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Per Capita Letters!!

Letters have been sent to each individual church via email. If you feel you have not received your letter, please email cia@jcpresbytery.com and we will send it to you ASAP!

This year, Living Waters for the World celebrates 30 years of service.

In that time, we have trained over 2,500 volunteers who have formed 1,100 community clean water partnerships in 28 nations. A modern-day loaves and fishes story.

Our core belief and approach from the very beginning has never wavered: "All of God's children deserve clean water to drink – and together we can do something about it."

The John Calvin Living Waters Mission Team has been working for 10 years to plan and install 7 water systems. We would like to thank the following churches in JCP who



Christmas is approaching, and many of your congregations will receive the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering provides critical financial assistance to church workers and their families in their time of need.

The offering also provides educational opportunities and leadership development at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

have donated this year to our mission: Willow Springs, Crane, Mountain View, and JCP Presbytery.

If you or your congregation would like to donate, please make the check out to:

**John Calvin Presbytery
with
Living Waters in the
Memo line**

and mail to:

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

We appreciate the support.

**Please click the picture for more information.

Do you need pulpit supply for the hardest day of the year, December 31? Lots of pastors take vacation that day, and so supply preachers get snapped up.

[Here](#) is a worship plan for that day. It does not require a pastor. It is written by the Rev. Barb Teserero, a graduate of Louisville Seminary.



Liturgies for busy pastors

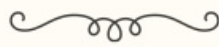
**Advent
Christmas**



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

JOIN US FOR THE

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS DRIVE



*Give the gift of joy to a child in need!
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services
provides care and support to hundreds of
children- and this Christmas, we're looking for
new clothes and toys for the kids in our care.*

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APCE 2024 Annual Event January 24-27, 2024



PWJCP

Women's Word

Volume 5

Holiday Edition

For unto us a child is born. To us a son is given. Isaiah 9:6

Joyful Notes

You Tube links for some beautiful Christmas Music

[When You Come Home for Christmas](#)

With Denise Rosier

[Angels We Have Heard on High](#)

From Cozy Christian Music



Paper Strip Trees

Such a fun simple idea!



If Every Day Were Christmas

By: James Dillet Freeman (1912-2003)

If every day were Christmas,
how different life would be,
if not one day but all the year
were ruled by charity.

Had we the faith in miracles
a child has Christmas morn,
each day would be love's manger
and Christ would be reborn
in us again to change and heal
our outworn wars and ways—
had we a child's or shepherd's gift
for wonderment and praise!

Yet every day is Christmas
when we have learned to live
by love's law, learned not how to get
but only how to give;
and like a child can wonder
and like a child can pray,
but have the grown-up wisdom
to give ourselves away.

"Let your light shine before others." Matthew 5:16

MARY'S SUGAR COOKIES

1 1/2 Cups Confectioners Sugar
1 Cup Butter
1 Egg
1 Tsp Vanilla
1/2 Tsp Almond Flavoring
2 1/2 Cups Flour
1 Tsp Baking Soda
1 Tsp Cream of Tarter

Mix Sugar and Butter.
Mix in Egg and Flavorings.
Divide dough in half and roll on floured surface.
Cut with floured cookie cutters.
Bake at 375 for 7-8 minutes until delicately golden.
Use a selection of frostings and sprinkles to make
this the perfect cookie for a baking afternoon with
children. ***Merry Christmas from the Russell Family***

Mom's Pecan Pie
Greetings from the Jackson Family

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1 cup white Karo Syrup | 1 Tbsp. Cream |
| 3 eggs - beaten | 1cup while sugar |
| 1 tsp. Vanilla | 1/2 tsp salt |
| 2 tsp softened Butter | 1 cup pecans |
| 1 9" Pie Shell | |

Mix all ingredients adding pecans LAST, mixing by hand.. Put in nine inch pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes and 350 degree for 50-60 minutes or until set.

Linda Jackson PWJCP Co-Moderator - Ft. Scott

Page Worthy

Psalms of Wonder: Poems from the Book of Songs

This beautifully illustrated collection of poems based on the book of Psalms is written by Carey Wallace and Illustrated by Khoa Le . It is a wonderful book for you or as a gift to a friend or young reader.

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

This is another great book by James McBride that is full of connections, grace, misunderstandings and a sense of community.

May you be blessed..... and may you be a blessing!

1. GIVE SOMEONE A HUG OR COMPLIMENT	2. LET SOMEONE IN FRONT OF YOU IN LINE	3. BUY A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE COFFEE	4. HOLD THE DOOR OPEN FOR SOMEONE	5. GIVE A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE YOUR FULL ATTENTION
6. DONATE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO A CHARITY	7. TELL A JOKE TO MAKE SOMEONE SMILE	8. DO SOMETHING KIND FOR YOURSELF	9. HIDE A HAPPY NOTE FOR SOMEONE TO FIND	10. DONATE UNWANTED BOOKS TO CHARITY
11. TAPE SOME MONEY ON A VENDING MACHINE	12. SMILE AT A STRANGER OR 2. OR 15	13. GET IN TOUCH WITH AN OLD FRIEND OR RELATIVE	14. LET A CAR IN FRONT OF YOU IN TRAFFIC	15. WRITE OR SEND A THANK YOU NOTE TO SOMEONE.
16. SMILE AND THANK SOMEONE WHO SERVES YOU	17. TELL SOMEONE YOU LOVE THEM	18. PAY FOR A STRANGER'S COFFEE	19. OFFER TO HELP SOMEONE	20. FEED ANIMALS (BRDS, DEER, ETC.)
21. DONATE UNWANTED CLOTHES TO CHARITY	22. DO SOMETHING UNEXPECTED FOR SOMEONE	23. GIVE A TREAT TO YOUR POSTAL CARRIER	24. DO SOMETHING KIND FOR YOURSELF	25. REFLECT AND RECORD HOW MUCH JOY THIS SEASON BROUGHT YOU

Advent 2023: Christ Brings Hope to Broken World

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

Prayers Requested

Dixie Anders and their family

Mike Tamburrino – Prayers for a quick recovery

Debbie Fraski – Surgery

All churches seeking a new pastor, to understand God's call moving forward.

- First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, Missouri
- First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas
- Crane Presbyterian Church, Crane, Missouri
- First Presbyterian Church, Fort Scott, Kansas
- St. Andrew Presbyterian Church @Hideaway, Galena, Missouri
- First Presbyterian Church, Rolla, Missouri
- The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg
- First Presbyterian Church, Sarcouxie, Missouri
- First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
- Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri

JCPDA

All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery

Prayer submissions will remain on

IMPORTANT LINKS

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Pneumatrix Free Webinars

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unless an update is received.
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