

## 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

Today, October 11, we will begin our study with a look at the cultural context for the birth and spread of Islam, then a short review of the film *Inside Islam: What A Billion Muslims Want*, (shown at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center yesterday). In the next weeks, we will look at where Judaism and Christianity intersect with Islam, and discuss the challenges of current perceptions of Islam in the West. To better understand Muslim tradition and piety, we will look at the shared traditions in the Bible and Quran, and excerpts of other Islamic writings, particularly several progressive voices less often heard. Finally, we will be joined later in the series by a representative of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati for a Q&A session. In November, for those interested, we will also take a trip to the Islamic Center to learn more.



### Coffee and Conversation Sundays, 11:00 am, Session Room Today, "Choose This Day"

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.

◇ **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.



◇ **WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE** the "willing hands" of those who baked bread for World Wide Communion: Nancy Aichholz, Andy Butler, Lori Cahall, Melanie Elkin, Everett Landen, Cathy Newman, connie Reed, Susan Rhodes, and Recie Scott. Breads of the World were: Portuguese Sweet Bread, Russian Black Bread, Scottish Bread, Brown Hibernian Bread, Irish Soda Bread and Olive Bread.

◇ **MADISONVILLE EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE CENTER (MEAC)**, a Knox Mission partner, will be accepting donations of Halloween candy and new or gently used Halloween costumes (until Oct. 23rd). For a complete schedule of MEAC's holiday activities and to see how you can help, please see MEAC's website ([meaconline.org](http://meaconline.org)).



◇ **DID YOU KNOW** in 2008 MEAC provided complete Thanksgiving dinners to 240 families? Needs have increased this year—we hope you can help meet those needs. To help provide fixings for a Thanksgiving meal for a family in need, please contact David Elkins at [davidswrk06@yahoo.com](mailto:davidswrk06@yahoo.com). MEAC will distribute the donated food Sunday, November 22nd.

### ◇ KNOX YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

**October 11**—Back Home Meeting, 5-7 pm (Older YG) and Games & Scavenger Hunt, 5-7 pm (Younger YG), Room 301  
**October 18**—KYG Mission Event, 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!

◇ **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 & again when they are returned by the recipient to the ministry when no longer needed.



◇ **BREAD FOR THE WORLD EVENT** coming to Knox Friday, Oct. 30, 7:30 pm! Join us in the Knox Commons to hear Rev. Art Simon, founder & president emeritus of **Bread for the World**, as he shares the surprising story of how God uses ordinary people to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of hungry people. Hear him talk about his new book *The Rising of Bread for the World; An Outcry of Citizens Against Hunger* and reflect on his decades of advocacy for hungry people. With both humor & insight, Art recounts how he & his older brother Paul, the late renowned Senator from Illinois, grew up and began their remarkable careers. Stay after, for a reception to greet Art Simon as he signs copies of his new book! (Art's book will be avail. for \$16.95—cash or check only.) To RSVP or for more info—[www.bread.org/artsimon](http://www.bread.org/artsimon).

◇ **FLU SHOTS:** The **Seasonal Flu Shot** will be available at Knox on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for those who have not had an opportunity to obtain one yet. You are encouraged to get your seasonal vaccination as soon as possible – do not wait to have it at Knox. We will NOT be able to provide H1N1 vaccination here at Knox. Please check next week's bulletin for more detailed information.



## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2009

### Sunday, October 11

- 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, Kitchen**
- 5:00 pm Knox Older Youth Group, Back Home Meeting, Youth Space
- 5:00 pm Knox Younger Youth Group, Games & Scavenger Hunt, Room 301

### Monday, October 12

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

### Tuesday, October 13

- 6:00 pm Evangelism Committee, Room 203—Library
- 6:30 pm PYC Retreat Planning, Room 201—Knox Room
- 6:30 pm NAMI, Room 100—Social Hall
- 7:00 pm IHN Board, Classroom 301
- 7:30 pm Hyde Park Neighborhood Council, Knox Commons

### Wednesday, October 14

- 7:00 am Prayer Breakfast, Room 201- Knox Room
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting, Room 203-Library
- 10:15 am Presbyterian Women's Fellowship, Knox Commons**
- 5:45 pm Third Church Tutoring, Off-site

### Thursday, October 15

- 6:00 pm Knox Handbell Choir, Room 210—Handbell Room
- 6:30 pm Presbyterian Youth Connection Meeting, Room 201—Knox Room
- 7:30 pm Knox Choir, Chapel

### Sunday, October 18

- 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
- 5:00 pm Older KYG, Mission Event, 5-7 pm, Youth Space
- 6:30 pm Different Drum, Room 201—Knox Room



## Announcements and Opportunities

Sunday, October 11, 2009

♦ **FAIR TRADE COFFEE HOUR TODAY!** Fair trade products are available in many stores and through such organizations as the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Fair Trade items reflect those produced and distributed according to equitable and sustainable business practices, and with the aim of creating a just and sustainable economic system. Fair Trade is an association of Fair Trade wholesalers, retailers, and producers whose members are committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisan & farmers worldwide. Stop by the Knox Commons to learn more!



♦ **IT'S NOT TOO LATE to sign up for a Neighborhood Stewardship meeting!** All sign-up sheets are available this morning at the Michigan Avenue lobby desk or call/email the church office to reserve your spot! (321-2573 or email Linda at [lmeineke@knox.org](mailto:lmeineke@knox.org).)



♦ **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!



♦ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** this Wednesday, **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.



➔➔ **SAVE THE DATE... OCTOBER 25, 5-7 pm**, Knox Commons, for an International Dinner celebrating unique ties that Knox members have w/various countries around the world...from Colombia to Kazakhstan. *Sign-up sheets are available at the Michigan Avenue lobby desk or online at [www.knox.org](http://www.knox.org).* Cost: \$8/pp. For more details, contact Tiffany Zents, Church Educator, 321-2573x111 or [tzents@knox.org](mailto:tzents@knox.org).