

# JOHN CALVIN Presbytery

## Notices

January 15, 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.

## One More CLERK'S MEETING Tomorrow!

The final meeting this month for CLERKS OF SESSION will be held tomorrow, Saturday, January 16 at 1 p.m. (by Zoom or telephone):

**Pastors are welcome.**

Topics include:

Resources

Annual Reports

Annual Statistics

Online Congregational Meetings

Minutes & Rolls

**Here's your Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/98648623553?pwd=eXFJN0RSV2hEU2QwclNpaklJd2R5dz09>

Meeting ID: 986 4862 3553

Passcode: 726839

Questions? Contact Beth Kick ([bkick@jcpresbytery.com](mailto:bkick@jcpresbytery.com); 417-425-7604).

### Called Presbytery Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 10 a.m. by Zoom

Upon the recommendation of the Transitional Project Committee and the Committee on Ministry, Elder Toni Spieth, Moderator, has called a special meeting of John Calvin Presbytery at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 by Zoom to:

1. Examine Elder Greg Emery for fitness of call as a quarter-time consultant (10 hours per week beginning February 1, 2021) to help our churches in transition, and approve his terms of call:

**Annual Salary:** \$12,500

**Reimbursable expenses:**

Pension, medical, social security offset: \$5,000

Continuing education: \$1,500

Professional expenses and mileage @ IRS rate: \$1,000

4 weeks vacation

2 weeks study leave

**Total cost to JCP: \$20,000**

**Annual cost to participating churches:**

\$1,000 for churches under 75 members

\$2,000 for churches 76-150 members

\$4,000 for churches over 150 members

Plus mileage reimbursement if the consultant visits their site

And \$20/person for study materials

2. Approve changes to the 2021 budget

**Please Register Here for the Called Meeting of Presbytery**

The Mission and Nurture Committee would like to alert congregations that as part of the inauguration ceremonies there will be a moment of remembrance for those who have lost their lives to the Covid 19 virus. On January 19 at 4:30 pm CST the area around the reflecting pool in Washington DC will be lit. At the same time, communities are invited to light up their civic buildings, and churches and other places of worship are invited to ring their church bells as a moment of remembrance.

# Comfort My People: Pathways to Congregational Mental Health Ministries

A two-year program to strengthen pastoral leaders and congregations in support of those with mental health concerns

## Session 1: Grief and Loss - Dealing with Grief while Grieving

**January 19, 2021**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM**

Webinar via Zoom

2020 has been a year of significant loss. As the pandemic continues to impact the ways in which we live, interact and worship, we will continue to experience significant grief collectively and in our own lives. As ministry professionals, you may be feeling challenged in ways that you never have been before. We invite you to join LeaderWise therapists, Rev. Sarah Parker and Dr. Drew Benson, as well as your ministry colleagues, to explore some of the following topics:

- How is grief presenting in both familiar and unique ways during this time?
- How can one be present to one's own experiences while being asked to be present to the pain of others?
- How can one maintain a sense of hope when surrounded by hopelessness and despair?

**Registration** is open on the websites of [Missouri Union Presbytery](#) and [Northern Kansas Presbytery](#).

Note: This program is brought to you through a partnership of the Presbyteries of the Synod Mid-America, a grant from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation and the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Pastoral leaders from the presbyteries of the Synod of Mid-America are invited to attend any or all sessions of interest to them personally and/or to their ministry settings.

[Missouri Union Presbytery](#)

[Northern Kansas Presbytery](#)

## **FREE INTRODUCTION TO TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

Muskingum Valley Presbytery is offering a free **INTRODUCTION TO TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP**. The purpose of the workshop is to provide **BASIC** transitional skills and **ENCOURAGE** Commissioned Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament to take the next step to becoming a Transitional Pastor. This introduction will be offered on Wednesday, **January 20<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3:30 p.m. CST.**

**Welcome! You are invited to join a meeting: Introduction to Transitional Ministry with Reverend Tricia Petraven. After registering (below), you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.**

**[TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP - REGISTER HERE](#)**

## **BOUNDARIES TRAINING.....**

If you are planning to attend the next Boundaries Training please register by clicking on the button below. Register for the upcoming Boundaries Training to be held 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 26 at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri.

**[Register here for Boundaries Training, January 26th 2021](#)**

## Annual Congregational Meetings

If your churches session decides to hold your annual meeting by telephone or Zoom, remember to amend your Bylaws to allow it. Click on the buttons below to download documents for details. (The Advisory Opinion comes to us from the Office of the General Assembly.)

Congregational Meetings in a Pandemic

Church in an Emergency / Pandemic

These helpful articles can be found on the website homepage  
[jcpresbytery.com](http://jcpresbytery.com)

## Happy New Year!

We want to help make 2021 a great year for you and your communities! Below you'll find free book chapters for group study and leaders, a month of free devotions from These Days, congregational resources for Lent, and Bible stories for children!

### FREE BOOK CHAPTERS

Each of the free chapters below are from new or soon-to-be available books. These chapters can be used for individual study or with your faith formation or leadership groups. You can also use these chapters to research what you hope to study throughout 2021. As you're using these free chapters, keep in mind that you can plan to save on each of these books (and many more!) during a 40% off sale we will be holding from February 10-16. You'll get an email like this one when the sale starts.

## 2021 LENT RESOURCE GUIDE

PREACHING \* DEVOTION \* EDUCATION

Click to find the right resources for you!

### 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

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

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**Click here for full pulpit supply  
list**