

Notices

June 12, 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-in-law 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
- **Peggy Wobbema's mother, Leona Wiestma, complete healing.** Reverend Peggy Wobbema is pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Shell Knob.
- **Marvin and Adele Groote on the passing of Adele's father.** Reverend Groote is a JCP honorably retired minister currently serving as pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield

To the Congregation of Gibson Chapel

All Members of John Calvin Presbytery but especially those who are people of color

We, the General Council of John Calvin Presbytery, are committed to dismantling structural racism in all its forms.

The belief that being white imbues people with superior skills, talents, and worth was woven into the founding of our nation. The atrocities committed in the name of white supremacy are numerous. From the evil of the decimation of native cultures, to slavery, to the Asian anti-immigration policies and the detaining of Japanese Americans, and the vilification of our Latinx brothers and sisters, our nation has a poor track record of honoring the beautiful diversity of humanity that God created and called good.

Unfortunately, the PC(USA) and our individual congregations have often accepted the cultural norms and acted in ignorance.

We are the Church Reformed and always being reformed by the work of the Holy Spirit. It is our sincere hope that we will truly be reformed in this time of social upheaval.

To that end we do sincerely apologize for every instance of racism in which we participated either intentionally or by omission.

We ask that all our congregants repent of our implicit bias against people who do not look like us. We ask that each one take into account their own hearts that we may indeed become one family under God.

We repent of our sins against our brothers and sisters of color who have suffered from racial inequalities and systems that value white lives over theirs. We strive to make equality a matter of the heart and not a slogan of platitudes.

We commit to working to reform our beliefs and our actions to more closely reflect God's amazing love for all people. In so much as it is possible we ask that you pray for us to be shaped by the love of God to embrace all people whom God has made.

We have already begun work as a Matthew 25 presbytery. Many congregations have already committed to dismantling structural racism, but we pledge to do more.

General Council has also empowered a task force to focus our efforts in growing toward a better future in our relationships. We will also commit to revisiting this issue as a Presbytery through the coming years.

It is our hope that we will change our hearts, minds, and spirits to more closely follow Christ. It is our intent to move forward in a way that creates real and meaningful progress as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

We hope that you will accept our apology and work with us. We are praying for you in this time of crisis and for the times of crisis you have faced repeatedly. We refuse to simply repent without action. It is indeed sinful to hold one person in higher esteem than another. May we indeed further the idea that we are all equal in the eyes of God and each other.

We are honored that you are part of this Presbytery.

In Christ's Love,

Reverend Jennifer Dawson
General Council Moderator

[For Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery: PDA Building Resilience](#)

Presbyterian Disaster Agency will offer a small group conversation for 15 pastors in our

presbytery. The workshop will last about 90 minutes and will be led by three members of the National Response Team and staff of PDA.

The PDA panel will provide the lens of disaster recovery and ministry in times of trauma in these conversations as we share questions, ideas and wisdom, learn from one another, and consider next steps. While the nature and course of this pandemic is unlike any previous disaster, we offer panel discussions that will include a focus on disaster recovery processes and long term recovery timelines based on PDA work in natural and human-caused disasters.

We will also share resources and tools for building and maintaining resilience in the midst of ministry in this season of COVID-19. We all know how important self-care is, and we will continue our emphasis and offerings in this area as faith leaders respond to the shifting needs of those they serve, including anxiety, illness, grief as well as the ordinary and celebratory aspects of life inherent in communities of faith.

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[REGISTER HERE FOR PDA - BUILDING RESILIENCE](#)

White Fragility Book Discussion

This will be a Zoom group so that we can join with our siblings in Christ from all around John Calvin Presbytery. **Meetings will be every other Wednesdays starting on June 17th July 1st, July 15, July 29th, August 5th and August 19th, lasting about one hour. We will offer both a morning session at 10:00 AM and an evening session at 7:00 PM.**

As a Matthew 25 presbytery we have taken on our denomination's challenge to end systemic poverty, fight structural racism and strive for congregational vitality. Discussing the topics addressed in DiAngelo's book is important to our discipleship and witness in today's world.

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[REGISTER HERE ~ WHITE FRAGILITY BOOK STUDY](#)

PCUSA CHURCH STORE RESOURCES ON RACE

Racial Justice Resources — Statements from the PC(USA), worship resources, policy statements, books, study and discussion materials, and more

[Racial Justice Resources](#)

Presbyterian Mission Agency The film 'Just Mercy' can be viewed free this month | Presbyterian Mission Agency

LOUISVILLE — With news this week that Warner Brothers is providing its 2019 film "Just Mercy" free for viewing on platforms including YouTube, the Rev. Dr. Edward McNulty, a Presbyterian pastor and film critic, has developed discussion questions and provided a review of the film. McNulty, who reviews films about faith and other films and frequently provides discussion questions in his online journal "[Visual Parables](#)," said in an email that



he wants Presbyterians and others “to take advantage of a major film shedding light on systemic racism.”

www.presbyterianmission.org

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

Creative Ministry Grants Available Deadline to apply is June 15, 2020

Send completed application by [email to Malinda Spencer](mailto:malinda.spencer@pcusa.org)

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

[Link to Creative Ministry Grant](#)

Thank You!! Thank You!!

To: John Calvin Presbytery:

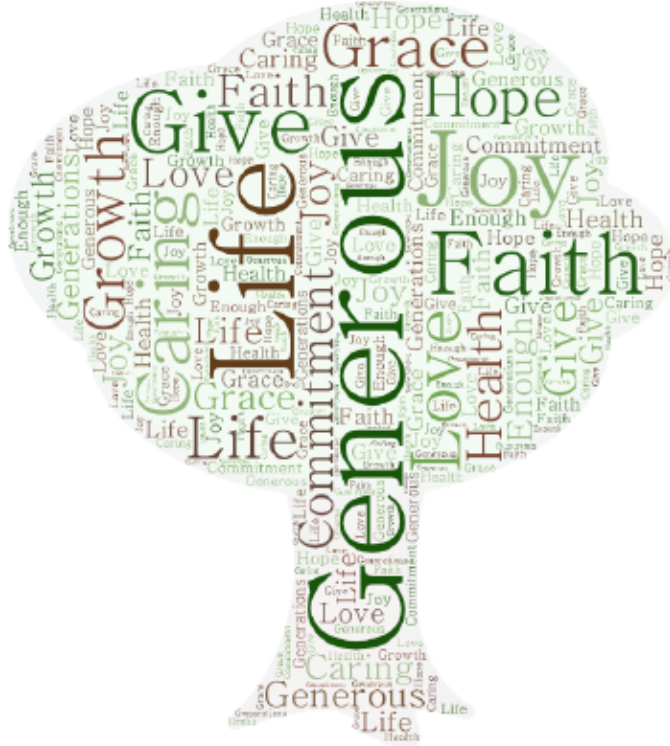
This note is long overdue, but our church family would like to thank you for the grant you gave our congregation. It was used to help with the expense of our new roof.

We had hoped to worship under it last Sunday, May 31, but had to postpone worship again. As you probably know, two new cases of the C-Virus were diagnosed in Mt. View last week.

Hopefully, we'll be able to worship under our new roof soon!

Thank You!!!

Mountain View First Presbyterian Church



SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP WEBINAR

June 30, 2020 • 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Heartland, Northern Kansas, Missouri Union and John Calvin Presbyteries and Synod of Mid-America

We invite all to attend this regional stewardship webinar seeking to nurture, educate, and inspire faithful financial discipleship and promote meaningful holistic approaches to stewardship in this COVID-19 time we are living.

Note: A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent after you register.

On June 30, Rosemary Mitchell, Director for Mission Engagement and Support for the PC(USA), will present *The Fullness of God's Grace: Repentance and Thanksgiving*.

We are living in history. What is our context for thanksgiving and praise? This season is more than challenging. But, we are not alone. We worship as a community of faith. We are God's household. This webinar will look at foundational images of the Body of Christ. We will use those images to formulate how we structure and create our thanksgiving and what we do and say when we are at a loss for words.

Register at tinyurl.com/soswebinar063020

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA....

The June 28 sermon from the Synod of Mid-America:

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-4; Romans 6:12-14

Title: Brought Back From Death to Life

Themes: Sacrifice, our bodies as living sacrifice, work for justice and peace, God transforming the world toward goodness, overcoming the power of sin.

Preacher: Rev. Brian Ellison, Stated Clerk, Synod of Mid-America

Sign up for the sermon links at: <http://synodma.org/join-our-mailing-list>

Links for this month's 4th Sunday Sermon will be sent to you by email on or before June

Grace and Peace,
Landon Whitsitt, Synod Executive

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PCUSA RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONS AND MEMBERS

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