

JOHN CALVIN Presbytery

Notices

February 12, 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
- **Brenda Havens, Brenda is home recovering,** Brenda is the wife of Reverend Bill Havens an honorably retired minister of JCP.
- **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 and JayE is serving as pastor at Forsyth Community.
- **Lorraine Whittington, Health restored from COVID.** Lorraine is a ruling elder member of First Joplin, Missouri and has served as Moderator of JCP Presbyterian Women and moderator of Committee on Representation.

THANK YOU to Clerks of Session and Pastors for completing your Annual Reports and Statistical Report on time! You are a blessing!

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Comfort My People

Pathways to Congregational Mental Health Ministries

February 16, 2021
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Webinar via Zoom



Session 2: Depression and Anxiety - Recognizing it, Dealing with it

For most of us (if not all of us), it's felt as though we've been riding a roller coaster these last several months. Maybe you are finding that your thoughts, feelings, motivations, and physical sensations have been all over the place lately; these are normal responses to these times. But, how do we know when exactly we are experiencing anxiety and/or depression? What are the symptoms of these mental health diagnoses? What are the causes of anxiety and depression? We invite you to join LeaderWise psychologists, Dr. Caroline Burke and Dr. Danny Elenz, as well as your ministry colleagues, to learn more about and explore together the following topics:

- Common symptoms and causes of anxiety and depression
- Differences between anxiety and depression
- Potential long-term manifestations and dangers of unaddressed anxiety and/or depression
- Treatment for anxiety and depression

[Comfort My People - Registering Information](#)

**You're invited to participate in a
Presbytery-wide Lenten Study
from the Mission and Nurture
Committee**

Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects

This is a weekly study on Wednesdays
beginning on
February 24th
March 3rd
March 10th
March 17th
March 24th
March 31st
and ending on April 7th.

The study begins at 7:00 pm and last
about one hour.

The devotional readings, in *Lent in
Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield, begin on Ash



Placing your order for the book **right
away** is recommended.

If your church will order more than
10 copies, bulk discounts are
available. (The more you order, the

Wednesday, February 17th. Each week we will discuss one of the 10 objects which consist of Dust, Bread, Cross, Coins, Shoes, Oil, and Coats, Towels, Thorns and Stones. Each daily reading includes questions for reflection and a prayer for the day.

This study allows us to see how God's still, small voice communicates through the ordinary as we find meaning through the reading of scripture as we walk alongside Jesus during his journey to the cross.

higher the discount.) [Click here to order Lent In Plain Sight](#)

Please register to receive the Zoom link for the Lenten Study

Register for the Lenten Study

Ash Wednesday Service from the General Assembly

Mark Your Calendars: Presbytery Meets Saturday, February 27, at 9 a.m. by Zoom!

Trinity, Springfield, leads us in a service of healing and wholeness with the Reverend Dr. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, preaching. We honor those ruling and teaching elders who joined the Church Triumphant in 2020. Join us by Zoom!

After you register for the meeting, you will receive an email with a link to the presbytery papers. You will receive a second email to notify you when the papers have been posted.

To Register for the Stated Meeting, February 27th



The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy invites you to two special events with author, Shawn Rochester to discuss his book, **The Black Tax: The Cost of Being Black in America**. Rochester, a former corporate development and global strategy executive, quantifies the fiscal impact of the detrimental tax Black Americans pay in the auto, housing, online, job, and

lending markets. The book examines the staggering financial cost from emancipation to the present day to answer the question of how, after 400 years, more than 40 million African Americans own only 2% of U.S. wealth. More than simply identifying the problem, Rochester lays out an empowerment plan to create much-needed jobs and businesses in the Black community. The first online session will meet on **Thursday, March 4** and the second session is on **Thursday, April 8**. Both meetings will begin at **6:30 PM CST**. **There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required.** Advance reading of the book is highly encouraged, but it is not required. Please click on the button below for more information and to reserve your spot.

Boundaries Training at Willow Springs March 16, noon-2:30

Lunch will be provided by the host church. We will follow the CDC current safety guidelines.

There will be other Boundaries Trainings scheduled through October of this year. If you would like to host a training, please contact Malinda Spencer.

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.

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[Register for Boundaries Training at Willow Springs Presbyterian](#)

One day of practical stewardship content you can use now!

Register for the free March 2nd **Day of Learning** covering practical stewardship and financial sustainability tools.

- 10:30 a.m. CST - Church Mission and Sustainability with Stephen Keizer and Rev. Gail Monsma
- 1:00 p.m. CST - Virtual Campaigns and Online Giving with Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley and Karl Mattison
- 4:30 p.m. CST - Practical Tips for Church Budgeting with Olanda Carr and Rev. Dr. Jonah So

If it's helpful, your stewardship committee can watch these together and use the information to make a plan for your church. Times listed are CST and you are not required to attend all three.

[Register here for "Day of Learning"](#)

Hollister wants to thank you again for providing this grant for CAM. An article and photo were published in today's Branson newspaper and I thought you might be interested. Click on the button to read it.

[Hollister Presbyterian News Article](#)

Trinity Presbyterian (Springfield) Uses Creative Ministry Grant Funds to Start an Online Ministry: The Common Table Podcast

[The Common Table Podcast](#) was born out of a simple conviction: each of us has a story, and each of those stories are worth sharing. During seminary I spent a summer working as a hospital chaplain. My supervisor, Jack, would often remind us that there are no boring people — if someone seems boring it is almost always for an interesting reason. We just had to be patient and caring enough to allow the real story to rise to the surface.

Over the summer of 2020, as the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic was starting

to become clear, I began to reflect again on Jack's advice. How might we embrace the conviction that everyone's story is worth sharing; that there are no boring stories? And could we use these stories as a way to build community when being together in the same physical space simply wasn't safe? I began to envision a podcast devoted to telling each of our stories; where every story is worth sharing. Thanks to the generosity of John Calvin Presbytery and the Creative Ministry Grant, Trinity has been empowered to try a new thing in launching [The Common Table](#). The CMG funds, paired with support from our congregation, allowed Trinity to acquire the tools necessary to record interviews safely and share them with the world. We launched in December, and to-date we have 10 episodes with more on the way.

If you'd like to visit The Common Table, might I suggest my interview with our very own Malinda Spencer? You can find her episode

here: <https://commontablepodcast.com/episodes/malinda-spencer>

You can also listen to The Common Table on your favorite podcast app, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Overcast](#), and [Google Podcasts](#).

Thank you, John Calvin Presbytery, for your support of this new ministry!

Rev. Chris Miller

Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian

Springfield, Missouri

EMERGING 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. Explanation and application for this grant can be found on our webpage.

EMERGING NEEDS GRANT

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[Click here for full pulpit supply list](#)