

J O H N C A L V I N *Presbytery*

Notices

August 12, 2021

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If it looks odd, it didn't originate from JCP!

JCP has observed unusual traffic in our event registrations. Just in case someone is planning something nefarious, this is a reminder that no person in JCP will ask you for gift cards or any other unusual request. The only methods for donations are mailing a check to the Ozark post office box and our online giving button.

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
 - St. Andrew @Hideaway Presbyterian, Galena, Missouri
 - St. Andrew Presbyterian, 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**
 - **Sarah Roberts, health concerns, wife of Matthew Roberts.** The Reverend Matthew Roberts is pastor of Woodland Heights Presbyterian Springfield
- **Marcia Davis, complete healing.** Marcia will be undergoing surgeries to stabilize

and then permanently fix her broken leg. Macia is the wife of the Reverend Daniel Davis.
Daniel is the pastor of First Presbyterian Iola, Kansas

Presbyterian Peacemaker! From Palestine September 25–30

He will visit churches and organizations in our Presbytery.
Our peacemaker schedules tend to fill fast.
To schedule call John Nipper (573) 645–6158

Our Peacemaker is currently scheduled at Hillcrest and Gibson Chapel
Sunday morning, September 25.

From the Presbytery Meeting....

The following is the closing prayer shared by the Reverend Christine Iannucill....

Gracious God:

Out of your abundant love you continue to bless us.
We are blessed to be able to meet and to do your work—even if the meeting is virtual. Your will is done as we work together to serve you and discern your will for good in doing the right thing.
We pray for the health of our nation. **Heal us.**
We pray for the health of our communities. **Heal us.**
We pray for the health of our churches. **Heal us.**
We pray for the health of our families. **Heal us.**
We pray for doctors, nurses, patients and their families. So many afflicted by covid—exhausted—grief stricken: broken in body and in spirit. **Heal us.**
And as we go forth, we pray to serve you with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength: and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

From the Anti-Racism Subcommittee of JCP, Pastor Jennifer Dawson shared.....

On behalf of the anti-racism subcommittee, I wanted to share a bit of inspiration that encompasses what we see our work being. It comes from Steven Charleston's book *Ladder to the Light*. Steven is a member of the Choctaw Nation and is an Episcopalian leader. The following is from his chapter on the Rung of Community. The ladder to the light is made up of rungs. The first is the rung of faith, then blessing, and hope. from page 85

"As Long As It Takes. We are here for the long haul, we veterans of the sacred struggle. We may be a little dirty and a little tired and a little outnumbered by the powers against which we contend. But we are not giving up, running away, or seeking to surrender. We are here for a cause we will not abandon, for people we will not abandon. The hungry and the homeless, the refugee and the immigrant, the poor and the forgotten, the innocent and the vulnerable—we make this stand for them, and we will not betray their hopes. We are here for the earth, for the life of creation, and for the future of our children, and we are not going anywhere until justice is secure. We are here for as long as it takes."

It feels like we are engaged in a struggle against something we can't quite hold onto. The lived reality of our siblings is difficult to see from our vantage point. The work we have to do is laborious in that we can't just hold a rally and change the world. So, we go slowly and we do not give up hope. We whittle away at our own ignorance and hardness of heart. We just keep working even when it seems to be frustratingly slow work and we do it simply because we love all our siblings. All of them.

We are preparing a class on having difficult conversations to be presented at Equipping the Saints. We are also working other ways to do this work.

Staying Together (As We Can)

from your Pastoral Presbyter, Malinda Spencer

As I'm writing this a few days before the presbytery meeting, the COVID map of the United States is showing a tremendous number of cases, and according to many news outlets, our area is among the hardest hit. Certainly, we all hope that this will pass quickly, but COVID has been making the rules, and we are left trying to respond.

While we can't predict the future, we can use technology to achieve some of our core purposes. The presbytery continues to meet. Presbytery committees have continued to meet and do their work well. I have been able to be in person with the session and a worship service of congregations which recently became vacant, and even led some worship services where pastors have been able to get away.

We will offer opportunities this month for the presbytery to gather more informally than a presbytery meeting allows. All three of the events below are repeats of past gatherings. I hope you'll take advantage of the chance to be with others.

Pastors Check-In August 18, 1-2 p.m.

Pastors, this will be a time to join in scripture and prayer, and to find commonalities and support among your colleagues. Register [here](#), or watch the Notices for a repeat of the information.

Session Members—An Opportunity to Check in with Others August 18, 6-7pm

If you are involved in the leadership of your church, this is a chance to connect with others across the presbytery. Join in scripture reading and prayer. Hear what's working somewhere else. Ask questions. Register [here](#), or watch the Notices for a repeat of the information.

Please stay in touch!
Malinda Spencer

The 225th General Assembly (2022) will be different from any previous GA, with

- Hybrid opening plenaries on June 18: commissioners and advisory delegates from a quarter of the committees present in Louisville, and all others participating from home;
- Committees in person in Louisville, a quarter at a time over the course of two weeks, June 20 – July 2;
- Plenaries completely online July 5–9, after committee meetings conclude.

All meetings will be live-streamed, so anyone will be able to observe remotely.

**225th General Assembly (2022)
Website**

**225th General Assembly (2022)
Docket**

Heartland Center is Hiring

We are currently looking for kitchen staff. We are so excited to have retreat groups back on site again. We are looking ahead to a very full fall calendar and need the staff to make it happen. Our biggest need right now is in the Kitchen.

We have lead positions and second positions available with pay between 11-14 dollars an hour depending on experience and availability. We have anywhere from 15-40 hours available per week and would be interested in talking with potential.

For more information go to

<https://www.heartlandretreatcenter.org/employment>



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A Returning to Church Supplement

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The Board of Pensions offers comprehensive benefits to PC(USA) congregations and affiliated employers: medical, retirement, death, disability, and more.

Wednesday, August 25, 1 – 2 p.m. ET

OR

Thursday, August 26, 3 – 4 p.m. ET

[More Information and Register ~ Webcast](#)

[Stewardship Kaleidoscope ~ More Information](#)

Mark Your Calendars.... Presbytery–Wide Bible Study Offerings

[September 14 \(Tuesday\) at 7:00 pm via Zoom](#)

How Spirituality Develops through Our Lifetime by Kathy L. Dawson

This one session study endeavors to gather the thoughts of many people about how our faith in God changes over time. In Scripture we see many instances where God chooses the unexpected, seemingly unripe believer to be a spiritual leader.

Participants will discuss the relationship of body, mind, and spirit in faith maturation, and will apply their learning to the way different ages might approach the Bible. The characteristics of the spiritual development of different age groups appear throughout the study.

[Register Here for Tuesday, September 14 Bible Study](#)

October 5 (Tuesday) at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Bridging the Generation Gap through Storytelling by Nancy Ferguson

Not much has changed since the time of Isaac, Esau, and Jacob. Families still experience conflict and confusion; younger generations don't always understand older generations. In this one-session study for adults we'll learn about different generational traits and explore how telling stories can help families bridge the generation gaps to form stronger units.

The materials for each study will be emailed directly to each participant after registration, as well as the Zoom link. There is no charge to participate in either of these studies.

[Register Here for Tuesday, October 5 Bible Study](#)

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.

For information on how to order books and receive the quantity discounts available and pricing, email Celeste Dahlgren at patchespastorellc@yahoo.com.

Registration link will be available soon.

EMERGENCY NEEDS GRANT

The 'Emergency Needs Grant', in response to COVID-19, is still available from JCP. Click on the box above to learn more.

BOUNDARIES TRAINING....

The Committee on Ministry voted that all who serve a church, Ministers, Commissioned Ruling Elders 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. We would like to provide at least one more training besides the two that are shown below.

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Boundaries Training at *First Presbyterian Church of Iola, Kansas, August 17, 10 – Noon*

We will have lunch, provided by the host church, at the conclusion 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

EVENING Boundaries Training
at Ozark Presbyterian Church of Ozark, Missouri,
August 24, at 5 – 7 p.m. includes a light meal.
We will follow the CDC current safety guidelines.

Register Here - Evening Boundaries - Ozark Missouri

**Boundaries Training at First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri,
September 22, at 10 a.m.**

We will have lunch, provided by the host church, at the conclusion of the training.
We will follow the CDC current safety guidelines.

Please register for the training by clicking the button below

Register Here - Boundaries - Joplin, Missouri

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

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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](#)