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Vital Congregations Initiative – Summer Update

Over the next couple of months, our presbytery-wide vitality work is focused on assessment; discerning where our unique strengths are, and where God may be calling us into growth. One of the key tasks is a congregation-wide survey followed by an intentional time of reflection on the results by leadership.

The easiest way for your congregation to take part is by using the United States Congregational Vitality Survey (USCVS), administered by Research Services of the PC(USA). There is a flat rate cost of \$200 per congregation, which can be reimbursed up to 100% by John Calvin Presbytery by request. We suggest the congregation cover at least 50% of the total cost.

Using the USCVS is simple and gives your congregation a robust way to gather information about your faith community with the support of several decades of research. To learn more, and sign up, please visit: <https://uscongregations.pcusa.org>
Also, if you have not already downloaded the VCI Immediate Toolkit (which contains the VCI Bible Study, "Holy Emoji" assessment, along with lots of other resources), please visit: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/ToolkitDAVID4.22pm.pdf>

If you have questions about any of these resources, or how to best implement them in your congregation, please contact your VCI facilitators:
The Reverend Chris Miller or the Reverend Jennifer Dawson.

UPCOMING BOUNDARY TRAININGS

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.

First Presbyterian Church, Joplin, Missouri on August 17, at 12:00 p.m.
Beginning with lunch provided by host church.

[Register Here for Training at Joplin](#)

Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Springfield, Missouri
Tuesday, September 20, from 5:30 – 8 p.m.

A light supper will be provided by the host church.

We'll contact you a few days before to find out if you're coming at 5:30 for supper.
We hope so!
The training will begin at 6:00.

[Register Here for Training at Trinity-Springfield](#)

Beth Kick and these host churches will hold peer review meetings for session minutes and rolls & registers in upcoming weeks. Plan to attend one meeting:

Monday, August 22 (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Scott, Kansas

Sunday, August 28 (2 – 4 p.m.)
Willow Springs Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs, Missouri

Sunday, September 25 (2 – 4 p.m.)
St. Andrew Presbyterian at Kimberling City, Missouri

Saturday, October 1 (10 a.m.–Noon)
First Presbyterian Church, Joplin, Missouri

[Register Here for One of the Review Dates](#)

PRESBYTERY NIGHT AT SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS



The **Mission and Nurture Committee** is sponsoring a trip to the **Springfield Cardinals**. The game is on **Tuesday, August 30th** against the **Wichita Wind Surge** at **6:35 p.m.** Seats are **\$10**.

Tuesdays are always \$2 Tuesdays at the park meaning that hot dogs and brats are just...you guessed it...\$2.

We have 20 tickets in the shaded side of the ballpark. We will be selling them at the Presbytery Meeting on August 4th.

Mark Your Calendars!

On **Saturday, October 22nd** we will be holding a very different Equipping the Saints. It is going to be a fun day of recreation and re-creation. We are calling it Equipping the Saints: Learning to Play. **More information will be coming soon!** Mission and Nurture is very excited for this even though it is in the beginning stages!

Mark Your Calendars....

Presbytery-Wide Bible Study

September 27, October 4, 11 & 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

We will be using the PCUSA curriculum Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living. The unit used for this 4 week study is entitled:

Hope

Hope is waiting in faith. It is not merely wishing for something to happen or hoping everything will work out if the stars align. Hope is waiting with anticipation—at times, with impatience—for what you know and believe is coming. In Hebrew, the word for rope and hope are the same. Hope is something outside ourselves that tethers us to safety and helps us keep going, even when we can't see our way.

Books may be ordered from the PCUSA Store. The cost is \$8.00 per book plus s/h. The link to order the study materials

is: <https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/FM0405/hope.aspx?bCategory=FMAD>

If you have any questions about ordering books, please email Celeste Dahlgren at patchespasturellc@yahoo.com

Register for the Bible Study Here

Lectionary Bible Study for Teaching Elders

Willard Mt. Zion Church

Wednesdays at 11:15

Organized by Reverend Daniel Lee

All preachers are welcome!

The Work of the Presbytery (August 4, 2022)

During our meeting last week, we enjoyed hospitality and worship led by the Reverend **Becky Schwandt** and **Ozark Presbyterian Church**, with a past GA Moderator preaching (the Reverend **Cindy Kohlmann**). In addition, our representatives to General Assembly (Elder **Toni Spieth**, the Reverend **Dan Davis**, and YAAD **Hayley Hershenson**) shared their experiences, and our Overture Advocate (the Reverend **Chris Miller**) detailed the process for gaining approval for our Overture (“On Benefit Equity Among Mid Council Executive Staff”). We learned about many activities within our presbytery and our synod. [CLICK HERE](#) to read an account of the **Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg’s** experience working with our Transitional Project Consultant, **Greg Emery**.

We took the following actions:

- Ratified all actions approved in Zoom presbytery meetings (May 2020–May 2022), including changing the Manual of Operations to allow Zoom and hybrid presbytery meetings.
- Distributed a designated gift, donated by Claire Wiegand honoring her sisters, Daphne Anderson, Brenda Williams, and Melissa Hall, received for ministry with Afghan refugees to **First Presbyterian of Fort Scott, Kansas; Westminster Presbyterian of Springfield, Missouri; Trinity Presbyterian (PCUSA) of Springfield, Missouri; and First Presbyterian of Joplin, Missouri.**
- Elected three committee members to fill unexpired terms: The Reverend Dr. **Dixie Voss Anders** to Committee on Ministry; Elders **Cletus Johnson (Trinity, Springfield)** and **Debbie Fraski (Crocker)** to Mission & Nurture Committee.
- Approved 2022 terms of call for pastors (left over from our May meeting when a quorum was lost).
- Approved the Reverend **Jennifer Dawson’s** revised terms of call as she serves as half-time Stated Supply to **First Christian Church of Parsons**, in addition to her role as Pastor of **First Presbyterian Church of Parsons.**
- Examined Elder **Lori Williamson (First, Mountain View)** and enrolled her as an Inquirer on her journey to become a pastor.
- Dissolved the Administrative Commission working with **Southminster**

Mark your calendar for our next stated meeting:
Saturday, November 5, at Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) of Springfield, Missouri.



Lori Williamson, enrolled as an inquirer



We heard a report from the Transitional Synod Executive of Synod of Mid-America, Elder Tony De La Rosa



Education Time was provided by our General Assembly Commissioners, the Reverend Dan Davis, pastor of Iola First Presbyterian, Elder Toni Spieth, of Joplin First Presbyterian, Hayley Hershenson, of First West Plains (Young Adult Advisory Delegate) and Overture Advocate, the Reverend Chris Miller.



Thank you to the Reverend Becky Schwandt, the volunteers and congregation of Ozark Presbyterian Church for hosting the Hybrid, 207th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery. A lot of work went into making these meetings successful, we appreciate you all!

*Resolution of Thanks
Offered at the 207th Stated Meeting of Presbytery
August 4, 2022, the Reverend Dr. John Nipper
To the congregation of Ozark Presbyterian Church, Ozark, Missouri....*

Whereas, the Presbytery of John Calvin met at Ozark Presbyterian Church on August 4, 2022, and

Whereas, church members greeted us with coffee, donuts, fruit and fritters, and

Whereas, in worship we were fed in spirit and in truth, and

Whereas, the welcome rain did not penetrate the roof, and

Whereas, Ozark Presbyterian Church is soon to celebrate 150 years of service, and

Be it known, that the Presbytery of John Calvin gives thanks for the 150 years of service of Ozark Presbyterian Church and extends heart felt appreciation for the kind hospitality shown us by the congregation of Ozark Presbyterian Church.

May God Bless us all!

SHARING & CARING

News from former JCP Members



The Reverend Bill Vincent will be installed as pastor to yoked congregations of First Presbyterian Church Union, Missouri and Pacific Presbyterian Church, Pacific, Missouri on Sunday, August 14 at 3 p.m., at Pacific Presbyterian Church, 410 West St. Louis Street, Pacific, Missouri 63069. The Reverend Bill Vincent was a former pastor member and former Mission and Nurture Committee member, of John Calvin Presbytery.

Mark Your Calendars....

A Memorial for the Reverend Dr Tom Cavicchia will be held 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 15, at Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Springfield, Missouri. More details will be forthcoming.

Prayers Requested

- The congregations of John Calvin Presbytery...
- All churches seeking a new pastor, to understand God's call moving forward.
 - First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, Missouri
 - 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
 - The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg
 - First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri
 - First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
- JCPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery
- Cindy Oster, continued prayers. Thanks be to God for good news, and prayers for ongoing treatment. Cindy is the wife of Commissioned Ruling Elder, Tim Oster serving as pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri

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

If you would like to receive timely prayer requests and other additional emails, click [here](#) and say **add me!**

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