the school year. With the support of the Mission Council, Knox parishioners have been providing and serving a simple meal for this group for over 30 years. This is where you come in. We are in need of individuals or small groups

to prepare and serve meals for January thru May, 2020. Meals need not be home cooked or complicated, and paper products and beverages are provided. Instructions, personal support and reimbursement are available. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and you should be finished around 7:15 p.m. A member of the Knox TPC team will be on hand to assist you.

You can view the calendar on www.knoxpres.org/tpc. Pick a date that works for you and sign up online or give me a call and I can add your name to the list. Thank you to those who have helped out already in 2019. I look forward to seeing lots of new names on the list in 2020.

Thank you,
Lori Rose 630.244.2090 lorijrose@yahoo.com

To learn more about Teen Parent Connection please refer to their website, teenparentconnection.org



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, 2020.**



Mission Highlight

Are you cleaning out your closets for the New Year? Please bring your clothing donations to Knox to help support Wayside Cross Ministries. The bin is outside of the Northwest corner of Knox (Gartner Road side).

Each donation helps support Wayside Cross's three shelters in Aurora and Elgin. Wayside Cross provides Bible-based Christ-centered recovery programs and support, after-school programs for at-risk youth, and a jail ministry that reaches every prison or jail throughout Illinois. Clothing donations represent 30% of their ministries' total operating budget.



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Women's Ministries



Women On Wednesdays

Women on Wednesdays starts up again after Christmas break on January 8. We will resume our study of Acts: Relying on the Power of the Spirit. If your Wednesday mornings open up we would love to have you join us in the New Year! We meet

from 9:15 am - 11:15 am and the morning includes coffee, fellowship, Bible Study and prayer. It's never too late to join us and women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome. We also have childcare for little ones from birth through age 5.

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

HEARTS OF HOPE for single moms



We are excited to invite you to consider being part of a new small group at Knox Church! It is a 7-week nurturing experience for single mothers entitled HEARTS OF HOPE which will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm Jan. 8 through Feb. 19, 2020. It includes dinner, fellowship and a Bible study entitled "Finding You Again".

We are single moms who are seeking to encourage other single women with children by sharing a meal, studying scripture and learning together. We will prepare and provide dinner for you in one of our homes.

If you are interested in becoming part of this program please feel free to contact Karen Van Iten at kdvi3@wideopenwest.com or sign up online under registrations.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Evening Book Club- All Are Welcome!



Evening Book Club will continue to meet every second Wednesday in 2020 (taking August off). If you like to read, please feel welcome to join us in the Knox parlor at 7:30 pm. Start the new decade with a good book. Make a New Year's resolution to meet new friends.

The book for January 8 will be When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. For February 12, we will be reading The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah. 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.



Mocktails Anyone?

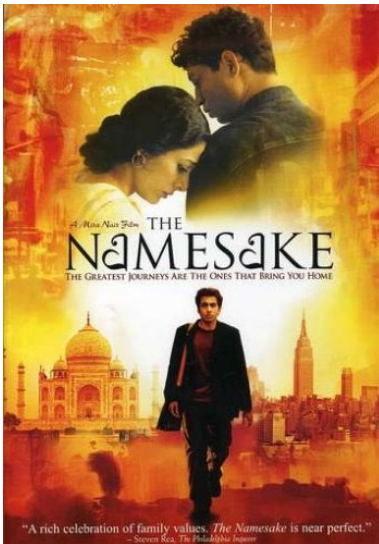
Calling all Ladies of Knox to join us for a Mocktail Party!

Mark your calendars now for Friday, February 21, 2020 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided by the Knox Trio, the Moonbeams, and accompanied by Jo Ann Sault.

Sign-ups will take place in January in the Commons & online.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Childcare will be available. Any questions contact Kathi Olson kolson4777@gmail.com or Eileen Engstrom ee6626@sbcglobal.net



Chick Flick – *The Namesake*

Friday, Feb. 7 in the Senior High room

Dinner at 6:15 pm and Movie at 7:00 pm

Dinner \$10 – Movie Only is Free!

We continue this season's theme of immigration with this "thoroughly engaging, terrifically moving family story that's rich in beautifully observed and lovingly conveyed human detail."

Directed by the acclaimed Mira Nair, *The Namesake* stars Kal Penn as the American-born Gogol, an Indian immigrant couple's son, who wants to fit in among his fellow New Yorkers, despite his family's unwillingness to let go of their traditional ways. We will serve Indian food before the movie and have a discussion and dessert afterward. Please sign up online or in the Commons no later than Wed., Feb. 5. The final movie for this season is April 3.

[Click Here to Register](#)



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PW Circles

Deborah Circle - Contact Ann Beran Jones annberanjones@comcast.net

Mary Martha Circle - Tuesday, January 14 at 9:30 am

For more information contact Susan Burns at sbburns@comcast.net

Not Your Mother's Circle -

We will be meeting for a 9:30 breakfast at the following dates/homes:

January 11 - Sue Lies

February 8 - Sue Goll

Please contact Lisa Dorr with any questions - dorrl@yahoo.com. All are welcome!

Ruth Circle – will be meeting on **Thursday, January 16 and February 20** for their regular monthly meetings. If you're looking for an evening Circle to be a part of because you can't attend one during the day for any reason, please consider checking out this Circle. We meet at **7:00 pm in the church parlor**. It's a time of devotion & fellowship with a heart to serve. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bev Mayer at bmayer@knoxpres.org or 630-615-4325.

Rachel-Rebekah Circle - will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 9:30 am. The January meeting will be at Dotty Mobley,s House. February meeting will be February 11 and place to meet will be determined at January meeting. Contact Eileen Engstrom (cae626@sbcglobal.net)



Save the date... May 15, 16, and 17 2020 Knox Women's Retreat

Our retreat speaker is a dynamic Christian leader and author. She is a working mom who will motivate, energize, and help you rejuvenate your spirit.

She is..... Oh.... not so quick! Mark your calendar and watch for more clues! Don't miss this weekend or this speaker!

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Men's Ministries

MEN'S SMOKER



SAVE THE DATE: 3rd Annual Men's Smoker

Knox Presbyterian's ManKIND Men's Ministry invites you and your son's to join us for our third annual men's smoker! Connect with your brothers in Christ at Knox on Saturday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship. You'll enjoy mouthwatering barbecue and the opportunity to buddy-up with a friend or son to compete in our corn-hole toss and/or euchre tournaments.

To join us and sign up your team(s) by January 18, go to the Knox Presbyterian Event Registration website page. Or, if you need a buddy, we'll pair you up! Suggested donation is only \$10 per person for the evening. You can't beat that! There is no ManKIND membership, so all men are welcome.

If you have questions, give us a shout at mankind@knoxpres.org

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Children's & Family Ministries



Wednesday Night Program Resumes January 15 - 5:00 to 7:15 pm (dinner included)

Prime Time - Grades K, 1 & 2

J.A.M. - Grades 3, 4, & 5

G3 - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Questions: Jenny Hubbard at

jhubbard@knoxpres.org

Register Online for second semester

[Click Here to Register](#)

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.

Groups and Missions we have cooked for:

Hesed House, Go N Serve, Sisseton Family Mission Trip, Hall of Famers
Teen Parent Connection, Youth 360, Congregational Care

Next up – Thursday, February 13

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Making chili to serve at Chilimania on February 16

[Click Here to Register](#)



Worship, Dinner and A Movie January 25

Snuggle up in your jammies and join us for Saturdays @ 5 a come as you are worship service. We will sit together as a group during worship. After, we will have some epiphany activities, a pizza dinner and watch "The Star"



Fourth Grade Service

During the Wednesday Evening Program the 4th Grade Bible Study class prepares a worship service for the congregation. The service will be on Sunday, Apr 26 at 9:00 am. 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 or jhubbard@knoxpres.org.

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G3-Middle School Ministries

Confirmation



Sunday, January 12 Confirmation Resumes

Monday, January 20 - Stay & Serve

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, January 26

Attend 9:00 am Service, pick up at 11:30 am

Sunday, February 16, No Class

Saturday, February 22 - Fun and Games @ Knox

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Attend 5 pm Service - Parents join for dinner

Sunday, February 23, No Class

G3 – Middle School Fellowship 2019/2020 Save the Date

Saturday, January 11 – Worship, Games & Movie

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Friday, February 7– Saturday, February 8 – Lock-In

8:30 pm – 7:00 am

Please bring a snack to share

Friday, March 20 – Chaser's Laser Tag

1811 High Grove Ln. Ste. 115, Naperville

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm - Cost - \$20



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Youth



High School Ministries

Youth Fellowship Resumes

Wednesday Nights resume January 8 with dinner at 6:00 pm. Pay for dinner for the semester for \$50, or pay each Wednesday for \$5 a day. Paying for the semester is at least a 50% savings!

Sunday night worship and Bible study Resumes January 12, 7-8:30

February 19th - Go and Serve Talent Show and Raffle Fundraiser

Bring your talents onto the stage as we raise money for Go and Serve 2020. We will also learn the location of this year's Go and Serve! This is a night of entertainment and prizes for the whole family.

Youth Late Night

February 8th - attend 5pm worship Service, Dinner at 6, then Fellowship until 11! We will be decorating and rehearsing for the Talent Show, as well as preparing for the Senior Prom during the Late Night.

Senior Prom

March 1 from 4-6pm at Tabor Hills we will host a Prom for the Seniors! Come dressed to the nines and ready to party.

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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**

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Weekly Bible Study Groups Open To All

Sunday

9:00 am - Co-ed - facilitated by Brooks and Jan Reid, Room 202.
10:30 am - Co-ed - facilitated by Jim Clinton in Room 202.
7:00 pm - Co-ed - facilitated by Frank Mayer in the Conference Room.

Tuesday

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study - facilitated by Frank Mayer in the Middle School Room.
9:15 am - 11:00 am - Women's Bible Study - facilitated by Sue Curry in Room 203.
1:15 pm - Women's Bible Study - facilitated by Jenny Hubbard in the Conference Room
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Young Adult Fellowship, open to all twenty-somethings, meets every week in the Senior High Room (the basement of the church). For details, contact Darin Nettleton or visit www.knoxblog.org/young-adult.

Wednesday

9:15 am - 11:15 am - Women on Wednesdays - We welcome women of all ages and Biblical knowledge and childcare is provided for little ones from birth through age 5. The morning includes coffee, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. If you have questions contact [Robin Kolar](#) or [Margaret Lambka](#).
7:30 pm - Women's Bible Study - facilitated by Daryl Varney and Luise Warren in the Conference Room
7:30 pm - Co-ed - facilitated by Rev. Eric Heinekamp at First Presbyterian Church of DuPage (180 North Weber Road, Bolingbrook) in the Youth Room.

Thursday

6:00 am - Men's Daybreakers Group - meets at the Coffee Bar. To be added to their e-mail list email contact [Joan Tanck](#).
9:30 am - 11:00 am - Co-ed - facilitated by Rev. Cindy Karis in the Middle School Room, will study Gods Messy Family by Jacob Armstrong! Contact Cindy Karis- ckaris@knoxpres.org
7:00 pm - Co-ed Class meets the fourth Thursday of each month. Jesus gave us all a model for everyday interactions with family, friends, and total strangers regarding how to share our faith. Muslims, Christians, and Jesus, is studying a book called 42 Seconds by author Carl Medearis, centered around building Christian/Muslc.
Questions? Email Bob Badertscher

Jim Clinton's Bible Study – Sundays @ 10:30 am in room 202

In January we will conclude our series on influential women.

1/5/2020 Anna - Brings Christianity to Russia
1/12/2020 Eleanor of Aquitaine - Crusades
1/19/2020 Heloise - and Abelard
Hildegard - Abbess, composer, theologian,
1/26/2020 pharmacist, etc.

In February we will begin a video series on Gnosticism presented by Professor David Brakke of Ohio State University.

2/2/2020 Rediscovering Gnosis
2/9/2020 Who Were the Gnostics
2/16/2020 God in Gnostic Myth
2/23/2020 Gnosticism on Creation, Sin, and Salvation

Many more groups and activities will be added frequently and are on the website.

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Curious Christian?



Sunday, February 23
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Faith Based Movie
Mary Magdalene

"She is one of the most transformative yet misunderstood women in history, alternately vilified as a sinner and canonized as a saint. For the first time, the incredible story of Mary Magdalene is told through her own eyes. As the free-spirited Mary (Rooney Mara) flees her arranged marriage to follow Jesus

(Joaquin Phoenix).

The sole woman among Jesus' band of disciples, she defies prejudices and undergoes a profound spiritual awakening and finds herself at the center of an earth-shaking historical moment." There will be a question and answer period following the movie. **This event is no cost.**



February, 29 we will visit the DuSable House Museum in Chicago, with lunch to follow, and return to Knox.

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Ministry To Seniors



Hall of Famers will not meet in January!

Mark your calendars to join us for the Hall of Famers Luncheon on February 13.

Before lunch, our CDO children will entertain us with special musical entertainment. After lunch, our own Rev. Cindy Karis, will present a program entitled "Footsteps of Paul", based on her trip to Greece. Watch for more details to follow.



Seasoned Citizens

Save the Date

Wednesday, March 11

(Lunch 11:30 am) (Matinee 1:30 pm)

Drury Lane's "American in Paris"

Tickets - \$61.00 per person included lunch & the show

Sign Ups at Knox begins January 19 or online at knoxpres.org

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Thank You

Knox received this heartfelt and very touching thank you note from Major Matthew Krempel. He, along with many other service members, have been receiving cards from our card ministry and prayers from our prayer team and congregation. What follows is his thank you to all for remembering him and his fellow Marines.

If you would like to join the card ministry or our prayer team please contact Joan at jtanck@knoxpres.org.

Dear Knox Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for sending your cards of love and encouragement to myself and my Marines. Currently I am stationed overseas in Rota, Spain. I am part of a unit called FASTER which stands for Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Europe. We are responsible for responding to crisis in Europe and Africa. Basically, any security concerns the Department of State has or the Navy we respond and ensure the situation does not escalate to something you may hear on the news. The history of FAST dates back to the cold war were this unit was first created in 1957 to respond to Soviet aggression in Europe. The mission has expanded greatly over time and currently we see ourselves performing a lot of embassy security mission in Africa. We most recently returned from Sierra Leon. I have enclosed some photos and description to show you what some of my Marines had accomplished while over there.

Thank you for your continued support to my unit. Your thoughts, prayers, and words are greatly appreciated. A little message from home always reminds us to why we raised our hand and decided to serve our great country. While too often on the news, people tend to focus on how bad America can be. Letters like yours re-instills faith in my Marines and reminds them that people like yourselves is why we continue to serve. You represent the best part of our nation and for that I thank you. I hope this letter finds you well.

God Bless, take care, and be safe!

Semper Fidelis,

Major Matthew Krempel
Commander Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security team Europe



DONATION DRIVE – THANK YOU FROM NIKO BLACK AND CRADLES TO CRAYONS

Over fifty bags of clothes, books, and other goods were donated. To continue supporting this organization, there is a drop off box located in Naperville in the parking lot of Bank of America on 1301 E. Ogden Ave., near Naper Blvd.

Thank you again!

Thanks,
Niko Black



Warm Wishes from Paul Jones Jr.

In December I visited Paul Jones at his residence in Bloomingdale. He asked about many of you by name. He is still a member of Knox and recalls so many wonderful things about our worship and singing solos!

This picture was taken on July 4th when Carol Boals and Alice Snelgrove joined me on a visit. Paul asked me to give you all his love and warm wishes for Christmas and a happy New Year.

Cindy



A Huge Thank You!!

On behalf of the grateful families who received the lovely Thanksgiving baskets, we extend our heartfelt "Thank You" to the anonymous donor. Your generous spirit at Thanksgiving truly touched many hearts!

God bless you.



Thank you for your Generous Donations

Thank you to each person who contributed to the Christmas Card Fund and the Joy Offering in December. Many persons will benefit from your gifts.



A Big Thank You From Sisseton!

That picture sums up what Christmas means for the kids up in Sisseton. Thank you to everyone that provided joy for the Dakota Partnership kids. Three boys had an especially hard Christmas. Their mother died in a car accident right before Thanksgiving. Their life is in disarray right now and they are living with their grandmother.

A Knox family took upon themselves to make their Christmas special. We hope they were able to feel God's presence for a period of time during this sacred holiday. I know it was meaningful for the family. Pray for them and all the children and families that we touch in Sisseton. Life can be hard for these kids.

I would also like to thank the people who participated this year. Randy Johnson, Ross Lorenz, Ben Witmer, Jason (a friend from YMEN), Ralph Lambka, and Dane Milldrum. As you might not know Ralph has replaced Mike Loftus as the Chairman of Dakota Partnership so he got to see part of this mission.

We are always collecting blankets, sheets, and towels. Please place them in the mission bins.
Julie Milldrum



A Big THANK YOU To Everyone Who Helped Make The Deacon Cookie Walk A Success!

Thank you to all who baked goodies, came to shop and helped support our mission! And a special shout-out to our donut guy, Laurie Gilmer's dad, Terry Gilmer. Hot, fresh donuts are always welcome!



Care Ministries



Congratulations:

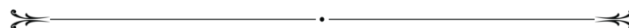
Grieving:

The friends and family of:

Jim Gray (uncle of Mary Lynne Stoller)
John Bradford on his death (brother-in-law of Ross Lorenz)
George Sides on his death (brother-in-law of Duncan Caldwell)
Carl Sorensen on his death (Dawn Thomson's father)
Gilbert Hasenyager on his death (stepfather of Lisa Bennett)
Elizabeth Hewitt on her death (Cheryl Hansen's mother)
Wanda Jachcinski on her death (mother of Chris Jachcinski)
Norma Marie Wells on her death (Chris Barry's mother)

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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