



THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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Dear God, please help us to keep in mind that when we say “It depends on the weather” to realize that we should be grateful that you never say that when we call upon you for guidance. -Anonymous

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

February 23, 2014

King City Presbyterian Church, King City, MO

Ms. Beverly Culver, Clerk of Session

Ms. Julia Goforth, Communicator

Raymore Presbyterian Church, Raymore, MO

Mr. David Kremer, Commissioned Ruling Elder

Ms. Juanita Carl, Clerk of Session

Ms. Joanna Combs, Communicator

Liveración Divina, Nueva Candelaria, Totoncapán

Teaching Elder Esteben Matul



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 Presbytery extends its sympathies and support to Rev. Doug and Kay Sprouse and family upon the death of her father.

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

- ★ Order forms for purchasing 2014-2015 Presbyterian Planning Calendars through Heartland Presbytery are now available. The cost per calendar is \$9.50 and they will be available in May. For more details follow [this link](#) or to order through PayPal visit <http://javapodz.com/heartlandpresbytery>. (Submitted by staff)

Last Chance to apply to visit our partner Maya Quiché Presbytery in April! Check out the [trip/partnership brochure](#), complete your [registration form](#), and 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 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. You may download the packet from www.heartlandpby.org and follow the links from the *Meetings* tab or through Cubby at www.cubby.com/pl/Heartland+Presbytery+Documents/35080d632cb64ecba127937863cc0d6f#Heartland%20Presbytery%20Documents If you have any questions please contact Stated Clerk Ruling Elder Sally Hinchman at clerk@heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by office staff)

- ★ Save the Date for the Heartland Presbytery Youth Retreat on April 25 – 26 at Heartland Center. The theme is “I Wanna See You Be Brave!” based on 1 Timothy 4:12 with keynote speaker Rev. Keith Harris. View and share [the flyer](#) and register before April 21 through the *Youth* tab at www.Heartlandpby.org or by visiting www.churchresourcecenter.org. (Submitted by staff)

IN OUR MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

- ★ The congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1400 Sheley Rd., Independence, MO 64052 invite you to join in the celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Elizabeth Meador on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow in Founders' Hall. Follow this link to [view your invitation](#) (Submitted by Mari Shineman)

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 221st 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. 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 to make pick up or drop off arrangements. (Submitted by Kay Smith)

- ★ Village Presbyterian Church announces their Visiting Scholar Event February 28 – March 1 featuring John Dominic Crossan speaking on “Jesus Then and Now”. Friday’s program will begin at 7 pm and be followed by a reception and book signing. Saturday’s events begin at 9 am. Visit www.villagepres.org [click on *Ministries* then *Visiting Scholar*] to register online, call 913-671-2381 or email visitingscholar@villagepres.org for more information including cost. (Submitted by Presbyterian Women of Village Presbyterian Church)

- ★ The Arab Presbyterian Fellowship invites all to a Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 9 at 4:30 pm in Heartland Hall of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 11100 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS to celebrate their anniversary. Enjoy an ethnic meal at 4:30 pm (free will offering) and the program from 6 -7 pm. View and share [the flyer](#) and plan to attend! (submitted by staff)

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=jNIXy143Qow> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMchQ2AjZ4U>. View and [share their flyer](#).

IN THE LARGER CHURCH

- ★ There will be an “Exploring a Call to Seminary” Conference at the University of Dubuque from Wednesday March 12 to Friday March 14, 2014. It is designed for individuals who are exploring God’s call to ministry and mission. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and students, attend classes and worship, tour the beautiful campus, and explore many aspects of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary’s exceptional community life. The deadline for registration is Monday, March 3. Visit <http://udts.dbq.edu/ExploreCall.cfm> for more information. (Submitted by Kristi Lynch)
- ★ The 58th Annual Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation’s Summer Pastors’ School will be held July 9 – 16, 2014 at Hastings College, Hastings, NE. Applications are open to all clergy and Commissioned Ruling Elders who are actively engaged in Presbyterian ministry in the region served by the Foundation. Information about the four guest speakers and more can be found at <http://www.omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/>. (Submitted by staff)
- ★ 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. [Link to more information](#) or contact Gail Cunningham at gailc.pac@gmail.com or 913-649-3293 who thinks you'll find it worth your while and would be most grateful if PWHP could increase our 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. (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)

- ★ Church Women United of Kansas City, Missouri invite all to join on the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7 at 10 am at Jamison Temple, CME, 3115 E. Linwood, Kansas City, MO. World Day of Prayer is

a movement which brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding, and action, with members in 170 countries. Through World Day of Prayer, people affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. The motto of the World Day of Prayer is “Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action”. The building is wheelchair accessible; Reservations not required; No childcare provided. For more information on this event contact Gail Cunningham at gailc.pac@gmail.com or 913-649-3293. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham)

REMINDERS



- Send event announcements and joys and concerns for the Heartland Connection to 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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