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Join us for the 205th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery by Zoom!

Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Elder Tim Oster and Bethany Presbyterian Church host
the 205th Meeting of Presbytery!**

Reverend Bill Davis of Wellshire Presbyterian in Denver will preach.
We will honor those elders who died in 2021.

Hear updates from...

the Synod

Board of Pensions

Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program
and more!

[REGISTER HERE FOR THE 205th STATED MEETING](#)

The Anti-Racism Committee has decided for February, Black History Month, to feature an African American in the Presbyterian Church each week in the Notices. Here is a brief history of Lucy Craft Laney...

Educating the Future

A brief history of Lucy Craft Laney compiled by Jennifer Dawson

Lucy Craft Laney was an educator and activist whose work incorporated community service with academic achievement.

Ms. Laney was born 11 years before slavery was abolished on April 13, 1853, in Macon, Georgia. Her father, David Laney, was a Presbyterian minister who had saved enough money to buy his freedom. He also bought her mother's freedom.

One argument given by enslavers for the continuance of the practice was that African Americans were inherently less intelligent than whites. Despite that argument, legislators found it necessary to make it illegal in Georgia for black people to learn to at the time of Ms. Laney's birth. It is interesting to note that it was the sister of her parents' enslaver who taught her to read and write by age four.

By the age of 12, she was translating Latin. She graduated from high school and was in the first class of Atlanta University. She graduated with her teaching credentials. After teaching for ten years, she opened her school in Augusta, the first in the city for African American children. It was housed in the basement of Christ Presbyterian Church. The school grew rapidly from six to over 200 children in the second year. There were no facilities large enough to serve the growing school.

She petitioned the Northern Presbyterian General Assembly for funds to expand the school but there was no money available, according to one source. She did win a benefactor, Mrs. F. E. H. Haines who provided her with startup funds. In time, the Presbyterian Board of National Missions supported the school.

Ms. Laney's school was named The Haines Normal and Industrial Institute in honor of Mrs. Haines and grew to cover a city block. In 1928, the school had more than 800 students. It had the first kindergarten for African American children as well as a nursing school. She served as

the principal.

She also helped found the local chapter of the NAACP, worked to integrate the YMCA and YWCA, and worked with the National Association of Colored Women.

She died on October 24, 1933.

In 1974, then Governor Jimmy Carter hung her portrait along with the Rev. Henry McNeal Turner and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr in the Georgia state capitol. These were the first portraits of African Americans to grace the capitol.

ZOOM LICENSE RENEWAL

Churches that bought a Zoom license at the beginning of the pandemic will probably have a renewal coming up soon. JCP has arranged for 99 of these available for a 50% discount. Churches can have more than one if they need it.

Churches can use this for a renewal if your current subscription was **obtained through TechSoup**. Please contact Gail Wilson, gwilson@jcpresbytery.com or 417-838-4402 to obtain the renewal discount.

If you have a subscription that is not through TechSoup, please contact Gail Wilson, gwilson@jcpresbytery.com or 417-838-4402 and the presbytery will help you achieve your renewal.

Growing Deeper in Relationship with Christ through the Seven Marks of Vitality A Lenten Study for JCP Tuesdays at 7pm March 1-April 12

Each week in Lent, we will use the Marks of Vital Congregations as a means to deepen our relationship with Jesus and one another.

March 1.....Lifelong Discipleship Formation
March 8.....Intentional Authentic Evangelism
March 15.....Outward Incarnational Focus
March 22.....Empower Servant Leadership
March 29.....Spirit-Inspired Worship
April 5.....Caring Relationships
April 12.....Ecclesial Health

There is no charge to participate in this weekly Zoom Study which is open to all churches and individuals.

[Register Here Lenten Study](#)

Vital Congregation Initiative First Quarter Cohort Gathering

I am writing this on a February day that is predicted to hit 60 degrees. I am itching to get outside and clear away the leaves covering my newest garden plot. I want to till it up again so I can smell the rich soil. It will be a Hosta garden adjacent to my new beehive. I can almost see the bees buzzing among the flowers and the honey waiting in the hive.

But it isn't time yet for all of that. If I give into the call of the dirt, I will disturb the pollinators I'm trying to help. If I rush to plant, the next cold snap will destroy my work.

There are seasons around which our lives are ordered. There is a time to reap and a time to sow the preacher tells us in Ecclesiastes. So, I will wait. I will use the time before planting to clear some of the vines that have covered my little patch of land in the time that it was untended. I will go to bee keeping classes and learn the mysteries of the honeybee. I will gaze longingly at the seed catalogues, charting out just what new bed to put in next.

Chris did a great job outlining the coming year for VCI. This first quarter is a time of coming together. It is a time of study. We met for the first quarter cohort zoom meeting a few weeks ago. It was a good time of conversation and orientation. The next item on our calendar is the Seven Marks bible study. I am excited about this.

I have been working with our Mission and Nurture committee to set up a presbytery wide zoom study during Lent. We will begin on March 1st at 7 pm. This time together will be both large group and small group study. It would be ideal for your VCI congregation to join in as a group. The meeting will start with a large group overview. We will then break off into our

congregational groups. If you are a lone ranger, don't worry. We will set up a room for those who are joining us on their own to have conversation about these marks. There will be time for digging into the dirt of our vitality. In the summer, we will begin our assessment phase. This is where we will get to check the health of our soil, see what marks we excel in and which marks we need to nurture. We will harvest in the fall with our time of celebration.

Let us not rush into this work. Let us take the time for the pollinators to go through their transformations as we dive deeply into our study of how these marks of vitality draw us into closer relationship with Jesus and one another. When we find ourselves in one of these beautiful days in the middle of winter, let us rejoice in the warmth of the sun on our faces. The winter will end. The hope of spring is at hand. The hope we have in Christ is that God has destroyed forever the power of sin and death. We are raised to new life in Christ, vital and sweet as honey.

– the Reverend Jennifer Dawson

[View the VCI First Quarter Gathering Video](#)

[Download First Quarter VCI Resources](#)

Boundaries Training is required by the Committee on Ministry for all pastors and anyone doing pulpit supply on a regular basis.

We will continue to work with churches to host future trainings in different parts of the presbytery through mid-October. (Please let us know if you would like to serve as host.)

March 29 at Willow Springs Presbyterian Church, noon–2:30

Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Malinda Spencer if your church will be willing to host a boundaries training. [mspencer@jcpresbytery.com](mailto:m Spencer@jcpresbytery.com) // 417-437-6748 (c)

[REGISTER BOUNDARIES WILLOW SPRINGS](#)

[Spirit of Stewardship Conference](#)

Conference – April 1–2, 2022

Registration Deadline March 21, 2022

Click [HERE](#) for more information

[Comfort My People](#)

A Retreat for the Development of Mental Health Ministries
in Church and Community

March 21 – 23

Heartland Presbyterian Center, Parkville Missouri (greater Kansas City)

[Register by March 7](#)

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 - seeking temporary supply
First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas

• JCPDA

• JC Living Waters Mission Team

• All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery

• **Linda Holt, health issues.** Linda is clerk of session at Crane Presbyterian and wife of Jim Holt, Presbytery moderator.

• **Bill Havens. recovering from a fall.** Bill is an honorably retired minister of JCP, currently serving Aurora First as supply pastor, residing in Springfield.

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

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