

Notices

May 22, 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, Aurora, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Carthage, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas
Crane Presbyterian Church, Crane, Missouri
Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Nevada, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
- JCPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery
- Britney Shurtz, cancer treatments, daughter-inlaw of Charley Shurtz.
Charley is pastor at St. Andrew@Hideaway
- Sarah Roberts, health concerns, wife of Matthew Roberts. The Reverend Matthew Roberts is pastor of Woodland Heights Presbyterian Springfield
- Reverend K. O. Noonoo, complete recovery- outpatient surgery. K.O. is pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg in Kansas

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to ALL for your efforts for our first online meeting on Thursday!

It was a great success!

PASTORS OF JCP CHECK IN HERE

Pastors of JCP Check-in

An opportunity for you to join with other pastors from John Calvin Presbytery to talk about how it's going where you are. **Tuesday, May 26 at 10 a.m.**

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SESSION MEMBERS CHECK IN ~ HERE

For Session Members--An Opportunity to Check In With Others

Connect with session members from other congregations in John Calvin Presbytery for scripture, prayer, and a discussion of the challenges that are present in your situation.

Wednesday, May 27 at 5:30 p.m.

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Having Two Jobs, Am I busy?

Pastor Tim Oster
Bethany Presbyterian Church
Joplin, Missouri

It appears as I reflect for a moment, that I suddenly realize that I have been serving as the Pulpit Supply at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Joplin since October of 2015. Since then, I have also been a full-time teacher at Joplin High School. As you can guess, this does make life somewhat busy during the school year (from mid-August until late in May). It is interesting that there are some definite similarities in these two endeavors. Let me give you some examples.

Two basic requirements that are needed to be effective in the classroom are extensive preparation, and good communication skills. Truly, these same skills apply to effective leaders of worship. Of course, it takes time and effort to develop these types of skills, and yet there are rewards that come from these efforts. To see a smile of confidence coming from a struggling student, who has just been able to overcome his/her confusion and doubt, and grab hold of a solid understanding, is a real pleasure. In the same way, a good sermon comes from solid preparation that results in the clear teaching of contextual factors, the remembrance of the steadfast love and grace of God, and includes encouraging reminders of our call to follow the model of Christ Jesus. I have found that preaching about the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ is a real joy. The feedback here can come from a knowing smile, a well-timed head nod, or a brief comment, yet still these small indications of connection with the message are very personally fulfilling.

I will tell you that I am not special, and that I do not possess a huge degree of talent in either the classroom, or in the pulpit. Yet I am convinced that regular and consistent reading of the Bible has shown me what amazing things that God has done in the past, and what God is capable of doing in the future by making use of regular people like me or like you. I believe that this suggests strongly that each of us are all called to do God's work in some form or fashion.

You may have already heard this, but when a person is able to find a vocation that is both engaging and fulfilling, they have truly found their avocation. I know that I am busy, but I also know that I have been blessed beyond

all measure by God, who lead me to “find” my calling as a teacher, and as a Commissioned Ruling Elder at Bethany Presbyterian Church
May the peace of our Risen Lord Jesus be with you today, and always.

We invite you to send your mission story to the Notices!

In response to the number of people in the Joplin area who are experiencing food shortages, **Bethany** held a Drive-In, Drop Off food drive. We were happy to receive 382 pounds of non-perishable food and several financial donations to deliver to **CROSSLINES** Churches of Joplin. **CROSSLINES** has continued to distribute to families during the pandemic.



Trinity-Springfield has collected a ton of food. Trinity has done two supply drives for Crosslines, the food aid agency of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks, and local food pantry partner. A team from Trinity regularly volunteers there once a month. On two Mondays (Easter Monday and a week ago Monday) pastor Chris Miller was at church for three hours to take curbside donations. Trinity sent out a list of items needed by Crosslines and folks dropped them off. Volunteers boxed them up, and the first time Chris drove them over to Crosslines and the second they sent a truck. Between the two drives, Trinity collected 1,997 pounds of supplies, mostly food. Trinity has also authorized \$8,000 in grant funds over the last two months to support the work of Crosslines (\$5,500 of which will be matched by another grant).

Chris also dropped off 260 bottles of water for Rare Breed; a Springfield mission partner who serves homeless and housing insecure teens and young adults in downtown Springfield.



Giving Your Offering



In case you missed the opportunity to give....

John Calvin Presbytery has arranged for online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation.

[Click here](#) or the button above to be taken to our donation page.

To give, you'll need to make a profile first and enter your bank account information. The web page takes you through the steps.

If your church would like to arrange for online giving, the Presbyterian Foundation was easy to use.

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Thank you to the Reverend Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack for offering JCP a wonderful, moving sermon at the stated meeting on Thursday!

If you would like to purchase a copy of Deanna's book you can order from the [PCUSA Church Store](#).

It is ideal for individual or group study, the book includes discussion guide for group study with links to video clips, a timeline of the first Muslim communities, and a glossary of Arabic terms related to Islam.



SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA....

Deadline to apply is June 15, 2020

Send completed application by [email to Malinda Spencer](#)

Or by mail: John Calvin Presbytery, P. O. Box 787, Shell Knob, MO 65747

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[Visit our website for employment opportunity in Bridgeton, Missouri](#)

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