

JCP Notices

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Peace be with the family of Sam Stover

Sammy Joe Stover (Sam) died peacefully at Republic Nursing and Rehabilitation on August 23rd, 2023, surrounded by family. He is the son of the late Clyde Raymond Stover and Ruth Odessa Hall.

Sam was born and raised in Bakersfield California. After High School, Sam enlisted in the United States Army as a Chaplain and served that role faithfully until his discharge as a Staff Sergeant. Sam spent his life in spreading the word of God and charitable service. He was the Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, a volunteer Hospice Chaplain who performed Angel Watch duties and visited with veterans at the Mt Vernon VA, and was the best Santa Claus Mt Vernon had ever seen.

Sam enjoyed coffee, good wine and good food, dogs, baseball, compelling media, and he loved to laugh. Sam was also an artist with words, writing beautiful, thought-provoking sermons, and



adding insights many people would not consider. But Sam's true passion lay in helping others. He was the kind of person who experienced genuine joy when feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, or embracing a person during their darkest hours. His charitable nature and patience were limitless, and the world is lesser with his absence.

Sam was preceded in death by both his parents, Clyde Stover and Ruth Hall, as well as his older sister, Gwynne. Sam is survived by his sister, June, his loving and faithful wife, Billie Klingaman, his daughter, Rebecca Stover, his son, William Stover, his stepdaughter Jackie Zuiderveld, his stepson, William Pederson, and his granddaughters Sierra Courtright and Victoria Enos, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Services are private. In lieu of cards and flowers, the family asks that any donations be made to Republic Nursing and Rehabilitation in Republic, Missouri, in his name.

Synod of Mid-America



2023 Innovation Grants

To foster creative and replicable mission projects that address the PCUSA's Matthew 25 focus areas in:

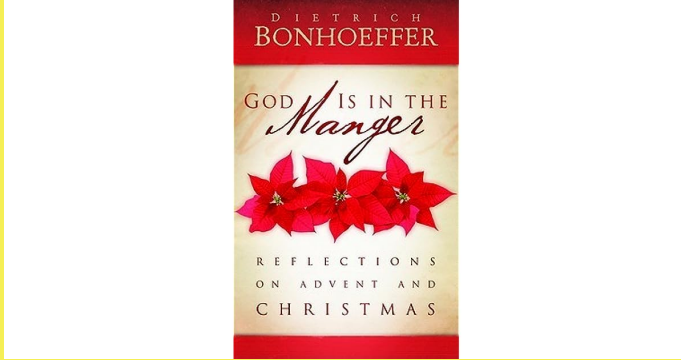
- Dismantling structural racism,
- Eradicating systemic poverty, and
- Revitalizing congregations.

\$5,000 minimum per presbytery for each of the six SoMA presbyteries to support congregations that engage in innovative mission projects.

DEADLINE
October 1, 2023
5:00 P.M.

For more information and application forms,
visit www.synodma.org/grants

Apply to join the
Mosaic of Peace



These 40 stirring devotions will guide and inspire you as you move thematically through the weeks of Advent and Christmas, from waiting and mystery to redemption, incarnation, and joy. These daily reflections are timeless and moving reminders of the true meaning of Christmas.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Advent Study.

Tuesdays at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm
November 28
December 5, 12, 19

Register for 11:00 am study [here](#)

Register for 7:00 pm study [here](#)

The deadline is **October 18th** for book orders. Books can be picked up at the November 4th Presbytery meeting or mailed to you. Cost of the book is \$12.00 plus shipping cost.

Church Economics Series, second gathering, *this Wednesday*

Thirteen churches, represented by 36 people, attended the first gathering. Attendees have remarked that the discussion was beneficial; one pastor said he's looking forward to the next gathering.

For session members, treasurers, pastors, stewardship committees.

We'll be at Westminster, Wednesday at 2:00.

If you haven't registered, [here's the link](#).

Conference in Israel/Palestine in 2024:

You are invited to join the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program's conference to the Holy Land in Israel/Palestine March 4–15, 2024. During this conference, you will engage with Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders; walk in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace and encounter contemporary Palestinians and Israelis; and connect with global and local partners to take meaningful action for a just and lasting peace in the region. Applications are due by Oct. 20, 2023. Browse our [webpage](#) for detailed information and to submit an application. A previous conference participant remarked: "It was just a wonderful opportunity to learn about peace, to learn from those who are actively embodying peace in real and tangible ways, and of course to tie the biblical stories with places and to see the landscape has been hugely valuable."



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Presby Party

LIVE MUSIC - FELLOWSHIP - FOOD
YARD GAMES - BOUNCY HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 10TH | 4PM-6PM

Let's gather as neighboring
PC(USA) congregations to enjoy
some fun, food, and fellowship
together!

HOSTED BY FPC OF JOPLIN

Boundaries Training

Boundaries Training is **required** for all pastors,
moderators, and supply preachers.

Below are the links for the following trainings:

[St. Andrew, Kimberling City September 13th](#)
[10am to 1pm](#)

****[Willard Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church](#)
[October 18th](#)
[10am to 1pm](#)

****This will be the last training of the year! All pastors,
moderators, and pulpit supply are required to attend one
session this year.

Grant Opportunities

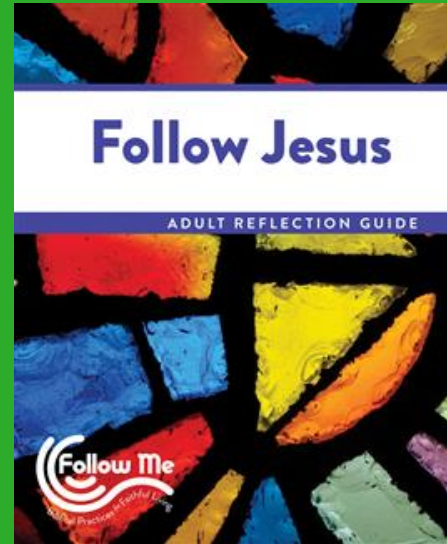
Small Church Grant

Creative Ministries Grant



Worship and the Arts with A Sanctified Art – September 18-21, 2023

We are called to worship God with our whole, authentic selves, but our worship services don't always reflect all facets of our being. "Worship and the Arts" - a retreat led by Anna Strickland of A Sanctified Art – will encourage us to break out of our worship boxes with sessions that span from big-picture planning to the smallest details, from simple changes to big projects, from theological foundations to practical tips. Not only will we claim our creativity - our birthright as children of the Creator whose image we bear - and use these gifts to craft services that invite all people to worship God with their whole being, we will gather in the sanctuary of the Heartland Retreat Center outside Kansas City, Mo to laugh, to reflect, to pray, to eat, and to connect. Participants will leave with resources in hand to plan for the upcoming year. Limited spots available. Follow this think to



Presbytery-Wide Bible Study October 3, 10, 17, 24

The study will be offered at 11:00 am and at 7:00 pm

We will be using the PCUSA curriculum Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living. The unit used for this 4 week study is entitled: Follow Jesus

Following Jesus is something all of us are called to do every day of our lives. Following Jesus is an invitation to discipleship, an ongoing practice that we accept again and again. Learn how following Jesus translates to loving God and neighbor and bearing witness to God's love and justice in our everyday world. Let this practice become the lens through which you see the world as you

register, <https://opsfomaha.wufoo.com/forms/worship-w-a-sanctified-art-retreat/>

explore this unit, Follow Jesus.

Please note in your registration if you would like us to order your book for you. The cost is \$8.00 per book plus shipping. Books must be ordered no later than September 26th. If you prefer to order your book directly from the PCUSA Store, the cost is \$9.00 per book plus their shipping and handling fees.

If you have any questions, please email Celeste Dahlgren patchespasturellc@yahoo.com

Register here for the Follow Jesus Bible Study at 11:00 am

Register here for the Follow Jesus Bible Study at 7:00 pm

HASEMAN LECTURES
ENDOWED IN MEMORY OF FPC MEMBERS WILBUR AND JUNE HASEMAN, THE HASEMAN LECTURES BRING THOUGHT-
PROVOKING SPEAKERS TO COLUMBIA TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE BIBLE, CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, AND SPIRITUALITY.

OCTOBER 28, 2023. 10 AM & 2 PM

OCTOBER 29, 2023
9:30 AM & 10:30 AM



Rev. Dr. Damayanthi Niles

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

2023 HASEMAN LECTURES

"HOW TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS: A CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY FOR A PLURALISTIC WORLD"

The Rev. Dr. Damayanthi Niles, ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is the Professor of Constructive Theology (Allen and Dottie Miller Professor of Mission and Peace) for Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Her writing and research have been focused on constructive and contextual theology. She has taught courses on foundational theology, missiology, and post-colonial thought. She has also served as the research associate of the Christianity in Asia Project at the Centre for Advanced Religious and Theological Studies at Cambridge University, United Kingdom. Dr. Niles brings to her classes a unique perspective as a "true citizen of the world." Having lived, worked, and studied in several countries, she can offer international insights and interpretations on theological issues. Dr. Niles was inducted into the Martin Luther King Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College in 2008. Her publications include *Doing theology with Humility Generosity and Wonder: A Christian Theology of Pluralism*. Dr. Niles was born in Jaffna Sri-Lanka. Her degrees include a Bachelor of Arts from St. Olaf College, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She joined the Eden Seminary faculty in 2000.



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Giving Beyond Cash

Do you only ask for gifts of cash or marketable securities from your church members or supporters?

Did you know there are billions of dollars in privately held interests owned by very philanthropically-minded individuals who would love to make a gift to your congregation or religious non-profit?

Do you know how to encourage your

Celebrate Kick-Off Sunday with a SPLASH!

Kick-Off Sunday (Sept. 10), the *traditional* beginning to the church programming year, offers us a chance to reintroduce ourselves to the communities we serve. Create a BIG splash to launch this year's Christian Formation celebration by providing an impactful way for your members and neighbors to connect with others in need. And, what better way to create a BIG splash than with a giving opportunity centered on the global need

church members and donors to consider those gifts or how to spot those who may hold these more complex assets?

Sign up for our webinar to learn what to look for proactively and how to build trust with church members and supporters who can make these special gifts. **Bryan Clontz of Charitable Solutions** will be our guest speaker.

On **September 20 at 12 noon Eastern/9am Pacific**, Bryan will join Greg Rousos of New Covenant Trust Company and the Presbyterian Foundation and James W. Murphy of the Episcopal Church Foundation to review how anyone can work with our programs to encourage and finalize gifts like these.

[Register Here!](#)

for clean water?

Here are some great ways to use Kick-Off Sunday to share about this need:

[Download](#) and use this bulletin insert to share one story about the difference safe water has made for communities in South Sudan.

[Download](#) and use the Jerry Can curriculum, which highlights the one common denominator in all disasters around the world: the need for clean water to survive. Activities for different age groups show how children can be involved with prayer and generosity to make a difference in the lives of people in need.

[Download](#) and share one, or all, of these social media graphics meant to raise awareness about the global water crisis. Be one of the first 10 churches to socially share at least one of these graphics, use the hashtag #GiveWaterPGC and tag us on Instagram or Facebook and we'll send you 10 #makingadifference T-shirts to share with your members.



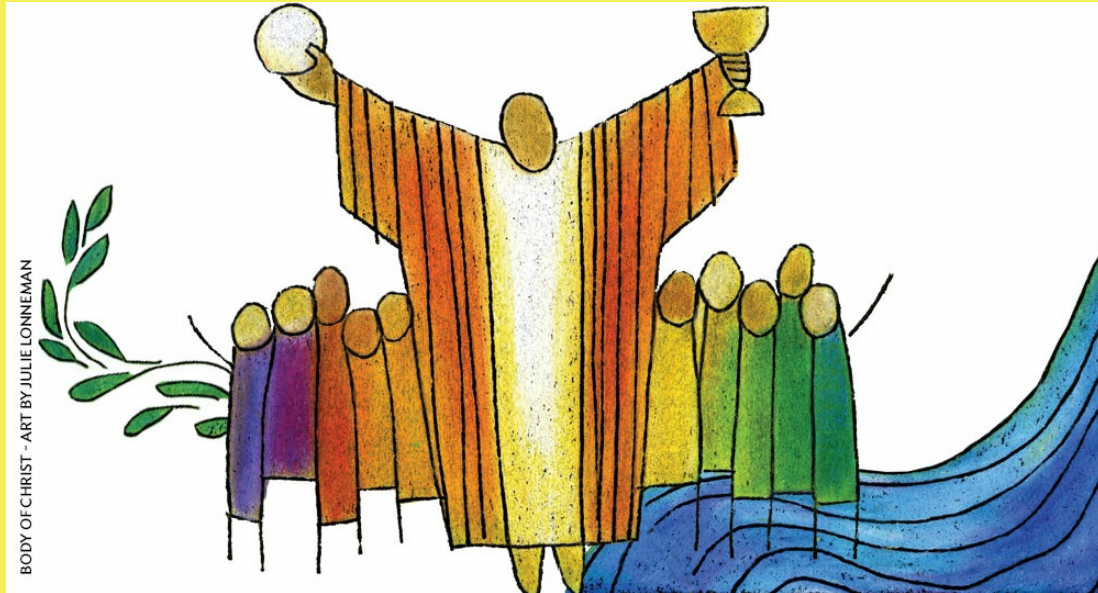
2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium Production Team:

Applications for the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium production team are now being accepted. This team consists of **YOUTH AND ADULTS** who share a passion for youth ministry and work alongside staff to refine the many layers of Triennium and make this large-scale event happen. Joining the Production Team

is an incredible opportunity to serve the church, develop as a leader, form lifelong friendships, problem-solve creatively, laugh and work hard, and deepen your relationship with God! The nature of a lot of the Production Team's work is inherently behind the scenes, and an ability to be a good listener and work well with others is of great importance.

For more information or to fill out an application, please visit the [Triennium website](#).

The application, reference form and parental acknowledgement form are all available in Spanish upon request. Please note that applications will be accepted through [Sept. 15, 2023](#).



[Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program](#)

A program for pastors

At the Presbyterian Foundation, we believe it is important to resource pastoral leaders and the congregations they serve in the areas of church financial literacy and leadership. We have established a national coaching network to help address the challenges faced by pastoral leaders and promote sustainability and excellence in ministry.

The Presbyterian Foundation's **Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program** is a **free, 12-month coaching program** for church pastors that will assist you in leading your congregation down the path of financial sustainability to fulfill your church's mission.

[For more information](#)

[Prayers Requested](#)

The family of John Daleske, in their time of loss—Celebration of Life

[IMPORTANT LINKS](#)

[IISMO Youth Mentor Program](#)

[Pulpit Supply List and Information](#)

September 2 at 1:00

The family of Lydia Allen, in their time of loss. The Celebration of Life was held at Trinity-Springfield August 31.

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, Sarcoxie, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri

JCPDA

All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery

Prayer submissions will remain on the prayer list for two weeks, unless an update is received. To submit a prayer request, please email cia@jcpresbytery.com

Pneumatrix Free Webinars

Receive Special JCP Communication Emails

Liturgies for busy pastors

Advent 4
Christmas 1

Sermon in Your Pocket

Dr. Tim Slemmons of Dubuque Seminary will lead a Zoom class for elders interested in writing a sermon. This class will be entry level for those with limited (or no) preaching experience.

If interested, please contact:

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When: Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: Online

Cost: \$30 payable by check. Please send payment to:
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