

MONTREAT 2009!



YOUTH RETURN FROM MONTREAT! The Knox Older Youth Group (42 youth) and their advisors (10 adults) returned from their week at Montreat on Saturday, June 20th. This year's conference was based on the theme "World On Fire" and was once again a great blessing for our youth. They heard keynote speakers in the morning, attended small groups and recreation activities in the afternoons and worshiped God with over 1,400 other youth from around the country in the evenings. The trip this year had many high-

lights. We once again had the opportunity to spend time with former Knox members Henry and Margaret Neale, who are amazing supporters of our youth program. We had several youth participate in the Montreat talent show offerings (at 4 am!). We participated in a mission service day on Sunday, in which we helped out a wonderful organization in Black Mountain called the Presbyterian Home for Children. We heard from interesting speakers during the week, some of whom were walking
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Summer Worship At Knox

Beginning July 5th and continuing through September 6th we will be offering **ONE** service:

- * **In July ...10:00 am Fresh Spirit** Worship, in the Knox Commons
- * **In Aug ...10:00 am Traditional** Worship, in the Sanctuary
- * **July/Aug ...10:00 am Childcare/Sunday School**, infants-4th grade
- * **July/Aug ...11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn**, please join us!
- * **Sept 6th ...10:00 am Blended** Worship, in the Sanctuary

Special points of Interest:

- * Begin Summer Worship Schedule **July 5th!**
- * Knox building closed, Friday, **July 3rd and July 4th!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ian & Krista Cornejo – Ian and Krista are the parents of 3-year-old, Anna. They are both employed with Procter & Gamble, Ian in Initiative Management and Krista in the Consumer and Market Knowledge area. Ian enjoys traveling, and they both enjoy playing and watching sports and spending time with Anna.

Bill & Dolly Dolle - Originally from Cincinnati, the Dolles are parents of a grown daughter and recently returned to the Queen City from the Detroit Area. Bill is employed with Cardinal Health and Dolly is a part-time dental hygienist and homemaker. They reside in Union Township and celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last fall in Curacao.

Kelly Knapke – Kelly lives here in Hyde Park and is engaged to marry Karl Leckrone on May 1, 2010. She is an analyst for Burke, Inc. Kelly moved here four years ago from New Bremen, OH, and she enjoys walking her dog (a boxer named Atlas), reading and spending time with friends and family.

KC & Kelsey Krumeich – Having moved here a year ago from Wilmington, NC, KC and Kelsey are residents of Loveland. Kelsey is a nurse recruiter and KC is in sales for the Aurora Casket Company. Kelsey is the daughter of the Longcamps. She enjoys music and being outdoors and KC enjoys baseball, history and also being outdoors.

Nate & Jane Lampe – The Lampes were members of Knox in the 1990's and are parents of grown children. They have been married 36 years and reside in Anderson Township. Nate is in sales for a firm that specializes in safety software and Jane is a Registered Nurse at Mercy Anderson, specializing in the care of premature babies.

Karl Leckrone – Karl is a research analyst with the Nielsen Company and is engaged to marry Kelly Knapke. He enjoys sports, cooking and spending time with friends and family. Karl's father served as Pastor of the Blue Ash Presbyterian Church. Karl lives in the Clifton area.

Bill & Jerrilyn Longcamp – The Longcamps moved from Columbus, where they were active elders in the First Presbyterian Church of Delaware, OH, to Liberty Township. Bill is Sr. Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for the Aurora Casket Company. Parents of 3 married children and 2 grandchildren, Bill enjoys music and golf and Jerrilyn enjoys gardening, cooking and travel.

Dale Louda & Ann Navaro – Now living in Hyde Park, Dale and Ann moved here from Washington DC. They are the parents of two children, Andrew and Ellis. Dale is a lawyer, lobbyist and teacher who is currently a stay-at-home dad. Ann is an attorney with the US Army Corp of Engineers.

Sherry McGonegle – Sherry grew up in the Withamsville area, and following a career with American Airlines, she returned to Cincinnati to care for her aging parents. She is currently consulting for Clinique and enjoys swimming, walking, bike riding and dining while sharing great conversation.

Neal & Laura Simmons – Prior to moving to the Hyde Park area three years ago, Neal and Laura resided in New Orleans and Raleigh, NC. They are the parents of a daughter, Brooke, and a son, Andrew. Neal is employed by Procter & Gamble in the finance area and Laura is a stay-at-home mom with Brooke and Andrew.

Dottie & Jesse Thornton – The Thorntons live in South Lebanon, OH, having moved here from the deep south of Texas. Dottie is employed with Wornick Corporation which specializes in ready-to-eat meals for the military. Jesse is an ordained Presbyterian minister of the Word and Sacrament, a member of the Presbytery of Miami, and is currently serving as Director of Pastoral Services for the Atrium medical facility.

Jeremy Turner – Jeremy was a member of confirmation-commissioning, who was not able to be present when the class was received on Pentecost. He is a sports enthusiast, who particularly likes golf and snowboarding. Jeremy is in the 8th grade at Clark Montessori School.

Anne Wagner - Anne is uniting by reaffirmation of faith and first came to know Knox through the weddings of her grandchildren. On April 29, 2006, Anne was united in marriage to Knox member Cliff Wagner. The Wagners now split their time each year – six months in Cincinnati and six months in Ellsworth, Maine.



♦ **SAVE THIS DATE! Sunday, September 27th, 4-6:30pm, Lunken Airport Spirit of '76 Shelter, for the 2008 Knox Presbyterian Church picnic!** This all-church event will include activities for all ages, good food and great fellowship! Look for sign-up information later this summer!

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. Several church members have donated Wish List items in the past six months, and we thank them.

The Wish List item for July is a portable circular saw. The estimated cost of a good quality saw is \$175.

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

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Vanilla visits Knox.



The Good Shepherd Story and storyteller, Diana Crick.

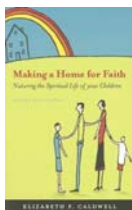


Kids Washing and Felting Wool!

SUMMER IN THE SON, for young children began **June 11 ...** & will continue each Thursday through July 30th. 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!

- A unique sacred space for young children is created to enter the Bible stories and engage freely with them through songs & 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 joining the fun & lending a hand, please contact the 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



Summer Parent Reading Group begins Sunday, July 5 at 11:00 am!!

Parents, please plan to join us for discussion and fellowship beginning July 5th after the 10:00 AM service (childcare available). We will begin with Elizabeth Caldwell's 2007 edition, *Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children*. Books are available at the Church Ed office during the week (\$13), or at *Lemonade on the Lawn*. For more info, please contact the church office, 321-2573/ tzents@knox.org

Sundays, July 12, 19, 26 and August 2

➔ 9:00 am ➜ (Note time), Room 201, Knox Room

Four New Testament Gospels: Led by Tom York

What to do with Scripture? How to read and interpret it? There may be no more important question facing the church. Tom invites you to join him on a scripture journey in education and worship for four weeks beginning July 12. We will be looking at each of the four gospels – at 9:00 am in education and at 10:00 am in morning worship. Your participation in this journey will be greatly enhanced if you choose to join Tom in reading a gospel a week. Here is the order:

- Sunday, July 12 – The Gospel According to St. Mark
- Sunday, July 19 – The Gospel According to St. Matthew
- Sunday, July 26 – The Gospel According to St. Luke
- Sunday, August 2 – The Gospel According to John

DEBT REDUCTION TASK FORCE REPORT

At its May 18 meeting, Knox's Session received, discussed, and adopted the recommendations of the Debt Reduction Task Force, thanking those who served on it.

While the Task Force has been disbanded, its analysis and recommendations, as adopted by the Session, will guide Knox's stewardship campaign in the second half of 2009. Thus, the Stewardship Committee asks all members and friends of Knox to study carefully the Task Force's full report. Printed copies will be available at Knox starting July 5th, and it will go electronically to those now receiving the Knox News via email.

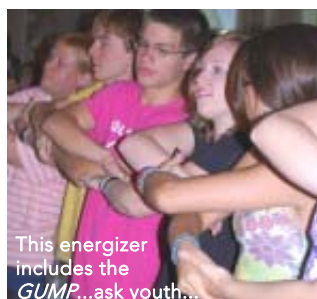
The Task Force recommended that "a combined new capital/annual stewardship campaign" begin in July. If you are willing to assist in conducting that campaign, please contact John Adams, Knox's Church Administrator (513-321-2573) or Bob Maxwell, Stewardship Committee Chair (859-581-1955). Your prayers and thoughtful consideration concerning your own financial commitment to Knox are greatly appreciated.



ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH CONTINUES

The committee charged with the responsibility of recommending a candidate to serve as Associate Pastor of Knox Church continues its work, meeting on a weekly basis. Ninety individuals have expressed interest in the position and submitted Personal Information Forms (resumés) which have been reviewed by the committee. The committee has also listened to sermons from selected candidates and is now moving into the face-to-face interview process. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue this important work.

(Continued from front page... Montreat)



This energizer includes the GUMP...ask youth...



Kids with the Neales

from Tennessee to Washington D.C to raise awareness about forced child soldiering in Uganda. The 6:00 am mountain climb after staying up all night prior, has become an annual tradition. ... And the list went on and on as it does every year.

This trip was one of the biggest highlights of the year for our youth. It was amazing to watch how close they grew toward each other and God during the week. All these wonderful things would not have been possible without the countless ways of love, guidance and support of the Knox Congregation. We talked a lot this week about family, and we are so lucky to have such a wonderful church family and such amazing people in our "Cloud of Witnesses". Thank you so very much!

This year, the youth and leaders kept a blog to update parents and the congregation on the trip. You can read more about what we did, and see lots of pictures at www.knoxyouthgroup.org/blog

HOSTING IHN AT KNOX!

IHN (INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK) is one of Knox's Mission Partners. The following feedback came from a recent questionnaire recipients completed after experiencing a week of Knox's hospitality!

What I particularly liked about staying at this congregation was...

"The People."
 "That they were friendly and helpful."
 "We were allowed to watch movies."
 "Ms. Judy. She always make us feel accepted and comfortable."

To make future stays at this congregation better, the volunteers could...

" Make sure the air (A/C) works."
 "Everything was just right."
 "Nothing, but keep doing the same thing."
 "Have some structured activities."

What will stick out most in my mind about this experience/host congregation is...

"Miss Betty and Miss Judy. They were fantastic."
 "That if I could go back there I would."
 "Definitely the people."
 "Ms. Judy. She became a friend in everyone's time of need."

Staff and volunteers may not know

this about IHN of Greater Cincinnati, but...

" The are really nice, helpful people."
 "It's a great place for a family to be."
 "We really are very appreciative."
 "It really helps."

Please include any additional comments, suggestions, or anything else you'd like to share:

"I had a wonderful stay. Thanks to all."

If you would like to find out more about this ministry and how you might participate, contact Judy Holcombe at jholcombe@cinci.rr.com

NEWS FROM THE KNOX MUSIC PROGRAM!



Welcoming New Members: Knox Choir and Knox Handbell Choir will welcome new members in September. Contact Earl Rivers, Director of Music, at earl.rivers@uc.edu or (513) 556-9419 for information about singing in the Knox Choir.

Contact Brandon Dean, Director of the Handbell Choir, at brandon.lawrence.dean@gmail.com, for information about ringing with the Handbell Choir.



Knox Choir Fall Retreat is Saturday, Sept. 12th. Special worship music and Knox Music Series in 2009-10 will offer: Bach *Missa Brevis in g minor* (World Communion Sunday, October). John Rutter *Requiem* (All Saints Sunday, November). Charpentier *Christmas Midnight Mass*, Finzi, *In Terra Pax*,

and Vaughan William *Fantasy on Christmas Carols* (December Knox Music Series).



Bach *St. John Passion* (Good Friday).



Saying Goodbye:

The Knox Music Department also wishes Kelly Ann Westgate, Director of the Knox Youth Choir, best wishes on her new position as choral/general middle school teacher at the Princeton Day School in Princeton, New Jersey.

PEOPLE WE KNOW:

 Please keep in your prayers...

Serving: 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; Thomas Rhame; Timothy Sowder; Katie Turner; David Welker; Scott Johnson US AID, Emily Longenecker, Peace Corps

Concerns:

- * Ed Irvin, in Seattle for treatment, stem cell transplant, 7/2
- * Barbara Vorjohan, at West Chester Nursing Center
- * Lola Gutierrez, granddaughter of Hank and Jeanine Hodge, in remission
- * Jackie Tansey, recovering from surgery
- * Curt Wilhelm, husband of Virginia Wilhelm, in rehab at Twin Lakes
- * Greg Philpott, on the death of his mother, Charlotte Philpott, who died 6/6
- * Family and friends of Lois Volkman, who died 6/6
- * Betsy Schwinn, on the death of her mother
- * Ryan Tillery, on the death of her aunt, 6/20
- * Brian Duke, at home recovering from injuries incurred in a fall

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Come One, Come All to a ...
 ... **Knox Mission Marathon Event!**

When: Saturday, November 14, 2009 - 8 AM to 1 PM

What: Hands-on projects benefitting some of our local mission partners

Who: EVERYONE - projects for ALL ages

Why: Because we are all called to serve one another

AND because it will be fun!

Paul tells us in Galatians 6:9-10, "Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. We should help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord."

Stay tuned for more details!

... is an oral history ministry in which volunteers interview members of our church family. These interviews will be collected in a special book to be kept in the Knox Library. In the following two articles in this special series (the 10th & 11th, respectively) we continue to catch a glimpse of the many interesting and varied lives of the wise among us.

Harriet (Snowdon) Blossom *by Janet Mayo*

Harriet's life began on February 6, 1921 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. She was the only child of Lila A. Sutherland and Frederick C. Snowdon. Her father was an insurance agent for Metropolitan Life in Canada and then in Niagara Falls, N.Y. where the family moved when Harriet was about 5 years old.

They became U.S. citizens and Niagara Falls remained home to Harriet throughout her childhood years. She and her parents worshipped at the local Presbyterian Church. Her mother had a musical background, was an accomplished seamstress and always maintained an attitude of curiosity about other people and places. At age 16, with her mother's blessings, Harriet took her first European educational tour that lasted 6 weeks. She described it as a life changing experience for her and one that remains a favorite memory.

Upon her high school graduation, Harriet determined to



Harriet S. Blossom

pursue a career in Public Health Nursing. Her nursing career began in 1943 with RN training at the Philadelphia General Hospital. She earned her BS degree in 1945 at the University of Buffalo. In 1954 she was hired as the Supervisor of Nurses and Clinics at the Maternal Health Association in Cleveland. While there, she earned an MS degree from Case Western

Reserve and became a Nurse Practitioner, using her skills in that capacity at the Cleveland Veteran's Hospital until her retirement.

She met her future husband, John Siebert Blossom, in Cleveland. His home was in Cincinnati and when they married in 1974, she retired from nursing and moved to Madeira. They joined Knox Church at that time; and she became active in Tuesday Club, holding several board positions. During their marriage, their shared love of travel took them on many journeys across the U.S. and around the world.

Harriet and John shared a very harmonious marriage for 25 years, until his death in April of 1999. After his death, she moved to the Marjorie P. Lee Home where she still resides. As she looks back on her life she feels a sense of pride about her nursing career and the many other things she accomplished in her life. She says that she made a practice of welcoming new opportunities and experiences as they came along in her life, and it's a philosophy she would recommend to young people starting out today.



Marjorie Lloyd Liggett *by Lorrie Wuenker*

Marj was born January 30, 1918 in Portsmouth, Ohio. Her grandfather and father owned a shoe factory in Ripley, Ohio, and Marj remembers working for her father earning \$10.00 per week. Marj was one of six children and lived on one of the biggest homes and pieces of land in the town of Portsmouth. A favorite memory that lingers in Marj's mind is that of coasting down their big hill in the winter with many of the children who lived in the village. Marj had a very religious background growing up with her family at Second Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth. Her parents were very strict with her three brothers and two sisters and they made sure their children all knew what was right and what was wrong. Marj graduated from Western College for Women, where her grandfather was a trustee and her mother attended college until she was needed at home to take care of the household and family needs.

Marj first met her husband, William Liggett, in Ripley and then again while Bill was attending Miami University and she was at Western College for Women. They dated for two years and married after graduation in 1940. Bill showed an interest in banking, so following their marriage, they moved to Columbus where Bill became a bank examiner. Marj recalls driving her two young children from Columbus to Portsmouth for numerous holidays while Bill served as a Naval Communications Officer from 1944-46, stationed in Boston as well as the Philippines. Marj is proud of her husband's accomplish-



Marjorie L. Liggett




ment of becoming President of what was then First National Bank of Cincinnati, a position he held for six years.


Past activities in which Marj has been involved, are playing tennis and golf. She has spent many enjoyable years of volunteer commitment making and selling items for the Children's Hospital Co-Op Gift Shop.

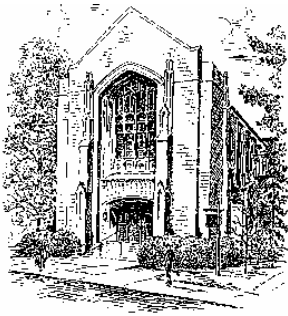
After moving to Hyde Park, Marj and Bill visited Knox. Because of their Presbyterian legacy they joined Knox in 1947. Bill served as Elder and Trustee and was part of the committee that established a permanent Life Endowment Fund at Knox. Their four children: Reese, Lloyd, Ann and Janie grew up at Knox and were a vital part of the Knox Youth Group known at that time as "Tuxis." The Liggetts were strong supporters of Tuxis, and Bill was especially committed to the Scout Troop that met at Knox. Both their sons became Eagle Scouts. One of Marj's favorite memories of Knox years ago was when she was a member of the Christmas Eve Chorus, at that time directed by Dick Crosset, Jr.

Together Marj and Bill have been blessed with ten grandchildren and great grandchildren. After Bill's death in 1993 Marj moved to Deupree House where she has become, once again, actively involved, particularly doing mending and sewing for the many who appreciate her assistance. Along the way, she has knitted as many as twenty prayer shawls for hospice.

Marj's advice to those who would listen... which were words passed on to her: "Always tell the truth! Any other way becomes too complicated." And, those are words she lives by.

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That All May Worship...

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ." ~ Romans 12:5

A Ramp Is Not Enough



It is God's spirit that moves us to pray, especially in times of pain, sorrow and loneliness. God is with us in the adversities of life, just as God is with us in the joys and triumphs of life. It is God's spirit that motivates a congregation to be affirming, inclusive and welcoming. If there are barriers of attitude, communication or architecture for ANYONE, the house of God is weakened for all.

The congregation, with courtesy and thoughtfulness, should welcome everyone with or without disability. By anticipating the particular needs of those with disabilities, the atmosphere and conveniences are frequently improved for all. Even subtle changes make a positive difference. I would like to share some specific suggestions that may help improve personal and congregational interactions with fellow worshippers, who may have a disability. Please keep in mind that a disability may be visible or invisible, permanent or temporary.

Please review the following guidelines with hospitality and welcoming in mind for all:

Pam Ward R.N., Faith Community Nurse

- ❖ Talk directly to the person with a disability, not to the nearby family member, companion or interpreter.
- ❖ Offer assistance but do not impose.
- ❖ Allow a person to retain as much control as possible, doing things for him or herself, even if it takes longer.
- ❖ Ask the person with the disability about the best way to be of assistance. Personal experience makes him or her the expert.
- ❖ Do not pretend to understand if the speech or ideas of the person are unclear. Request politely that the person clarify what they have said. Do not ask a companion to answer for him/her.
- ❖ Work to control reactions of personal discomfort when someone behaves in an unexpected way or looks somewhat different. Try to see the wholeness of spirit underneath and overcome the tendency to turn away or ignore the person with the disability.
- ❖ "People-first Language" refers to the principle that the person is primary, the disability secondary. For example you would say, "John uses a wheelchair so those stairs will be a handicap for him." Rather than "John is handicapped and in a wheelchair so he can't get up the stairs."

Peace - Pam Ward RN, Faith Community Nurse