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Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;
Psalm 89:15

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

February 2, 2014

Faith Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO

Teaching Elder Bruce Bradley, Temporary Supply
Ms. Sandy Melton, Clerk of Session; Communicator

Presbyterian Disciples Church, Lexington, MO

Teaching Elder John Swisher, Temporary Supply
Ms. Mary Elsea, Clerk of Session
Ms. Candy Myers, Communicator

Nueva Jerusalén, La Estancia Cantel

Teaching Elder Abraham Salaníc

Special Prayer Requests

- Pastors and Congregations in Transition
- All Looking for Employment
- Those Touched by Violence here and in the world
- All Military Personnel

- ★ Trinity Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO invites the presbytery to join them in 40 Days of Prayer as they discern God's plan for their possible redevelopment. The congregational meeting and vote will take place on March 2nd. (Submitted by Sarah Butler)





HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

(IN DATE ORDER ~ BE SURE TO CHECK REGISTRATION DEADLINES
FOR EVENTS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. NEW/UPDATED ITEMS HAVE A ★ BULLET.)

IN HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY

- ★ Thank you to all who made Embracing Hope 2014 a success! We hope that all had a meaningful experience and were uplifted and strengthened in their journeys. Watch your email for an on-line evaluation survey. Your responses do matter! If you enjoyed the event, please let others know so they will look forward to sharing next year's Embracing Hope with you. (Submitted by Congregational Ministries Division)

Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery would like to share their [January e-Connection](#). Also available is their 2014 [Operating Budget](#). Both items are available through the links here and at www.heartlandpby.org under the *Presbyterian Women's* tab. (Submitted by Pam Nitsche)

As the year begins it is important for information to be updated in Heartland Presbytery's records. Please help us gather new and updated church financial contact information by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/hpfinancialcontact>. For more information or assistance contact Brian Hathhorn through financial@heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by Brian Hathhorn)

- ★ **Attention Clerks of Session:** Don't forget your Year-end Statistical Data and Clerk's Questionnaire are due by February 20! Follow this link to the [Statistical Workbook](#) and this link to a working copy of the [Clerk's Questionnaire](#). Additional documents are also needed by Heartland Presbytery. **NOTE:** The *Terms of Call* forms previously sent to you are incorrect! For the correct form and more information go to the **Announcements** tab at www.heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by Sally Hinchman)

The Presbyterian Urban and Immigrant Ministries Network (PUIMN) invites you to a conversation titled "Worship and Witness in the 21st Century – When the Exiles Come Home" with Dr. Rob Hoch author of "By the Rivers of Babylon: Blueprint for a Church in Exile" on Saturday, March 22 at Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th St., Kansas City, MO 64113 beginning at 10 a.m. The event is free; reservations are requested by March 19 to Heartland Presbytery, 816-924-1730. Share the [flyer](#) and join the event. (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

Save the date for the Heartland Presbytery Youth Retreat April 25 – 26 at Heartland Center. The topic is "I Wanna See You Be Brave" with the text from 1 Timothy 4:12. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Keith Harris and the event is open to all Middle School and High School youth. Share the [flyer](#) and watch for registration information on the *Youth* tab at www.Heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

- ★ The next Presbytery Partnership Trip to Guatemala is April 23 -30, 2014. Those interested in the trip can view the [brochure](#) and should fill out the [2014 April Guatemala Trip Registration](#). The deadline for the form and first payment need to be received is February 15 [note the corrected date]. For questions and further information, please contact Ky Weekley at ky.weekley@gmail.com. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)

IN OUR MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

Village U at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208, is offering *Blue is the New Green: Water Issues in the 21st Century* by Kristin Riott on Tuesday, February 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Room 232 of Village Church. This environmental class will contain an overview of fresh water issues globally, nationally and locally. It also offers a summary of Bridging the Gap's recent work with citizens on water conservation. (Submitted by Jerry Rees, Heartland Earthkeepers member)

First Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Pleasant, Independence, MO invites all to their Chocolate Festival on Sunday, February 9 from 1 – 4 pm in their Westminster Hall (Pleasant & Lexington, Independence, MO). For a free-will donation, patrons may sample three decadent chocolate delicacies choosing from cake to fruit to other yummys dipped in the chocolate fountain. Just in time for Valentine's Day, there is the opportunity to buy goodies for your sweetie pie or bid on a gift basket. Children under third grade will enjoy the Chocolate Kid's Corner full of fun activities. (Submitted by Nancy Ehrlich)

IN THE LARGER CHURCH

Reserve your place at the table and join the 2014 Diversity and Inclusion Summit on Friday, February 28 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at UMKC Pierson Auditorium, Kansas City, MO. This event brings together leaders in the civic, educational, financial, governmental, health, corporate and legal communities to discuss the road to full inclusion and strategies to make equality and access a reality for all. Registrations are being handled through <https://projectequality.eventbrite.com>. (Submitted by Kirk Perucca)

Stewardship in March? Of course! The 2014 Stewardship Kaleidoscope for elders, pastors, presbytery staff and volunteers will help to equip and engage them to emerge in the work of ministry. Join March 17 – 19 in St. Louis, MO for workshops, worship and more. Plan your learning experience by looking through the [brochure](#) or go to www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org to register. (Submitted by office staff)

Elder Bill Tammeus of Second Presbyterian Church of Kansas City will be teaching a seminar "Turning Our Pain to Hope Through Writing" April 29 -30 at Heartland Center. Details for this event are at <http://bit.ly/1eHyQpf>. An extended version of the seminar will be held the week of August 11 at the Ghost Ranch national Presbyterian Conference Center in New Mexico. Details for this event are at <http://bit.ly/1amHTKN>. Bill, former Faith section columnist for *The Kansas City Star*, now writes a daily "Faith Matters" blog on *The Star's* website, as well as columns for both *The Presbyterian Outlook* and *The National Catholic Reporter*. (Submitted by Bill Tammeus)

The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary has just released information on two [Online Continuing Education](#) opportunities and a [Doctor of Ministry Cohort](#). Follow the links for more information or visit <http://udts.dbq.edu>. (Submitted by Kristi Lynch, University of Dubuque)

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