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Presbyterian Church *Welcome Home* NEWSLETTER

December, 2017

Cross-Lines Christmas Toy Store

Making Christmas Merry & Bright for Many Children

Christmas is just around the corner, and God has abundantly supplied toys and games for the Cross-Lines Christmas Toy Store. If you have not done your shopping, board games and toys for boys of all ages are still needed.

The volunteer sign-up to work in the toy store during the week of December 4-9 is on the Welcome Center in the main hall. There are openings for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. There are openings for Monday afternoon and for the clean up, 11:30—3pm, on Saturday. The store will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons.

Please consider helping—you will be blessed for your efforts! If you have questions or to volunteer to help, call Tom Larsen, 897-4837, or Kellie Harvey, 544-1419.

Note the new location this year: The toystore will be held in the old thrift store building on the Cross-Lines campus

The Cross-Lines Toy Store Address

736 Shawnee Avenue Kansas City, KS



Christmas Gathering for Nursery, Preschoolers & their Families

December 10, 4-6pm, Fellowship Hall

Families will be decorating cookies and sharing a potluck dinner.
Watch for the sign up genius.

KYF CHRISTMAS PARTY for ALL Youth

Sunday, December 17, 5:30-9pm

It is an evening of food, fun & festivities!

Choir will rehearse at 5:30pm — Dinner at 6pm

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45a5ad2ea02-christmas2>

followed by games white elephant gift exchange (\$10 limit)

& carols by Candlelight

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WE JUST WANT TO SAY... **THANK YOU!**

CROSS-LINES GARDEN COMMITTEE

Thank you, Knox Church for a major contribution to the Cross-Lines garden. Using only half of the garden plot, over 2000 pounds of fresh produce were harvested and distributed through the Cross-Lines food pantry. The produce included cabbage, collards, lettuce, okra, potatoes, summer squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and winter squash. The continuing support from Knox Church is greatly appreciated. Plans for next year include using the whole garden plot if enough volunteers are identified. So, if you like to garden and have a few hours a week available, please contact Liz King at Cross-Lines, 913 281-3388 or liz@cross-lines.org.

Glenn Hodges for the Cross-Lines Garden Committee

JOHNSON COUNTY INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Dear Knox Presbyterian Church—

Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help and our IHN guests are no exception. We are so grateful to you and the members of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for hosting our families the week of October 15. We know that providing this help requires a big commitment from your congregation. Please convey our gratitude to all involved and let them know their efforts make a difference to people who need a helping hand. Sincere thanks, Vicki & Cheryl

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Hello All, October was an incredible month! As a whole group we collected almost 2,000 pairs of socks to give to the KCK Homeless kids. AMAZING what God can do with so many working together. During November we collected gloves and mittens and will collect hats during December to give the kids at their Christmas Party, December 13. Thank you for making life better for these kids! Lori

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Dear Knox Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for your gift of \$750. We are excited about how the Lord is moving on the campuses we help at and you help make our ministry possible!
Dylan Sullivan

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called a congregational meeting for December 17, following the 11:05 traditional service, for the purpose of receiving nominations for Elder and Deacon, Nominating Committee, Endowments, Memorials, & Special Gifts Committee, and any changes in Terms of Call of the Pastor.

Estimate of Giving Card(s)

Please return your 2018 Estimate of Giving card(s) to the church by Sunday, December 3. The Budget Team will be putting together a balanced 2017 budget on December 7. Extra cards are available at the Welcome Center, or you can contact the Recording Treasurer, Cynthia Burwinkle, 530-6782, or Cynthia@knoxchurch.org with your confidential EOG information.

Thank you to all who have returned your cards.

HOSPITAL VISITATION for December

- December 3.....Craig Campbell
..... Lloyd Navratil
- December 10.....Larry Ray
..... Dave Taylor
- December 17.....Greg Conway
..... Sandy Hoyt
- December 24..... Kellie Harvey
..... Virginia McKnight
- December 31.....Jeff Suknot
..... Tom Larsen

REMEMBER the HOME BOUND

Send a card, or whatever is appropriate to let these people know that you are thinking of them. Make a personal commitment to lift them in prayer.

- December 3.....Ruth Smutz
- December 10..... Clinton Springgate
- December 17.....Kristen Land
(Kristen's birthday is December 17.)
- December 24.....Nancy Thurston
- December 31..... Cara Triplett

DEACONS FUND OFFERING

There will be a special offering for the Deacons Fund, December 3. Half of the money received will go for the Deacons Emergency Fund to help those who are in need of immediate assistance. The other half will go as "seed money" for the 2018 Cross-Lines Christmas Toy Store. Checks should be designated to the **Deacons' Fund** or use a special offering envelope.

Contributions for 2017

To receive credit for your 2017 contributions to Knox all monies and gifts must be placed in the offering, brought to the office, or post marked no later than **December 31**.

UPDATE YOUR PHONE DIRECTORY.

- KOHL, Chris** (no land line)
Chris' cell: 913 485-3956
- HIPPENSTEEL, Tom & Karen** (no land line)
Karen's cell: 618 201-4148
- SIMONIE, Dolores** 913 701-6850

Christmas Party for the KCKPS Homeless Program

December 13, 11am

@ First Baptist Church, 2900 Minnesota, KCK

Lori Triplett and the team are busy preparing for the Christmas party for the homeless kids. Please mark your calendars so you can help. Volunteers are needed for the cookie decorating table and the hat/glove table.



In December hats and scarves are being collected, home baked cookies for the kids to decorate, and cans of soup.

Baskets for the needy families will be passed out in December. Soup is being collected to help the homeless survive the winter months.

**Please help keep them warm
by donating gloves/mittens, hats, & scarves.**

Cherith Brook Needs YOU!

If you would like to experience hospitality at Cherith Brook during open hours, help is needed Monday, Tuesday or Thursday mornings. They especially need volunteers to plug in on Tuesdays, but would welcome new volunteers any of those days. Please arrive by 8am. They also can use help making breakfast the night before.

If you and/or a small group want to work together to make a yummy meal for the shower friends, email cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com or leave a message at 816-241-8047. Cherith Brook appreciates any help that can be given.

December 3

First Sunday in Advent — Communion Celebration @ 9 & 11:05

December 10

Children's Choirs, Cherubs, JOYful Noise, and Praise Kids, JuBELLee Handbell Choir, and Celebration Choir will be sharing their musical gifts at the 9 and 11:05am services.

December 17

The Chancel Choir invites you to
Christmas by Candlelight
by John Randall Dennis.

It is a wonderful assortment of carols and Christmas medleys that tell the story of our Lord's birth. The Chancel Choir is joined by a brass quintet and various other instruments.

December 24

Knox will be celebrating our Lord's birth at the 6 and 7:30pm services on Christmas Eve.

Use the above services to invite your friends and neighbors to church to hear about the birth of their Savior.

The Wired Word Class

The class will NOT be meeting December 17, 24, & 31.

The Book Group will not meet in December.

January 23 Selection = Circling the Sun = by Paula McLain

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Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory/Honor of Your Loved Ones

You can help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in memory or in honor of your loved one. Just fill out the form in the Sunday insert or call the church office, 913-888-7775, to place your order. Each plant is \$9 and may be taken home following the Christmas Eve services.

**The deadline for ordering is
Sunday, December 10.**

Calling all Bridge Players

NOTE TIME CHANGE:

Knox Bridge will be meeting Friday, December 1, **1pm**, in the Atrium. **All are welcome to play.** Bring a snack to share and your own drink if you wish for something other than water or coffee which will be furnished.

If you have any questions about this fun afternoon of playing cards and socializing, contact Dick Blaisdell, 707-7970, or dickblaisdell@msn.com — also, let him know you plan to attend.

KYF Skating Party

for ALL Youth

Friday, December 22, 6-9pm

It all begins at 6pm with dinner at Town Center followed by skating at The Ice. The cost will be your dinner plus \$11 to skate. Friends are welcome. Meet at Panera, and walk over to the ice rink together. Pick up is at *The Ice* at 9pm.

Sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45a5ad2ea02-youth2>

Knox Family Christmas Tree

If you didn't have an opportunity to bring a family ornament last year for the *Family Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary*, you can bring it the next time you come to church and place it on the tree by the organ. Every family has the opportunity to help decorate the tree by donating **one** of their favorite ornaments, **or** buying a new one for the tree, **or** making an ornament to hang on the tree.

The 2017 Per Capita is
\$41.96
per confirmed member.

Welcome Home for the Holidays



Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24

6:00pm Family Celebration Service

7:30pm Traditional Celebration Service
with Communion

Nursery care provided at both services.

Sunday Services

on the 24th

will be held at
9am & 11:05am
as usual.

Worship as a family—
no Clubhouse for Children



We miss those of our friends who are not able to attend church as often as they would like. If you would like to remember these folks with a Christmas greeting, names and addresses are listed below for your convenience.

Helen Bowen

5901 W 107th St #121
Overland Park, KS 66207

Bob & Cathie Brook

8503 Gillette
Lenexa, KS 66215

George & Vera Lea Butler

10201 W 88th St
Overland Park, KS 66212-4607

Jeanne Chaple

9407 W 120th PL Apt 71
Overland Park, KS 66213-4128

Jay & Ruth DeGroot

3082 Tennessee Rd
Ottawa, KS 66067-8202

Charlene Gardner

20705 W 151st ST Room 224
Olathe, KS 66061

Jim & Lilah Gillett

8709 Goddard
Overland Park, KS 66214-1911

Anita Gish

5901 W 107th St Apt 376
Overland Park, KS 66207-3889

Bob Gorham

9705 Monrovia, Apt 345
Lenexa, KS 66215

Tom & Karen Hippensteel

10665 Barkley Room 125
Overland Park, KS 66212

Betty Hodges-Iancu

10301 Russell
Overland Park, KS 66212

Mary Jackson

17500 W 119th ST Apt 2110
Olathe, KS 66061

Bob & Phyllis Keithley

9035 Mullen Rd
Lenexa, KS 66215-5411

Mary Knight

9705 Monrovia Room 311
Lenexa, KS 66215-1564

Kristen Land

7109 Newton Dr.
Overland Park, KS 66204
(Kristen's birthday is Dec. 17.)

Ed & Pat McMahan

10300 Indian Creek Pkwy #212
Overland Park, KS 66212

Marjorie & Vance Meinecke

9516 W 115th Ter
Overland Park, KS 66210

Lois Orrison

8903 W 105th Ter
Overland Park, KS 66212-5524

Nedra & Gerald Packel

8632 West 88th Ter
Overland Park, KS 66212

Jerry & Gerry Ray

9817 Woodson
Overland Park, KS 66207-2847

Gayle Ross

12813 West 83rd Terr
Lenexa, KS 66215-2817

Jean Saunders

6901 West 84th St #253
Bloomington, MN 55438

Ruth Smutz

15329 S Lone Elm Rd Apt. 129
Olathe, KS 66061-6208

Clinton Springgate

3509 W 95th St #6
Leawood, KS 66206-2061

Bill & Edna Thompson

10009 W 95th Street
Overland Park, KS 66212

Nancy Thurston

10665 Barkley Room 513
Overland Park, KS 66204

Cara Triplett

9008 Hadley
Overland Park, KS 66212

Katherine Vineyard

17520 W 119th
Olathe, KS 66061-7772

"...Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord!" Luke 2:10-11