

## A Letter from Pastor Pat Smith



When I first stood among you several weeks ago on the first weekend of February, I shared that I believe we have been brought together as congregation and interim pastor under God's wondrous loving plan. This alignment, this remarkable confluence of place, people and a moment in time, is provided as a gift from God so we can discover and step into all that God wants to show us.

We all are part of this story, this particular part of the larger story of Knox. It occurs to me that this year marks sixty years of God's work within and through this

congregation. God has tended this church, this spiritual vineyard, through repositioning, pruning, and providing deep connections with Jesus, with one another and with the world in which we live. God's goal is that we consistently bear lots of really great spiritual fruit in season and out.

"What does it mean for Pat to do the work of interim pastor in this long term role?" you might wonder. I could answer by some points from some interim manual, but I'd prefer to answer from the heart. I am, in no particular order,

(1) an apprentice who seeks to live surrendered to the Lord God, Rabbi Jesus, every day;

(2) an observer of people, details, sweeping movements of culture and society and what the Spirit of God might be stirring up at any given moment;

- (3) a spiritual companion and encourager who comes alongside people in the journey of faith;(4) a contemplative who seeks to be open to what God wants to change in me;
- (5) an adventurer who believes that something new and of consequence is around every corner; (6) a wagon master who has some knowledge of what lies ahead and does my best to guide
- people to that new place;
- (7) an embedded consultant with some experience and information that may help people become more and more like Jesus;
- (8) a shepherd who seeks to lead, love and care like the Good Shepherd Jesus;
- (9) a cultivator of context and people so the greatest amount of good spiritual fruit can come to full ripeness.

With these traits combined as they are in me, I rejoice in the privilege of stepping among you as we live into our quest to know and follow our Rabbi, Master and King, Jesus of Nazareth, God in the flesh. Even with all these words about me, I know this intentional transitional time is not really about me. It's about all of us as we step into life with one another for the journey ahead. I cherish the opportunity to see it all unfold with you.

Pat



Most of us really don't like to spend any more time than necessary in the dark. That can be especially true for us in childhood. In those years we are likely to be sure there are lots of scary things out there in the dark whether outside the walls of our houses, beyond the reach of a street light or outside the circle of light thrown by a campfire. We probably all know, as children and adults, that there are things that lurk in the most unseemly of ways, real and imagined.

Because of this, we tend to run to the light as quickly as possible. We equate light with safety and hope and promise and what delights. In the light we can see clearly. We know what's there and are comforted by this knowledge of all that is in clear view. Light draws us because in it we expect things to make sense. Just think how good it feels to have plenty of light around the places we live and shop.

Lent is a season where we know the light of Jesus' resurrection is on its way and allow ourselves to be drawn to it one step at a time. In a way, we are invited to live toward the light without rushing toward it. There is value in moving slowly and reflectively, feeling the weight of our current realities, as we allow them to stir us and allow God to stir us right in the midst of the hard, the challenging and the uncertain.

We'll walk through a series of texts that allow us to fully invest ourselves in this Lenten season, this approach through the darkness. We will definitely get to the wondrous light to come, but the journey to it is something we can embrace, something we can welcome, when we live with the expectation that God walks with us every step of the way. What will God show us as "Darkness Gives Way to Light?" Let's all step into this Lenten journey and find out!

| Feb. 29/March 1<br>March 7/8 | "Sin's Grip Is Broken"<br>Matthew 4:1-11<br>"Judgment Is Lifted" | April 9     | <i>Maundy Thursday</i><br>"It is Time"<br>John 13:1-17, 31b-35            |
|------------------------------|--|-------------|---|
|                              | Genesis 12:1-4a  | April 10    | Good Friday<br>"Deny Him?"  |
| March 14/15                  | "Still Water Flows Freely"<br>John 4:5-42                        |             | John 18:25-37   |
| March 21/22                  | "Blindness Gives Way to Sight"<br>John 9:1-41                    | April 12    | Resurrection Sunday<br>"Death is Undone! Jesus is Alive!"<br>John 20:1-18 |
| March 28/29                  | "Can These Bones Live?"<br>Ezekiel 37:1-14                       | April 18/19 | "Fear is Turned to Faith"<br>John 20:19-31                                |
| April 4/5                    | Palm Sunday<br>"Primed and Ready"<br>Matthew 21:1-11             | April 25/26 | "The Road From Jerusalem"<br>Luke 24:13-25                                |

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## **Church News**



#### **Do you know of a Knox visitor?** Invite them to our next Knowing Knox session

As members of Knox, we all play a key role in welcoming visitors and helping them learn more about Knox Presbyterian Church. Knowing Knox is a class where we can learn more about our guests and they can learn more about us. Please be invitational and welcoming and share this information with them about our upcoming sessions.



#### Please join us for two informal informative discussions:

• SUNDAY, MARCH 8 from 10:30-11:30AM and

• SATURDAY, MARCH 14 from 6-7:30PM (food will be served)

Those interested in joining Knox may do so the following weekend during either of our three services.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Josh Weir, Elder - Outreach & Membership at weir.josh@gmail.com



### **Prayer Vigil**

During Lent, our Prayer Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel after the Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. on April 9 and ends Good Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. We invite people to sign up in the Commons for 30 minute time slots as a way of keeping vigil in prayer, with Christ, for Christ and because of Christ having entered our world. The chart will be available on March 13.

### Go and Serve 2020

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#### A Beautiful Tribute for Dana Garmin Stables and Caitlin Ritenour.

Knox has had a long standing Memorial Fund in which contributions are made to the church in loving memory of those who "go before us". This fund is then used to equip the church for ministry, fellowship and worship. A beautiful example of this is the Children's Garden which was a tribute to Jenny Hubbards parents, Pat and Fred Gislain.

Two amazing women, faithful servants, who left us all too soon, were Dana Garmin Stables and Caitlin

Ritenour. Their love of the Knox community, family, children and youth is beautifully remembered in the new wall hanging in the Sanctuary. It is a portrait of Jesus inviting "the children to come to me", all Gods children of every place and age.

We now envision these two Saints in the garden of eternal joy with the very one who welcomed them "home". This unique rendering by an Indiana artist Fashions by Sarah will be a lasting tribute to them both and will be enjoyed for generations to come.



#### **Easter Flower Sales Begin March 2**

Place your order in the Commons between services or online at knoxpres.org. You can order until April 5.

Hydrangeas & Azaleas \$30.00 Tulips & Mums \$15.00

**Click Here to Order Flowers** 



### "Love Divine"

The Lenten Cantata begins our journey through the emotional events of the final week of Christ's life on earth. Join the Chancel Choir and instrumental ensemble as we present "Love Divine" for both our morning worship services. John 6:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only son; that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." The love in Christ's sacrifice is pure and above all other.



## It's Pancake Breakfast Time! March 14, 7am – 1pm

Many Thanks to Knox Presbyterian for giving us space to host our 33rd Annual Pancake Breakfast. The Scouts of Troops 505 & 1505 are looking forward to serving up all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice.

This event is our largest fundraiser of the year and proceeds are used to fund rank advancements, merit badges, leadership training, equipment, and outdoor programs. Ticket cost is \$5 each in advance or \$6 each at the door. Children under 4 are FREE. Tickets may be purchased:

- March 1 & March 8 at Knox, 9:45 am and 10:45 am
- Anytime by emailing us at <u>1505and505@gmail.com</u>



## SISSETON VBS June 20-26 2020 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Please review the dates and register today! Sisseton VBS is a great opportunity for a family mission trip to the spectacular landscape of Sisseton South Dakota. We work hard at the VBS program where over 200 Native American children participate. We can always use more help in the classrooms, and there is always a work project at one of the historic Presbyterian churches in the area that can use your help.

We have held the costs at the same level as 2019, so please join us! Ralph Lambka, President Dakota Partnership relambka@aol.com, 630-420-7885

**Click Here to Register** 



## **Missions at Knox**



## Loaves & Fishes

#### The next Hunger Sunday is March 1

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** 



## **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

Who is my neighbor? Jesus reminds us that it is in offering others water from our well that we find springs of living water. When we open ourselves to the needs of our sisters and brothers, we find those springs filling the parched hollows of our own souls.

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

There are envelopes in the pews for your generous contributions.

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 26) with the culmination on Palm Sunday (April 5). Thank you for your generous gifts.



# We need you!!!....to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Please join us to support our neighbors at Hesed House. We need your hands to prepare and serve warm, nutritious meals and your feet to walk around the Hesed "store" and distribute shampoo and other essentials to guests your heart to share Christ's love



Knox volunteers at Hesed House the 4th Saturday of every month. 4 possible shifts (6-9:30pm, 9:30pm-12, 3am-7am, 5am-7am) Sign up online to volunteer or prepare food ahead of time or contact Jill Wittwer at <u>jillwittwer@yahoo.com</u>"

Click Here to Sign Up to Volunteer



## **Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship**

Have you considered a call to full time Christian Ministry? Have you ever considered applying for a Sherren Scholarship?

Have you ever prayed for someone to prepare for a career in full time Christian Ministry?

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship. **Deadline for applications is March 15, 2020**. Check the poster in the Commons or Contact the Church Office for an application form. Applicants should be persons

pursuing a full-time career in Christian Service.

#### If you have questions please contact Anne Sherren at 630-932-0481 or atsherren@noctrl.edu.



## **Mission Highlight**

Meet the Knox Mission Council's new 2020 Mission Recipients

In 2008, Jake and Gina Anderson came to Brazil as members of Wycliffe Bible Translators. In the vast expanses of the largest rainforest on earth, Bible translation projects, church

planting, leadership training, and evangelism are under way even at great distances from the closest towns or cities. In a massive area with almost no roads, the airplane is an essential tool to assure that these projects proceed with speed and safety. With Jake as pilot and head mechanic, he flies missionaries and Doctors Without Borders into the most inaccessible villages in the Amazon. Jake and Gina are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil and are home schooling their 4 children (the youngest are brother and sister orphans they adopted). In addition to their missionary work, they are responsible for raising all their own living and plane expenses. The Knox Mission Council is pleased to be able to help Jake and Gina in this worthy cause.





## **Women's Ministries**

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



Our book for March 11 is <u>Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine</u> by Gail Honeymanis. All are welcome to join us for discussion and fellowship in the Knox Parlor at 7:30 pm. You can contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 630.416.9537 or <u>wilesjan@gmail.com</u>.



## Chick Flick – The Visitor



Friday, April 17 in the Senior High room Dinner at 6:15 pm and Movie at 7:00 pm Dinner \$10 – Movie Only is Free!

We end this season's theme of immigration with the story of a lonely man in late middle age whose life changes when a chance encounter with an immigrant couple forces him to face issues relating to identity, immigration and cross-cultural communication. The director, Tom McCarthy, won the 2009 Independent Spirit Award for Best Director and Richard Jenkins was nominated for Best Actor in the 2009 Academy Awards.

We will serve Middle Eastern food before the movie and have a discussion and dessert afterward. Please sign up online or in the Commons by Wed., April 15.

**Click Here to Register** 

This is the final movie of the season, and we will be voting on movies to show next season beginning in September. If you can't attend this movie, please let either Julie McLean, Sue Lies or Lisa Parenti know what movie(s) and/or theme you'd like!



### **PW Spring Flower Sale** Thursday, May 7

Forms will be available in March, pre-orders are recommended but there will be plenty for sale the day of the event. Forms will be available online and between services in March. If you have any questions contact Dee DeePorter at porterace@Comcast.net.



## **Women On Wednesdays**

Women on Wednesdays will take a break from our study of Acts in March to do a Lent Study for 4 weeks. If your Wednesday mornings are open we would love to have your join us! We meet from 9:15 am - 11:15 am and the

morning includes coffee, fellowship, Bible Study and prayer. We will not meet April 1st due to Spring Break. We will return to our Acts study on April 8. We welcome women of all ages and Bible knowledge and 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.



### **PW Circles**

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

#### Mary Martha Circle - Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30 am

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

#### Not Your Mother's Circle -

We welcome new members. Contact Lisa Dorr for details – 630-803-3074 or <u>DORRLL@yahoo.com</u>. Our next gatherings is Saturday, March 14th, 9:30 am TBD

**Ruth Circle** – will meet on **Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor**. Join us as we discuss our devotion "Our Unbelief" and share a time of prayer and fellowship. If you are looking for a group that meets in the evening, we'd love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bev Mayer at <u>bmayer@knoxpres.org</u> or 630-615-4325.

Rachel-Rebekah Circle - will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Rachel Rebecca circle will meet at 9:30 AM in the home of Betty Hemmeter. Please study Lesson 7. Please RSVP to Betty at 630-357-8223. For more details contactl Eileen Engstrom (eae626@sbcglobal.net).



#### Mom To Mom Coffee Hour Volunteers Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 8:30am Location: Coffee Bar at Knox

Looking for a way to help out on a Sunday morning and bond with some other moms, the Hospitality committee would appreciate your

participation! Ideally looking for 4 people, first come first serve.We need one person to pick up the donut holes, (they are pre-ordered and pre-paid)

## We need one person to set up the tables, make coffee (Pat Warren willing to show how to make coffee if needed)

We need two people to set up the tea, cups etc. and water and lemonade We need someone take the linens from the donut table home to wash More details are written up in the coffee bar

### Women's Retreat - Created Called Crowned



#### Mark your Calendar May 15 - 17 LaSalle Manor, Plano



Our retreat leader has dedicated her life to reaching the next generation for Christ.

She has nearly 20 years of Children's Ministry experience across various churches and denominations including her favorite church Knox Presbyterian Church, but let's keep that a secret.

She is a gifted speaker, teacher, and author, with her most recent work being, Children's Ministry Wake Up Call: Preparing Ourselves to Reach Tomorrow's Generation. She holds a Masters from Ashland Theological Seminary with a concentration in Christian Education. AND...She's back! and will be guiding us as we work to become the women God created us to be!



**Esther Moreno** 

Registration begins April 1 online or at the kiosk on Sundays.

Join us!



## **Men's Ministries**

## The Men of Knox in Service to Others:

ManKIND Men's Ministry has assisted more than 100 people by providing (and praying over) beds and household necessities, as well as helping families move as they transition from homeless shelters to permanent housing.

**Daybreakers** - Thirty or so men meet bright and early each Thursday morning at 6 am to study God's word and to discuss and debate highly relevant topics from a man's perspective.

There are dozens of ways for men of all ages to get connected and involved with ManKIND men's ministry at Knox. Programs, service, educational and fellowship opportunities are coming throughout 2019, so now is the perfect time to plug in and be fulfilled!





## **Children's & Family Ministries**



### No Sunday School Easter Sunday

There will no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, so please enjoy the service with your family. There will be activity bags in the back of the Sanctuary for the kids. Please also help yourself to other activity pages and/or a children's bible to use during the service.

### **Summer Sunday School**

It may be snowing outside, but it is not too early to start thinking about Summer Sunday School. Do you enjoy working with kids? Would you like to teach Sunday School this summer? We would love to have your help! Lessons and supplies will be prepared in advance for you. We are looking for both lead and assistant teachers. All teachers will need to be Safe Haven trained (more trainings will be scheduled soon). If you are interested in joining the Summer Sunday School team, or would like more information, please contact to **Erin Hartman** at **630.615.4303** or **ehartman@knoxpres.org.** 



## Family Mission – Feed My Starving Children



Thursday, April 16 6:00 pm Register Online by April 3

**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, April 23** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Making tacos for Hesed House

Save the Date

**Thursday, May 14** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Making Lasagnas for the Go N Serve Team

Wednesday, June 10 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Making snacks for the kids at Sisseton



#### Fourth Grade Service Sunday, Apr 26 at 9:00 am

During the Wednesday Evening Program the 4th Grade Bible Study class prepares a worship service for the congregation. If your fourth grader is interested in being a part of the worship service,

**Click Here to Register** 

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please register here.



## Family Camp 2020

Knox is offering a Family Camp weekend on **Sept 25 -27** at Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva, WI. We only have 16 rooms so register soon. Families are already starting to sign up!

**Click Here to Register Online** 

The weekend will include many fun activities provided by the camp as well as Bible Study, games, art activities and Sunday morning worship. Downtown Lake Geneva is a 15 minute walk away along the lake shore which also offers many fun opportunities.

If you would like to help us plan group activities for the weekend please contact Jenny!

Room and pricing details:

Room description: each room has a queen bed and a twin bed. All mattresses are Temper-Pedic and very comfortable. Two additional rollaway mattresses can be added for a total of 4 beds per room. Each room has 2 arm chairs that can be taken out if rollways are needed. Family maximum occupancy per room is 6 or max of 4 adults.

Adults are ages 12&up.

Adult Fees: One Adult in room \$420.00 Two adults in room \$470.00 Three adults in room \$520.00 Four adults in room \$570.00 Cost for children 4-11 \$30 per child



There are many opportunities for fun and fellowship at Family Camp. Don't miss out! Questions – contact Ann Smith at anncorinnesmith@gmail.com



#### Knox's Eggcellent Adventure Saturday, April 4 Worship @ 5 pm Activities 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Come for worship at Saturdays @ 5 and stay for some fun Easter Activities. We will also be visited by the Easter Bunny!



#### Save the Date – VBS – Rocky Railway June 15 - 19 9:00 am – 11:30 am 3 years (potty trained to Entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Early Registration ends May 15 Register Online by June 5



## **G3-Middle School Ministries**

## Confirmation



Sunday, March 1 – 10:30 am - 1 pm Sunday, March 8 – 10:30 am – 1 pm Sunday, March 15 - 10:30 am – 1 pm Sunday, March 22 - 10:30 am – 1 pm Sunday, March 29 – No Class Sunday, April 5 – No Class

Sunday, April 12 – No Class Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Weekend of Decision Orientation April 17 - 19 WOD - Mandatory Attendance Wednesday, April 22 6:00 - 8:15 pm Mandatory Session Meeting & Confirmation Sunday Rehearsal Sunday, April 26 9:00 - 11:30 Confirmation Sunday

## G3 – Middle School Fellowship 2019/2020 Save the Date

Friday, March 20 – Chaser's Laser Tag 1811 High Grove Ln. Ste. 115, Naperville 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm - Cost - \$20

**Click Here to Register** 



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## Youth



## **High School Ministries**

#### **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.

#### Spring Retreat – March 13 -15

All current High School students are invited to join us for our Spring Retreat. The retreat takes place at Stronghold, and the weekend consists of games, activities, small groups, fellowship, worship, and more. We hope to see you there!

We leave for Stronghold Retreat Center at 5pm Friday, return 12:30-1:00pm Sunday Cost: \$155 Registration by March 1, \$175 Late Registration Registrations after March 1<sup>st</sup> are not guaranteed a T-Shirt

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## Senior Baccalaureate Service, May 23<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

If you are a senior graduating from High School this spring, and you want to be including in the Senior Baccalaureate Bulletin, please send Joan Tanck a photograph and a brief bio (150 words). You can be in the bulletin even if you can't attend the service. Due by May 1.

Click Here For knoxblog.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

Click Here to Visit knoxblog.org

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## **Adult Ed**

## 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 Kedra Smith 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 <u>Robin</u> <u>Kolar</u> or <u>Margaret Lambka.</u>

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 <u>Joan Tanck</u>.

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

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

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Saturday, March 7 9 am – 3 pm

Please join us on the next Curious Christian docent led trip, to the DuSable Museum, on Saturday March 7. We will leave by Van at 9:00 and return at or before 3:00. The museum is handicapped accessible and the cost of the trip is \$30.00 plus lunch (which will be self purchased) at Kroll's South Loop restaurant.

The DuSable Museum was founded in 1961 to preserve and interpret experiences and achievements of people of African descent. It's holdings include more than 15,000 pieces including paintings, sculpture, print works and historical memorabilia. It's namesake is Jean Baptist's Point DuSable a Haitian of African and French descent. It is a unique experience that celebrates a part of Chicago's history.

**Click Here to Register** 



## **Ministry To Seniors**



Vocalist, Kim Johnson will entertain us with St. Patrick's Day Songs and Stories Cost is \$8.00, payable at the door

You are invited to join us for worship in the chapel at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon in Lehman Hall.

#### For reservations, please call Diane Heintz at 630/615-4324 by Monday, March 9



### **FREE Fire Department Service** for Naperville Seniors

To keep Naperville seniors safe, the Naperville Fire Department now offers a free "Senior Home Fire Safety Survey" to help seniors (65+) identify features in their home that might make their residence susceptible to fire or injuries due to falls. (*But see fire-preventive* 

resource at end helpful to one of any age or location.)

Even though I thought I had no problems, I requested an inspection as soon as I heard about this service. And thank God I did, because it revealed mistakes I'd made that could have cost me my life or the loss of my home to fire. To request an inspection, mention the Knox newsletter when you email Soraya McLaughlin, Public Education Specialist, at McLaughlins@naperville.il.us. You will receive in-home safety information as well as fire and fall prevention tips. Your home visit includes a written home safety survey with smoke detectors (if needed), a carbon monoxide detector, kitchen fire extinguisher, and other goodies.

Believing that others have made the same mistakes I made, I published a Special Report about this experience for my website subscribers that <u>you can read online</u>. *It includes the Fire Department's checklist, which will enable anyone to do their own home fire safety check*. It also details all that I learned during my FD inspection, web links to related topics and products, and special steps I've taken to give myself an extra layer of 9-1-1 security.

Submitted by Barbara Brabec, 630-717-0488, bbrabec01@gmail.com



## **Thank You**



The Knox Personnel Council would like to Thank Jenny Hubbard for her service being the hands and feet of Christ in her role as Children & Family Ministry Director.

Jenny has been called to serve in the position of Head Pastor at AuSable Grove Presbyterian Church beginning in February of 2020.

Jenny is truly a "Child of Knox" having grown up within the Church. Over the years, she has made a significant contribution and had a tremendous impact on Knox, especially regarding the youth of our congregation

During her time at Knox, she initiated and oversaw many programs that were critical to the ministry of Knox. Some of these include: Arts Camp, Young Families Ministry, Dance Ministry including the "Blessed Ones", Middle School Fellowship/Retreats, Vacation Bible School, Wednesday Evening Programs for Youth, leadership for Sunday School, and assisting Children's Choirs.

Recently, Jenny accepted additional responsibilities including overseeing the Confirmation program, Congregational care/hospital visits, and coordination and preaching at the Saturday evening services. Jenny also spent many hours counseling and supporting young families and congregational members. Her compassion and care was always evident. Jenny is a devoted mother and wife who has been very generous and unselfish with her time.

Jenny received her Masters of Divinity from the McCormick Theological Seminary. Additionally, Jenny received her Clinical Pastoral Education Training and was very active as a chaplain at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital.

Jenny can be best described as a compassionate and hopeful teacher, mentor, leader and friend with a deep belief in creating lifelong Disciples of Christ. She will be greatly missed and we send her to this new calling with the deepest admiration and gratitude for her positive impact she had on Knox. We are truly blessed by your passion and commitment to the childcare and families of Knox.



## **TPC Is So Thankful!**

Once again in January, the Mission Council went Diaper Shopping at Sam's Club to provide □our boxes of wipes and 20 boxes of diapers for the Teen Parent Connection for their distribution to teen mothers who participate in the TPC. It was great fun and served a very worthy cause Mission Council enjoys supporting.





## **Care Ministries**



#### **Congratulations:**

**Ashley and Joel Barhamand** on the birth of their son **August Mack** on November 25. Barb Barhamand is the proud grandmother.

**Rachel and Ryan Shershen** on the birth of their daughter **Evelynne Quinn** on December 9.

**Candice and Matt Sunblade** on the birth of their son **Roman Matthew** on December 15.

**Emily and Aaron Shemon** on the birth of their son **August Mack** on January 21.

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#### **Grieving:**

#### The friends and family of:

Doris Slager on her death (sister of John Janke)

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Jerry Gaydusek on his death (friend of the Schaefer/Souta families)

#### 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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