

JOHN CALVIN Presbytery

Notices

September 23, 2021

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Prayers Requested

- **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...**
- **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 @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

Vital Congregations Initiative – Informational Gatherings This Month

Please register by Friday, September 24, 2021

Starting in January 2022, congregations across John Calvin

Presbytery will be taking part in an exciting program: the Vital Congregations Initiative. Facilitated by leaders from our Presbytery, in partnership with staff from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Vital Congregations Initiative has a simple goal: help every congregation in our Presbytery thrive as a vibrant community of faith.



We want your congregation to be part of the Vital Congregations Initiative here in John Calvin Presbytery. To help you learn more, we will be hosting four in-person gatherings across the Presbytery in late September. We will also have a livestream broadcast of one of the gatherings. Please plan to attend one of these gatherings with 3 to 5 individuals from your congregation who are interested in exploring what God has in store for ministry in your unique setting. This would ideally include someone you identify as a primary leader in your congregation.

When & Where

First Presbyterian – **Parsons**, Kansas
(**Tuesday, September 28, 6pm**)

Trinity PCUSA Presbyterian – **Springfield**, Missouri
(**Tuesday, September 28, 6pm**)

Livestream Broadcast / **Online Only**
(**Tuesday, September 28, 6pm**)

First Presbyterian – **Joplin**, Missouri
(**Wednesday, September 29, 6pm**)

Willow Springs Presbyterian – **Willow Springs**, Missouri
(**Wednesday, September 29, 6pm**)

To help make sure we have enough materials for each participant, please let us know which of the gatherings your congregation plans to attend and how many will be joining.

Register online in less than 60 seconds by visiting:

<https://bit.ly/jcpvci2021>

We can't wait to share more with you about the Vital Congregations Initiative here in John Calvin Presbytery and we look forward to being your partners on the journey.

[Download Information letter](#)

[JCP Vital Congregation Newsletter](#)

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED.....



How Welcoming Are We?

A special presentation on becoming an intentionally welcoming faith community. **Saturday, September 25 at 4:00pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church**, in-person and livestream.

LEARN MORE

<https://bit.ly/howwelcoming>

Trinity Presbyterian in Springfield has been wondering the same thing! We are hosting a weekend of explorations around this topic on **September 25 and 26**, starting with the keynote presentation: "How Welcoming Are We? Living Into Celebrating All God's People" which will take place Saturday, September 25 at 4:00pm, both in-person at Trinity and via Livestream Broadcast.

Join Rev. Brian Ellison, Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, for this engaging presentation on how your church community can be intentionally welcoming of the LGBTQ+ community. There will be concrete examples of steps you can take, along with ample time for questions and discussion.

This free presentation is hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, and is open to all those who wish to grow in their welcome of all God's people. You are invited to attend in-person or via livestream broadcast. You will find the broadcast on our YouTube Channel starting a few minutes before 4pm on September 25.

If you wish to attend the presentation in-person, please plan to arrive at Trinity a few minutes before 4:00pm. Masking will be required of all those attending in-person. Trinity is located at 1900 E Baratara, Springfield, MO 65804 in our shared facility with Brentwood Christian Church, one block east of Battlefield Mall. The presentation will be in the Sanctuary; please use the East / Sanctuary Doors.

To learn more, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/howwelcoming>

We are also hosting a Sunday School Class on Sunday morning: "So Much Left to Do: The Journey of Affirming LGBTQIA+ People in the Church" which will take place **Sunday, September 26, at 9 a.m., via Zoom**.

NOTE:

If you wish to attend the Zoom class, please contact Trinity directly so we can send you the link, as this is not a publicly advertised event – although all our friends and colleagues from John Calvin Presbytery are most welcome! Simply email Pastor Chris at cmiller@trinityspringfieldpcusa.org and we will send you the link.

Helping Afghan Refugees

The International Institute of Southwest Missouri is making plans for the resettlement of 100 Afghan refugees in Springfield. Many hands and hearts will be needed to help. The Institute will hold an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 29, at the Library Center auditorium (4653 S. Campbell

Avenue, Springfield).

These families fleeing for their lives remind us of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt to save the Infant Jesus. For more details, see the [International Institute of Southwest Missouri's Facebook page](#) or contact Elder Martha Sparrow of Trinity, Springfield, at (865) 300-8715.

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Equipping the Saints will be **virtual**, Saturday, October 23 and will include keynotes on the Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer and three workshops:
Vital Congregations Initiative
Racial Justice
Training Ruling Elders to do Pastoral Care.

Registration will be available soon.

Participants are encouraged to give towards Presbyterian Youth Triennium expenses for our next delegation.

JCPDA Bucket Brigade Back In Action!



A major hurricane has hit the US and Haiti is also devastated. It must be time to collect disaster clean-up buckets.

As many of you know, John Calvin Presbytery Disaster Assistance (JCPDA) organizes a collection of disaster clean-up buckets each fall. Over the last several years we have taken over 700 disaster clean-up buckets to the warehouse at Ferncliff Camp near Little Rock, AR. From there, they are distributed nationally and internationally.

Here's how the Bucket Brigade will work this year.

Each congregation, Sunday School class, youth group that wants to be involved will purchase a 5-gallon bucket with lid and fill it with the items specified by Church World Service. [Get the list here.](#)

Alternatively, the group can make a donation to Church World Service at this link: <https://cwskits.org/donate/> in the amount of \$75 for each bucket they want to sponsor.

Once you have filled your buckets, you may take them to one of these locations within the Presbytery:

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, 818 E. Norton Rd., **Springfield**, Missouri
or
First Presbyterian Church, 509 S. Pearl, **Joplin**, Missouri

Please deliver your buckets to one of these sites no later than, November 1st, 2021, so they can be collected and delivered to Ferncliff Camp.

Thank you for your continued support of this important John Calvin Presbytery mission project.

Respectfully,
Todd & Kathy Morriss
Grant & Toni Spieth



We have 3 extra calendars for sale!

The cost of each \$10.25

If you would like one or all three,
contact Gail Wilson, gwilson@jcpresbytery.com
or text or call: 417-838-4402

HELP WANTED:

Forsyth Community Presbyterian church is taking applications for a part time choir director and a part time pianist/organist. Please call the church office at 417/546-2584 or email compresby@centurytel.net for more information.

Per Capita and Shared Mission Donations

All donations to Per Capita, Shared Mission and Special Offerings should be sent to:

John Calvin Presbytery
P. O. Box 1394
Ozark, MO 65721-1394

You can find a downloadable remit form on the website or by following the link below.

<http://www.jcpresbytery.com/presbytery-receiving-agency.html>

If you have questions or need assistance please contact Gail Wilson at gwilson@jcpresbytery.com or text or call 417-838-4402

CLERKS' MEETINGS – Review of Minutes and Rolls & Registers

*THANK YOU to the many clerks and pastors
who offered to host our minutes reviews!*

CLERKS, PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#) for the meeting of your choice:

In-Person Meetings:

Springfield—Tuesday, **October 5 @ 10 a.m.**
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (818 East Norton Road)

Iola—Tuesday, **October 12 @ 10 a.m.**
First Presbyterian Church (302 East Madison)

Springfield - Saturday, **October 16 @ 10 a.m.**
Trinity Presbyterian Church (1900 E. Barataria Street, near the mall)

Crane—Thursday, **October 21 @ 2 p.m.**
Crane Presbyterian Church (39322 State Highway 413)

West Plains—Sunday, **October 24 @ 2 p.m.**
First Presbyterian Church (112 Aid Avenue)

Joplin—Saturday, **October 30 @ 10 a.m.**
First Presbyterian Church (509 S. Pearl)

Digital Meeting:

By Zoom—Monday evening, **October 25, 7 p.m.**
(Peer review work must be done ahead; we will do training and discuss review results during this Zoom meeting.)

TO DO LIST FOR CLERKS:

- Register for a meeting.
- Make sure your minutes book and rolls and registers are ready for review.
- Complete both checklists linked here (and located under the “Clerks of Session” tab at www.jcpresbytery.com):

http://www.jcpresbytery.com/uploads/8/9/4/3/8943859/revise_minute_review_checklist_2021.pdf

http://www.jcpresbytery.com/uploads/8/9/4/3/8943859/checklist_for_review_of_rolls_and_registers.pdf

- Bring the *completed* checklists with your minutes book and rolls/registers to the review.
- Plan to wear a mask and follow pandemic safety guidelines.
- Contact Beth Kick (bkick@jcpresbytery.com; 417-425-7604) if you have questions.

TO DO LIST FOR EVERYONE ELSE:

Thank your clerk of session!!

Presbytery–Wide Bible Study Offerings

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 patchespasturellc@yahoo.com.

Registration link will be available soon.

Mark your calendars!

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

July 24-27, 2022

Indianapolis, IN

<https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium 2022

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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**

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.

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

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**Please mail all remittances
Per Capita, Shared Mission and special offerings to:
John Calvin Presbytery
P. O. Box 1394
Ozark, Missouri 65721-1394**

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](#)