



# Happy New Year New Beginnings

## **Happy New Year to all! This is a year of New Beginnings!**

Here we are in the last month of ministry together. This is my last Knob Knews to publish. I hope that over the years you have found it to be pleasurable and informative.

I began my time with you over 8 years ago; it hardly seems like that long. There has been a great change in many areas of the church's life, yet in a similar number of ways—things have remained the same. Our most notable change has been in the buildings of Knob Prairie: a more accessible and useful main structure which assists those with special needs, young and aged, and a storage building in memory of Bob and Doris Bacon which gives much needed safe storage and includes heat and light. New projects have been developed

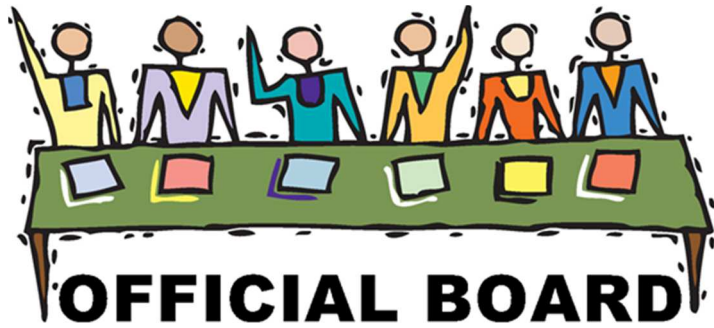
while most old projects were revitalized. Yes, there have been some things tried that didn't work so well and some one time projects too.

All in all work was done and in a few areas amazingly so. The building project was completed and if you check out the Cornerstone Loan balance you will see that we have exceeded our dream.

BUT, that was then; this is now! We will be traveling our separate journeys beginning January 30<sup>th</sup>. After 35 years of active ministry I will retire. Marcia and I will [finally] be able to attend to our stuff and have time to help with children and grandchildren. We expect it to take some time to accomplish these things and that's OK, as we will have time to do that.

For Knob Prairie this is a time to stop, assess, and plan—the Official Board will be looking at the options for the next

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Special Meeting—NOV 23, 2014

- The Interim Ministry Guidelines were presented and discussed. Motion to forward to SONKA for review and action. E. Beard; second L. Yegelehner—carried.
- Discussion with Terri Legge pursuant fill-in minister and pastoral care person.

Board Meeting—DEC 17, 2014

- Building/Grounds reported new awning over kitchen door installed. Ice guards to be installed over awning on the roof.
- Mission given by M. Franck adjustments over budget shortfall was discussed. Christmas Fund taken last 2 Sundays in 2014. Motion to correct totals of Mission Funds by C. Legge; second D. Kunselman—carried.
- Ch. Ed. Reported 1 student in Sunday School. Heifer Project received \$444.76 [purchase of goat, llama, sheep, bees & chickens]
- UCC General Synod will be hosted by Ohio Conference. Volunteers are needed to staff the Synod this summer in Cleveland.
- Spring Congregational meeting was set for March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Finance Committee requested that they combine 2 small Certificates of Deposit into one CD and reinvest. second C. Legge—carried
- With Peggy Smith's absence, Carolyn Mouzon will be acting Director of Mission. By-laws will need to be changed to state the original Director needs to designate who acts in his or her absence. Actions should include voting rights.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk sponsored by the Friendship Class was a success, thanks to everyone who provided us with their favorite cookies, and to all the volunteers who helped.



Our annual Christmas dinner was on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Church beginning at 5:30 pm. The dinner was well attended and everyone had a great time.

Our next regular meeting will be at the church and commence at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to be hosted by Roy and Pat Miller.

Everyone is invited to be a part of our group. Please feel free to attend our meetings and activities. We are in its 86<sup>th</sup> year of sharing fellowship and friendship with all who participate.

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chapter of ministry here. It too will take some time, so that when the page is turned for that next chapter, all will go smoothly.



Indeed we have each filled a chapter in our 'history book' of life. There have been times that I have missed the mark or not lived up to someone's expectation. I am simply human. I have tried to the best of my ability to minister to, with and among you. I do not know all the good or the errors I have done. That's just part of life, especially life in community. I can only ask for God's love, Christ's grace and the Spirit's companionship. In parting I leave that to all of you as well. Peace be with you now and in your next chapters as His body. Amen.

***As a last word I can only say that I have been and will always be —***

***In His Service,***

***TOM***

There have been questions about where our Mission money goes and how it is used. The following is a list and brief explanation to help answer your questions. Knob Prairie is a "5 for 5" church which means that we support, through the UCC, these benevolence funds.



## Missions Committee

Our Church's Wider Mission – provides funding for conferences and national ministries of the UCC

One Great Hour of Sharing – funds international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, international and domestic disaster response .

Strengthen the Church – supports leadership for new and revitalizing congregations, programs for youth, and leadership development for the whole church.

Neighbors in Need – supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and direct service projects supported by Justice and Witness Ministries.

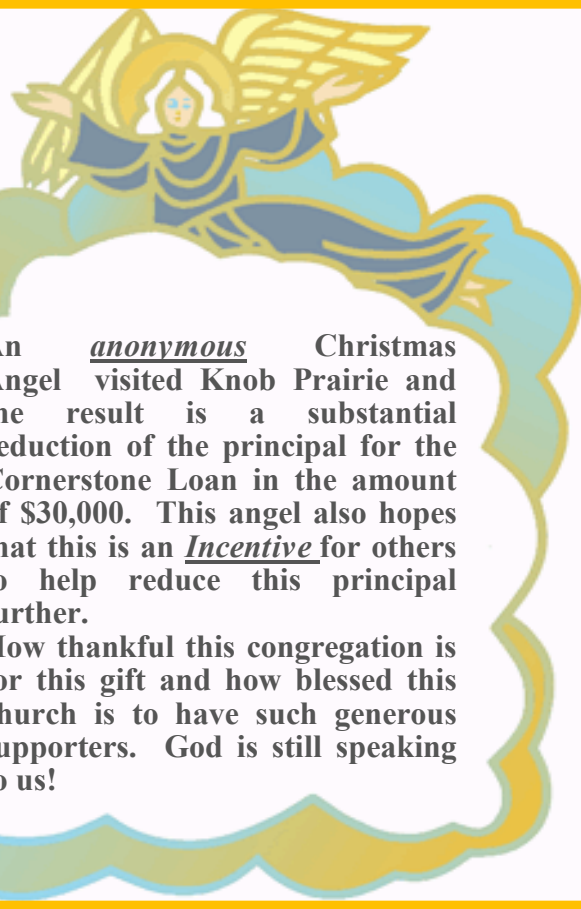
The Christmas Fund – helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to low income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need and Christmas checks to annuitants.

The church also supports these funds through SONKA

CUE – support for UCC affiliated seminaries located closest to us, Chicago, United and Eden Theological seminaries.

SARA – Sharing America's Resources Abroad distributes medical supplies, equipment and expertise throughout the world.

Crossroads Cluster – is called to be part of the "doing and supporting" of mission and ministry in its local area.



An anonymous Christmas Angel visited Knob Prairie and the result is a substantial reduction of the principal for the Cornerstone Loan in the amount of \$30,000. This angel also hopes that this is an Incentive for others to help reduce this principal further.

How thankful this congregation is for this gift and how blessed this church is to have such generous supporters. God is still speaking to us!

We also support:

Holy Joe's Café which provides coffee for military chaplains overseas.

Bread for the World - an organization which is committed to ending hunger.

Project Congo – working to provide lifesaving medical equipment, supplies and medications to the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Our money was used to provide medical care for victims of rape and torture.

Locally we support Enon Emergency Relief and Interfaith Hospitality Network.

WOW! Knob Prairie you are doing an outstanding job of following His teaching and directive, "Feed my sheep." locally, nationally, and globally.

Questions? Check the Mission table or buttonhole any member of the Mission Committee.

Doug Brown, Linda Yegerlehner, Carolyn Mouzon, Dale Cull, Linda Blosser, Pat Miller, or Peggy Smith

# CHURCH CALENDAR



## January/February

JAN 1		Happy New Year! 2015
JAN 4	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship—Installation of Officers Holy Communion Mission Soup Luncheon
JAN 6	7:00 P	Mission Committee
JAN 8	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
JAN 11	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
	11:45 A	Town Hall Meeting
JAN 13	12:15 P	Crossroads Clergy Luncheon
JAN 14	7:00 P	Official Board Meeting
JAN 15	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
JAN 18	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
JAN 19		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
JAN 20	8:00 A	Enon Clergy Breakfast
	7:00 P	Town Hall Meeting
JAN 21	7:00 P	Friendship Class
JAN 25	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship—Pastor Tom's Last Sunday Farewell Potluck
JAN 27	7:00 P	Crossroads Cluster—Highlands UCC
FEB 1	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
FEB 2		Groundhog Day!
FEB 3	7:00 P	Mission Committee
FEB 8	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
	11:45 A	Town Hall Meeting
FEB 11	7:00 P	Official Board
FEB 14		Valentine's Day
FEB 15	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
		Mission—Dessert Auction
FEB 16		Presidents' Day
	7:00 P	Friendship Class Meeting
FEB 18	7:00 P	Crossroads Ash Wed. —1 <sup>st</sup> UCC

### 2015 Flower Chart

is displayed in the narthex behind the sanctuary. There are many Sundays available for flowers to be placed on the altar through the end of the year. Your consideration would be deeply appreciated by the Worship Committee. Thank You.

# JANUARY/*FEBRUARY* 2015 SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
1/4	Jack Tropp, Nick Yirak, Josh Vanderpool and Debby Kunselman	Linda Yegerlehner	Elmer Beard	Ritschard-Sell
1/11	Colin Roach and Jim Pugh	Julia Pugh	Doreen White	open
1/18	Colin Roach and Diana Hill	Terri Roach	Marilyn Franck	open
1/25	Gary and Joyce Davis	Charlene Stevens	Diana Hill	Doreen White
2/1	<i>Andra Gorby and Pat Miller</i>	<i>Linda Yegerlehner</i>	<i>Virginia Apple</i>	<i>open</i>
2/8	<i>Elmer and Deloris Beard</i>	<i>Mid Shook</i>	<i>Debbie Duffy</i>	<i>open</i>

**If you are not available on the Sunday scheduled, please let Diana [618.580.6266] or the office know.**



## January 2015

- 1—Mildred Shook
- 14—Linda Blosser
- 18—Virginia Apple
- 21—Coy Tropp
- 22—Casey Apple
- 22—Brian Pugh
- 23—Gary Davis
- 26—Olivia Freeze
- 31—Gordon Wallace

## February 2015

- 1—John Maurer
- 2—Vicky Apple
- 4—Jack Tropp
- 7—Andra Gorby
- 9—Mike Maxson
- 12—Terry N. Mathews
- 14—Phil Seiley Jr.
- 15—Jan Denman
- 16—Tim Franck

***REMEMBER!!!***

**January 4, 2015**

**ANNUAL  
SOUP LUNCHEON**

In the Fellowship Hall  
Following the Worship Service

*Thank you for a year's support  
in mission*



**Town Hall  
Meeting**



**January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Following Worship**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>  
Following Worship**

Discussions about the Taylor Street property,  
the Apple Butter Festival booth and other  
germane issues of interest you might have.



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