



# THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. Psalm 149:4

## PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

February 16, 2014

*Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO*

Teaching Elder Paul Rock, Pastor

Teaching Elder Don P. Fisher, Associate Pastor

Ms. Debbie Pagels, Candidate

Ms. Debbie Drotts, Clerk of Session

Ms. Marsha Kirsch, Communicator



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 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Submitted by Sarah Butler)

### *Special Prayer Requests*

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



## 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

- ★ Join the Vacation Bible School (VBS) extravaganza on Tuesday, February 11 at Knox Presbyterian Church, 9595 W. 95th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. During this open house event you can preview the 2014 VBS kits of several major publishers and speak with their clinicians. Visit with other education folks to find out VBS “best practices” and brainstorm with your own committee in this energizing environment. A light dinner will be available for \$3 per person. For more information or to RSVP contact Malinda Spencer at 816-923-5486 or [education@heartlandpby.org](mailto:education@heartlandpby.org).

- ★ Don't miss your opportunity to visit our partner Maya Quiché Presbytery in April! The deadline for registration and first payment is Saturday, February 15. Check out the [trip/partnership brochure](#) and complete your [registration form](#). Be part of the excitement and fellowship of this unique group of Presbyterians. For more information contact Rachel Lausch at 913-631-6620. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)
- ★ Check out the Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery's [February e-connection](#). It is also available at [www.heartlandpby.org](http://www.heartlandpby.org) under the *Presbyterian Women* tab. (Submitted by Pam Nitsche)
- ★ Is stewardship your passion? Then be sure to register for the Stewardship Kaleidoscope event March 17-19 in St. Louis, MO. You will spend three days with like-minded folks learning innovative and practical ways to lead your congregation. Check out [the brochure](#) to view the many workshops offered and beat the early bird registration deadline of February 24! Heartland Presbytery is a sponsoring organization of this national event.

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](mailto: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](#)

**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](http://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

- ★ All are invited to share in the celebration as The Rev. Dr. Michael McCall is installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lee's Summit, MO on Sunday February 16 at 3:00 pm. The church is located at 1625 NW O'Brien Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. A reception will follow the Service of Installation. [Link to your invitation](#).

- ★ St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 2910 Victor, Kansas City, MO 64128, will host its annual Black History Program in conjunction with the National Association of Black Veterans on Sunday, February 16 at 2:30 pm. Featured will be the Word of God, good singing and soul food as veterans are honored. View and share [the flyer](#). (Submitted by Toni Oliver)
- ★ Southminster Presbyterian Church's Youth Group presents their 2014 Dinner Theater featuring "Not So Grimm Tales" on Sunday, February 16 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, 6306 Roe Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$7 for age 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Visit [www.southminsterpres.com](http://www.southminsterpres.com) for more information. (Submitted by Lyn Tolson)
- ★ The Rev. Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) will speak on "Issues Facing the Presbyterian Church Today" as we prepare for the 221<sup>st</sup> meeting of the General Assembly in June. The dinner and program will be on Friday, February 21 at 5:30 pm at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Dinner is \$10 at the door, RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 19 to Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or [Marianne@villagepres.org](mailto:Marianne@villagepres.org). View [the flyer](#) and share it with your congregation. (Submitted by Cynthia Holder Rich)
- ★ Blue hymnals needed: First Presbyterian Church of Fairfax, MO is interested in obtaining about twelve of the blue hymnals to replace some that have been lovingly overused. Please contact Kay Smith at [FPCCLerk@hotmail.com](mailto:FPCCLerk@hotmail.com) to make pick up or drop off arrangements. (Submitted by Kay Smith)
- ★ Knox Presbyterian Church, 9595 W.95th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 will be hosting the Christian Communications Institute (CCI) from Payap University, Thailand, on Sunday, March 16 at 6:30 PM. Likay, Thai folk drama, is filled with dance, drama and humor with participants dressed in traditional Thai costumes. This will be their only presentation in the metro area. For more information check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNlXy143Qow> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMchQ2AjZ4U>. View and [share their flyer](#).

## IN THE LARGER CHURCH

- ★ The Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery are invited to attend a special Church Women United Assembly March 22 and 23, 2014 in Roach, MO (Lake of the Ozarks, near Camdenton). Registration is due by February 19 and the \$50.00 fee includes programming, materials, lodging and 4 meals. For more information and a registration form contact Gail Cunningham at [gailc.pac@gmail.com](mailto:gailc.pac@gmail.com) or 913-649-3293. I think you'll find it worth your while and would be most grateful if we could increase our PW participation by at least ten people. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham)
- ★ All are invited to join the Cherith Brook Roundtable, "This is No Video Game! *Myths and Truths about Drone Warfare*" on Friday, February 21 at 7 pm at the café, 3226 E. 12th St. Kansas City, MO 64127. The evening's guest will be Brian Terrell co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence., For more information call (816) 241-8047 or email [cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com](mailto: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)

## REMINDERS



- Send event announcements and joys and concerns for the Heartland Connection to [communication@heartlandpby.org](mailto:communication@heartlandpby.org) by Wednesday each week for publication in the next week's edition.
- When purchasing Presbyterian resources, the Church Resource Center would appreciate your use of the [Church Resource Center web portal](#). The Church Resource Center receives denominational resources as a result of orders through this portal. Thank you for your support.

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