

LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



Scripture & Culture

Sundays, 9:15 am, Session Room

This class is led by our resident scholar, Holly Toensing. Throughout the year we invite you to join us for a look at scripture and its meaning for us today. The class will begin by reading Eugene March's book, *God's Tapestry: Reading the Bible in a World of Religious Diversity*.



21st Century Religion and Faith

Sundays, 9:15 am, Knox Room

"Emerging Church Movement"

Religion for many has experienced a paradigm shift that is reflected in a phenomenon being called the Emerging Church Movement. It began partly as a reaction against mega-churches and right-wing religious conservatives, and has found a voice in leaders like Brian McLaren. In his book, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, he calls himself "a missional, post/protestant, liberal/conservative, mystical/poetic, biblical, fundamentalist/calvinist, anabaptist/anglican, methodist, catholic, green, incarnational charismatic/contemplative, depressed-yet-hopeful emergent unfinished Christian." Join us as we explore a surprising shift in a sector of American culture and its implications for mainline traditions.



Coffee and Conversation

Sundays, 11:00 am, Session Room

"The Journey of Life: The Latter Years"

Please join us at 11:00 am as we meet each Sunday to share our reactions to the sermon, and pick up some new insights. This class will be facilitated by various Knox members including Gwyneth Stewart and Doug Duckett.

◇ **PLEASE JOIN US EACH MONDAY** at 12 noon, in the Knox Commons, for *The Commons Café*, an opportunity to learn, enjoy lunch & fellowship! *This week's topic (9/28): How to Best Prepare for Your Doctor's Appointment*, led by Pam Ward, RN, Faith Community Nurse. No RSVP necessary for class, however, for box lunch please call Pam by the Thursday before, 321-2573x108.

◇ **BENEFIT CONCERT** to be held at Knox, Wednesday, **Sept. 30, 7:30 pm**. Xavier University's Music Department will hold a benefit concert for the Dona Buel Memorial Fund. The concert is **free and open** to the public, however, a **donation** to the Fund is appreciated. Donations will be used to help fund scholarships for music students.

◇ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** to meet on Wed, Oct. 14, at 10:15 am, in the Knox Commons. Dean Nicholas will discuss *Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour & David Hazard. Elias Chacour is a Palestinian Christian and longtime peace activist who lends his own life experiences in relating the challenges facing the Arab-Israeli conflict. Dr. Nicholas will lead a discussion on the book adding insights from an Israel Study that he led in January, where he and his students had read the book and met with Elias Chacour. Dr. Nicholas received his PhD from Hebrew Union College in Bible & Ancient Near East and has led numerous studies to Israel. The review will be followed by lunch – Cost: \$7. Call Beverly Maisenhalter, 351-2074, for reservations. All are welcome!



◇ **COFFEE HOUR!** Coffee Hour this week is a simple one, seeing that the Knox Kitchen is abuzz with picnic food preparation! Never fear...hot coffee & cold drinks **WILL** still be available for our fellowship time between services.

◇ **KNOX CHOIR TO SING** in celebration of World Communion next Sunday, Oct 4. offering Bach's *Missa Brevis in G Minor, BWV 235* (separate movements presented as the Prelude, Anthem, Offertory, Communion Music and Postlude.) Plan to arrive by 10:50 am for the 11am traditional worship service to enjoy Bach's 1st movement.

◇ **DON'T FORGET...PEACEMAKING OFFERING** to be received next Sunday, October 4th, in both worship services.

◇ **IRA CHARITABLE TRANSFERS:** Knox Church benefactors who are 70 ½ or older have a special giving opportunity, thanks to the IRA charitable rollover provision. This provision allows individuals who have attained age 70 ½ to make direct transfers from his or her IRA account to a charitable organization that has 501(c)(3) public charity status – up to \$100,000. Such a direct transfer removes the gifted assets from your income tax for the year of the gift, and from taxes on your estate as well—but this provision is law only until the end of 2009. So, if you are contemplating any gift to Knox Church this year— your contribution to the annual operating budget, a payment toward the capital campaign, or any other – and you are 70 ½ and have IRA funds available, consider using direct tax-free contributions from that source. Because your generosity will utilize before-tax dollars, you can consider giving even more!

◇ **NEIGHBORHOOD STEWARDSHIP MEETINGS** begin in early October. All Knox members are requested to attend a meeting about the upcoming combined Capital and Annual Campaign. There will be a short presentation, time for discussion & questions and a focus on how we want to shape our future as a community of Christians. Sign-up sheets are available on the tables up front at each service or call/email the church to reserve your spot! (321-2573 or lmeineke@knox.org. **SPACE IS LIMITED, SO SIGN UP TODAY!**

◇ **KNOX PRE-SCHOOL**, a Knox Mission Partner, is offering an opportunity to order cookie dough (for their fall fund-raiser) this morning (9am-12noon) in the PreSchool office on the lower level. Stop by and check it out!

Worshipping Together AND Staying Healthy

H1N1, Colds and Seasonal Flu Action Steps

- #1 Anyone not feeling well should stay home until fever free without medicine for at least 24 hrs!
 - #2 You will find hand sanitizer available for use throughout the building. You are encouraged to carry your own, use it frequently but especially before and after our greeting time.
 - #3 Avoid touching your "T-zone" (eyes, nose and mouth).
 - #3 Get your seasonal flu & H1N1 vaccine to protect yourself, but also others who may be more vulnerable.
 - #4 Cover your cough and sneezes – dispose of tissues in the trash. Wash your hands.
- *If the severity of the flu changes – we will continue to follow CDC and Hamilton County Health Department recommendations.*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Sunday, September 27

- 9:15 am Fresh Spirit Worship, Knox Commons
9:15 am Third Grade Bible Class, Classroom 301
9:15 am Sunday School/Childcare (Infants-6th grade)
9:15 am Adult Ed, Room 201-Knox Room & New Session Room
10:15 am Youth Choirs, Rooms 302, 303, 305
10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship, Knox Commons
11:15 am Confirmation, Classroom 301
11:00 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 am Sunday School/Childcare (Infants-12th grade)
11:00 am Adult Ed, Session Room
1:00 pm Knox Church Picnic, Lunken Airport, Spirit of 76 Shelter
1:00 pm Knox Youth Groups, attending Knox Church Picnic

Monday, September 28

- 9:30 am Seeker Bible Study, Room 203—Library
11:00 am Bible Study, Room 201- Knox Room
12:00 noon The Commons Café, Knox Com

Tuesday, September 29

- 5:30 pm Baking Bread for World Communion, Kitchen
7:00 pm Liturgy Planning Team, Room 203—Library

Wednesday, September 30

- 7:00 am Prayer Breakfast, Room 201- Knox Room
9:30 am Staff Meeting, Room 203-Library
5:45 pm Third Church Tutoring, Off-site
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, Session Room
7:30 pm Dona Buel Memorial Concert, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 1

- 6:00 pm Knox Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
7:30 pm Knox Choir, Chapel

Friday, October 2

- 6:00 pm First Friday Family Fun Night!, Knox Commons, Youth Space**

Sunday, October 4

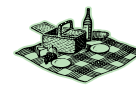
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11:00 am Adult Ed, Session Room
12:00 pm Stewardship Brunch, Knox Commons
5:00 pm Knox Older Youth Group, Youth Space

◇ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** these persons serving our country: Matt Anderson, Jeff Brewster, Matt Buchert, Joseph Elkin, Richard Gash, Richard Gulley, Stephen Herzog, Benjamin Hunter, Ben Lloyd, Jordan Lorenzen, Blake Lyon, Paul Moody, Curtis Oyster, Christopher Palmer, Thomas Rhame; Timothy Sowder, Andrew Szyek, Katie Turner, David Welker, Scott Johnson US AID.



Announcements and Opportunities

Sunday, September 27, 2009



◇ **PICNIC REMINDER:** See you at the Annual Knox Picnic TODAY! 1pm, at the Lunken Airport Spirit of '76 Shelter, Bring a salad or side dish to share. All are welcomed! \$5/person or \$20/family. (You are also welcome to pay at the park!)

◇ **FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT is back!** All young families are invited to join us *THIS Friday, 10/2*, 6-7:30 pm, in the Knox Commons for food, fellowship & so much fun! Dinner: 6 pm; Adult Program/Mini Youth Group (ages K-4) at 6:30 (until 7:30 pm). Child care is available (children under 5yrs). Cost: \$5/pp or \$20/family. Speaker: Pam Ward, Knox's Faith Community Nurse. Please RSVP to David Annett, dannett@knox.org or call the church office, 321-2573.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Will & Yara Esterly – Parents of daughter, Meghan, the Esterly's reside on Observatory Rd. here in Hyde Park. Will is Manager of North American Real Estate Team with Proctor & Gamble. Yara, who is originally from Costa Rica, is also a P & G employee in the purchasing area. Will enjoys fishing and boating and Yara enjoys working out and traveling.

Andy Hudson – Andy resides on Corbly Rd. in Mt. Washington and is a market research Account Manager with Millward Brown. On October 10, 2009, Andy will be marrying Emily Fitzgerald here at Knox. He enjoys working out/exercising and intramural sports. Andy unites by letter of transfer from First Congregational Church near Cleveland, OH.

Bill & Jerri Longcamp – The Longcamps moved from Columbus where they were active elders in the First Presbyterian Church of Delaware, OH, to Liberty Township. Bill is St. Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for the Aurora Casket Company. Parents of 3 married children and 2 grandchildren, Bill enjoys music and golf and Jerri enjoys gardening, cooking and travel.

Kay Poirier – Kay moved to Cincinnati from Overland Park, Kansas, where she was a member of the Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village. She is now retired and enjoys bridge, volunteering, traveling and being close to family. Kay resides in Mt. Lookout.

Patty & Keith Rosely – Keith and Patty reside on Cinnamon Dr. in Clermont County. Keith is self-employed in sales and Marketing and Patty is Development Director for Playhouse in the Park. They are uniting by letter of transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, OH. Parents of 11th grade daughter, Melissa, and Jared, a junior at UC. Patty and Keith enjoy arts, cultural offerings, travel and family vacations.