

Notices

May 8, 2020

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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, Aurora, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Carthage, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas
Crane Presbyterian Church, Crane, Missouri
Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Nevada, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
- JCPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery
- Britney Shurtz, cancer treatments, daughter-inlaw of Charley Shurtz.
Charley is pastor at St. Andrew@Hideaway
- Sarah Roberts, health concerns, wife of Matthew Roberts. The Reverend Matthew Roberts is pastor of Woodland Heights Presbyterian Springfield



**A Grand Birthday Parade was held honoring
the Reverend Dr. Tom Cavicchia's 91st Birthday!
Happy (belated) Birthday Tom!!!!**

Presbytery Meeting May 21—by Zoom

General Council has authorized holding the 198th Stated Presbytery Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery by Zoom on May 21 from 9 a.m. until noon. We will gather from our respective places and experience a shortened meeting.

For those new to electronic meetings, **Zoom trainings** will be offered at **10 a.m. Monday, May 18**, and **7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19**. Training for new commissioners will be held in conjunction with these trainings.

Voting members of Presbytery (pastors, commissioners, and committee moderators) must attend via smart phone, tablet, or computer. Guests may attend by one of these means or a telephone. Instead of registering when you walk in the door like a typical Presbytery meeting, all attendees must register ahead of time. **Watch your email for registration details next week.**

We thank First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, for hosting our meeting, although this is certainly not what they expected when we all put this date on our calendars! Please do not drive to their building, but log on and join us from where you are. We're looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Contact Stated Clerk Beth Kick (bkick@jcpresbytery.com or 417-425-7604) if you have questions.

**Creative Ministry Grants Available
Deadline to apply is June 15, 2020**

Send completed application by [email to Malinda Spencer](mailto:malinda.spencer@jcpresbytery.com)

Or by mail: John Calvin Presbytery, P. O. Box 787, Shell Knob, MO 65747

[Link to Creative Ministry Grant](#)

First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View Missouri received a 2012 Creative Ministry Grant to support the Mountain View Birch Tree Back to School Fair.

The first Fair was held in August 2012, and our church has given leadership to this community event every year since then.

Students enrolled in MVBT School District receive backpacks and essential school supplies, and they participate in a fair providing health screenings, haircuts, free books, information, and goodies from community groups and businesses. Over 250 students from pre-K to 12th grade participate each year.

Local community action agencies help us by referring and registering low and middle income families. The event is completely funded by donations from churches, businesses, and individuals. Volunteers from the community plus teachers, school custodians, and principals make the event possible.

Our church gives leadership to the planning and organizing of the Fair each year. This year will be a challenge, but we intend to help equip our students so they may succeed in school.



RING YOUR BELLS!!!!

The presbytery would like to have a few seconds of video with audio of the ringing of your church bell. This can be taken of the church building while someone rings the bell, or video of a person ringing your church bell. A smartphone video is fine!

If your church doesn't have a working bell, we encourage you to be creative in sending a video of someone in your congregation ringing a bell on behalf of your church.

Please [email](#) this (6 second) video and include the name of your church with the subject "Bell."



Please send by Monday, May 18.

Malinda Spencer, Pastoral presbyter, John Calvin Presbytery
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The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1

PCUSA UPDATED! ATTENTION TO FIRST 3 BULLETS UNDER # 3

[Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)
[Coronavirus/COVID-19](#)
[Resources for Congregations and Members](#)

A Pastoral Statement on the Coronavirus/COVID-19 – PC(USA) Office of Theology & Worship - March 3, 2020; Worship Resources for Churches During Uncertain and Reforming Times (an excellent resource from Denver Presbytery); Worship Resources for Pastors (from the United Church of Christ); This article in Sojourners Magazine covers some of the basics; How to livestream: a beginner's survival guide
www.pcusa.org

From Pastor Bob Dahlgren
First Presbyterian Church, West Plains, Missouri

Eight weeks ago, before Covid-19, our church had a website (rarely visited), a Facebook page (minimally used), and email addresses and cell phone numbers for most of our households. Quickly we've had to learn a great deal more about Facebook and email groups, not to mention adding Zoom and YouTube to the mix.



On Saturday afternoons, an abbreviated worship service is recorded, compressed and uploaded to YouTube along with a .pdf of our worship bulletin. This includes a prelude and postlude of music in public domain and a cover page. The link is emailed to members and friends on Sunday morning.

We also record a short devotion, posted on Facebook and YouTube, on Wednesday afternoons. We did a well-attended worship service live on Zoom on Maundy Thursday which included numerous readers, music, and communion. We also plan a Zoom communion service on Mother's Day.

For those who do not have internet, the sermon is sent in written form. Our deacons continue to be in contact with church family. Our session, deacons and committees meet by Zoom.

We are looking at returning to our sanctuary the first Sunday in June. Session will meet later in May to discuss social distancing and other safety measures before we resume.

Our session realizes that our ministry needs to use social media in some way beyond Covid-19. Our members and friends have greatly appreciated this ministry. But if we are to continue, it will require more equipment and greater assistance because it is extremely time consuming. I am grateful for the time and assistance I have received from my wife, Celeste, and church office administrator Ruth Hones for the many hours they have contributed as we have weathered staying at home.

Although we may not be meeting in our sanctuary, we remain the Church united in worship and ministry.

Dear Friends in Christ,



You are in my prayers as we navigate the disaster of this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. I know most people are feeling the impact — health-wise, financially, emotionally. Our lives have been turned upside down in the span of just a few short weeks. Please know that the PC(USA) is with you in spirit. With God's help, we will get through this together.

Every day, I hear stories from around the Church of how people are suffering and how their lives have been devastated. Unemployment, sickness, parents who are thrust into the role of teacher or caregiver, the rise in racism against the Asian community, the amount of deaths, including the disproportionate death rates experienced by people of color and those already living on the margins — all have been catastrophic.

In some communities, churches are barely making ends meet. They're facing the reality of running out of money. They worry about how they're going to pay their bills — much less support a pastor or provide critical services in their neighborhoods.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is here to help — again

In the PC(USA), we are blessed that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, our disaster response ministry, is already at work with presbyteries and its network of partners to rush critical aid to those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19. Thanks to the longstanding generosity of the whole Church, through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing and other gifts from generous Presbyterians and congregations, PDA is providing vital provisions where needed — food and water, hygiene and sanitation supplies, training and more. The unprecedented nature of COVID-19 draws into focus the core commitments of our General Assembly's Matthew 25 foci — to eradicate systemic poverty, end structural racism and support congregational vitality. Therefore, PDA is also providing ministry continuation funding through our Matthew 25 commitment to support congregations who work with and draw from communities of people already experiencing the impact of poverty, racism or other forms of oppression.

If you are able, please help us [Give](#), Act and Pray now.

GIVE:

- Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work as well as ministry continuation funding for congregations experiencing great needs during COVID-19 by making a gift today. Designate gifts to E052197 – Matthew 25.
- You can also give by phone at (800) 872-3283.

ACT:

- Wash your hands and stay at home. While we value the ministry of presence, currently the best way to care for others is to observe good hygiene and physical distancing.
- Celebrate the life-sustaining, generous engagement of congregations across the nation who are serving communities made more vulnerable by COVID-19's impact on their lives.
- Repudiate the hateful, racist actions and expressions that have targeted siblings of Asian descent during this pandemic.

PRAY:

- Seek comfort and hope in the Risen Lord who is always with us, sustaining and supporting us through every season of life.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

In faith,
The Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett
President and Executive Director
Presbyterian Mission Agency

John Calvin Presbyterian Church
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Employment Opportunity
INTERIM PASTOR

Job Description – JCPC is seeking an energetic spiritual leader with the vision and the passion for encouraging a congregation of adults, youth, and children to grow deeper and serve wider in their relationship with God and with each other.

Responsibilities –

- 1. Worship** – planning and leading Sunday services; officiating communion; providing adult education on relevant biblical issues; utilizing multi-media options during worship.
- 2. Congregational care** – visiting/contacting shut-in members; officiating weddings; leading baptisms and funerals.

3. **Church facilitation** – moderating Session meetings; providing direction for the transition process of calling a permanent Pastor; adapting to the existing congregation, as well as, creating an environment for potential new members.

A. Requirements –

1. Minimum of 2-5 years' experience as a Pastor
2. Training as an Interim Pastor (preferred)

B. Compensation

1. This is a Temporary/Contracted position
2. Total Effective salary range is \$42,560-\$49,000 (includes salary, housing, SECA, insurances, pension)

Please send inquiries to Rick Kreitner, PNC Chairperson, rkreitner@sbcglobal.net

Save the Date!!!
Equipping the Saints
August 22, 2020
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church
Springfield, Missouri
Rodger Nishioka returns to tell us more!

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

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PULPIT SUPPLY for a minister leading worship and preaching for a congregation as a visiting minister should ordinarily receive \$100.00, plus the IRS approved mileage amount per vouchered mile (2019 IRS rate \$0.575 per mile). Pulpit Supply is \$100.00 with the understanding that is only if one (1) service is to be prepared. It was approved by COM that if two (2) services are required the honorarium would be \$150.00. If overnight lodging is required, motel and meals should be provided at the church's expense. Honorarium for moderating a session is \$50 plus the IRS approved mileage rate per vouchered mile.

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