



JCP NOTICES

**John Calvin Presbytery—417.883.8033
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Friday, January 6, 2012

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” **Luke 2:13-15**

Please

remember...

In order to access the member page on the website you need to email Susan Rosenbaum at pastoralpresbyter@gmail.com to request the password.

End of the Year Reports...

The End of the Year for Presbytery and General Assembly can be found at the Annual Report link on the website

jcpresbytery.com . Clerks will receive an email with a password to access the General Assembly reports.

"Do you want to have an officer training for your new ruling elders but wonder when you will have the time to do it? Ward Rudolph of Covenant Presbyterian is among the pastors who are taking advantage of Equipping the Saints II to help with officer training. Why not encourage your officers to do the same? Registrations are currently being accepted and at \$15 for the workshop and lunch, it is a deal that can't be beat. Hope to see you there. **Deadline is January 13**

JCP Notices” will be published on a weekly basis, typically circulated on a Friday.

Please email all brief prayer requests and notes to a different email address johncalvinpresbyter@gmail.com by 12noon on Wednesday. Thank you so much.

Please note some email address have changed.....

To reach Pastoral Presbyter, Susan Rosenbaum —
email: pastoralpresbyter@gmail.com.

To reach Stated Clerk, Melana Scruggs —
email: melanascruggs@gmail.com.

Our new website is jcpresbytery.com

OUR PRESBYTERY OFFICE IS OPEN ...

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-1:30pm.

A trained volunteer , Susan, Melana or Gail staffs the office.



Mission Statzment...

A joyful, holy community of Christian believers, diverse yet united.

Committed to serving Christ in the church and in the world.

Prepared by God through the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry.

From Your Pastoral Presbyter...

I have a friend whose daughter just took her driving test to get her license and a grandson whose parents asked my husband, Randy, to teach him to drive because neither one of them thinks they have the patience to tackle that task. So I have been thinking about my own drivers test. While it happened more than 40 years ago, I can still remember it as if it were yesterday. I grew up in Springfield and learned to drive on the road to Nixa, where I kept my horse. It just so happened that shortly before my driving test, Springfield changed Jefferson to a one-way street. Therefore, it was only natural that the driving examiner had me turn left onto this new one-way street to see if I would turn into the correct lane. I will have to say that I did not turn into the correct lane because there was a car down the road coming the wrong way down that new one-way street. If I had turned into the left lane as the law required, the consequences would have been less than ideal for passing the test. I remember the examiner saying that he would not count it against me since I had no control over the other driver.

This has caused me to think a lot about change. John Calvin Presbytery has had a lot of changes in the past several years and often times we forget about the changes which have happened and we revert to our old ways without even thinking. That is understandable because it takes time to get used to new ways of doing things. One of the tasks that I have been charged with as your Pastoral Presbyter is to improve communication in this presbytery. This is one area which always seems to need attention. A couple of things I am doing to help people be more connected are this column in the weekly notices and a monthly newsletter column which I am now sending out to 23 churches. I am also going to churches and talking with people in the pews whenever I am invited. However, communication cannot be a one-way street. I need your input. I am truly interested in your invitations and your ideas. I am available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday evenings to come to churches and be a part of a program, give a program on the presbytery, talk to your sessions, or do any number of tasks you might want me to do. I have been to three churches and each time, I have had a marvelous time getting to know the people and the missions of each church. I would also like input on how we are doing as a presbytery. I am asking for your help in living into this new structure of John Calvin Presbytery. Please let me know what you think, invite me to your church and help me be more connected to each and every one of you. My email address is pastoralpresbyter@gmail.com, the office phone is 417-883-8033 and my cell phone is 620-674-1844. I hope I will hear from you soon.

Susan

Mileage Rate...

IRS mileage reimbursement rate for 2012 will remain at \$0.555 per mile

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS II

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY - LIVING UNITED

CHURCH LEADERSHIP EVENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

9:00 A.M. ENDING 3:34 P.M.,

FIRST AND CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

820 CHERRY,

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

*This leadership development initiative is a ministry of the
General Council of John Calvin Presbytery*

About the Presenters:

Reverend Susan Rosenbaum was recently called and hired as the Pastoral Presbyter of John Calvin Presbytery. She has served five small churches in JCP and has also served as Stated Clerk of JCP from 2003-2006. Presently she is also the pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Kansas where she has been for almost 13 years.

Reverend Melana Scruggs is pastor at Crane Presbyterian Church in Crane, Missouri and Stated Clerk in John Calvin Presbytery.

Reverend Mansour Khajepour is a former Moslem and native of Iran, who was saved by God's grace and through Presbyterian mission work in Iran. He received his M.Div. from Princeton University and has organized three churches. He is an ordained pastor in the PC(USA), and lives in Fort Scott, Kansas with his wife and two children.

Dr. Donald McKim is an ordained pastor in the PC(USA), has taught Theology at numerous seminaries and colleges, and is the author of several books including, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*. Dr. McKim is the editor of *These Days* and the Executive Editor for *Theology* for Westminster John Knox Press. He and his wife, the Reverend Linda Jo McKim, live in Germantown, Tennessee.

Reverend Herb Codington was born and raised on the mission field, (Korea) as was his wife Suzan (Brazil). They have five children, one of whom is a missionary in Albania, and another is in seminary training for the ministry. Reverend Codington is a pastor of smaller membership congregations in Laurens County, South Carolina. He participates in a 16 church cluster and serves with a small mission agency that has worked in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Judy Wyrick is a past Moderator of the John Calvin Presbytery General Council and was a member of its Restructure Vision Task Force. She is an Elder from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield.

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS II

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

FIRST AND CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 820 CHERRY, SPRINGFIELD

You are cordially invited to join us for **Equipping the Saints II** and let the workshop opportunities, worship, table fellowship and prayers strengthen your service to God. This JCP Leadership Event offers six workshops designed to provide leadership opportunities for the entire church.

Participants attend at least two workshops of their choice, one in the morning and one in the afternoon (all workshops repeat in Session II). Pastors and Elders bring or send at least six participants to benefit from all workshops.

AGENDA:	9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Coffee
	9:20 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Worship and Plenary
	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Workshops Session I
	12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Lunch
	1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Workshops Session II
	3:30 p.m.	Closing Conversations and Community Prayers

WORKSHOPS:

A. HOW TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN ELDER – Learn more about the “how’s”, “why’s” and what “for’s” of being who God calls you to be as an elder in a Presbyterian Church (USA) with Reverend Susan Rosenbaum

B. HOW TO MAKE SESSION MEETINGS SO EFFECTIVE THAT NO ONE WANTS TO MISS!!

Reverend Melana Scruggs shares all kinds of ideas to help make your Session meetings more effective using the Book of Order and other resources.

C. THE “E” WORD: EVANGELISM GOES TO CHURCH – Reverend Mansour Khajehpour presents ideas of ways to incorporate evangelism into the everyday life of your church.

D. A ROMP THROUGH PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGY – Dr. Donald McKim will take an aerial view of main themes in our Reformed and Presbyterian Theology. The Reverend McKim will explore how these theological understandings help us understand ourselves as Reformed Christians and as members of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

E. LIFE IN THE SMALL CHURCH – Reverend Herb Codington offers unique ways smaller membership congregations can still make big time and talent contributions to the JCP community and to the wider church.

F. REAL WELCOME: HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES “COME ON IN” – Judy Wyrick and a JCP panel will offer suggestions and examples of welcoming people into your church community. We’ll go from greeting to eating to small groups to departing to serve. Welcome!

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REGISTRATION

DEADLINE: JANUARY 13, 2012

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS: Please circle **one** choice for Session I (a.m.) and **one** choice for Session II (p.m.)

SESSION I: A B C D E F

SESSION II: A B C D E F

COST \$15 per person. Make all checks payable to John Calvin Presbytery. Submit one form for each registrant.