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Knox News

Summer Sabbatical

What will your pastor be doing this summer?

With gratitude to God, the Knox congregation, and a grant from the Lilly Foundation, Jill, Lucy, and I will be spending the summer of 2016 in Scotland. Some highlights include two weeks of spiritual retreat with the Iona community, five weeks stay in Edinburgh, and travel to a host of historic sites related to John Knox and the Protestant Reformation. It promises to be an inspiring time of reflection, re-imagination, and renewal.

Who will be serving at Knox in your pastor's absence?

The most important ministers at Knox continue to be the members of Knox, who (when they are not traveling themselves!) will thankfully be around this summer. In addition, Knox has a marvelous and gifted staff, including Ally Lee, Davin Tang, Sarah Ilger, Hyejung Shin, Jaimi Ryan, Antony Kang, and Javier Garcia, all of whom will be blessing Knox with their ministry and presence. And finally, the Lilly Foundation grant provides funds for a temporary supply minister, who will be taking on some of the pastoral responsibilities while I'm gone.

Who will be the temporary supply minister?



Rev. Dr. Gary Demarest

We are grateful to have the Rev. Dr. Gary Demarest serving at Knox this summer leading in worship, preaching roughly half of the sermons, and providing pastoral leadership and support. Gary served for more than two decades as senior minister at La Canada Presbyterian Church, and then went on to serve as the director of evangelism for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly. Since that time, he has served as an interim pastor at a host of churches, including nearby La Verne Heights Presbyterian. He is active in the Presbytery of San Gabriel, and has provided gracious support for Knox during a recent staff search process. In addition to sermons from Gary, the Knox congregation will also be blessed with sermons by some of Knox's in-house preachers - and a couple special guests too.

When will the Sabbatical Begin and End?

The sabbatical lasts a total of three months, beginning June 1st, and ending August 31st. Knox is planning festive celebrations to mark the beginning and end of the sabbatical time, one at the end of May, and a second at the beginning of September. The upcoming retreat on April 30th-May 1st is also part of the overall sabbatical program, and a chance to introduce the summer's theme: "Call and Response."

Wishing you a rich and renewing summer ahead,

Pastor Matt



Iona Abbey, Scotland.

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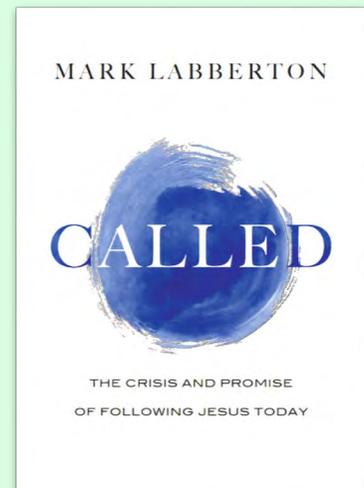
ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Knox will be having an All Church Retreat on **Saturday, April 30**.

The retreat will conclude with an All Church Lunch on **Sunday, May 1** immediately following the worship service.

The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Mark Labberton, president of Fuller Theological Seminary.

The cost is \$45 for families, \$30 for couples, and \$15 for singles. Included in the registration fee is a copy of Dr. Labberton's book *Called*. Please sign up after the worship service on Sunday mornings.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS



We will offer a class for those who would like to learn more about Knox, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), or are considering becoming members of Knox Presbyterian Church.

This inquirer's class will be held on **Saturday, May 7** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and **Sunday May 8** from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. Breakfast and lunch are provided on Saturday.

Please contact the church office at office@knoxpasadena.org to sign up.

Childcare is available if requested in advance.

CASA MISSION



The next mission trip to Casa de la Esperanza orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico is on **Saturday, May 28**. The group will leave early Saturday morning and return late that night.

The trip is open to anyone age 5 and older.

Cost for the trip is \$35 for individuals and \$70 for families. Passports are required for everyone attending.

To sign up for the mission trip, please see Kim Givens after the service. We are collecting donations of cereal, canned vegetables and vegetable oil to send along with the team. If you would like to donate please drop them off in the church office by **Friday, May 27**.

SUMMER CAMP 2016

Branch Ministry (7th-12th grade) students are going to Summer Camp!

This year's summer camp will be a five-day road trip along the California coast, ending in Big Sur. We will have tons of fun exploring the beaches, mountains, and waterfalls that make the California coastline one of the top destinations in the world. We will also spend the week growing closer to Jesus and each other through worship, teaching, and small group discussions.



KNOX KIDS PRESENTS: THEATER CAMP

Sign up now for a weeklong camp learning the dramatic arts and enacting the Scripture stories we will be reading.

We will meet on the Knox campus from 9:00 am to noon **June 27 to July 1**. The camp experience is for kids entering 2nd grade through 6th grade in the Fall. Costs are \$25 per child and \$15 for each sibling. Registration is open now through **June 19** after the worship service or by contacting the church office at office@knoxpasadena.org.



We will kick-off Theater Camp with a picnic on the lawn and improvisation games after the worship service on **Sunday, June 26**, so the whole community can have a taste of the camp experience.

We are in need of volunteers to prepare and serve snacks, help supervise rehearsals, and enjoy our dramas. If you are available for any or all of the days, please contact the Director, Ally Lee at knoxkids@knoxpasadena.org. Youth volunteers (7th to 12th grade) are welcome.

WE HAVE A NEW OFFICE MANAGER

We welcome Jaimi Ryan as the newest member of the Knox Staff team! Before relocating to Pasadena in October 2015, Jaimi worked as studio manager and assistant engineer at All These Sounds Recording Studio in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a musician and visual artist who received her BFA at the University of Cincinnati in 2013. She is a songwriter, singer, and guitarist, and has written and released three albums, both as a solo artist, and as the leader of a trio. Jaimi also served as a volunteer youth leader and musician for five years at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.



RENOVATIONS 2016



South Entrance (Before)



South Entrance (After)



Northside House Landscaping (Before)



Knox Sign (Before)



Knox Sign (After)



Northside House Landscaping (After)

HOLY WEEK 2016



KNOX STAFF

Matthew Colwell, Pastor
Ally Lee, Director of Children Ministries, Adult Education and Connections
Davin Tang, Director of Youth Ministries
Jaimi Ryan, Office Manager
Antony Kang, Bookkeeper
Javier Garcia, Custodian
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