

# JOHN CALVIN Presbytery

## Notices

September 16, 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
  - First Presbyterian Church, Fort Scott, Kansas
  - St. Andrew @Hideaway Presbyterian, Galena, Missouri
  - St. Andrew Presbyterian, Kimberling City, Missouri
  - First Presbyterian Church, Rolla, 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
  - Marcia Davis, complete healing. Marcia will be undergoing surgeries to stabilize and then permanently fix her broken leg. Macia is the wife of the Reverend Daniel Davis. Daniel is the pastor of First Presbyterian Iola, Kansas

### Per Capita and Shared Mission Donations ....

All donations to Per Capita, Shared Mission and Special Offerings should be sent to:

**John Calvin Presbytery**

You can find a downloadable remit form on the website or by following the link below.

<http://www.jcpresbytery.com/presbytery-receiving-agency.html>

If you have questions or need assistance please contact Gail Wilson at [gwilson@jcpresbytery.com](mailto:gwilson@jcpresbytery.com) or text or call 417-838-4402

## P W FALL GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 25

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 18

It is so wonderful to tell you we are finally going to be able to have our Fall Gathering at Joplin First Presbyterian Church on **September 25th!**

This will be a hybrid event this year. We will be following CDC guidelines to keep everyone well and also offering the gathering by Zoom to those who can't attend.

Zoom attendees--please complete the registration form and get it to Lorraine--including your email--expressing your wish to join us by Zoom.

Click on the buttons below and you will find the registration (pages 1 and 2) form **due back by September 18th.** A special day is being planned for you at Joplin First.

See you there!  
Joan Russell  
PWJCP Moderator

[PW Fall Gathering Registration Page 1](#)

[PW Fall Gathering Registration Page 2](#)

How to have  
difficult  
conversations  
about diversity.  
An introductory  
class

Sept 22, 7pm, Zoom

#Loveoneanother

Jennifer Dawson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Tuesday, September 22 at 7pm.

The topic will be

**Difficult Conversations.**

Sponsored by the Anti-Racism  
Task Force of John Calvin  
Presbytery.

[Register for Difficult Conversations  
Zoom Event](#)

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED.....**



## How Welcoming Are We?

A special presentation on becoming an intentionally welcoming faith community. **Saturday, September 25 at 4:00pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church**, in-person and livestream.

LEARN MORE

<https://bit.ly/howwelcoming>

Trinity Presbyterian in Springfield has been wondering the same thing! We are hosting a weekend of explorations around this topic on **September 25 and 26**, starting with the keynote presentation: "How Welcoming Are We? Living Into Celebrating All God's People" which will take place Saturday, September 25 at 4:00pm, both in-person at Trinity and via Livestream Broadcast.

Join Rev. Brian Ellison, Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, for this engaging presentation on how your church community can be intentionally welcoming of the LGBTQ+ community. There will be concrete examples of steps you can take, along with ample time for questions and discussion.

This free presentation is hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, and is open to all those who wish to grow in their welcome of all God's people. You are invited to attend in-person or via livestream broadcast. You will find the broadcast on our YouTube Channel starting a few minutes before 4pm on September 25.

If you wish to attend the presentation in-person, please plan to arrive at Trinity a few minutes before 4:00pm. Masking will be required of all those attending in-person. Trinity is located at 1900 E Baratara, Springfield, MO 65804 in our shared facility with Brentwood Christian Church, one block east of Battlefield Mall. The presentation will be in the Sanctuary; please use the East / Sanctuary Doors.

To learn more, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/howwelcoming>

We are also hosting a Sunday School Class on Sunday morning: "So Much Left to Do: The Journey of Affirming LGBTQIA+ People in the Church" which will take place **Sunday, September 26, at 9 a.m., via Zoom**.

### NOTE:

If you wish to attend the Zoom class, please contact Trinity directly so we can send you the link, as this is not a publicly advertised event – although all our friends and colleagues from John Calvin Presbytery are most welcome! Simply email Pastor Chris at [cmiller@trinityspringfieldpcusa.org](mailto:cmiller@trinityspringfieldpcusa.org) and we will send you the link.

### **HELP WANTED:**

Forsyth Community Presbyterian church is taking applications for a part time choir director and a part time pianist/organist. Please call the church office at 417/546-2584 or email [compresby@centurytel.net](mailto:compresby@centurytel.net) for more information.

## Vital Congregations Initiative – Informational Gatherings This Month

Starting in January 2022, congregations across John Calvin Presbytery will be taking part in an exciting program: the Vital Congregations Initiative. Facilitated by leaders from our Presbytery, in partnership with staff from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Vital Congregations Initiative has a simple goal: help every congregation in our Presbytery thrive as a vibrant community of faith.



We want your congregation to be part of the Vital Congregations Initiative here in John Calvin Presbytery. To help you learn more, we will be hosting four in-person gatherings across the Presbytery in late September. We will also have a livestream broadcast of one of the gatherings. Please plan to attend one of these gatherings with 3 to 5 individuals from your congregation who are interested in exploring what God has in store for ministry in your unique setting. This would ideally include someone you identify as a primary leader in your congregation.

### When & Where

First Presbyterian – **Parsons**, Kansas  
( **Tuesday, September 28, 6pm** )

Trinity PCUSA Presbyterian – **Springfield**, Missouri  
( **Tuesday, September 28, 6pm** )

Livestream Broadcast / **Online Only**  
( **Tuesday, September 28, 6pm** )

First Presbyterian – **Joplin**, Missouri  
( **Wednesday, September 29, 6pm** )

Willow Springs Presbyterian – **Willow Springs**, Missouri  
( **Wednesday, September 29, 6pm** )

To help make sure we have enough materials for each participant, please let us know which of the gatherings your congregation plans to attend and how many will be joining. Register online in less than 60 seconds by visiting:

<https://bit.ly/jcpvci2021>

**Please register by Friday, September 24, 2021**

We can't wait to share more with you about the Vital Congregations Initiative here in John Calvin Presbytery and we look forward to being your partners on the journey.

[Download Information letter](#)

[JCP Vital Congregation Newsletter](#)



**We have 3 extra calendars for sale!**

The cost of each \$10.25

If you would like one or all three, contact Gail Wilson, [gwilson@jcpresbytery.com](mailto:gwilson@jcpresbytery.com) or text or call: **417-838-4402**

**Meet Our Presbyterian Peacemaker!**  
From Palestine

**September 25–30**

**Will visit churches and organizations in our  
Presbytery.**

**Our peacemaker schedules tend to fill fast.  
To schedule call John Nipper (573) 645–6158**



**Our Peacemaker is currently scheduled at Hillcrest and  
Gibson Chapel Sunday morning, September 26. Joplin First on Monday evening  
September 27 and Westminster on Wednesday, September 29.**

Fursan Ayed Zumot serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. He grew up in the Anglican church in Amman, Jordan. His studies were initially in accounting but, following a short career in banking, he sensed a call to ministry in 2003. That same year he began working with the deaf community. He studied theology at United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica and, in 2009, completed his degree and received a diploma in ministerial studies and counseling. After becoming ordained in the Anglican Church and serving several parishes in Jordan, a struggle with doctrinal and ritual questions led him to apply to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s partner denomination in the region. He has served the ELCJHL since 2014. In addition to serving as pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Fursan uses his training and experience in communication with the hearing-disabled as ELCJHL as pastor for the deaf and serves the Church's Ecclesiastical Court of Appeals in the capacity of judge. He is married to Rawan Zu'mot, a pharmacist, and they have a 2½-year-old daughter. As an International Peacemaker, Fursan looks forward to sharing the situation and challenges for the Christian Church in the Holy Land and the diminishing presence of Christians in the region. He will describe the ELCJHL's efforts to support Christians spiritually and economically and to advocate for a just and lasting peace for all people in Israel and Palestine.

**The 225th General Assembly (2022)** will be different from any previous GA, with

- Hybrid opening plenaries on June 18: commissioners and advisory delegates from a quarter of the committees present in Louisville, and all others participating from home;
- Committees in person in Louisville, a quarter at a time over the course of two weeks, June 20 – July 2;
- Plenaries completely online July 5–9, after committee meetings conclude.

All meetings will be live-streamed, so anyone will be able to observe remotely.

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

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

## **Presbytery–Wide Bible Study Offerings**

**October 5 (Tuesday) at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

**Bridging the Generation Gap through Storytelling by Nancy Ferguson**

Not much has changed since the time of Isaac, Esau, and Jacob. Families still experience conflict and confusion; younger generations don't always understand older generations. In this one-session study for adults we'll learn about different generational traits and explore how telling stories can help families bridge the generation gaps to form stronger units.

The materials for each study will be emailed directly to each participant after registration, as well as the Zoom link. There is no charge to participate in either of these studies.

[Register Here for Tuesday, October 5 Bible Study](#)

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**Presbytery-wide Advent Study via Zoom**  
**December 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:00 pm**  
*Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*  
By Cynthia M. Campbell

How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*, beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a "house," which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. Suitable for individual or group study, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* creatively reimagines the season and inspires new and exciting reflection for Advent.

For information on how to order books and receive the quantity discounts available and pricing, email Celeste Dahlgren at [patchespastorellc@yahoo.com](mailto:patchespastorellc@yahoo.com).

Registration link will be available soon.

### **EMERGENCY NEEDS GRANT**

The 'Emergency Needs Grant', in response to COVID-19, is still available from JCP. Click on the box above to learn more.

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

The Committee on Ministry voted that all who serve a church, Ministers, Commissioned Ruling Elders 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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**Boundaries Training at First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri,  
September 22, at 10 a.m.**

We will have lunch, provided by the host church, at the conclusion of the training.  
We will follow the CDC current safety guidelines.

Please register for the training by clicking the button below

[Register Here - Boundaries - Joplin, Missouri](#)

**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 \$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](#)