

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES!



Scripture & Culture Sunday, Nov. 1st 9:15 am, Session Room

Please join us as Holly Toensing, begins a timely study of Hector Avalos' book, *Health Care and the Rise of Christianity*. In his book, Avalos explores the understanding of illness and healing particularly in early Judaism and Christianity and the cultures from which these faiths emerged, and locates *health-caring* ethos in the context of Scripture. The book will be available at Coffee Hours and at the Church education office during the week.

Cost:\$10.

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: Continuing "An Inside Look at Islam," (Nov. 1st & Nov. 8th) Sundays, 9:15 am, Knox Room, Facilitated by Tiffany Zents

Join us as we continue to look at what Islam shares with both Judaism and Christianity. Today's Focus: Similarities & differences of Biblical stories around figures like Ishmael, Joseph, Jesus & Mary. Nov. 8th: We will be joined by a representative from the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati for a Q&A session.



21st Century Religion and Faith: Long Distance Care-giving; Pam Ward RN Sunday, Nov. 15, 9:15 am, Knox Room

The holidays are approaching and with them come family gatherings that may provide an opportunity to explore how loved ones are coping. Pam Ward RN, Knox Faith Community Nurse will facilitate a discussion and share tips on how to be an effective "Long Distance" caregiver.



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 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 Note: No Adult Ed on Nov. 29 (Thanksgiving)**

♦ **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.

♦ **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN:** This year, there are two ways you can brighten a child's Christmas. Your generosity means so much!



Students of Third Church Tutoring Program

In November, we will be putting up our Christmas "Giving Tree" in the Michigan Ave. lobby. Take an "ornament" off the tree. This ornament itself is a gift tag with a child's name on it, with attached information about his or her age, and request. Please return a *wrapped* new gift to the Giving Tree, with the gift name tag attached. In the spirit of fairness and equality, please limit the cost of your gift to no more than \$25. *The deadline for returning gifts is Sunday, December 6th.*

MEAC Christmas Store

Each year the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (a Knox Mission Partner, at 4600 Erie Avenue, which is Eastminster Presbyterian Church) has a weekend-long Christmas sale. People are asked to donate new toys and clothing. The parents who are served by MEAC are then allowed the dignity of "shopping" for a gift they know their child will truly enjoy (prices are nominal, in the range of \$1 to \$3). Bring your *unwrapped* new gift and put it under the Giving Tree *by Sunday, December 6th.*



Be watching for the "Giving Tree" and "ornaments" to appear in the Michigan Avenue lobby within the next several weeks!

If you are unable to shop, please make a cash donation and the Knox Youth Deacons will do the shopping for you! You may leave your cash donation or a check made out to Knox with the Deacon at the Michigan Avenue lobby desk on Sunday mornings. *Questions? Please contact Pam Ward, 321-2573x108, or pward@knox.org* Thank you!

♦ **GROCERY BAG MISSION PROJECT:** In conjunction with **Mission: Possible!**, our Youth Deacons are organizing this special project! On Sunday, November 8th, empty grocery bags (w/attached instructions & a list of items needed) will be distributed to people attending morning worship services.

The following Sunday, Nov. 15th, people will bring their grocery bags back to church, filled w/non-perishable food items (from the attached list). The Youth Deacons have chosen Knox Mission Partner, MEAC, to receive our grocery bag food donations.



♦ **Last year, MEAC** provided 240 families w/Thanksgiving Dinners. This year needs are greater - already 270 families have signed up. To help, contact David Elkins at davidswrk06@yahoo.com. **Please note: Knox Church has chosen to specifically donate **paper towels & small canned goods** items at all times. Thank you for your generosity!*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Sunday, November 1

- 9:15 am Fresh Spirit Worship, Knox Commons
- 9:15 am Sunday School/Childcare (Infants-6th grade)
- 9:15 am Adult Ed, Room 201-Knox Room & New Session Room
- 10:15 am Coffee/Fellowship, Knox Commons; Youth Choirs, Rms 302, 303, 305
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Confirmation Class/Sunday School/Childcare (Infants-12th grade)
- 11:00 am Adult Ed, Session Room
- 12:00 noon Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary**
- 12:15 pm Younger Youth Group, Knitting, Checkers, Dominoes & Lunch
- 5:00 pm Older Youth Group, Fall Outing at Lisa Racine's home
- 6:30 pm Different Drum, Room 201—Knox Room

Monday, November 2

- 11:00 am Bible Study, Room 201—Knox Room
- 12:00 noon The Commons Café, Knox Commons
- 6:45 pm Session Coordin. Mtg, Session Room; 7:30 pm Session Committees

Tuesday, November 3

- 6:30 am Election Day, voting in Knox Commons (6:30 am-7:30 pm)

Wednesday, November 4

- 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, November 5

- 6:00 pm Knox Handbell Choir, Room 210—Handbell Room
- 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl, Room 201—Knox Room
- 7:30 pm Knox Choir, Chapel

Friday, November 6

- 6:00 pm First Friday Family Fun Night, Knox Commons, Youth Area

Sunday, November 8 ...Youth Deacons hand out Grocery Bags w/list

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- 12:00 noon Older Youth Group, Leaf Raking (*bring gloves, rakes & blowers*)
- 3:00 pm Jana Reister's Installation w/Reception after in Knox Commons**

◆ KNOX YOUTH NEWS!

Younger KYG—TODAY: 12:15pm-2:15pm, Youth Space: *Knitting, Checkers, Dominoes & Lunch*. Bring knitting needles and/or yarn if able. Experienced patient older youth and adult knitters invited to assist. Hear about Knox Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Older KYG—TODAY: 5-7pm, *Fall Outing* at Lisa Racine's home. Carve pumpkins, sing around the campfire, roast s'mores, play games & more! Friends welcome!

Older KYG—Nov 8th: 12-2 pm, Leaf Raking Mission, meet in Knox parking lot. Bring work gloves, rakes and blowers if you have them. This event qualifies for school service hours!



Announcements and Opportunities

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Special Congregational Meeting
... TODAY!
12:00 PM, in the Sanctuary (see inside this bulletin for details)

◆ TODAY THE KNOX CHOIR will present John Rutter's *Requiem* at the 11am Traditional worship service. (Arrive by 10:50 am for special Prelude music from the *Requiem*. (More details inside!)

◆ SIGN UP TODAY for Knox Blood Drive! This drive is scheduled at Knox for Thursday, November 12th, 2-8 pm, in the Knox Commons. It only takes 30 to 45 minutes to make a donation that can literally save a life. To schedule your Nov. 12 donation time, there are sign up sheets today, outside of the Knox Commons after the 9:15 am service & in the Michigan Ave. lobby after the 11am service. You also can sign up online at: <http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/knox>. Please plan to donate now and give the *Gift of Life* at the Knox Blood Drive! (See insert.)




◆ THANK YOU to those who have turned in pledge cards! Early results are encouraging. If you have not, please turn in your pledge card today!

◆ FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: *This Friday, November*, 6:00-7:30 pm, Knox Commons: **Attention young families!** Join us at 6 pm for dinner! Afterwards, kids attend a mini youth group experience (ages K- 4th grade) w/David Annett, while adults get to "Meet & Greet Jana" our new Associate Pastor. Cost: \$5 pp, or \$20/family. Child care available (kids age 5 & under). To reserve your spot, please sign up in the Michigan Avenue lobby, contact David Annett at 321-2573, x10 or email him at dannett@knox.org.

◆ THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is just around the corner! Parents, consider having your children join our Carol or Covenant Choirs now as we are beginning preparations for the pageant. It's a wonderful opportunity! For more information contact the Church Education office, 321-2573, ext. 111.



◆ REMEMBER ... MISSION: *POSSIBLE!* Saturday, November 14. (See insert.)



You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the Installation of
The Reverend Jana Rae Reister
Sunday, Nov. 8th, 3:00 pm, Knox Church
Reception immediately to follow, in Knox Commons



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Contact Debra Templeman, Chair of Knox's Growth & Outreach Committee, if you are interested. Phone: 662-3252. Email: debra_templeman@yahoo.com.

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Those being nominated are:

Elders—Class of 2013

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◆ **THANKS TO ALL** who helped with our International Dinner! We extend a special thanks to these Knox Families who contributed to the meal and program at our International Dinner celebration: Bina, Israel & Patrick Bonnell; Andrew & Sunjoo Chun; David & Melissa Dallas; Karl & Maggie Gieseke; Willemien Patterson; Hannah & Terri Sexmith; Anne & Henry Thoman; Tom & Barb York. Thank you as well to the dedicated members of our Christian Education Committee members and other volunteers: Barb Coe, Audrey Coe, Amy Dawson, Peggy & Rich Dewan, Jim & Melanie Elkin, Anne Gentile, Dan Grantham; Brad, Meredith, Elise & Lisa Hinger; Dale Louda; Jana Reister; Sally Ryan and all who attended and helped make the evening special.



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