

JOHN CALVIN Presbytery

Notices

April 29, 2021

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Prayers Requested

- The congregations of John Calvin Presbytery...
- For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know the peace that passes all human understanding in Jesus Christ our Lord....
- 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
Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri
St. Andrew Presbyterian, Kimberling City, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Nevada, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg - seeking temporary supply
- JCPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery
- Sarah Roberts, health concerns, wife of Matthew Roberts. The Reverend Matthew Roberts is pastor of Woodland Heights Presbyterian Springfield
- Britney Shurtz, thought to be headed for remission but now is undergoing a very strong chemo therapy.. Britney is the daughter-in-law of the Reverends Charley and JayE Shurtz. Charley is serving as pastor of St. Andrew @Hideaway.
- George Schwandt, father of Becky Schwandt, complete recovery from heart surgery. The Reverend Becky Schwandt is serving as pastor of the congregations of Ozark Prairie (Brick), Mt. Vernon and Ozark Presbyterian, Ozark.

The Synod of Mid-America has engaged a transitional executive for a two-year term. Ruling elder Tony De La Rossa previously served as the interim executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Tony begins his duties May 1.

The vacancy was created with the departure of the previous synod executive, Landon Whitsitt. A search committee was elected by the synod, composed of a synod commissioner from each presbytery. John Calvin Presbytery's commissioner was Reina Daleske, ruling elder from St. Andrew, Kimberling City. A nationwide search was conducted, and the synod assembly affirmed the choice of the search committee.

Please pray for the ongoing work of
our presbytery,
the synod,
and the General Assembly.

Some **Board of Pensions** plan members may receive, or already have received, communications regarding a Blue Cross Blue Shield Settlement Notice. This is a legitimate lawsuit with a settlement that received preliminary court approval in October 2020.

Members are urged to read carefully the information on the Board of Pensions website using the following link:

<https://www.pensions.org/news-and-events/articles/bcbs-settlement-notice>

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog and 'Educate a Child' Initiative
Call For a Celebration of Teachers on May 4,
National Teacher Appreciation Day

Read the article
Become an "Educate a Child" congregation

Do you have a discounted Zoom membership?
Do you want to continue it?
If so, we need to hear from you.

Please email Gail, gwilson@jcpresbytery.com with your expiration / renewal date. If you're going to let yours expire, we'd like to know that also, so we can offer it to another church.

Can you help us?

Administrative Ministries Committee will be doing a review of the presbytery's insurance coverage, and we need a female insurance professional or attorney to assist in this short-term task.

If you can help please contact.....

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Celebrate Your Special Person This Mother's Day—
A message from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog

In honor of moms and all the special people in our lives, we've made it super easy to celebrate them; check out the new **web page** that provides everything you need in **one place**. You'll find a selection of downloadable Mother's Day giving cards and graphics for sharing on social media.

Sharing this

information could
be your ministry
opportunity.

Click this [link](#) for more
information and an
application:

We have received reports of scammers reaching out to people offering to register them for funeral assistance. FEMA has not sent any such notifications and we do not contact people prior to them registering for assistance.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.



Which expenses will qualify for reimbursement?

Examples of eligible expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation may include, but not limited to:

- Transportation for up to two people to identify the deceased individual
- The transfer of remains, a casket or urn
- A burial plot or cremation niche
- A marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services
- The arrangement of a funeral ceremony
- The use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Costs associated with producing multiple death certificates

What information do I need to provide to FEMA?

Please have the following information before contacting FEMA to apply:

- Your name, social security number, date of birth, mailing address and contact phone numbers.
- The name, social security number and date of birth for each deceased individual.
- The location or address where the deceased individual passed away.
- Documentation and receipts for any assistance already received from other sources, including burial or funeral insurance, donations, voluntary agencies, other government programs or non-profit organizations.
- If you and another person both incurred funeral expenses for the same deceased individual(s), you can also provide that person as a co-applicant – include their name, social security number and date of birth on the application.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE?

Call FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-634-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday – Friday and begin the application process.

For fastest service following your application, you can begin submitting documentation online through [Disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov), by fax 855-261-3452.

Documents may also be mailed to: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance P.O. Box 10001 Hyattsville, MD 20782



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

You can also visit us online at [FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/faq](https://fema.gov/funeral-assistance/faq). Information is provided in several languages both by telephone and the website.

NEW TRAINING AVAILABLE - PCUSA

Creative Ministry Grant deadline is June 15

John Calvin Presbytery sets aside funds to help congregations do mission in new and creative ways. These funds come directly from 10% of the Shared Mission donations and one half of the offerings given at the presbytery meetings.

Example Grant & Application is posted on the website

The 225th General Assembly (2022)

Other decisions are upcoming, but on April 15 the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) approved some details about the next GA, including the broad outline [docket](#).

You might want to [bookmark the GA website](#) for future reference.

The basic flow of the Assembly:

- Commissioners and advisory delegates on four committees will arrive in Louisville on Friday, June 17, 2022.
- The GA will convene on Saturday, June 18, with those commissioners and advisory delegates in person, and all others participating online.
- During Plenary 1, those attending in person—enough present to constitute a quorum—will vote on a motion to authorize meeting electronically.
- Once authorized by the action of the quorum, all subsequent actions will include those voting from remote locations as well.
- Sunday, June 19, will focus on observances of Juneteenth.
- From June 20 through July 2, four committees at a time will meet in Louisville,

for three days each. All will be live-streamed.

- From July 5–9, plenary meetings will be held with the (co-)moderator(s) in Louisville and all other participants online only.

COGA is also working on a variety of methods for community-building and discernment. This timing results in these deadlines according to the Standing Rules:

- 180-day: December 20, 2021—Presbyteries' final day to report commissioners and advisory delegates—but please submit names as early as possible
- 120-day: February 18, 2022—Agency and committee reports, overtures with constitutional implications; overtures referred from the 224th GA will be automatically referred as-is, unless a mid council notifies Kate Trigger Duffert of withdrawal or edited rationale by the 120-day deadline
- 60-day: April 19, 2022—Overtures with financial implications
- 45-day: May 4, 2022—All other overtures, first concurrences, comments
- 30-day: May 19, 2022—GA Nominating Committee slate

Commissioners and advisory delegates will learn of their committee assignments (and therefore which dates they will be expected in Louisville) on March 15.

BOUNDARIES TRAINING....

The Committee on Ministry voted that all ministers serving churches in JCP are required to attend training. This includes the pulpit supply list, and anyone preaching regularly in congregations.

If you would like to host a training, please contact Malinda.

Malinda Spencer
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John Calvin Presbytery
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Boundaries Training at First, Iola, Kansas, August 17, 10 – Noon

We will have lunch, provided by the host church, on the back end of the training.
We will follow the CDC current safety guidelines.

Please register for the training by clicking the button below

[Register Here - Boundaries - Iola Kansas](#)

EMERGENCY NEEDS GRANT AVAILABLE.....

A new grant has been created to help congregations respond to emerging needs in their community, in response to the COVID-19 virus.

The updated explanation letter and application for this grant can be found on our webpage.

EMERGING NEEDS GRANT

Contact Us..... How can we help?

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**Please continue to mail all remittances
Per Capita, Shared Mission and special offerings to:**

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PULPIT SUPPLY for a minister leading worship and preaching for a congregation as a visiting minister should ordinarily receive \$125.00, plus the IRS approved mileage amount per vouchered mile (2021 IRS rate \$0.56 per mile) for one worship service. If two (2) services are required the honorarium is \$160.00 plus mileage. If overnight lodging is required, motel and meals should be provided at the church's expense. The honorarium for moderating a session or congregational meeting is \$60 plus the IRS approved mileage rate per vouchered mile.

**Click here for full pulpit supply
list**