

JOHN CALVIN Presbytery

Notices

June 3, 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
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
- **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.

A memorial service for Mona Luce will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 5th in the sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian Church PCUSA, 1900 East Barataria Street, Springfield. The east entrance is near the sanctuary. Mona entered the church triumphant on November 6, 2020. She was the wife of the Reverend Bill Luce who served many churches in JCP.
A link to her obituary can be found [here](#).



Evangelism!

The 8 Habits of Evangelism resource identifies and explores eight habits of faith which invite the reader on a journey into the love of God, the lives of our neighbors, and the transformation of creation. This resource is available now in English, Spanish and Korean and it is completely free!

[View the materials and download social media images that you can share.](#)

In Case You Missed It..... “News from Presbytery Meeting”

Video of the Seven Marksof Vital Congregations

Each church has been changed by the pandemic. We are coming out of a season of great disruption. To support the health of our churches, Council is excited to join the PCUSA's **Vital Congregations Initiative**. We hope that all our churches participate! Full participation will include Bible studies, a sermon series, neighborhood analysis, daily prayer, a congregational survey, and many guided discussion opportunities. While we believe that full participation will yield the best results, churches will be able to pick and choose the elements of the program they do.

What this initiative is:

We hope that this is the beginning of intentional, authentic relationships between the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency and mid council leaders and pastors to:

- Come together as the people of God
- Pray: re-turn to faithfulness in God
- Inspire openness to the Holy Spirit's transformation/change
- Honestly assess, discern and act
- Resource, equip and support leaders and pastors
- Practice missional evangelism and faithful discipleship
- Equip vital congregations and develop a praxis of sustainability and ongoing assessment
- Capture congregational stories and develop new measurements of vitality

What this is NOT:

- A universal program instructing churches and assuring vitality and sustainable life
- Another plan that promises an immediate fix
- A guarantee of revitalization for every congregation
- An attempt for the PC(USA) to tell churches what to do
- An institutional survival guide for membership, numbers and buildings
- An encouragement to tweak, yet remain the same
- A return to glory days gone by, nor a guidebook on calling the young pastor

The Vital Congregations Initiative (VCI) focuses on the Seven Marks: lifelong discipleship, intentional authentic evangelism, outward incarnational focus, empower servant leadership, spirit-inspired worship, caring relationships, and ecclesial health.

An early task of the VCI is to offer pastor cohort groups. We will began these groups by early fall.

The Vital Congregations Initiative provides an opportunity for your church to discern what it looks like to be vital in this decade. As a presbytery, we look forward to experiencing this discernment together, to see where God will lead us.

Greeting Video from GA Co-Moderator

Sermon "What Does It Mean To Be Vital?"

Resources from Craig Howard of the Presbyterian Foundation:

Online Giving

www.presbyterianfoundation.org/onlinegiving

Stewardship Navigator

www.stewardshipnavigator.org

JCP will have a new mailing address!

Beginning June 1, 2021 all remittances for Per Capita, Shared Mission and Special Offerings should be mailed to:

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

The Executive Presbyter of Cincinnati Presbytery provided this link to information for choir and woodwind rehearsals during COVID.

[COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies for Choir](#)



Beginning in June, the Presbyterian Giving Catalog will host a [Summer Concert Series](#) featuring three unique virtual concerts over the course of the summer months.

Concerts will premiere on YouTube and are absolutely free! [Elizabeth Stockton Perkins](#), a vocalist, student at Vassar College and longtime Presbyterian Mission supporter, kicks off the concert series on June 21. The [Stillman College Choir](#) concert will premiere on July 21, and on Aug. 21 the Mission Musicians of the PC(USA) will close out the series. Once they premiere, all concerts will be available to enjoy through September.

The Special Offerings office of the Presbyterian Mission Agency is encouraging congregations and mid councils to hold viewing parties for the concerts, gathering safely in person or virtually, to enjoy beautiful music and connectivity with the wider Church.

Creative Ministry Grant deadline is June 15

John Calvin Presbytery sets aside funds to help congregations do mission in new and creative ways. These funds come directly from 10% of the Shared Mission donations and one half of the offerings given at the presbytery meetings.

[Example Grant & Application is posted on the website](#)

From Aurora First, a recipient of Creative Ministry Grant in 2020....

Moses' Basket Diaper Pantry ministry goal is to provide diapers and baby wipes for parents, foster parents, and grandparents who cannot afford to purchase them for their children.

Disposable diapers are very expensive and many times families don't have enough money to

purchase diapers and baby wipes. Providing diapers and baby wipes helps these families with buying food, hygiene items, pay a bill or reduce stress/depression because of not being able to purchase diapers and baby wipes.

In March of 2020, COVID 19 brought a new challenge and increased the need for diapers and baby wipes for families in need. By changing the process of dispersing diapers/baby wipes and following recommended CDC guidelines for safety Moses' Basket Diaper Pantry was able to continue to distribute diapers and baby wipes.

Thank you JCP for helping us give to our community!!!

APPLICATION TO SERVE AS AN ELDER OR MINISTER COMMISSIONER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PCUSA FROM JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY

JCP will need a female ruling elder, a male teaching elder, and a YAAD (young adult advisory delegate) who must be at least 17 years of age and not more than 24 years of age, on June 18, 2022.

The application **must reach** the Nominating Committee by **August 6, 2021**. Please send the completed application to gwilson@jcpresbytery.com

Application to Serve as GA Commissioner 2022

**225th General Assembly (2022)
Website**

**225th General Assembly (2022)
Docket**

BOUNDARIES TRAINING....

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.

If you would like to host a training, please contact Malinda.

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John Calvin Presbytery
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Boundaries Training at First, Iola, Kansas, August 17, 10 – Noon

We will have lunch, provided by the host church, on the back end of the training. We will follow the CDC current safety guidelines.

Please register for the training by clicking the button below

Register Here - Boundaries - Iola Kansas



Financial Discipleship Is a Way to Serve God

Would you like to attend the Stewardship Kaleidoscope, but you don't have enough continuing education money?

The Presbyterian Foundation has grants available for pastors and CREs. These are matching grants, covering up to half the expenses of the event. Eligible expenses are registration, transportation, lodging, meals, and other expenses. The Foundation says "Church stewardship teams are encouraged to apply with their pastors."

**Church Financial LEADERSHIP Grant
Program**

[Stewardship Kaleidoscope Registration Opens](#)

Stewardship Kaleidoscope is an annual conference offering excellent plenary speakers, informative workshop leaders, provocative worship experiences, and incredible networking opportunities for all who are passionate about stewardship and generosity. Drawing leaders from across the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and other ecumenical partners, Stewardship Kaleidoscope is designed to help participants explore stewardship, in its many colorful dimensions!

Our mission is to create an annual event that:

- Ignites generosity
- Gives practical tools for cultivating generosity in congregations
- Expands the leadership capacity of those who lead stewardship initiatives
- Cultivates adaptive approaches for funding Christ's mission

Venues vary annually, and you can count on Stewardship Kaleidoscope to provide Real Tools for Real Ministry!

[Learn More Here](#)

EMERGENCY 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.

The updated explanation letter and application for this grant can be found on our webpage.

EMERGING NEEDS GRANT

Contact Us..... [How can we help?](#)

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**Please continue to mail all remittances
Per Capita, Shared Mission and special offerings to:**

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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](#)