

## Notices

June 19, 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.

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 Presbyter, 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

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Matthew 25.....  
The Church



is Not  
a Building

Take time to watch this uplifting video!!  
The church was never closed....

WATCH....The Church Is Not a  
Building!!

We are the church!  
Together,  
Open the doors!



from  
**Lament to Hope**  
*Lamentations 5:20-21*

General Assembly will be streamed live at <https://ga-pcusa.org> and on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/spiritofga/> June 26-27. You can follow the business of the Assembly at <https://www.pc-biz.org>.

Our commissioners and advisory delegate will use these resources plus Zoom to participate in the meeting. The rest of us get to watch online. The docket for the meeting is here.

Also at <https://ga-pcusa.org> you can access information about GA-related events you can participate remotely in such as the Poor People's Moral March on Washington (June 20, 9 a.m. CDT), Youth Rising Coalition (June 23, 2 p.m. CDT), and the virtual GA Marketplace.

*"White Fragility" Online Book Group*

*There's still room for you!*

Feel free to join either the morning (10 am) or evening (7 pm) group, each will

last about an hour.  
July 1st – Read and discuss chapters 1–3  
July 15th – Chapters 4–5  
July 29th – Chapters 6–7  
August 5th – Chapters 8–9  
August 19th – Chapters 10–11  
September 2nd – Chapter 12: Where do we go from here?

REGISTER and RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK ~ 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

**FIRST TIME GENEROSITY:**  
A Three Step Plan to Reaching  
Brand New Givers in Your Church

JUNE 25 // 1:00 PM EDT

The vast majority of your church members are not givers. Do you often wonder how you can change that?

Here's the inconvenient truth about non-givers: They attend, they participate, and they may even serve. They just haven't made a commitment to support your ministry financially. Is that a discipleship gap, a missed opportunity....or both?

Join Generis Principal Jim Sheppard and Michael Lukaszewski, Church Fuel Founder, for an honest conversation about First Time Generosity: A Three Step Plan to Reaching Brand New Givers in Your Church.

Together, they will share a three step plan to help you reach non-givers in your church and encourage them to take the first step on their journey of generosity.

You will learn how to:

- Engage non-givers without using guilt or manipulation.
- Help non-givers get started with generosity in the context of their discipleship journey.
- Inspire all givers to see your church as a vehicle for community impact.
- Segment your database so you can make data-informed decisions and tailor your messages.

LEARN ABOUT "CHURCH FUEL"

Meet Speaker: Jim Sheppard

Meet Speaker: Michael Lukaszewski

Register For The Webinar

## **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.

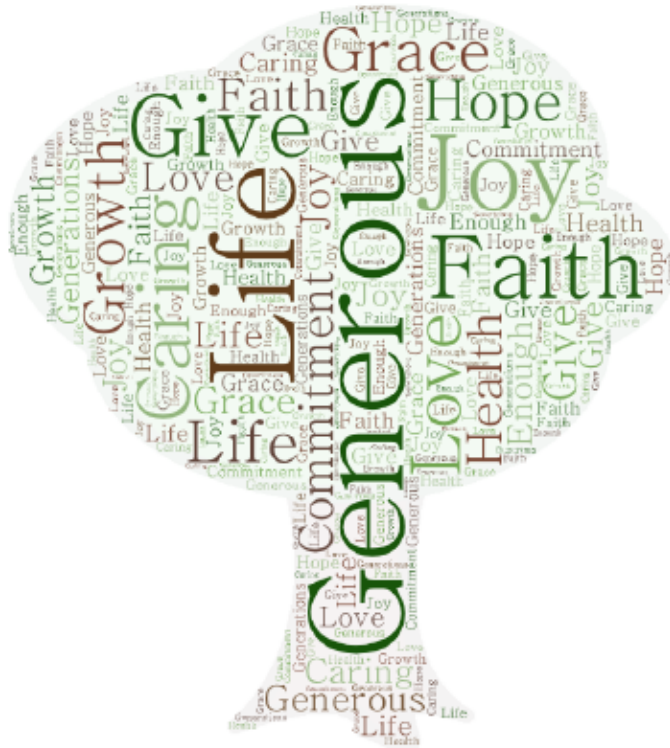
**EMERGING NEEDS GRANT**

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

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

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

[Link to Creative Ministry Grant](#)



## 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](https://tinyurl.com/soswebinar063020)

### **Webinar: Celebrating the Call to Serve as a Ruling Elder**

During her term of service as Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018), Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri has traveled throughout the denomination and found much to celebrate and share about the call and the role of ruling elders in the life of the church.



Vilmarie will serve as the speaker of an upcoming webinar offered specifically for ruling elders as we explore the beauty of this vital service. Registering early will secure a spot in this special event!

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020,  
7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT) via Zoom**

## 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 24.

Grace and Peace,  
Landon Whitsitt, Synod Executive

Sign up for SoMA mailing list

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