

JOHN CALVIN *Presbytery*

Notices

December 18, 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-in-law 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

When to expect the JCP "Notices" to arrive in your inbox.

Next week.....Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Then, Friday, January 8, 2021

The staff of John Calvin Presbytery pray that you all
have a wonderful and safe Christmas and
that you enter a glorious new year,
filled with prayer and praise,
service to God and mankind
and you feel God's presence with you always!!

The next "4th Sunday" is December 27. Below is the worship information.
A video will be sent on or before December 23.

Title: Silent No More!

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Second Reading: Luke 2.22-40

Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper, Interim Executive Presbytery, Heartland Presbytery
If you find out one of your colleagues is in need of a day off, please do pass this along to them and encourage them to **sign up** for next month's offering. We want to help anyone who needs it, regardless of the synod in which they are serving.

Blessings to you,
Synod of Mid-America

Per Capita Giving....

"Blessed be the tie that binds": Per Capita Giving

This video can help in understanding Per Capita Giving

"Blessed Be the Tie That Bind: Per Capita Giving"

SAVE THE DATE: CLERK'S MEETING

The Stated Clerk invites all **CLERKS OF SESSION** to attend **ONE** of the following training meetings (by Zoom or telephone):

Tuesday, Jan. 12 – 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 12 – 7 p.m.

Topics include:

- Resources
- Annual Reports
- Annual Statistics
- Online Congregational Meetings
- Minutes & Rolls

Questions? Contact Beth Kick (bkick@jcpresbytery.com; 417-425-7604).

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.

BOUNDARIES TRAINING.....

If you are planning to attend the next Boundaries Training please register by clicking on the button below. Register for the upcoming Boundaries Training to be held 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 26 at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri.

[Register here for Boundaries Training, January 26th 2021](#)

Much has changed in the past year as to how we have normally approached our local mission efforts. For the Christmas season, the Crane Presbyterian Church decided to focus on offering support for workers displaced by the closing of the Nursing Home in the community. We applied for and received a grant of \$2,500 from John Calvin Presbytery to address needs for food, hygiene supplies, rent and utility assistance. Congregation members were asked to help match these

funds. Through a VERY generous anonymous donation we achieved that effort and have continued to accept donations. One of the members of our congregation has helped provide us with names and contacts for those needing help. Through all of these efforts we were able to provide \$1,000 in grocery assistance for five families (\$200 each) in addition to rent and utility assistance for two other families. We are currently in the process of purchasing additional hygiene supplies to be distributed through the Food Pantry and assessing potential Christmas needs through Crane schools.

We thank JCP for making these funds available to assist those in need!

Hope Alliance of Missouri received the check from our special offering and matching funds from John Calvin Presbytery. We are so thankful for the opportunity to support such a worth cause. Thank you to all who give to support the Backpack program through your time, energy, and money. Thank you Hope Alliance for meeting the needs of our children.

The director of Hope Alliance, after receiving the funds from our special offering and the JCP COVID grant, came by to take a picture of our sign to post to social media. She was so grateful for the donation which will fund the school weekend backpack program. They send home non-perishable food to help the children through the weekend.



The post on Facebook said:
"When the world stops, the church keeps giving!!
Thanks First Presbyterian Church of Rolla for your generous donation!!"

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

Contact Us..... How can we help?

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**Click here for full pulpit supply
list**