



# The Heartland Connection

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## Special Prayer Requests

**For understanding and peace** instead of hatred and violence in our communities, country and the world.

Heartland Presbytery joins with the [PC\(USA\) who sends condolences and prayers to the victims of the shootings outside of the Jewish facilities.](#)

**For traveling mercies for the delegation from Heartland Presbytery** going to visit our brothers and sisters in the Maya Quiche Presbytery in Guatemala. The trip extends from April 23 through 30.

**Barbara McConnell**, Susan Letizia's sister

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## Heartland Happenings

### In Heartland Presbytery

Please note that the **Heartland Presbytery offices will be closed on Friday, April 18** in observance of Good Friday. May one and all have a blessed Easter celebration!

**PLACE (Presbyterian Lutheran Association of Christian Educators) invites everyone to join on Tuesday, April 22 at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church**, 3108 Westbound 40 Highway, Blue Springs, MO 64015 as they meet with the topic of "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit". Time together will include guest speaker Pam Davenport, author of *Exercising Values*. Lunch provided. RSVP to Malinda Spencer, [education@heartlandpby.org](mailto:education@heartlandpby.org) for meal preparation. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

**Stewardship Note:** Your church might find it helpful to put reminders in bulletins and in your newsletters. Here are 35 quotes from famous folks giving that you can place here and there throughout the year: [www.presbyterianendowment.org/information/library/articlesnewsle materialstories/35-quotes-giving-names-you-know](http://www.presbyterianendowment.org/information/library/articlesnewsle materialstories/35-quotes-giving-names-you-know) (Submitted by Kevin

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## In Our Member Congregations

**Editor's Apologies:** When posting Linda Stephanchick's retirement celebration last week the link to the flyer was missing so I am rerunning the announcement:

**Please Join Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, 6429 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raytown, MO 64133 on Sunday, May 4 to help celebrate the 26 years Linda Stephanchick's music ministry** on the occasion of her retirement. [Click here to view your invitation.](#) (Submitted by Pat Jackson)

**Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th St., Kansas City, MO, is looking for very part-time Accounting Assistant.** Check out the [job description through this link](#) or visit [www.secondpres.org](http://www.secondpres.org). (Submitted by Leanna Hattaway)

## In the Larger Church

**The Christian Learning Center Network offers tips for an Inclusive Easter** so all God's children will feel welcomed:

- Barbara J. Newman and colleagues share practical ways your church can welcome all this Easter (and beyond) in [this blog post](#).
- Struggling with behavior management? [Phil Stegink offers advice](#) addressing challenging behavior and creating a positive environment.
- Children and adults with disabilities are made in the image of God. Does your language and attitude reflect this Biblical truth? Be challenged by these personal reflections on [responding to the birth of a baby with Down syndrome](#) and [using person-first language](#).

(Submitted by Malinda Spencer)



### Reminders and Other Links

**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 arrive in May. For more details follow [this link](#) or to order through PayPal visit <http://javapodz.com/heartlandpresbytery>.

**Send events, 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 editor

**Follow this link for Presbyterian Church (USA) News & Announcements:**  
[newsandannouncements@pcusa.org](mailto:newsandannouncements@pcusa.org)

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