

Notices

July 3, 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.
- **Brenda Havens, complete healing and recovery from surgery.** Brenda is the wife of the Reverend Bill Havens a retired pastor of JCP.

From the Reverend Dan Davis, Pastor,

First Presbyterian Church Iola, Kansas



In Iola, we were quite fortunate that leadership decided to begin a live-stream broadcast of worship services several years ago. This meant that Sunday mornings were relatively unchanged as I decided for the sake of continuity and familiarity to continue with a regular order of worship. We have modified a few things but still broadcast each Sunday morn, save for a few glitches electronically and one Elijah's-got-nothing-on-us storm!

Pastorally I have had to do what all pastors have done, relying on phone, email, and text messaging much more. I have also tried to make happenstance meetings around town with members and friends of FPC, Iola more than a simple hello - I have tried to ask about the well-being (physically, mentally, and spiritually) of them and family. It is with a great and deeply felt sigh of relief that all of us here in Iola have been healthy COVID-19 wise and I have kept the undertaker at bay as well.

Then, just as it seemed that the COVID-19 storm was beginning to lessen we had to brace ourselves with even less preparation time for the next storm to hit our nation and society. Iola's Black Lives Matter rally was planned by a group of locals who invited me in on it, and on Sunday afternoon, June 9, 250 people came to the square while many others watched online or have viewed the video of our very successful and peaceful rally.

Though denied regular worshiping practices we have found our church to live and well and prospering! Though denied our presence together we have found our voices in service still. Though denied freedom as we had grown accustom to we have relished and, perhaps, come to understand our freedom in Christ Jesus to be even sweeter.

Outgoing Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly Cindy Kohlmann has provided a worship service for Sunday, July 5. This is available for any church to use.

The service has the following elements:

Prelude

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer (Korean and English)

Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture and Sermon

Hymn "This Is My Song" from the Peacemaking Program's hymnsing

Pastoral Prayer (Spanish and English)

Lord's Prayer (Many languages)

Offering

Communion

Benediction

[Bulletin and Link to the Complete Service](#)

"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

**According to the Committee on Ministry Manual of Operations...
"Annually each person serving a congregation will be required to participate in the presbytery's boundary training offered at presbytery days."**

COVID has made scheduling boundaries trainings more difficult. The presbytery is committed to offering the training in each quadrant of the presbytery, and we believe that being in person adds value to the experience for each participant.

Pastors, if you did not attend the first training of the year in Kimberling City, we encourage you to register for one of the trainings below:

Willow Springs Presbyterian, Willow Springs, Missouri July 7, 12:30-2:30

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=76w4gf4ab&oeidk=a07eh5ui0wf64c3ce1f>

First Presbyterian Church Parsons, Kansas July 14, 10 am-noon

[http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=76w4gf4ab&oeidk=a07eh5uijgae93aa55e)

[llr=76w4gf4ab&oeidk=a07eh5uijgae93aa55e](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=76w4gf4ab&oeidk=a07eh5uijgae93aa55e)

Woodland Heights Presbyterian, Springfield, Missouri July 16, 6-8 pm

[http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=76w4gf4ab&oeidk=a07eh5uijdo1a7624aa)

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Support for Brenda and Bill Havens.....

Bill and Brenda Havens have been in the ministry over 40 years. They have faithfully served congregations in Texas and the greater Springfield, Missouri area including Southminster Presbyterian Church, Ash Grove United Methodist/Presbyterian Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Bill has provided dedicated leadership and pastoral support among John Calvin Presbytery.

Earlier this year, Brenda was diagnosed with a life-threatening heart condition requiring a specialized procedure not available in Springfield. On June 23rd a cardiac surgeon performed the complex surgery at the K.U. Medical Center, Overland Park, Kansas.

While in recovery Brenda sustained a major heart attack. She has experienced

further complications and the medical team anticipates Brenda will be hospitalized at KUMC for several weeks. It is likely she will require further surgery.

Bill stays in a hotel during the week so he can be near Brenda. He returns to Springfield on weekends so he can tend to the needs of their son Eric. As you might expect, hotel, travel, and medical expenses are mounting daily.

Contributing to a gofundme account for Brenda is one way we can be supportive of the Havens family. Please consider a financial gift which will be gratefully received.

Thank you on behalf of the Havens family.

Kent Hollingsworth
Colleague and friend

[Click Here to Support Bill and Brenda Havens](#)

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](#)

A sermon OR complete service option from the Synod of the Covenant, using the lectionary for June 28, but described as an all-season service.

[All Season Service from Synod of the Covenant](#)

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!



[Register for the Webinar Celebrating the Call to Service](#)

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

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