

# JCP NOTICES

July 26, 2019

A joyful, holy community of Christian believers, diverse yet united.  
Committed to serving Christ in the church and in the world.  
Prepared by God through the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry.

## Psalm 85 : 9

( The Voice )

*Without a doubt,  
His salvation is near  
for those who revere Him, so that  
He will be with us again  
and all His glory will fill this land.*

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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 that are seeking a new pastor, to understand God's call moving forward.
  - First Presbyterian, Aurora, MO
  - First Presbyterian, Chanute, KS
  - First Presbyterian, Joplin, MO
  - First Presbyterian, Neosho, MO
  - First Presbyterian, Sarcoxie, MO
  - First Presbyterian, Scammon, KS
  - Woodland Heights, Springfield, MO
- JCPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery
- Charlotte Dugan is recovering in a skilled nursing facility for rehab.
- Michael Howell—recovering
- Britney Shurtz, cancer treatments, daughter-inlaw of Charley Shurtz. Charley is pastor at St. Andrew@Hideaway
- Bob Jones, recovery after heart surgery. Spouse of CRE Louise Jones, pastor at Woodland Heights, Springfield
- Leona Wietsma and friend Judy. Complete healing from fracture-surgery. Peggy Wobbema's mother and friend. Peggy is pastor at Trinity, Shell Knob.

The Financial reports as of June 30, 2019 are posted on the website.

## ACTION REQUIRED BY ALL CHURCHES

Each year the Board of Pensions requires employers to set up an employer agreement for benefits. Even if you do not intend to change the benefits you provide, you must set up a new agreement each year. The window for creating the Employer Agreement is from July 15 to October 11.

To begin the process, you need to login to Benefits Connect by going to [www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org). At the top of the page is a tab to login to Benefits Connect. Usually the treasurer or clerk of session has the login id and password, but if you do not know it, you can request new information by clicking on the Login tab. If you need assistance while creating the agreement you can call the help desk at the Board of Pensions at 800-773-7752. The help desk will be staffed from 8:30am to 7pm ET from August 1 through October 11.

If your only staff covered by the Board is a pastor, then the agreement will already show that medical, death and disability, and pension are included and paid by the employer. These are the things covered by the 37% dues paid to the Board. Make sure that the effective salary for the pastor is correct and be sure to include any change in terms of call as soon as they happen.

You can set up the agreement to allow for other benefits like dental or vision eyeware coverage and choose whether the church will cover all, some, or none of the cost of those. The pastor can then choose whether to sign up for those extra benefits. There is also an option for a retirement savings plan that provides additional savings beyond the pension. If you have questions about any of these, you can call the help desk.

If you have employees on the menu option, you need to make selections as to benefits provided and how they will be paid. Feel free to call the Board's help desk for information.

The Board will contact Melana if all churches have not complied and the deadline is looming.

Melana Scruggs, Governance Presbyter and Stated Clerk  
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To host a "Presbytery Day" at your church we need to have internet access, a small space to meet with people who might want to visit and publicity, so to speak, that will inform those in the area that we will be there.

We will provide mandatory boundaries training for persons serving churches in pastoral roles, from 10 a.m. Each participant will be required to read the training manual before attending the training and then participate in case study discussions at the group meeting.

**The Boundaries Manual is posted on the [home page of our web site, http://www.jcpresbytery.com](http://www.jcpresbytery.com)**

**NEXT SCHEDULED PRESBYTERY DAYS IS AUGUST 15 AT  
TRINITY (PCUSA) CHURCH 1900 E. Barataria Street, Springfield**

196th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery  
Monday, August 5, 2019  
First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas



## Make your lunch reservations

### Lunch Menu:

Pulled pork  
slider buns  
green beans  
mashed potatoes & gravy  
salad, assorted cookies.  
The cost will be \$10.00.

Reservations may be made by  
emailing Mary Dawson at

[marydawson@cableone.net](mailto:marydawson@cableone.net)

**Deadline for lunch reservations....  
July 31**

We will be taking orders for the 2019 - 2021 Book of Order,  
the cost is determined by the amount ordered.  
Books will be available for pick-up at the November presbytery meeting.

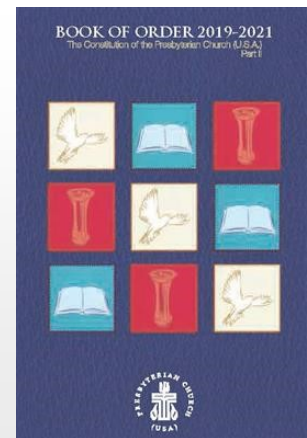
Please send your order for your copies to Gail..

by email: [gail5owilson@gmail.com](mailto:gail5owilson@gmail.com)

text or call 417-838-4402

You can find a downloadable version of  
the new Book of Order on our website....

<http://www.jcpresbytery.com/library.html>



This year's Stewardship Kaleidoscope will  
be September 30-October 2

in San Diego. For more information, visit

<https://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org>

Scholarships are available to pastors serv-  
ing churches under 100 members, first call  
pastors, and a scholarship that covers half  
of all costs for pastors.

Some scholarships require nomination by  
the executive presbyter. I will be glad to  
do that. Some scholarships have an appli-  
cation deadline of **August 1**.

Please let me know right away if you would  
like to apply.

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# SEEKING COMMISSIONERS FOR 224TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 20-27, 2020, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The General Assembly meets every two years. John Calvin Presbytery will send commissioners to this meeting. The presbytery Committee on Representation is looking for people who are interested in serving. For next year, we will need a female teaching elder, a male ruling elder, and a young adult advisory delegate (YAAD), plus an alternate for each of those.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, a chance to learn about the breadth and depth of the work of the Presbyterian Church USA, and to interact with fellow Presbyterians in our synod and beyond.

<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/> gives information about the work that goes on at the meeting.

Travel expenses (flight, hotel, and meals) are covered. There is a considerable amount of reading, on many topics, required to prepare. In the first part of the meeting, a new moderator is elected. Committee work begins, and then the committee recommendations come to the floor of the assembly. There is worship every day. There are mission presentations, and the marketplace provides a wonderful shopping experience.

JCP's Committee on Representation is charged to nominate teaching elders who attend presbytery meeting regularly, and who have experienced the work of the presbytery by serving on a committee or other involvement. Ruling elder elders should be from churches that are active in the presbytery's ministry by attending presbytery meetings, and the ruling elder should likewise have experience attending presbytery meetings and served on a presbytery committee or in other ways.

Commissioners are invited to report to the presbytery, congregations, and other groups, when they return home.

If you feel called to this service, or if you know someone you would like to suggest, please reach out to Lorraine Whittington, moderator of the Committee on Representation, by **September 13**. Guidelines and application for GA Commissioner can be found under the GA tab of the JCP website... <http://www.jcpresbytery.com/ga.html>. For those who are called, this provides a lifetime of blessings.



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Administrative Ministries has the ability to offer a Zoom account to seven congregations of JCP at a price of \$85 for one year of Zoom videoconferencing. This represents a significant savings on the regular price.

If your church would use Zoom for meetings or small group ministry (e.g., Bible study) to increase participation for those who travel, or whose work day means they aren't able to be physically present, this may be a good option for you. Zoom makes computer screen sharing possible, which is very handy for budgeting, wordsmithing, and other planning. Participants can see one another. Participants can join by computer with webcam and speakers, or by the Zoom app on smartphone/tablet. It's the next best thing to being together in the room.

Churches may want to consider partnering to share an account.

If you would like more information, contact pastoral presbyter Malinda Spencer, [mspencer@jcpresbytery.com](mailto:mspencer@jcpresbytery.com) or 417-437-6748.

**Administrative Ministries will submit the order by July 31, or sooner if we receive seven payments.**



**John Calvin Presbytery Disaster Assistance** group will have **empty disaster buckets** available for your convenience at the next **Presbytery meeting in Chanute, KS August 5.**

Please be willing to have **your church participate in this effort by taking a bucket** and returning it filled at the **November Presbytery meeting.**

The list of items needed to fill the bucket will be provided.

## JC LIVING WATERS

A team consisting of six Presbyterians from John Calvin Presbytery, one Presbyterian from Heartland Presbytery and one Nazarene, traveled to the Dominican Republic March 20-26, 2019. They placed a purifying water system into a public school of 400 children, Centro Educativo Alberto Hernandez Rosario School.

Sharon Marsh was the administrator-team leader, while Grant Spieth, Chris Scrivener, and Martha Bledsoe were on the installation team. Esther Cozzens assisted on both teams. Toni Spieth Ted Scott, Carol Minton were on the spiritual and education team. They taught Bible lessons reminding others that Jesus is the Living Water for our bodies and our souls. The team also taught health modules reviewing germ theory and healthy behavior as well as activities discussing healthy hands, filtration, germs hate soap, and how easily germs spread to one another. Coloring, games, and charades were used to include the entire class with the lessons.

We were able to celebrate with our partners that clean water could be made for the benefit of the children and their families. Together we were able to drink the system purified water and praise God that the children in this community will no longer get sick or die from drinking contaminated water. It will save the school from \$300-500 per month not having to buy 5-gallon containers of safe water.

Water is the crisis of our time. Over 600 million people around the globe suffer from lack of access to a safe water source. Nearly half of all deaths of children under the age of five are caused by preventable water-related diseases.

**We are available to share this information with anyone or group that might be interested.**

**To schedule a presentation**  
contact... **Sharon Marsh ~**  
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**To donate send to:**  
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# HOW CAN WE HELP?

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the following people for help with your needs and questions

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

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*by 12 noon on **Wednesdays**.*



**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 \$0.58 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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