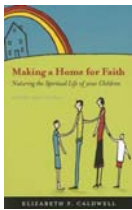


SUMMER IN THE SON & PARENT READING GROUP, PLUS...



Parent Summer Reading Group begins in June...

This summer we invite parents to explore more ways to cultivate faith in our children and better articulate our own beliefs through our parent reading group. The book the group will begin with is Elizabeth Caldwell's 2007 edition, *Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of your Children*, in which she addresses issues of faith and life, and helps parents give expression to both their own beliefs and to the faith of their children. Parents we hope you can join with others beginning mid-June. Time and date will be announced. Childcare will be available on request. Please contact the Church Education Office to add your name to the list, 321-2573 or tzents@knox.org. Books will be available for purchase beginning June 7 through the Church Education Office.

Church Education office. We will need to know by the Monday prior to each Thursday session if your child or children are attending. All children are welcome. Sign up or direct questions to Tiffany Zents at the Church Education office: 321-2573, ext. 111 or at: tzents@knox.org.

June 7 Intergenerational Service...



On June 7 all children are invited to share with us in the morning worship. At 9:15 and 11:00 AM we will hold an Intergenerational Service which will highlight the Children's Choirs. This year, we invite our children to participate in worship the whole hour so that they have an opportunity to experience an entire service. We welcome them to worship this day and offer our gratitude to the Carol and Covenant choirs and their directors, Tracey Book and Kate Campe, for their gifts of music.

There will be childcare and Sunday school for infants and children through age 6, but parents are welcome to have these young ones also join them in the service this day for part or all of the service.

Summer Sunday School schedule...

Sunday School for grades 5th-12th ends on May 31st! Beginning after June 7, we will hold Sunday School classes for children up through gr.-4. Older children are welcome to assist with the Sunday morning programming. We do still need summer Sunday School teachers in ages 3-grade 4 classes and additional volunteers in the Nursery and Toddler Rooms. Please contact the Church Education Office if you would like to help! (Contact Tiffany Zents at 321-2573, ext. 111)

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Special points of Interest:

- **June 7** Intergenerational Service
- **June 10** Presby. Women
- **June 14** Fire drill!



Summer in the Son, for young children begins June 11...

Beginning June 11 and continuing each Thursday for 8 weeks, we invite children ages 3-7 to join us each Thursday morning from 9:30—11:00 AM for a special in-house summer sacred learning opportunity for children. This program draws on an approach to faith formation of young children made popular by Sonya Stewart and Jerome Barrymon, who advocate creating a unique sacred space for young children to enter the Bible stories and engage freely with them through songs and creative activities. The program will also include participation of guests and volunteers in the areas of music, storytelling, artistic expression, and missions. If you are interested in lending a hand please contact the

PEOPLE WE KNOW

Please keep in your prayers ...

Those Serving Throughout the World:

Christopher Amaden; Matt Anderson; Jeff Brewster; Matt Buchert; Joseph Elkins; Richard Gash; Richard Gulley; Stephen Herzog; Benjamin Hunter; Ben Lloyd; Blake Lyon; Ed Miles; Paul Moody; Curtis Oyster; Christopher Palmer; Timothy Sowder; Katie Turner; David Welker; Scott Johnson US AID & Emily Longenecker, Peace Corps

Concerns:

Ed Irvin in Seattle for treatment; Terri Tipton in remission; Lola Gutierrez at home; Family and friends of Pat Rupp, who died 5/10; Lois Volkman in Blue Ash Hospice; Hannah Utterbach at home following hospitalization; Jean Plattner recovering following hospitalization; Brenda Lowery and her husband, Tim, injured in a car accident; Linda Meineke on the death of her uncle; Pauline Rieger recuperating following a fall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIORS



We congratulate graduating seniors: Frannie Bower, Patrick Cho, Jacob Elkin Lynne Fort, William Gardiner, Max Hendricks, Sam Hendricks, Sarah Holcombe, Eleanor Kelley-Swift, Maria Klingler, Chase Lunsford, Steven Middlemas, Keith Nurre, Rose Phillips, Andy Philpott, Lee Rogers, Claire Shannon, Olivia Thomason, Lily Turner, and Kelly Wilson.

On Sunday May 17th, the Knox Youth Group honored the Senior Class of 2009 with its annual Senior Banquet. Over 60 people were in attendance to share a potluck meal provided by parents of seniors, watch a slide show of baby pictures of the seniors, and view this year's movie made by the class of 2009. It has become a bit of a tradition that the Senior Class makes a movie to present at the banquet. This year, the class did a film noir style entitled "Citizen Collins". If you would like to see the youth's movie, you can view it online right now at knox-youthgroup.org!

GOLDEN AGER'S LUNCHEON

Our fourth annual Golden Ager's Luncheon was held on Sunday, May 3rd in the Knox Commons and was enjoyed by the invited guests and the youth who served them!

Special thanks to Barb Coe, Liz Haradon, Mark Fischer, Betsy Stadnik, Jill Moormann and youth from 5th, 6th, 7th and Senior High Youth groups who helped prepare, serve and clean up afterward. Their efforts made the event very special for all! Zoe Barnhardt shared a lovely prayer before the meal and David Lowry shared thanks with the youth on behalf of the guests, following the delicious brunch of pancakes, sausage, bacon and fresh fruit.

SESSION ADDRESSES DEBT REDUCTION

At a meeting on July 30, 2006, the Congregation of Knox Church voted to authorize the Session-Board of Trustees to proceed with the building of what is now known as Knox Commons and with the renovation of our existing facilities. Recognizing that pledges to the 2006 capital campaign fell short of the total cost of the project, the congregation also authorized Session to arrange for construction/long term financing of up to \$1.7 million dollars.

At a subsequent meeting of Session on May 2nd, 2007, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended that Session conduct a second Renovation & Expansion Capital Campaign no later that Spring, 2009 to try and retire this residual debt.

As of January, 2010, it is now projected that Knox will have a residual debt of \$1.8 million, with the slight increase versus the original \$1.7 million authorization due to slightly lower-than-projected capital pledge receipts, which is not surprising in the current economic environment.

The cost to retire and service this debt through a commercial mortgage would be at least \$229,000 annually with a 10-year loan, and \$142,000 annually with a 20-year loan. For perspective these numbers represent increases in our present \$1.2 million operating budget of 19% and 12%, respectively. A Debt Reduction Task Force was chartered to look at possible ways to reduce or retire this residual debt. You will be hearing more about the plans to reduce the debt throughout the summer months.

KNOX WISH LIST

Do you wish to contribute to Knox Church in a unique and wonderful way? The Knox Wish List may be your opportunity. The Wish List is an item or group of items that will enhance the church's missions, facilities or equipment that fall outside the church's operating budget. The Wish List item for June is a new digital camera. This camera will be used to capture and preserve key moments in the church's life, such as the recent Youth Group Senior Banquet and the Spring Clean-Up. The estimated cost of a useful camera is \$100.

If you would like to cover the cost (partially or completely) of this Wish List item, please send a check to the church identifying the item that you wish to sponsor. Thank you!

John Adams, Church Administrator

Scripture Study: Book of Revelation
Holly Toensing; ongoing, through June 7th
At 9:15 am, Current Session Room

A lot of people live their lives by the book of Revelation; just as many don't know quite what to do with all of the bizarre, sometimes frightening imagery. Writing for laity, New Testament scholar and Princeton Theological Seminary professor, Bruce Metzger, helps 21st century Christians "break the code" of Revelation's literary and spiritual messages. Book available for purchase. (\$8)

Holly Toensing has her Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Vanderbilt University and regularly attends Knox.

Summer Adult Education

Tom York will be teaching a four-week class on the four New Testament gospels. The class will be on Sundays, July 12, 19, 26 and August 2nd at 9:00 am. In conjunction with the classes Tom will be preaching a series of four sermons on each of the gospels as well.

John Bell To Visit Cincinnati

Through the partnership of Knox Church, Blue Ash Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Cincinnati, we are looking forward to welcoming John Bell to Cincinnati on July 11th and 12th.



John L. Bell is a native of Kilmarnock, who lives in Glasgow, Scotland, where he studied Arts and Theology. After spells of voluntary work in London and Amsterdam, and engagements in student politics, he was ordained by the Church of Scotland. For ten years he worked in youth ministry with his colleague, Graham Maule, before transferring to concentrate on music and worship. He lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across the denominations in Europe, North America, Australia, Asia, and more recently in Southern Africa. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on national radio and television, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. He and the work he shares with his colleagues has been honored by the Royal School of Church Music, the Hymn Society in the US and Canada, and the University of Glasgow.

John will share two presentations at Knox on Saturday, July 11th. At 10 am he will share a presentation on "Ten Things They Never Told Me About Jesus." In the afternoon, at 1:30 pm he will lead a Workshop on "Getting Personal With God."

On Sunday he will be preaching and teaching at Blue Ash Presbyterian Church.

We look forward to welcoming John Bell to Knox Church!

Thank you volunteers of our Children and Youth Ministries...

We want to say a special thanks to all those who taught and supported Sunday School this past 08-09 school year. We thank these volunteers for the gifts of time, energy and creativity they give to nurture the faith of the children and youth of Knox Church.

Teachers:

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| Jay & Sheree Allgood | Mary Lou Krohn |
| Dave Annett | Ginny Kuertz |
| Jan Annett | Lynn & Mike McClellan |
| Kristen Annett | Mary McCutchen |
| Patricia Barlowe | Jill Moormann |
| Matt & Rebecca Bromwich | Katy Murray |
| Barb Coe | Mary Nurre |
| Susan Davis | Keith Nurre |
| Bob & Cathy DeFoor | Lea Philips |
| Peggy Dewan | Carol Philpott |
| Jim Elkin | Roz Resnik |
| Jimmy Elkin | Brian Rhame |
| Melanie Elkin | Sally Ryan |
| Stephanie Fiorelli | Jack Stautberg |
| Paul Gaffney | Katherine Stautberg |
| John Getgey | Jim Waddle |
| Paige Gimpel | Barb York |
| Liz Haradon | |
| Rachel High | <u>S.S. Superintendents:</u> |
| Meredith Hinger | Jim Elkin & Paul Gaffney |
| Judy Holcombe | |
| Sarah Holcombe | <u>Parent Childcare Volunteer</u> |
| Scott Holland | <u>Coord.:</u> Amy Phillips |
| Barbara Kautz | |
| Jeff Kersey | <u>Youth S.S. Assistants:</u> |
| | Anna Dewan |
| | Brad Hinger |

Grades 3-4 Sunday School, (below)



Grades 5, 6, 7 Sunday School making sandwiches for St. Johns (above)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 10:00 am - Pat Rupp Visitation 11:00 am Pat Rupp Memorial 6:45 pm - Session Coordin Mtg 7:30—Session Committees	2 7:00 pm - Assoc. Pastor Search	3 7:00 am - Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am - Staff Meeting	4 12:00 pm-Phone Vol. Luncheon 6:30 pm—Wedding Rehearsal	5 5:45 pm—Wedding	6	
7 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship, Adult Ed. & Sunday School 10:15 am - Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 am - Traditional Worship & SS 12:00 pm GO/Missions/Social mtg 5:00 pm - Pre-Montreat Retreat Mtg	8 9:30 am - Seekers 7:30 pm - Growth & Outreach	9 6:30 pm—NAMI Support Group 6:30 pm - Pre-School Board 7:00 pm -Fresh Spirit Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Assoc. Pastor Search 7:00 pm - IHN Board 7:30 pm - Stewardship Mtg	10 7:00 am - Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am - Staff Meeting 10:30 am—Women's Fellow.	11 9:30 am—Summer in the Son!	12	13 8:00 am - Youth meet at Knox to leave for week at Montreat!	
14 Fire Drills @ 10 & 11:45 am 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship & SS 10:15 am - Coffee/Fellowship 10:15 am -Visitor Coffee/Conversation 11:00 am - Traditional Worship & SS 5:00 pm - Host IHN families 6:30 pm - Different Drum	15 DEADLINE FOR KNOX NEWS 5:00 pm - Host IHN families 7:00 pm - Session	16 5:00 pm - Host IHN families 6:30 pm - LaLeche League 7:00 pm - Assoc. Pastor Search	17 7:00 am - Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am - Staff Meeting 5:00 pm - Host IHN families	18 9:30 am—Summer in the Son! 5:00 pm - Host IHN families	19 5:00 pm - Host IHN families 5:00 pm—Wedding Rehearsal!	20 4:30—Wedding 5:00 pm - Host IHN families Montreat Youth return!	
21 Father's Day 8:45 am - Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship & SS 10:15 am - Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 am - Traditional Worship & SS 	22 9:30 am - Seekers 6:30 pm—Personnel 7:00 pm- Deacons Mtg	23	24 7:00 am - Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am - Staff Meeting	25 9:30 am—Summer in the Son!	26	27 5:30 pm—Wedding Reh/	
28 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship & SS 10:15 am - Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 am - Traditional Worship & SS 6:30 pm - Different Drum	29	30	<h1>June 2009</h1>				

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2009

SIMON DALLAS is an 8th grader at Walnut Hills High School, where he participates in orchestra, hockey and soccer. He also enjoys Youth Group at Knox.

ELLEN EHRSAM is a student at the School for Creative and Performing Arts. There she focuses on dance, drama, and musical theater. Ellen is in the 8th grade.



JOE FIORELLI is in the 8th grade at Walnut Hills High School. He participates in cross country and track at school, and youth group at Knox Church. One of his favorite things to do is soccer.

ANNA GARDINER likes to play soccer, and enjoys hanging out with friends. She is in the 9th grade at Clark Montessori.

MAXWELL GUST attends the Cincinnati Waldorf School. He is an 8th grader with an avid interest in art.

ANIKA HOLLAND is in the 8th grade at Seven Hills School. In her spare time, Anika enjoys playing piano, writing, drawing, and making jewelry. She and her mom built and tend their own beehive.

REGINA MERRILL, an 8th grader at Summit Country Day School, participates in band, Power of the Pen, and yearbook.

At Knox Church, she sings in the youth choir. In her spare time, Regina likes to write, read, and play tennis.

MATTHEW NURRE likes to spend his free time playing sports and video games. He is in the 8th grade at Sycamore Junior High where he participates in baseball. He also takes part in youth group at Knox Church.

COSMO PHILPOTT lists hanging out with friends as one of his favorite things to do. He enjoys orchestra and soccer at Walnut Hills High School where he is in the 8th grade, and youth group at Knox Church.

JACQUELYN HORTON, an 8th grader at Walnut Hills High School, likes to spend time with her friends.

MARY KIRWAN has been looking forward to confirmation since she was in the first grade. She is now in the 8th grade at Summit Country Day School.

Congratulations Confirmands!

We want to express our thanks to the Confirmation Class teachers: Melanie Elkin, Peggy Dewan, Carol Philpott and Roz Resnik for their leadership; and to Beth Ehram for coordinating the reception.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10—10:30 AM, KNOX COMMONS

Presbyterian Women's Fellowship will meet for their final meeting this season, on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in the Knox Commons. Jim Wuenker, Knox member, will speak on Prison Ministry, an outreach of Knox. Please join us for this interesting topic, followed by lunch at noon. Call Beverly Maisenthaler, 351-2074 for reservations. Thank you to all the new members and guests who have joined us this year! All are welcome

FALL HURRICANE RELIEF MISSION TRIP

September 26—October 3, 2009

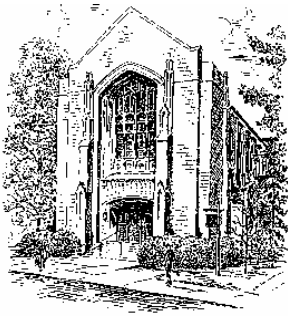
Sponsored by the Presbytery of Cincinnati and Presbyterian Disaster Relief. For more information contact Tom York.



FIRE DRILL SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14TH

— Your church plans to stage a fire drill at the end of each worship service on Sunday, June 14th. Church leaders have devised a plan which is designed to get all churchgoers out of the building as quickly as possible. Ushers and other church leaders will direct everyone to the nearest exit.

One of the key aspects of the evacuation plan involves children who will be in Sunday School. In the event of an emergency, teachers are instructed to lead their children out the church, down the one block on Linshaw Avenue to a rendezvous spot at the corner of Shaw and Linshaw Avenues. Parents should meet their children at that corner, and should not try to meet them near their Sunday School room.



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That All May Worship...

Lift Up Your Heart ~ by Reverend Nancy Hopkins-Greene
for Parish Health Ministry

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

What does it mean to lift up our hearts to God? Much is written about the importance of exercise and a healthy diet for the prevention of heart disease. Healthy hearts are integral to our physical health. But what about the *spiritual* health of our hearts? Because we love, worship and serve God with our whole bodies, the two cannot be separated. Nonetheless, when the above Psalm was written, we know that the Psalmist was not talking about a heart transplant!

The heart is the organ that pumps blood to all parts of our bodies. Yet, throughout the Bible and in many religious traditions, this organ is associated with the essence of life, feeling and human soul. To be spiritually well means to have a right heart, to have a soft heart and to have an open heart.

We are called by God to have open hearts. The opposite of this is to have a closed heart, or as the Hebrew Bible calls it, a hardened heart. What does it mean to lift up our hearts to God? How might we cultivate spiritually healthy hearts? The following are some suggestions:

- **Open your heart to the blessings of life.** Take a few minutes each day to simply be still and to reflect on all that God has given to you. Open yourself to an attitude of gratitude.

Pam Ward R.N., Faith Community Nurse

- **Try to be single-hearted.** Another way of saying this is to try to do one thing at a time. This can be very difficult in today's world when many of us are accustomed to doing many things at once. Being single-hearted opens us to the presence of God in the present moment.
- **Open your heart to the needs of others.** Our own hearts are nourished when we move beyond ourselves to serve others. Who in your home, community or workplace might need a helping hand or a listening ear?
- **Trust that your heart is safe with God and others.** If your heart feels heavy, seek out friends, your pastors, faith community nurse, a Stephen Minister or perhaps a professional counselor who can listen and help you through difficult times. Remember that there is no burden that God cannot bear.
- **Open your heart to the beauty of creation.** Experiencing nature gives us a sense of the power of God, which is so much greater than our own.
- **Make sure that you are leaving time for the things and people that warm your heart and make your heart sing.** Your family? Your friends? Reading, gardening or another favorite hobby?

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. God is ever-present in our lives, restoring and renewing our hearts. How might your heart be nourished today?