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Please mail all remittances

Per Capita, Shared Mission and special offerings to:

John Calvin Presbytery

P. O. Box 1394

Ozark, Missouri 65721-1394

Download Per Capita and Shared Mission Remittances for churches

Download Expense Vouchers



DISASTER CLEAN UP BUCKET TIME.....

Please take your filled buckets,

by October 16th to:

First Presbyterian Church 509 South Pearl, Joplin, Missouri office number 417–624–2433

email: fpc@fpcjoplin.com

<u>Or</u>

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church 818 Norton Road, Springfield, Missouri

Office number: 417–833–1746 email: hillcrestchurch@gmail.com

Cleanup Bucket List of Items:

- 1-5-gallon bucket with resealable lid*
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
- 1 bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.
- 1-1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50 Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair work gloves
- 1 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1 bottle insect repellant (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

*Some local fast-food restaurants are willing to give pickle buckets (or other 5-gallon buckets with re-sealable lids) or offer them for a small fee. These can be washed out and used for the cleanup buckets.

The bucket collection will be delivered to Ferncliff camp in the Presbytery of Arkansas by Toni and Grant Spieth.

John Calvin Presbytery thanks all who will have a role in this ministry.



"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it." — Song of Solomon 8:7

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support this hurricane season. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Storms are becoming more frequent and more severe, and this early in the hurricane season we must prepare for these broad and anticipated catastrophes that have not yet formed. Give today to enable our response, from emergency needs through the long-term recovery phase.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000194, which supports the church's response to hurricanes and typhoons. Gifts can be made online by clicking here, going to pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES, by phone at (800) 872–3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR000194" written on the memo line and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

ACT:

- <u>Download and use the bulletin insert (available in English and Spanish).</u>
- Gift of the Heart kits are needed <u>learn more here</u>.
- Stay informed and like us on Facebook, <u>download resources</u> and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY:

God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in storm and distress, hear our prayer. May those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water find solace, sustenance, and strength in the days of recovery and rebuilding that come.

We pray for those yet in harm's way, who wait in neighborhoods while waters rise, who pray for the rains to cease. We pray for those huddled at home or among strangers while wind ravages, for those who have fled from home and wait and wonder. We ask for sustaining courage, for the kindness of strangers, for hope that does not disappoint.

We open ourselves to listen with compassion to the stories of those whom these storms have not spared and to act generously on their behalf: communities whose livelihood, homes and stability have been destroyed. We pray in grief, honoring the lives shattered and the livelihoods, homes and businesses for whom recovery seems an insurmountable mountain.

As typhoons, floods and hurricanes assault the planet endangering Creation and so many vulnerable communities, we pray for the peoples of the Caribbean, the Philippines and Vietnam, Pakistan and our own United States. Even as year by year we endure these seasons, we also see the intensifying impacts climate change imposes on our fragile earth as storms increase in severity and number.

We repent our lack of attention to this crisis and commit to repairing and healing the earth.

We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, responding to the deep human needs emerging in the wake of these storms. May every tear be dried, as we join the work of your restless Spirit, hovering even now over the waters of chaos, creating, healing, and birthing your new community of justice and wholeness for all Creation and for the creatures who dwell in it.

In the name of Christ, the Healer we pray. Amen.

— The Reverend Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Equipping the Saints

When: Sunday, October 22, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Ozark Prairie (Brick) Presbyterian Church

15032 Lawrence 2077 Mt. Vernon, Missouri 65712

Come bask in the warm fellowship of John Calvin Presbytery. Enjoy lunch, family-friendly activities, and connecting with friends old and new. Soak up the blessings of our beautiful setting! Come for all, or just the part that work for you.

Please register below.

Register for Equipping the Saints

Pneumatrix is offering a free webinar each Thursday at 3 p.m. Central Time via Zoom. For more information click here.

Here's the Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81731323973

Meeting ID: 817 3132 3973

FALL BIBLE STUDY ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!!

October 11 & 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

We will be using the PCUSA curriculum Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living. The unit used for this four-week study is entitled:

Hope

Hope is waiting in faith. It is not merely wishing for something to happen or hoping everything will work out if the stars align. Hope is waiting with anticipation—at times, with impatience—for what you know and believe is coming. In Hebrew, the word for rope and hope are the same. Hope is something outside ourselves that tethers us to safety and helps us keep going, even when we can't see our way.

Books may be ordered from the PCUSA Store. The cost is \$8.00 per book plus s/h. If able, churches could possibly do a group order to reduce the shipping cost. The link to order the study materials is:

https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/FM0405/hope.aspx?bCategory=FMAD

If you have any questions about ordering books, please email Celeste Dahlgren at patchespasturellc@yahoo.com

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!!

November 29, December 6, 13 & 20 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Songs for the Waiting by Magrey deVega

Despite the presence of many beautiful Advent songs in many of our hymnals, most of us would prefer to skip right to singing our favorite Christmas carols. But in our rush to get to the joy of Christmas, we forget what Advent is all about—watching and waiting for the coming of a promised king.

It is not about shopping, partying, gift wrapping, and vacationing. It is about resting, trusting, praying, and seeking. Through the words of moving Advent hymns and the powerful words of Scripture, Songs for the Waiting will help readers reclaim a sense of the beautiful anticipation and preparation that is central to Advent.

ORDER BOOKS NOW FOR PICKUP AT NOVEMBER 5th PRESBYTERY MEETING at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Springfield. There is a discount for bulk orders. If you would like to order the book to be picked up at the November 5th Presbytery meeting, please email Celeste Dahlgren by October 19th to place your order.

If you have any questions, or would like to order book(s) but want them delivered directly to you or your church, please email Celeste Dahlgren at: patchespasturellc@yahoo.com for more details.

REGISTER FOR THE ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

The Mission & Nurture committee thanks our churches who hosted a gathering for our International Peacemaker, Fursan Zurmot!









Thank you - First Presbyterian West Plains, Missouri; Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri; Ozark Prairie (Brick) Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, Missouri, Ozark Presbyterian Church, Ozark, Missouri; Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, Willard, Missouri; Pittsburg Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Kansas and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

What a wonderful Saturday Gathering we had at Westminster. The Peace-Making Mission speaker was dynamic and everything else so well planned. Thank you to the team who did all the work! And thank you to the folks at Westminster Presbyterian Church for being our gracious host!

-Toni Spieth

Do You Know Someone Who Can Help the Children?

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services has an urgent need for multiple Foster Care Case Managers in our area. Do you know anyone willing to serve? (Feel free to share on social media.) Additional information is available here.

There are 9 calendars available for sale for \$10.25 each. If you are interested, please contact Gail Wilson, gwilson@jcpresbytery.com



A Celebration of Life for the Reverend Dr. Tom H. Cavicchia will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 15th at Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) 1900 East Barataria Street Springfield, Missouri

Dr. Cavicchia served as the pastor of The First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon, Missouri, for nine years before becoming the Executive Presbyter of John Calvin Presbytery in 1971, where he served until his retirement in 1994.

In 1994, Princeton Theological Seminary honored Dr. Cavicchia with its Distinguished Alumnus Award for his 23 years of administrative service to the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). A year later, John Calvin Presbytery awarded him the status of Executive Presbyter Emeritus.

Please share this information with your congregations.

Read the full obituary here

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

First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri

First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas

- ICPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- · All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery

- People and churches of Peace River Presbytery in Florida.
- Elizabeth Miller continued healing. Elizabeth is the baby daughter of the Reverend Chris and Mary Erin Miller.
- Cindy Oster continued prayers. Thanks be to God for good news, and prayers for ongoing treatment. Cindy is the wife of Commissioned Ruling Elder, Tim Oster serving as pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri

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

If you would like to receive timely prayer requests and other additional emails, click here and say add me!

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