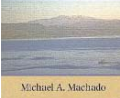


ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES!

THE BOOK
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The Wisdom of Words



Michael A. Machado

Bible & Culture; Beginning TODAY **Sundays, 9:15 am, Session Room** **Led by Holly Toensing**

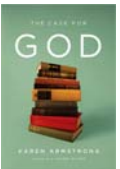
In his book *The Book of Proverbs: the Wisdom of Word*, Michael A. Machado illuminates the literary and cultural understanding behind the wisdom tradition of this biblical book. Proverbs reflects a school of wisdom which sought broad, “higher” principles in the accumulated wisdom culled over generations and across cultures. The study of this literature continues to enlighten readers today. Please join us for an insightful look at this unique biblical literature. Michael Machado’s book is available at class and in the Church Education office during the week. (\$15)

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.



Coffee and Conversation **Sundays, 11:00 am, Session Room** **Led by Gwyneth Stewart & Doug Duckett**

Each Sunday we hear another inspiring, thoughtful and thought-provoking sermon. Please join us at 11:00 am each Sunday as we share reactions to the sermon and pick up new insights. This class will be facilitated by various Knox members, including Gwyneth Stewart and Doug Duckett.



21st Century Religion & Faith: **Exploring *The Case for God*** **Sundays, 9:15 am; Knox Room** **Led by Tiffany Zents & Glenn Rogers**

Please join us as we continue to discuss Karen Armstrong’s new book, *The Case for God*. Armstrong helps us grasp the span of human experience encompassed in *God*, and thereby understand our own journey. She notes that the task of religion is “to help us live creatively, peacefully and even joyously with the realities for which there are no easy explanations.” The book may be obtained at the Joseph Beth Bookstore (at their info desk). To receive the 20% discount, please tell them it is for the Knox Presbyterian Book Club. Please drop in any time—a chapter synopsis is provided.

Tiffany Zents currently directs education at Knox and is working on a PhD at Hebrew Union College in the area of Bible and Ancient Near East.

Glenn Rogers is a retired Presbyterian minister. He served churches in Michigan and Ohio including serving as the associate pastor at Knox for 13 years.

◇ **VBS & SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM SURVEY**...Parents, please visit the Knox website (Sunday School page) & take a quick survey. Just click on this link. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WJNXFNT> We need to hear from you!



◇ **KNOX NOURISHMENT DINNER GROUPS 2010:** Special relationships develop through shared meals - which helps keep Knox a close-knit, satisfied church community. Each year, we compose dinner groups (8 -10 people) mixing each cluster in terms of age, sex, Knox members, Knox visitors, couples, singles, etc. In other words, whoever you are, you’ll fit in just fine. Each group commits to meeting once/month, January through May 2010. These groups are temporary—they meet for a single five-month period only...at the end of which the dinner group officially disbands (well, of course, you can keep meeting! But we’ll simply consider you as friends by that point). Now’s the time to sign up for Knox Nourishment Dinner Groups which will begin in January 2010. To express your interest in joining a group, or to ask questions, you may find Liz Tilton and her sign-up sheet today or you may contact either Liz Tilton metilton@gmail.com or (513-271-1702) or the church office (513-321-2573).

◇ **SAVE THIS DATE: JANUARY 8TH, 2010** ... For the First Friday Family Fun Night, 6-7:30 pm, Knox Commons. Young families, please join us at 6pm for dinner. Afterwards, enjoy games (for the adults— bring your favorite games!) and mini youth group for kids ages K-4th grade. Cost: \$5pp or \$20/family. RSVP to Dave Annett, 321-2573x107 or dannett@knox.org.

◇ **2010 MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** Interested in donating flowers for our 11am service? (In memory of, in celebration for, etc.) We have these dates open in 2010: Jan. 10, 24, May 30, July 25, Sept. 5, 19, Oct. 31. Cost: \$50. If you are interested, please contact Linda Meineke at lmeineke@knox.org or call the church, 321-2570x103. Thank you!



◇ **EVENING YOGA CLASSES:** Knox member Cindy Seiber, certified yoga instructor, to offer level one Yoga classes Wednesdays, **Jan. 13, 20 and 27**, 7-8 pm, in the Knox Commons. Participants must bring a mat/exercise pad, a small cushion and blanket and be prepared to work in bare feet. For details, speak with Cindy at church or contact Pam Ward RN, 321-2573x108. Please join us!

◇ **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP** will meet Wed., **Jan. 13th**, at 10:15 am, in the Knox Commons. Our Speaker: Pam Ward, Parish Nurse. Luncheon will follow. Cost: \$7 pp. Call Beverly Maisenhalter, 351-2074 for reservations. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be changed to February 10, 2010, otherwise there is no meeting in February. All are welcome!

◇ **KNOX PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2010-2011** for Knox members is January 5th-27th. For more info call Marie George or Laura Johnson, 321-9228.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2010

Sunday, January 3

- 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, 302, 303, 305
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Confirmation Class/Sunday School/Childcare (Infants-12th gr)
- 11:00 am Adult Ed, Session Room
- 5:00 pm Knox Older Youth Group-Back Home Meeting, Youth Room

Monday, January 4

- 11:00 am Bible Study, Room 201—Knox Room
- 12:00 pm Commons Café, Knox Commons
- 6:45 pm Session Co-ord. Committee, Room 201—Knox Room
- 7:30 pm Session Committees, various

Tuesday, January 5

- 7:00 pm GO Committee Meeting, Room 201—Knox Room

Wednesday, January 6

- 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast, Room 201- Knox Room
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting, Room 203-Library
- 5:45 pm Third Church Tutoring, Off-site
- 7:30 pm Go Subcommittee –Membership/Welcoming, Rm 201—Knox Room

Thursday, January 7

- 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, January 8

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

Sunday, January 10

- 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 gr)
- 11:00 am Adult Ed, Session Room
- 12:15 pm Younger KYG, Ice Skating at Fountain Square (leave from Knox)
- 5:00 pm Older KYG, Youth Room
- 6:30 pm Different Drum, Room 201– Knox Room



◇ **KNOX SPIRITWEAR CONTEST WINNER will be revealed soon.**

Knox Youth are selling these sweatshirts to help support their summer trip (in June) to Montreat. Presale will take place Jan—Feb. More details soon!




Announcements and Opportunities

Sunday, January 3, 2010

◇ **OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE.** Please take a moment to stop by the Michigan Ave. lobby to pick up your offering envelopes. If you have not had offering envelopes in the past and would like some, it's not too late! Just contact Renché 321.2573x110 or rleRoux@knox.org. Thanks!

◇ **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Hamilton County 12 Week Family-to-Family Course:** Have you ever felt tired, sad, frustrated, angry, and/or powerless because a loved one has a mental illness such as - major depression, bipolar disorder, OCD, anxiety disorder, schizophrenia, personality disorder, and/or a substance abuse problem? Then this is the educational class for you! Come learn with others, who have similar feelings and situations, so that you can better understand your loved one's illness and learn to cope more effectively. Register for this course at Knox Presbyterian Church to be held Tuesdays, January 12 - March 30, 2010 by calling 513.351.3500. Please call Pam Ward RN, Faith Community Nurse with any questions.

REMINDER ... Sign Up Today for Phases of Faith Kick off Dinner January 17!

 We have an exciting and varied adult education faith journey kicking off January 17th. You can sign up today at the Michigan Avenue Desk, a welcome table between services, or online at www.phasesoffaith.org. The kick off dinner is Sunday, January 17th at 6pm in the Knox Commons. Tom, Jana and Tiffany will provide an overview of the different study groups and then you will be able to meet with your group and decide when and where you will meet over the coming weeks. Invite a friend to go on this journey with you. And don't forget to put your car decal in your window! Thanks!

INQUIRER'S SERIES: Think you might like to make Knox your church home? Curious about membership? Wondering what it means to be a Presbyterian? Come to our winter **Inquirer's Series** to explore these and other burning questions. Following the last of the three-session series, the Session will receive into membership those participants who wish to join. Inquirer's Series dates and times:

Session 1: Wednesday, **January 20** at 7:30pm at the home of Gary and Terri Schmitt; dessert, introductions, overview of Knox.

Session 2: Sunday, **January 31** at 12:30pm, Knox Room; lunch, "What is a Presbyterian anyway?", "Presbyterians at Knox: Who are we?"

Session 3: Tuesday, **February 16** at 6:00pm, Knox Commons; dinner with Session, Getting Involved at Knox, Reception into Membership.

Presentation of New Members: On Sunday, **February 21**, new members will be welcomed before the congregation during worship.

We hope you can join us! Please contact Rev. Jana Reister at 321-2573 x106 or jreis-ter@knox.org to RSVP or for more information.