



THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

February 9, 2014

Parkville Presbyterian Church, Parkville, MO

Teaching Elder Ky Weekley, Interim Pastor
Teaching Elder Shannon Jung, Parish Associate
Mr. Mike Vaughn, Clerk of Session

Oregon Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO

Teaching Elder Charles David Cliburn, Temporary Supply
Ms. Alita Meyer, Clerk of Session

Craig Presbyterian Church, Craig, MO

Ms. Lu Jackson, Clerk of Session

Special Prayer Requests

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

Heartland Presbytery extends its prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Rev. Forest “Skeeter” Link, who passed away on January 29 in New Mexico. Condolences may be sent to his family in care of his wife Dee Link at their home 3 Santa Domingo Trail S., Corrales, New Mexico 87048. A memorial service will be held in Lawrence, KS in March.

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

- ★ The next Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery will be on Saturday, February 22 at Central Presbyterian Church, 3501 Campbell, Kansas City, MO 64109. Child care will be provided at this meeting IF reservations are made by noon on Tuesday, Feb. 18. The meeting packet deadline is Monday, Feb. 10 if you have items to be included. The packet will be available on-line Friday, Feb. 14 for you to download. If you have any questions please contact Stated Clerk Ruling Elder Sally Hinchman at clerk@heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by office staff)
- ★ Thirty-five youth and adult sponsors enjoyed the day at Heartland's Winter Youth Rally on the scenic Parkville Presbyterian Church campus. Using improvisational techniques to bring scripture to life, five teams practiced ways to plan and lead worship and competed in the Heartland Olympic games. Follow this [link to their scrapbook pages](#). (Submitted by Mari Lyn Jones)
- ★ Meet Beverly Mata, pictured here in the arms of her mother Neli in the courtyard of their home on the outskirts of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. They are the granddaughter and daughter respectively of Mario Rudy Barrios, current Moderator of Maya Quiché Presbytery. When Mario visited Heartland Presbytery in April 2011, he spent two nights at the home of then-Moderator Bev Barr. So impressed by and grateful was he for that time with Bev and her husband Bill that upon the birth of his granddaughter 6 months later, Mario convinced the family to name her accordingly. The presbytery group that just visited Guatemala in January was able to meet Bev Barr's namesake in person. Just one more example of our Partnership "family"!



Join us on the next trip to Guatemala! [Follow this link for more details](#)

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)

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. To submit updates or changes for church financial contact information please visit <http://tinyurl.com/hpfinancialcontact>. Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of your congregations!

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 Saturday, February 8 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

- ★ All are invited to join Cherith Brook, 3308 E. 12th St. Kansas City, MO 64127, on Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for their Second Saturday Work Day. Work will include sorting clothes, cooking breakfast, deep cleaning, doing maintenance, etc. Stay and enjoy table fellowship after work. RSVP to help plan projects by calling (816) 241-8047 or email at cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

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)

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