



JCP NOTICES

**John Calvin Presbytery—417.883.8033
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Friday, December 23, 2011

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. **Luke 1 : 46—49**

Jays and Concerns

A Joy to share and pray for—On December 20th 2011 @ 9:28 pm, weighing on at 7 lbs and 13 oz., Alexander William came to this world. Mother Danna Lyons daughter of Michael A. and Tami Lyons is doing well. With all of that said, lets pray for the new family as they will meet several challenges in the coming days, months and years. Thanks Michael A. Lyons

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.

*May your Christmas be filled with the
love, joy and peace of the King.*

Merry Christmas!

From the Staff of John Calvin Presbytery.

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 johncalvinpresby@gmail.com by 12noon on Wednesday. Thank you so much.

Mileage Rate...

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



The Presbytery office will be closed the week of December 26th for the holidays.



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.



Mission Statzment...

A joyful, holy community of Christian bēlievęrs,
divęrsę yet united.

Committed to sęrving Christ I
n thę church and in thę world.

Prępared by God through thę Holy Spirit

From Your Pastoral Presbyter. . . .

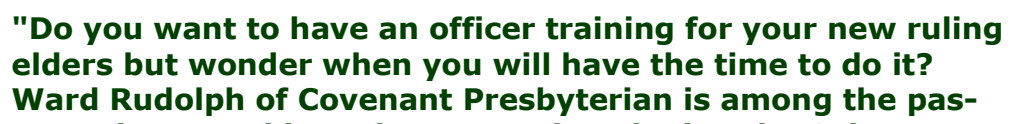
The December 3, 2011 meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was an awesome event and I praise God for the Spirit filled worship and time of meeting together and building relationships. I want to thank everyone who participated in any way to help make this meeting such a success. As promised, I compiled the answers to the conversation questions and here are the results. The following ideas were common threads in the small groups.

Question 1, "How does being connectional help you be the person and church you are called by God to be?" Many people responded that it meant we were stronger together (like all those churches who helped out with Joplin tornado relief), we can do more if we join together than we can if we seek to do everything on our own, we can do things better with more people, and enthusiasm is generated and passed along to others when we work together as a presbytery. Also, being connectional meant Presbytery was willing to stand with congregations when they were going through difficult times even when the whole congregation was not aware of their presence.

Question 2, "What in the narrative budget excites you?" Does this make you think of anything you might be doing in your own church?" was answered in a variety of ways. One good thing was that a balanced budget excited people and that they could use this as a good example for their own church. Another response was that the narrative budget was very informative and helped people better understand the budget of the Presbytery. There was also excitement generated about the use of technology, possible campus ministries, youth ministries and working together as churches so we could have more resources at our disposal.

Question 3, "What new ideas or dreams for creative ministry do you have for your church that might be fulfilled with a Creative Ministry Grant?" This question provided some good input on how much people are still trying to understand just what this is and how it will be used. This gives me the opportunity to tell you that we are in the process of gathering a group of people who will define the parameters of the grant – what it can be used for, the amounts of the grants and how to do things like follow up and support. Those should be in place hopefully sometime early in 2012. We are hoping that this grant program will help churches think outside the box and try things that they have never done in the past, things that excite them and perhaps even help them be connected with other churches in order to make their dreams become a reality. Some ideas generated were hot meals for local police officers and firefighters, a once a week hot meal for the homeless, and new and different fundraisers. I do believe these questions generated some good ideas and helped us all better understand where we are going as a presbytery. As we begin a new year together, I pray that each and every one of us will be involved in some way in the ministry and mission of John Calvin Presbytery and we may all work together for the glory of our God.

Susan



"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.



Christmas Eve Service of Solace

Noon, December 24

Southminster Presbyterian Church

2245 South Holland, Springfield

As the streets are filled with the sound of songs of joy, and the world seems bent on creating an overwhelming sense of happiness, many are all too aware that they do not share these same feelings.

Perhaps you have lost a loved one in the past year and this will be the first Christmas without him or her. Perhaps you have lost a loved one in the past, but grieve much more around the holidays. These things can make celebrating Christmas hard. This Christmas Eve Service of Solace is designed for those who want to recognize the birth of the Christ Child, yet need a more quiet and contemplative space to do so.

This service offers two things for people: First, it offers a time out. A place where one can be with others without putting on the face of celebration. A place where one can be with others in quietness to experience a kind of solitude within a Christian community. Second, it offers a time for honoring those who have passed away. It recognizes, that for many of us, it is those who are absent that we wish most could be here this Christmas season. The service allows for space to both grieve the losses and remember the fond memories while at the same time honoring the fulfillment of God's promises in the birth of the Savior.

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!

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS II

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.