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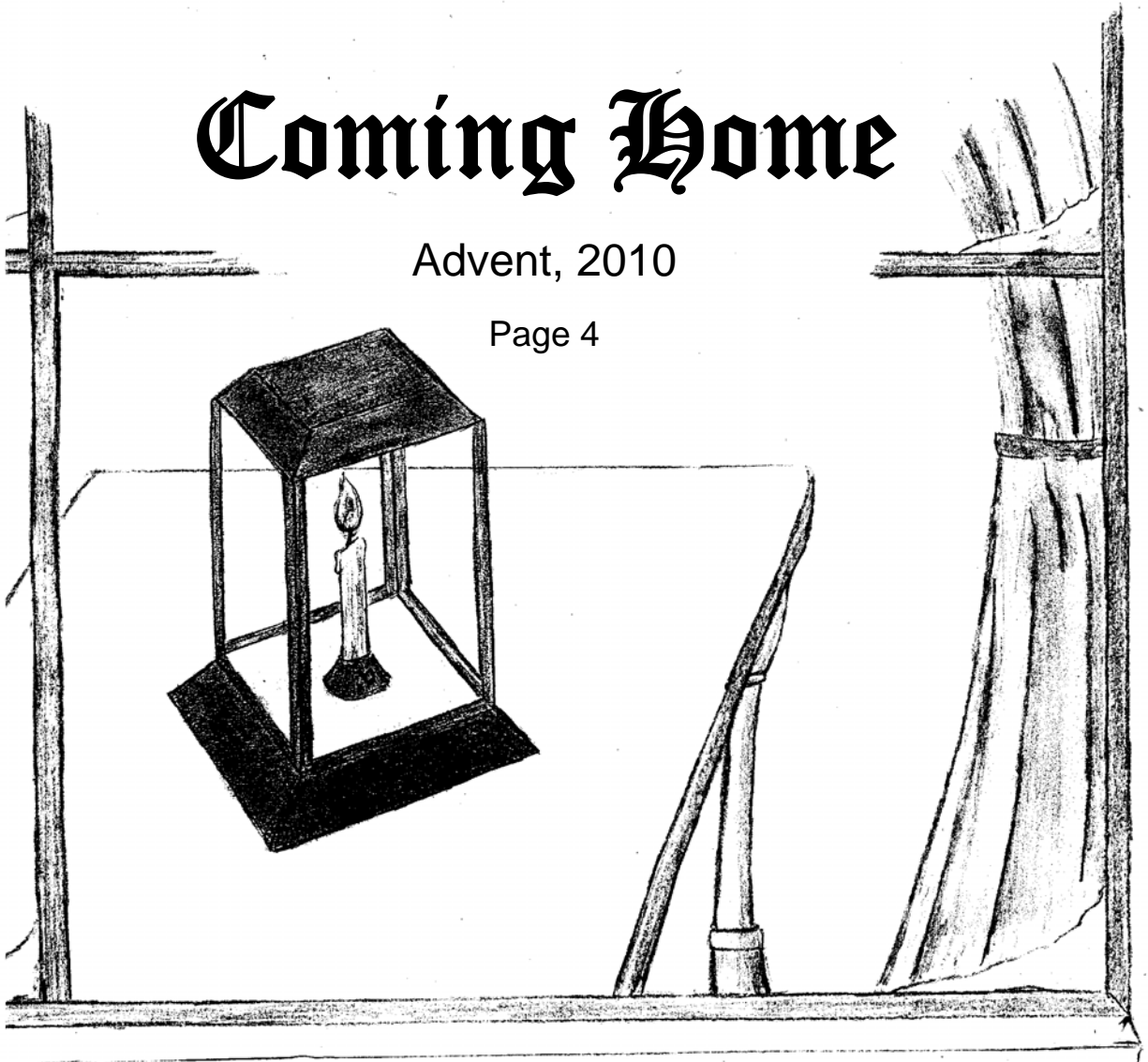
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DECEMBER 2010

Coming Home

Advent, 2010

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A note from Rev. Clinton...

"Coming Home..."

*"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests;
but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." -(Luke 9:58)*

Dear Friends:

Christmas brings forth many emotions and memories in our hearts. None are stronger than the feelings we associate with "coming home..."

The year I returned to my sophomore semester at the University of North Carolina, my father lost his job. Shortly thereafter, our family lost our home in Upstate New York. While Dad was still in the hospital, my mother and 7 yr. old brother moved into the small cottage on Green Lake, Wisconsin built by my grandparents in 1940. Winter was coming, and the summer cottage was not insulated. Winters in Wisconsin are cold.

I remember my feelings of longing and uncertainty as Christmas approached. I knew that Dad would be back from the hospital--but what kind of Christmas would it be? We had lost our home. Dad was without a prospect of employment. And the North wind, so refreshingly cool in summer, would be battering that lakeside cottage across the frozen expanse with arctic blasts.

On the afternoon of December 23, I left the Carolina sunshine in my blue '41 Ford--gassed up, coffee-ed up and ready to roll! The old girl with her outsized 255 V-8 took the Blue Ridge easily at 70 mph, winding up through Bluefield, West Virginia, to Huntington. Then it was down the Ohio to Cincinnati and across Indiana to Chicago. When the cabin heater finally gave out, I wrapped my legs in a sleeping bag and crested the Skyway with teeth chattering and hands frozen to the wheel. It was Christmas Eve, the sun was setting and I had just four more hours to go to reach home.

But how could I come home to no home? Would Dad's depression be lifted? Would Mom have put up the tree? Would the pipes be frozen? Already it was beginning to snow. Would the Christmas Spirit show up--this Christmas?

It was well past dark when the tires of the old '41 Ford rolled slowly across the lawn behind the lakeside cottage. A weary figure emerged from the car and walked stiffly toward the silent door. And suddenly, the door opened--spilling warm, golden light across the snow. "You're home! You made it!" shouted the little boy, hurling himself into his brother's arms. Behind him stood his father and mother, smiling.

Christmas must always mean "coming home"--even when there is no more "home" to come home to. Christmas means coming home to that which makes us truly human: to the love we find (or should I say, finds us?) in Jesus Christ. How ironic, that the Holy Child for whom there was no room at the Inn; that the Son of Man, who found nowhere among us to lay down his head--would become for all of us our heart's true home, never to be lost or forgotten. *"Tidings of comfort and joy,"* indeed! For as the Apostle has written, *"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life...nor things present, nor things to come...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38).*

Merry Christmas--and welcome home.



Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP 2011 - GIFT AND TASK

Sharing gifts and tasks is what we're about as Christians. We don't really stand alone. Christ actually stands with us as he beckons us to follow him. We stand with one another, 'pooling' our talents, time, resources, prayers, laughter, and sweat. We complement one another. Together we make up the whole rainbow of God's wondrous gifting through us.

We look forward to starting our New Year with the gifts needed to enable the tasks of ministry at Knox. And, there's a lot of mission and ministry taking place through you, Knox congregation! Thanks be to God!



GIFT AND TASK PRAYERS ~ A SAMPLING

Dear God, Help our church to grow in unity and in outreach to the community.

Help people to find this church when they are lost and need hope.

Help me to be a Christian when no one is looking.

Help us as your church be able to give to others in the same way this church has given to me. Encourage our leaders and uphold all those who oversee our many programs.

Thank you for our leaders, our friends in Christ, Confirmation and opportunities to serve.

Amen.

CROWN MINISTRIES

Crown ministries is dedicated to helping you manage the money and resources God provides to us according to biblical principles. Last time we began their "Money Map 7 plan to financial freedom."



Part 2 of destination 1 is to develop a spending plan.

Record your income and spending for 30 days, like a diary.

Based on what you learn in step 1, estimate your monthly income and spending by category (housing, car, and so on). Start with taxes and giving as your first expense. Then live on the remainder.

Adjust your spending plan if you are spending more than you make each month. How much should you be spending in each category? We'll cover that next time.

For more info contact Scott Elliott at selliott@wideopenwest.com or 630-357-4784.



PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND AND CARS FOR MEMBERS

Thank you Knox for your past support! You have enabled your pastors to help dozens of people in large and small ways through this fund. As we head into the holidays, Knox members are ever thoughtful about supporting other members who may be unemployed, facing times of illness, or other difficult times that place extreme financial burdens upon them. We invite your continued contributions. If you are interested in replacing a car and have one you might like to 'get rid of' through Knox, give us a call! This is another way we were able to help members last year. Bless you and thank you in advance!

ADVENT 2010 ~ COMING HOME

Imagine in your mind a large bright window with a lantern filling a room with candlelight. It's somewhat of an old fashioned image, but we like the idea of the bright light saying to all,

"Come on in! We've left the light on for you."

In this season we celebrate the light which never extinguishes and the home Christ makes in our hearts. We want you to know the light is on here at Knox and we're expecting you. Gather in and gather 'round as we celebrate being part of God's family and having a church home to share.

First Sunday in Advent November 28

The Promise of Hope – Noah seeks a new home. Genesis 8:8-12; 9:1, 12, 17

Second Sunday in Advent December 5

The Promise of Peace – The exodus taught God's people that their home is with God and this is their only peace. Exodus - Selected passages

Third Sunday in Advent December 12

The Promise of Joy – Ruth found a new home and the joy of God's provision. Ruth 1:1-18

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 19

The Promise of Love. Isaiah 65:16-25

Longest Night Service December 21 7:30 p.m. Service

December 21 is the longest night of the year, and what most of us need in a dark time, in an uncertain season, is light which breaks in upon our darkness or grief. This service in one of comfort and prayer, music and candlelight, scripture and hope. Bring your burden that we might pray for you. Bring your prayers for others, and together let us experience hope.

Christmas Eve December 24

The Promise of Christ – Coming home to Bethlehem's light with Mary and Joseph. Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 2:1-7



UPCOMING EVENTS

BABYSITTING SERVICE

Pay It Forward Middle School Fundraiser

The Middle School kids and adult advisors will be providing a fundraiser to raise money for the young adults participating in the Amor Mission Trip. We will be providing babysitting for parents to drop off their kids and go Christmas Shopping. Children will be split into groups according to age, and structured activities will be planned.

When: Saturday, **December 4**

Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Cost : \$20/child or \$50/family

If interested, please contact Jenny Hubbard at 630-615-4318.

ADVENT FAMILY EVENT

Join us for the Advent Family Event will be taking place on Sunday, **December 5!** It will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. A pizza and salad lunch will be provided. We will be singing songs, making knotted scarves to give to families in need, and hearing why the Advent Season is important. Registration is required.

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G3 MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Please Join Us and Support Knox's Youth.

Evening will include:

- Dramatic Reading * 40 kids singing together
- Middle School Choir * Violin and Sign-Language
- Scripture * Prayer



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

All Knox Families and their Friends (Group formally known as JAM Fellowship)

New Committee Members Needed

JAM Fellowship is expanding to include all families of Knox! If you are interested in planning a few fun outings, please contact Jenny Hubbard.

Caroling with Clint Sunday, December 19 - 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Cost: Bring a dessert to share Registration Deadline: Friday, December 17

Contact Jenny Hubbard to register (630) 615-4318, jhubbard@knoxpres.org

EDUCATION

SUNDAYS

Christmas: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly~ An Advent Study

Leaders: Brooks & Jan Reid (9:00 a.m.) TBD (10:30 a.m.)

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in the Sr. High Room (Basement)

This 4-week Advent study focuses on people in the story of Christ's birth. There are those we associate with the joy and celebration of Christmas--the wise men, the shepherds, and Joseph. Yet we're reminded not to forget that the evil King Herod is also part of the Christmas story, and how it is because there is evil in our world that we so desperately needed--and need--a Savior.

"God Is In The Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas" Leader: Jim Clinton

10:30 a.m. in Room 202

Our Advent study will be based on the above book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

11/28 Waiting

12/5 Mystery

12/12 Redemption

12/19 Incarnation

12/26 The Twelve Days of Christmas and Epiphany



“Old Testament” Heroes of our Judeo-Christian Faith!! Leader: Gordon Friday
10:30 a.m., in Rev. Deb’s Office We will be studying Ruth, Samuel, Saul, & David.
Come join us in studying GOD’S WORD.

TUESDAYS

Men’s Study of 2 John and 3 John Leader: Frank Mayer
9:00 a.m. in Room 202

Daniel Leader: Sue Curry
9:15 a.m. in Room 203 Study by Beth Moore.

Micah, the Prophet – a Prophet for Today? Leader: Rev Deb Roberts
1:00 p.m. in her office
What can we learn from Micah that helps us to understand the promises of God in the Old Testament and how they lead us to God’s promise in Jesus Christ? What happened in Micah’s day that rings true to us today?

WEDNESDAYS

Women On Wednesdays Leaders: Margaret Lambka & Robin Kolar
9:15-11:15 a.m., “Book of Nehemiah”
WOW includes childcare and programming for young children

“God Give Me Patience and I Want It Right Now” - A study by James Moore.
Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts at 7:00-8:30 p.m. In her office


THURSDAYS

Daybreakers Leader: Rev. Clinton Roberts
6:00 a.m. in the Coffee Bar

Thursday Morning Bible Study Leader: Rev. Cindy Karis
The Book of Isaiah 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Room 202 (Child Care Provided). Contact Rev. Cindy Karis at ckaris@knoxpres.org or 630-615-4308 if interested in joining.


Thursday Evening Bible Study Leader: Eric Heinekamp
7:30 p.m. in the Sr. High Room (Basement)

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP



Rock Climbing
Friday, December 3
In the evening
Cost: TBD

A Day at the Movies
Chronicles of Narnia
The Voyage of the
Dawn Treader
Saturday, January 22
Before Noon
Cost: Ticket price and snacks



RSVP to Jenny Hubbard, jhubbard@knoxpres.org, 630-615-4318



The Sunday School Scoop



OPEN HOUSE, OPEN HEARTS

Sunday School Advent Collection for Families Helping Families

As we consider how we spiritually are *Coming Home* during Advent, we can help local families to have a home of their own.

- SS children will be collecting their coins for Families Helping Families.
- Families Helping Families is a local organization that assists families to ultimately be self-sufficient. FHF provides apartments, volunteer mentors and education. For more information go to www.famhelpingfam.org
- Collection boxes will be handed out beginning November 21.
- Boxes will be offered in God's Service on December 19.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

December 26 - Sunday School will not meet.


January 2 - Sunday School will not meet.

Remember at Knox, children are always welcome in worship.

When SS doesn't meet, children up to PreK are also welcome in childcare.

January 9 - Sunday School resumes.

For more information, contact: Jane Burkelman, Co-Director of Children's Ministries,
630-615-4303 or jburkelman@knoxpres.org

	<p><i>Wednesday Night Programs Resume Jan. 12</i> <i>5:00 to 7:30 p.m. (Dinner included)</i></p> <p>Prime Time - Grades K, 1 & 2 J.A.M. - Grades 3, 4 & 5 G3 - Grades 6, 7 & 8</p> <p>Contacts: Jane Burkelman (Prime Time) jburkelman@knoxpres.org Jenny Hubbard (J.A.M. & G3) jhubbard@knoxpres.org</p>
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DANCE MINISTRY

3-6 year old dancers are needed for **Christmas Eve** for the 4 p.m. service.
Practice days & times: Mondays, November 29-December 20, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Contact Jenny Hubbard, jhubbard@knoxpres.org if interested.



CHILDREN'S DAY OUT

We still have a few openings in our Green 3's and PreK classes. Please call if your child will be turning 4 or 5 this year. We are also accepting alternates in all classes. Questions? Please call Beth Burner at 630-355-7544.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Calendar Alert! Important dates to put on your calendar now – in ink!

Children's Christmas Choir – We would like to invite any child Kindergarten through 5th grade who is not involved in Youth Club (Wednesday night program) to sing in our Children's Christmas Choir. This choir will sing for the December 12 "Carols and Candlelight" evening program and for our 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. We will provide the lyrics along with a practice CD. There will be 4 rehearsals:

Wednesday, December 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 11 @ 9:00 a.m.

If you would like your child to be involved, email me, please, so I can make sure there are enough practice CDs. Great music, great fun, limited time commitment! Hope to hear from you!

December 12 at 7:00 p.m. We will host our "Carols and Candlelight" program which will include a full orchestra, Chancel Choir, Children's choirs, scripture and readings. This has grown to be a very lovely event that will add to your Advent journey. Come and enjoy the music, sing along, listen, and experience the wonder of Jesus' birth. Invite your friends!

December 24 – Christmas Eve – (* denotes communion & candlelight)

4:00 p.m. – Caroler Choir will sing

* 7:00 p.m. – Children's Christmas Choir will sing

* 9:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir will sing

* 11:00 p.m. – Special music

We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with you in 2010. Thank you for your continued support. God is good – all the time!

Jan Parry (jparry@knoxpres.org)
Curt Parry

ROOKIE RINGERS

Have you ever wanted to try ringing a beautiful bronze handbell but were afraid to ask? Well, we've got a new group forming just for you. This is a NON-PERFORMING handbell choir for all you ROOKIE RINGERS out there. Can't read music? No problem. This is just for fun. We will meet on Fridays, January 21-February 25, from 10-11 a.m. in the choir room. Child care is available so come on and give it a try! Questions? Contact Karen Van Iten at kdvi3@wideopenwest.com or 630-355-0284.





December 2010 Holiday Calendar



Date	Event
Saturday Nov 27	Sanctuary Christmas Decorating 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (or so) Volunteer Night @ Hessed House
Sunday 28	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ THE PROMISE OF HOPE 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services with Communion & Sunday School
Monday 29	Blessed Ballerinas Practice, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday 30	Orchestra Rehearsal for Carols & Candlelight, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1	WOW (Women on Wednesdays) & WOW Kids , 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Prime Time, J.A.M. & G3, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, 6 p.m. Dinner; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Fellowship/Study Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 2	Hall of Farmers Luncheon & Christmas Program, 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.
Friday 3	Middle School Fellowship Event — Rock Wall Climbing at Vertical Endeavors, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday 4	<i>Pay It Forward</i> Fundraiser for AMOR Ministries, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 5	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ THE PROMISE OF PEACE 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services & Sunday School Advent Family Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Monday 6	January Newsletter Deadline Blessed Ballerinas Practice, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday 7	Orchestra Rehearsal for Carols & Candlelight, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8	WOW (Women on Wednesdays) & WOW Kids, 9:15 - 11:15 a.m./End of Session 1 (resumes Jan 12) Prime Time, J.A.M. & G3, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner/End of Session I (resumes Jan.12) Sr. High Fellowship, 6 p.m. Dinner; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Fellowship/Study Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 11	Men's Monthly Breakfast, 8 a.m. Carols & Candlelight Dress Rehearsal, 9 a.m. - 12 noon
Sunday 12	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ THE PROMISE OF JOY 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Services & Sunday School Handbells at 9 a.m.

		Middle School Bells at 10:30 a.m. Carols & Candlelight, 7:00 p.m.
Monday	13	Blessed Ballerinas Practice, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	15	Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship, 6 p.m. Dinner; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Fellowship/Study Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	16	Children's Day Out Christmas Program, Sanctuary from noon-1 p.m.
Sunday	19	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ THE PROMISE OF LOVE 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Services & Sunday School Turn in Sunday School's Open House, Open Hearts collection boxes Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 11:40 a.m. - 12:10 pm. Caroling with Rev. Clint, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday	20	Blessed Ballerinas Practice, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday	21	The Longest Night Worship Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	22	Children's Day Out Christmas vacation begins. School resumes January 10.
Friday	24	CHRISTMAS EVE Services ~ THE PROMISE OF CHRIST 4 p.m. Children's Service with Children's 4:00 Christmas Choir and Blessed Ballerinas <i>Candlelight and Communion Services:</i> 7 p.m. Family Service with Children's 7:00 Christmas Choir & Praise Team and Middle School and Junior Dancers 9 p.m. Traditional Service with Chancel Choir 11 p.m. Traditional Service Office Closed
Saturday	25	Volunteer Night @ Heses House, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. (3 shifts)
Sunday	26	CHRISTMASTIDE ~ 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services NO Sunday School
Monday	27	Office Closed
Friday	31	Office Closed



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED..

HALL OF FAMERS LUNCHEON

December 2 Noon Lehman Hall
"Music & Meditation" Music of Advent & Christmas will be presented by the Holmstad, an Illinois retirement community in Batavia. A worship service at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel will precede the luncheon. Please R.S.V.P. to Edna Shepherd at 630-357-1067 by November 29.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- **Mary/Martha Circle** will meet on Tuesday, **December 14**, at 9:00 a.m., at the home of Nancy Whitmer, 2728 Wolf River Ct., 630-369-4862. All women are welcome to join us. Contact person is Ineke Pelella 630-357-3350.
- **Rachel-Rebekah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, **December 14**, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Patti Thompson, 1213 Jane Ave., 630-369-0257. Everyone is to bring a salad to share for lunch. Contact people are Ruth Feightner 630-355-6451 or Rose Smilgys 630-851-4652.
- **Deborah Circle** varies from month to month. Call for meeting information. Contact person is Donna Christopherson 815-372-1424.
- **Ruth Circle** will meet on Thursday, **December 16**, at Knox at 7:30 p.m., in the Parlor. All women are welcome. Contact Pam Williams 630-470-5199 if you would like to join us.

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

December 11 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Rev. Scott Mitchell of the Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center will speak on "Thriving in Turbulent Times."

Unemployment, a stagnant housing market, and an erratic stock market! In today's troubled economic circumstances, people are looking for ways to not just survive but to actually thrive. How can you understand the stress you may be experiencing, and how can you better cope with that stress? Learn to cope with the stress and to engage more of an abundance mindset rather than a scarcity mindset. Donation \$5. To register contact Frank Mayer at fjmayerxge@comcast.net.

EVENING BOOK CLUB

December 14 7:30 p.m. Parlor
We will be discussing *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. We debate each month about future selections. We have chosen *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese in January. New readers are always welcome! Questions? Call Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537.



WAYS TO SERVE...



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 5, 2010

Store certificates to purchase turkeys (due to lack of freezer space, turkeys purchased as needed)

1 lb. non-refrigerated canned ham
Canned Green Beans & Corn
Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Gravy
Egg Noodles
Boxed Potatoes
Canned Fruit
Cake Mix & Frosting
Jell-O & Pudding Mixes

Financial support of the food pantry is appreciated as well. Loaves & Fishes can purchase a Christmas meal for 8 with your \$20 donation.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

HESED HOUSE

We are always in need of volunteers for both food donations and evening shifts on site. The next volunteer night is Saturday, **December 25**. Contact Doug or Jan Isley at 630-904-4496 if you can help with this vital mission.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS



We will give gifts to Sisseton and a school in Aurora again this year. If you would like to participate:

- **PICK** an angel off the tree in the Commons & pick up wrapping & labeling directions
- **WRAP** present(s) and put into a Christmas bag (no boxes, please) with the name of the child on the bag:
- **PLACE** under the Christmas tree by Sunday, December 12 before the first service.

If you would like to donate to a specific child or age, or if the tree has been removed and you'd still like to have an angel, please contact Julie Milldrum @ 630-717-8240.

DAKOTA-SISSETON NATIVE AMERICAN NEEDS



It gets 20 degrees below zero in the Sisseton-Wahpeton area in the winter. In this harsh economy, any extra coat or blanket would be appreciated. Gently used or new winter coats or blankets would be so appreciated by the kids and elderly that need it the most. Please put any donations in the donation bin by the Coffee Bar.



CHRISTMAS CARD FUND

Can you think of an easier way to send over 500 Christmas cards? Read on. You are invited to join a long-standing tradition of offering Christmas greetings to the entire congregation while making a donation to Knox mission projects at the same time! A large Christmas card will be by the signup tables. Make checks payable to Knox Presbyterian Church, and mark the memo section "Christmas Card Fund."

Mission projects: Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Hesed House, The Scott Moreau Fund, The Lehman Foundation Fund, the Sherren Scholarship Fund. Those signing by December 6 will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donations are accepted immediately, but the card will be posted until New Year's.

Contact Anne Sherren, 630-932-0481, with questions.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Our deepest Joy lies in loving God through loving and supporting one another. For seventy years Presbyterians have given at Christmas time to support the needs of the extended church family:

- To missionaries, church workers and pastors with financial needs in retirement
- To new workers and students with needs as they begin in ministry

Let us not only rejoice in the tidings of comfort and joy but embrace them by taking this opportunity to offer comfort to those in our church family who need it.

The JOY OFFERING may be given during Advent and will culminate with the Christmas Eve offering. Questions? Contact a member of the Mission Council or one of the pastors.



SCOTT MOREAU PASTOR'S EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Since 1992 the Scott Moreau Pastor's Education Fund has been assisting students at NIST to obtain advanced degrees in Theology. Students have come from the African countries of Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, and Ghana. The last year a student from Sudan was awarded a Moreau scholarship was 1993. This year another Sudanese, David Chol Deng, has been selected to be a scholarship recipient. According to a letter from NIST, "David at age 10 (1983) came to know the Lord as his Savior. A few years later, he understood the Spirit filled life and then felt a great desire to serve the Lord. Unfortunately, war erupted in Sudan and he was forced to come to Kenya as a refugee and in 1992 resettled in the Kakuma refugee camp. For the past six years, David has been involved in the pulpit ministry at the Episcopal Church of the Sudan as an ordained minister. The challenge he faces in ministering to these Sudanese people who now live in Kenya is their difficulty in providing for their basic needs of food, housing and transport."

David has been working towards his Masters of Divinity in Leadership Studies since January, 2010, and will receive \$1,400 from the Scott Moreau Pastor's Education Fund to continue his vision "to serve the Lord as an International minister/pastor wherever the Lord sends him."

- Lyn Pewitt, Scott Moreau Pastor's Education Fund Steering Committee



CHURCH LIFE

The new year is upon us and that means Church Life is looking for you, your group, or your family to participate in the Coffee Hour. It is a great way to get word out about your group's upcoming event, and a great way to meet the members of the church. We will even train you! Contact the Church Life Elders, Sue Ann Kufirin , sueann5@msn.com or Laura Miller, kjemiller@sbcglobal.net. Or talk to Betty Barcheski at betty@barcheski.com.

NEW ORLEANS SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP March 25-April 1, 2011

Parkway Presbyterian Church
Project Homecoming
Contact: Jeaneane Ryan 630-904-9726

GHANA MISSION TRIP July 25-August 5, 2011

Kaneshi Presbyterian Church of Ghana
We will offer a VBS and dedicate the village school Knox helped to construct. There will also be training in Pan African Theology. Contact: Ron Mobley 630-357-6625

TEEN PARENT CONNECTION

Looking for an opportunity to help out teenage moms (and dads) and their little ones this new year? Why not sign up to provide and serve a pre-planned meal to TPC young parents and their infants and toddlers on Tuesday evenings? There are dates available January through May for you to get involved. Meals need not be home cooked or complicated. Instructions, reimbursement and personal support are available. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., allowing you to finish by 7:30 p.m.!!

TPC (Teen Parent Connection) is a local nonprofit organization which provides programs and services related to teenage pregnancy and parenting. Knox Church has hosted and provided the facilities and family style meals as a vital mission and outreach program for over 20 years. To learn more about Teen Parent Connection please refer to their website: <http://www.teenparentconnection.org/>

Bonnie Olson 630/355-4417 (bdolson@ntsource.com) or Heidi Paulius 630/548-4179 (hpaulius05@sbcglobal.net) would be happy to answer any questions you may have about participating. Please consider choosing a date for you or your organization to help. TPC participants continually express their gratitude for the wonderful meals, hospitality and love they receive from Knox. We sincerely thank you for your past and continued support!



KNOX YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP Mexico Amor, December 29-January 2

Twenty-two young adults & adult leaders are raising funds for this year's trip. Your continued prayers and gift of support are appreciated. The Tamale Sale fund raiser was a success with 1,672 tamales sold! Thank you all. If you were unable to pick up your tamales on November 21, please contact Bruce Burkelman at bmburkelman@yahoo.com or 630-209-1421 to make arrangements.

JUBILEE

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE



The following items will be available on **Sunday, November 28:**

- Jubilee Sterling Silver crosses with optional chains.
- Jubilee Stained Glass Note Cards.
- Gold crosses (no chains).
- Jubilee Wall Clock (one per family).

Contact: Bev Mayer at 630-615-4325 or bmayer@knoxpres.org.



CONFIRMATION PICTURES STILL NEEDED!

Thanks for the confirmation pictures, but we are still looking for more! If you have any of these years, scan it or put it in Nancy Fry's box and we will get it back to you: 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969; 1971, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977; 1980, 1982, 1983, 1987, 1988, 1989; and 1990.

CHURCH NEWS

"ENDING THE SILENCE" ON MENTAL ILLNESS AT CHURCH

Where do families turn for resources regarding mental illnesses? How do you find a good psychiatrist? Are there any support groups or educational classes for families? NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is there to let these families know, You Are Not Alone and Treatment Works!

One out of four families suffers with a mental illness in the United States. The social stigma continues despite the fact that these are physical illnesses of the brain. The National Institute of Mental Health has determined that 50% of adult cases had symptoms by age 14. Early diagnosis and treatment is KEY. NAMI's mission is to improve lives through support, education, and advocacy. Contact us at 630-752-0066, ext. 210, or visit our website at www.namidupage.org.





FLOWER CHART 2011

The flower chart for 2011 is now posted on the bulletin board by the Elevator. Your \$45 check should be made out to Knox. Contact person: Dawn Thomson 630-717-6872.

BREAKING NEWS!

Mildred Hasner Turns 100 Years Old this Month!

Grandma Millie, as she is affectionately known at Knox, will turn 100 on Dec. 28, 2010. This is a milestone Millie has been determined to reach, and now it's time to celebrate!

Plan on attending church December 19. At 10:00-10:30 a.m., between services, we will have a cake to present to Grandma Millie. Millie has taught Sunday School for over 8 decades.

Her Christian example has done much to shape the best characteristics of our congregation over many, many years.

Let's celebrate with her at the century mark! Letters and other expressions of gratitude can be presented with our love to Millie on the 19th.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"



PART-TIME HELP WANTED: LITTLEST LAMBS MINISTRY

Childcare is looking for adult paid staff. If you would be interested in working a few Sundays per month, 8:45 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., and/or other church events, please call Beth Burner at 630-217-7831.

CHILIMANIA 2011

Sunday, January 22, after the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services

SAVE THE DATE! The Deacons of Knox invite you to one of the finest gastronomic experiences of your life: CHILIMANIA 2011. You will have the chance to sample over 30 wonderful chili recipes prepared by the Great Chili Chefs/Deacons of Knox.



GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION TRAY

There is a **gluten free communion tray at the 10:30 a.m. service**. The gluten free bread will always be served at the right rear position. If you have gluten sensitivity/allergy, check with the server to make sure you go to the correct tray.

(Even though the bread is prepared in an offsite gluten free kitchen, we cannot be responsible for any cross contamination that might occur.)



CARE MINISTRIES

Nursing Home/Home Bound:

Pick up a weekly prayer concerns card in the Narthex for a list of our members who are in nursing homes & home bound.

Illness/Health Concerns:

Dawna Bailey (Sue Goll's sister-in-law)
Dick Bradley
Mary Cahill (Bob Van Iten's niece)
Chris Copenhagen (son of Bob & Linda)
Harriet Daniels
Neels de Coning
Star Downs (friend of Jo Banta)
Beth Ekholm (Ann Kamenjarin's & Amy Bratsos' mother)
Tom Garvey (friend of Diana Newby)
Lindsey Ghosn
Fred Gislain
David Godwin (friend of Rita Eagleson)
Pat Granitz (Jody Mladic's Cousin)
Gary Hargis
Mildred Hasner (Manor Care)
Helen Hollenbeck (Lynn Bednar.s mother)
Matt Krempel (friend of Kim Williams in Afghanistan)
Max Lacewell (friend of Tom & Shari Forman)
Laura LaRue (friend of Tom & Heather Ohmer)
Kristina Mastrino's brother Rick & his family
Doug Mattingly (basketball coach of Matthew Hubbard)
Rick McGowen (Janice Palfenier's brother-in-law)
Shirlee Moore
John Morten (Judy & Gary's grandson in Afghanistan)
Jim Moser (Ken Graham's cousin)
Sandy Nelson (friend of Bonnie Olson)
Harry Newby (David's father)
Kathi Olson
Valerie Richard (Janet Schletter's daughter)
Char Roushia (Cindy Padgett's step-mother)
Anne Sherren
Marilee Slick

Kathy Spinka
Helen Souta
Carol Stehr ((Nancy Hermann's & Susan Lies' mother)
Kenny Tidwell (friend of the Guths)
Amy Toepper (friend of Dee Ann Crabill)
Gavin Wheeler (Dick's grandson)
Nancy Wiechmann

Grieving:

The Bunker family on the death of Debbie's aunt, Marsha Kenas, on October 23.
The Cox family on the death of Bunny's brother, Frank Logan, on October 24.
The Eagleson family on the death of Rita's mother, Margaret Ley, on November 15.
The Gerner family on the death of Linda's cousin, Ron Stewart, on November 6.
The Rhoades family on the death of Blanche on October 1.
The Souta family on the death of Mary's Auntie Stell, on October 22.

Celebrating:

Anne & Karl Schimmeck on the birth of their twin sons, Ryan James Schimmeck and Tyler Martin Schimmeck, on October 12. Proud grandparents are Jim & Alice Snelgrove.
Chris and Dudley Swiney on the birth of their son, Ransom Jesse Swiney, on November 3. Proud grandparents are Gale & Lyn Pewitt.



ATTENTION MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES
ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Now is the time to look at your Medicare Plans. Do they still serve your needs? You may change Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D drug plans during this open enrollment period, November 15 to December 31, 2010. If you have questions concerning this or your Medicare Supplement Plans, call the church for an appointment with Isabella Holden or e-mail her at i_holden@comcast.net.



SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Those still looking: Bill Birzetis, Don Clouston, Neels de Coning, Mary Ekin, Rosalie Gartner, Boyce Grier, Lynne Jele, Becky Kedzie, Matt Kelly, Graham Milldrum, Merrill Miller, Jody Mladic, Sally Mueller, Anne Swanson.



Holiday Greetings
to all of our Knox Family
from the Knox Staff



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**HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE
EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 28!**



It's not too late—
contact Dawn Thom-
son at (630) 717-6872!
Please write
"poinsettias" in the
memo section of your
\$15 check. Plants may be taken
after the Christmas Eve service, or
on Sunday, December 26.

~ Ladies! Save the Date! - March 18-20, 2011~

11th Annual Presbyterian Women's Retreat at LaSalle Manor, Plano

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