

# **Notices**

**December 11, 2020** 

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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 Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri St. Andrew Presbyterian, Kimberling City, Missouri First Presbyterian Church, Nevada, Missouri First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg seeking temporary supply
- 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
- Brenda Havens, Brenda is home recovering, Brenda is the wife of Reverend Bill Havens an honorably retired minister of JCP.
- Britney Shurtz, thought to be headed for remission but now is undergoing a very strong chemo therapy.. Britney is the daughter-inlaw of the Reverends Charley and JayE Shurtz. Charley is serving as pastor of St. Andrew @Hideaway and JayE is serving as pastor at Forsyth Community.
- Jennifer Dawson, Health restored from COVID. Jennifer is serving as pastor at First, Parsons, Kansas

- Lorraine Whittington, Health restored from COVID. Lorraine is a ruling elder member of First Joplin, Missouri and has served as Moderator of JCP Presbyterian Women and moderator of Committee on Representation.
- Reverend Kent Hollingsworth, complete recovery from knee surgery. Kent is an honorably retired minister of JCP

# **Appreciate an Educator!**

The Education Roundtable of the PC(USA) and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are encouraging congregations and members to thank those who are engaged in education during this difficult time.

<u>Free, colorful, downloadable appreciation cards to print or email are available</u> here.



### Don't let your congregation's history disappear.



### <u>Preservation Grants for Churches –</u> <u>Presbyterian Historical Society</u>

For 2020 applications are due on December 15.

Grants must be used within a two-year time period.

### Congregations that qualify are...

- A PC(USA) congregation of 250 members or less
- At least 50 years old
- Interested in the preservation of its history
- Looking for financial assistance to digitize church records

To assist congregations with the preservation of church records, the society awards annual Heritage Preservation Grants to PC(USA) congregations, covering up to \$500 of the cost to **digitize** official records.

**Preservation Grants for Churches** 

Shared Mission: Support for the Denomination....

This video can help in understanding Shared Mission

"Whendid we see you?": Shared Mission

# Comfort My People: Pathways to Congregational Mental Health Ministries

A two-year program to strengthen pastoral leaders and congregations in support of those with mental health concerns

Session 1: Grief and Loss - Dealing with Grief while Grieving

January 19, 2021 1:30 – 3:00 PM Webinar via Zoom

2020 has been a year of significant loss. As the pandemic continues to impact the ways in which we live, interact and worship, we will continue to experience significant grief collectively and in our own lives. As ministry professionals, you may be feeling challenged in ways that you never have been before. We invite you to join LeaderWise therapists, Rev. Sarah Parker and Dr. Drew Benson, as well as your ministry colleagues, to explore some of the following topics:

- How is grief presenting in both familiar and unique ways during this time?
- How can one be present to one's own experiences while being asked to be present to the pain of others?
- How can one maintain a sense of hope when surrounded by hopelessness and despair?

**Registration** is open on the websites of Missouri Union and **Northern Kansas Presbyteries**.

Note: This program is brought to you through a partnership of the Presbyteries of the Synod Mid-America, a grant from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation and the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Pastoral leaders from the presbyteries of the Synod of Mid-America are invited to attend any or all sessions of interest to them personally and/or to their ministry settings.



### <u>Sheltering at holidays while</u> <u>sheltering at home</u> <u>Presbyterian Mission Agency</u>

At this time when you may not be able to get to church, you can create a spiritual space at home to pray, worship and encounter God.

Celebrating the holidays while sheltering-at-home

### **Annual Congregational Meetings**

If your church's session decides to hold your annual meeting by telephone or Zoom, remember to amend your Bylaws to allow it.

Click on the buttons below to download documents for details. (The Advisory Opinion comes to us from the Office of the General Assembly.)

Congregational Meetings in a Pandemic

Church in an Emergency or Pandemic

#### EMERGING NEEDS GRANT AVAILABLE....

A new grant has been created to help congregations respond to emerging needs in their community, in response to the COVID-19 virus. Explanation and application for this grant can be found on our webpage.

**EMERGING NEEDS GRANT** 

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**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 (2020 IRS rate \$0.575 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.