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There will not be an issue of "JCP Notices next week.



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium 2022  
July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

We are in the planning stage for Triennium 2022 (July 24-27). We need to have an estimate of how many youth might go to Triennium.

If you have youth from your church, who might attend Triennium, (this will be an estimate) please send your church's name and city with the number of youth....

to Scarlett Cormack: [shartman7872@gmail.com](mailto:shartman7872@gmail.com)

68 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance buckets were delivered to Ferncliff, Arkansas, last Friday!

JCP congregations came through again!

Please email Toni Spieth, [tonis@columbus-ks.com](mailto:tonis@columbus-ks.com) those churches that left buckets at Hillcrest.



## Afghan Refugee Relief

This work is evolving rapidly. We will try to keep you updated on ways you can help. We believe there will be needs for household goods and clothing for the refugees.

If you are interested in being part of a group that will have direct contact with refugees in Springfield or Joplin, please let Jack Cormack ( [bsfarmjc@gmail.com](mailto:bsfarmjc@gmail.com) ) know. The International Institute <https://www.iistl.org/iismo/> requires a background check for any volunteer. Once you have completed that, you will be eligible to be added to a group. There are training and orientation sessions.

Some JCP churches have committed to helping one or more families or individuals. This work includes outfitting an entire apartment, picking the person(s) up at the airport, and helping the refugees get connected with healthcare, employment, and other needs. Some, but not all, of this work requires a background check for each volunteer.

You can see more about the Afghan work on the International Institute Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/IISTL>

The Presbyterian Church USA welcomes your gifts in support of our work on behalf of all refugees.

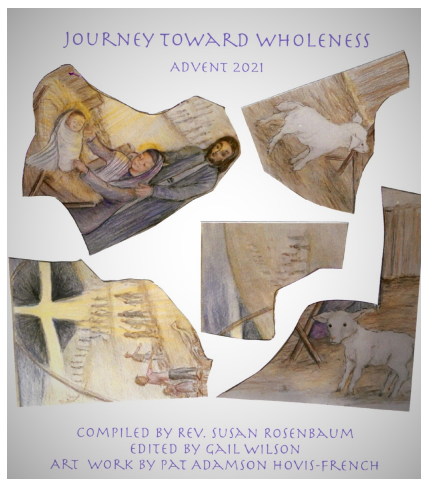
## Presbytery-wide Advent Study via Zoom December 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:00 pm Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes

By Cynthia M. Campbell

How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*, beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a “house,” which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. Suitable for individual or group study, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* creatively reimagines the season and inspires new and exciting reflection for Advent.

Register now for this upcoming study. Order books early to insure delivery before the end of November. For information on how to order books and receive the quantity discounts available and pricing, email Celeste Dahlgren at [patchespasturellc@yahoo.com](mailto:patchespasturellc@yahoo.com).

Register for the Advent Bible  
Study



You are invited to join the Advent study, **Journey Toward Wholeness**. The devotions in this journey are provided by female PC(USA) clergy, both Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders. These women are from diverse backgrounds, live all over the country and work with many different ministries. Each devotion comes from the heart of a woman who loves God and seeks to share that love with others. The hope is that you will be inspired by their different perspectives as each day we are carried one step closer to the wholeness we desire.

Click on the picture to download the devotional from the our website.

## Thinking About Race ...from the Anti-Racism Taskforce

**Question 1:** Members of a race can be identified by their:

- A. Blood group
- B. Skin color
- C. Ancestry
- D. Genes
- E. All of the above
- F. None of the above

**Answer: F.** None of the above. There are no traits, no characteristics, not even one gene that distinguishes all members of one so-called race from all members of another. The A, B, O blood groups can be found in all the world's peoples (Estonians and Papua New Guineans, for example, have the same frequencies). Skin color tends to correspond with latitude not race; sub-Saharan Africans,

Dravidians and Tamils from Southern Asia, and Melanesians from the Pacific all have very dark skin. Ancestry is difficult to trace. Go back 30 generations, less than 1,000 years, and you have a billion ancestors.

**Question 2:** Which species has the most genetic variation?

- A. Humans
- B. Chimpanzees
- C. Penguins
- D. Fruit flies
- E. Elephants

**Answer: D:** Fruit flies. Fruit flies have been around for a very long time, but they also have a short life span, so lots of genetic mutations have accumulated over many generations. In contrast, modern humans are one of the most genetically similar of all species. This is because we are a relatively young species, and we simply haven't been around long enough to accumulate a lot of genetic variation. Also, humans have always moved, mixed and mated, so genetically speaking, we're all mongrels. Beneath the skin, we're all very similar.

## Prayers Requested .....

**Prayer submissions will remain on the prayer list for two weeks, unless an update is received.**

- The congregations of John Calvin Presbytery...
- All churches seeking a new pastor, to understand God's call moving forward.
  - First Presbyterian Church, Carthage, Missouri
  - First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas
  - Crane Presbyterian Church, Crane, Missouri
  - First Presbyterian Church, Fort Scott, Kansas
  - St. Andrew Presbyterian Church @Hideaway, Galena, Missouri
  - St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Kimberling City, Missouri
  - First Presbyterian Church, Rolla, Missouri
  - First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri
  - First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
  - The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg - seeking temporary supply
  - Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, Willard, Missouri
- JCPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery
- Cameron Havens, replacement of prosthetic heart valve surgery. Surgery on Tuesday went well, please pray for **CONTINUED HEALING!** Cameron is the grandson of Bill and Brenda Havens. Bill is an honorably retired minister, having served many churches in JCP.  
**UPDATE....** Cameron is responding well to recovery and has been discharged from the hospital on Friday!

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