

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. We explore the historical and literary context and seek to appreciate its relevance to modern readers. The class will continue to read Eugene March's book, *God's Tapestry: Reading the Bible in a World of Religious Diversity*. Holly regularly attends Knox & has taught religion courses for over 20 years. She received her Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Vanderbilt University and is currently at UC working on a degree in counseling.

21st Century Religion and Faith

"Islam: A Closer Look," Facilitated by Tiffany Zents



Sundays, 9:15 am, Knox Room

On October 4, we will wrap up our discussion of the Emergent Movement. We will then begin an exploration of Islam with a look at what we share with the Muslim faith and discover some of the fascinating historic highlights of the Islamic world. We will read some stories from the Quran and Hadith, and briefly look at some of the progressive Islamic thinkers and scholars. On Saturday, Oct. 10th, 10 am, those interested can meet together to attend a viewing of the film *Inside Islam: What A Billion Muslims Want*, at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Finally, we will be joined later in the series by a representative of the Islamic Center for a Q&A session. In November, for those interested, we will also take a trip to the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati to learn more. For further information, contact Tiffany Zents, Church Educator, 321-2573 or email her at tzents@knox.org.

Coffee and Conversation

Sundays, 11:00 am, Session Room



Each Sunday we hear another inspiring, thoughtful and thought-provoking sermon. Have you ever wished you could delve more deeply into some of the ideas, issues and questions raised by the message?

Please join us for this new Adult Education offering 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.

➔➔ **SAVE THE DATE... OCTOBER 25, 5-7 pm, International Dinner**, celebrating unique ties that Knox members have with various countries around the world...from Columbia to Kazakhstan. Sign-ups begin next week!

◇ **MADISONVILLE EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE CENTER (MEAC)**, a Knox Mission partner, will be accepting donations of Halloween candy and new or gently used Halloween costumes (from now until Oct. 23rd). For a complete



schedule of MEAC's holiday activities between now and the end of the year and to see how you can help, please see MEAC's website (meaconline.org).

◇ **DID YOU KNOW** that in 2008 MEAC provided complete Thanksgiving dinners to 240 families? They are expecting that more people than ever will be in need of Thanksgiving meals this year, and are hoping that you can help us meet the need. Please contact David Elkins at davidswrk06@yahoo.com to sign up to provide the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal for a family in need. MEAC will be distributing the food on Sunday, November 22nd.

◇ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** to meet Wed., **Oct. 14**, 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 in Bible & Ancient Near East from Hebrew Union College and has led numerous studies to Israel. He is currently Principal of Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy. The review will be followed by lunch – Cost: \$7. *Call Beverly Maisenhalter, 351-2074 for reservations*. We look forward to this popular reviewer and hearing about the life of a man who lives for peace in the Middle East.

◇ **HEALING HANDS QUILTS RENEWAL PROJECT:** Thank you to Lisa, Meredith and Elise Hinger, Pam Kersey, and Jan Annett! They all helped Knox members to participate in our Healing Hands Quilt Ministry by providing a tracing of your hand to be used in the creation of a new supply of quilts, as well as supplying fabric squares and hand cut-outs. Thank you to all who participated! These quilts are shared with folks facing difficult transitions, and become part of the healing process by providing comfort during their difficulty and again when they are returned by the recipient to the ministry when no longer needed.

◇ **ATTENTION HEALING HANDS QUILTERS!** You are all invited to Thursday's evening Prayer Shawl knitting group on 10/8 to choose the fabric hands that you would like to use to make a quilt. We meet in the Knox Room from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. They will be available for you to look at and choose during Coffee Hour on October 11 also! Directions will also be available for the simply beautiful quilt that Jim Waddle created with the preschool "Summer in the Sun" participants this past summer. Thank you to the following who have expressed a willingness to create a quilt for the Ministry: Pam Kersey, Jon Hautz, Jeane Morrison, Nancy Palm, Anna Kuertz, Mary Rhame, Sherry McConegle and Anna Ward. May God bless you creative, willing volunteers! Call Pam Ward w/questions, 321-2573.

◇ **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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2009

Sunday, October 4

- 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
- 11:00 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
- 12:00 pm Stewardship Brunch, Knox Commons**
- 5:00 pm Older KYG, Photo Scavenger Hunt, Youth Space

Monday, October 5

- 11:00 am Bible Study, Room 201- Knox Room
- 12:00 noon The Commons Café, Knox Commons

Wednesday, October 7

- 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

Thursday, October 8

- 6:00 pm Knox Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
- 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl, Room 201—Knox Room
- 7:30 pm Knox Choir, Chapel

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- 12:00 pm Stewardship Brunch, Knox Commons**
- 5:00 pm Knox Older Youth Group, Mission Event, Youth Space
- 5:00 pm Knox Younger Youth Group, Games & Scavenger Hunt, Youth Space

◇ **KNOX YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:**

October 4— Photo Scavenger Hunt, 5-7 (Older YG)

October 11—Mission Event, 5-7 pm (Older YG) and
Games & Scavenger Hunt, 5-7 pm (Younger YG)

October 18—KYG Fall Outing, 5-7 pm (Older YG)

October 24 thru October 25—PYC Retreat at King's Domain. Dave Annett is the keynote speaker! 1pm on Saturday thru 10:30 am Sunday!



Announcements and Opportunities
Sunday, October 4, 2009

◇ **COFFEE HOUR!** Please join us this morning for refreshment and fellowship at 10:15 am in the Knox Commons. Coffee Hour today highlights a Knox Mission Partner's projects to empower village communities in Cameroon, West Africa.



Thanks to members of the **Missions and Social Concerns Committee** and the **Christian Education Committee** for hosting this morning!

◇ **KNOX CHOIR & SOLOISTS to present special music by J.S. Bach, at the 11:00 am service this morning!** J.S. Bach (1685-1750), served as Music Director for the four principal churches of Leipzig from 1723-1750. In 1730's he composed four settings of the Lutheran *Missa Brevis* (Kyrie and Gloria movements) for the Leipzig worship services. Knox Choir and Soloists offer this morning the *Missa brevis in G Minor*. If you would like to sing with the Knox Choir, contact Earl Rivers, Director of Music, at earl.rivers@uc.edu or (513) 556-9419 (office).

◇ **PEACEMAKING OFFERING** to be received this morning in both worship services.



◇ **IT'S NOT TOO LATE to sign up for a Neighborhood Stewardship meeting!** Sign-up sheets are available on the tables up front at each service or call/email the church office to reserve your spot! (321-2573 or lmeineke@knox.org.)

◇ **THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE World Communion Sunday.** During Communion, we will experience Breads of the World, baked by our very own Knox members! A big thank you to Terri Schmitt, Knox Volunteer Chef, and our Knox Kitchen Guild!



◇ **PLEASE JOIN US EACH MONDAY** at 12 noon, in the Knox Commons for *The Commons Café!* We will be enjoying lunch followed by a Music And Wellness Program each Monday through the month of October. Jim Waddle, who is a trained instructor, will lead the program. Jim is the Chair of our Board of Deacons. He will be assisted by Pam Ward RN, Knox Faith Community Nurse. You are welcome to bring your lunch, or order a box lunch prepared by Sunshine Market for \$5 by calling Pam @ 321-2573 x108 the week prior to each class. All are welcome!