

# Heartland Connection

*April 10, 2013*

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*And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will complete it.*

*- Philippians 1:6*



## *OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER*

### *Maxwell Hights Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO*

Mr. Chris Heumader, Clerk of Session

Mr. Sam Monger, Communicator

### *Presbyterian Christain Church, Stewartsville, MO*

Mr. Jerry Burks, Temporary Supply

Dr. Tom Courtney, Clerk of Session

### *Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery*

### *Maya Quiche Presbiterial Presbyterian Women*

## *OUR Upcoming EVENTS*

- 2013 Presbyterian Youth [Triennium registration open!](#) —July 16-20, 2013—Purdue University
- 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan
- Heartland Presbytery Meeting- Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Plenary Meeting on Generous Congregations- April 25, 2013 at Bethel Presbyterian Church
- Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery Spring Gathering- April 20, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church of Gardner, Shawnee, KS



## OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS



This is just a friendly reminder to beware of construction on the way to the Presbytery meeting on April 13, 2013. They have been working on updating I-435 and 69 hwy, leading to occasional lane closers. So please be safe and allow for extra driving time.

**Order your Presbyterian Planning Calendars today!**

Attached to this Heartland Connection is the order form to be filled out and returned to Heartland Presbytery.

You can also order your calendars online by going to <http://www.javapodz.com/hpby>

The Presbytery packet is now available on line at the following link

<https://www.cubby.com/pl/Presbytery+Packet/7195fb5624c64c5285f588d0044e9780>

**Presbytery Middle School Retreat** – Mark your calendars the Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) is coming up fast, April 26-27, 2014 at Heartland Presbyterian Center. Flyer and registration forms are attached to the email that delivered this newsletter. For more information or questions contact Holly Samborski at [holly@johnknoxkirk.org](mailto:holly@johnknoxkirk.org). (submitted by Cathy Brookerd)

**Spring Gathering of Presbytery Women in Heartland Presbytery-April 20, 2015** being held at the First Presbyterian Church of Gardner for 8:15 am- 12:45pm with The Reverend Doctor Rhashell D. Hunter. The cost is \$8.00 per person with lunch and program material provided. The deadline to sign up for this event is Monday, April 15, 2013. For questions or to return registration form contact Janet Kelley at 8319 Sagamore Road Leewood, KS 66206 or by phone at (913) 341-5076 (submitted by Pam Nitsche)

**Mark your calendar for July 31, 2013 for Heartland Presbytery Youth Day at Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun.** This is a great summer activity for youth groups. It is the park's 40th anniversary. The park will experience its largest expansion and Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun will be one park with a single admission ticket! Tickets are \$32 and include an all you can eat lunch buffet. Details will be in future Heartland Connections or contact Cathy Brookerd ([cathy@johnknoxkirk.org](mailto:cathy@johnknoxkirk.org)). (submitted by Cathy Brookerd)

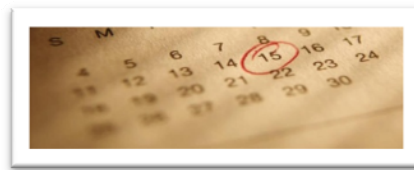
**Presbyterians for Earth Care** invite you to be a part of our 2013 Conference “Ethical Earth Care: Keeping Creation Sacred.” We look forward to gathering together as co-stewards in Creation care during this challenging time where it seems there is little respect for our Sacred Sphere. The conference will be October 16 – 19 at the amazingly green Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. We invite you to gather together to reflect upon–perhaps even create–an ethic of Earth care which seeks the well-being of all Creation. We look forward to working together toward this ethic at our PEC

conference. We invite you to be a part of this amazing work, with shared wisdom from many different prophets and leaders of our time, including our plenary leader Larry Rasmussen, Th.D., Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, NYC, and author of [Earth-Honoring Faith](#). Please go to the PEC website at [www.presbyearthcare.org](http://www.presbyearthcare.org) for more information and to register for the conference. (submitted by Diane Waddell)

**Big Tent** - August 1-3, 2013 – Louisville, Kentucky

Love God. Love neighbor. Let God take care of the rest. This is the heart of Christ's message – and good news for the church today. Come to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Big Tent event and discover for yourself how putting God's first things first can bring rebirth and renewal to your church. The Big Tent combines ten national conferences under one roof, gathering thousands of Presbyterian pastors, elders, and other church leaders to study, share, worship, and fellowship, and to build up the body of Christ. **The 10 Partner Conferences:** Evangelism and Church Growth, Compassion, Peace and Justice, Healthy Ministries, National Elders Conference, National Multicultural Network, Presbyterian Communicators Network, Racial Ethnic and Immigrants Convocation, Seminary Support Network, Theology, Worship and Education, and World Mission. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)

Register now <https://events.pcusa.org/accounts/login/?next=/register/big-tent-2013/>



## OUR HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

Heartland Presbytery's Peacemaking Committee and Village Presbyterian Church are co-sponsoring a *Pastor's Workshop and Luncheon With The Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak* May 7, 2013, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at Village Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak is an iconic figure in the lengthy struggle to end apartheid in South Africa. A promotional piece was attached to this email. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)

**Acts 16:5 Plenary Meeting on Generous Congregations** has been rescheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas. The seminar will explore biblical guidelines for giving, steps to bring our giving house in order, what motivates generosity and four kinds of stewardship campaigns. Because these topics may be of interest to Heartland Presbytery congregations beyond those participating in Acts 16:5 the plenary will be open all congregations. Please call the church office 913 299-2479 to make a reservation. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)

**Village U at Village Church is offering 2 environmental classes in April:**

**Composting: Understanding the Process**

Did you know two-thirds of garbage in our area's landfills is organic waste? Join Mae Christenson to learn everything you need to know about composting, including the Five Rules of Rot and other solutions for reducing your garbage.

Mae Christenson is a Johnson County Extension Master Gardener. Gardening has provided her with the opportunity to appreciate the wonders of nature. Christenson jumped at the opportunity to be trained as the Johnson County Extension Master Composter in fall 2009. By educating others, she hopes that more people can benefit from the composting lifestyle.

New fuel-economy standards are pushing automakers to make their conventional cars more fuel-efficient and aerodynamic. They're also turning to electrification to increase MPG, introducing new hybrids and beginning to offer plug-in hybrid and fully-electric cars. What are the obstacles to plug-in cars? Is it time for you to buy a plug-in car? How well do hybrid and plug-in cars reduce not only energy consumption but global warming and smog-forming air pollution?

John Kurmann of ReEnergizeKC (ReEnergizeKC.org) will begin the course with an overview of hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and battery-electric vehicle technologies. Then, Craig Volland, Air Quality Chair of the Kansas Sierra Club, will address the changes we need to make to our electricity grid and regulatory system to maximize the benefits of plug-in vehicles. A Q&A will follow the presentation. **Wednesday – April 10, 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 126.** (Submitted by Jerry Rees, member of Heartland Earthkeepers and Village Church's Environmental Committee.)

**TO REGISTER:** Call Marianne Weber (913.671.2333) or email her ([marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org)). <http://www.villagepres.org/useruploads/files/VU%20Spring%202013%20Catalog%2001-07-13.pdf>  
Walk-ins are welcome.



## OUR REMINDERS

- Like the Heartland Presbytery [Facebook page](#)? Tell others about it! (Submitted by Presbytery Office Staff)
- Covenant Presbyterian Church is in need of a van. We have older adults and others that need a ride to church. We have lots of activities for children and youth. We are in need of a van to get people to worship and children and youth to their activities. If you have a van that you would like to donate, we will make great use of it. Please contact the church at 816-444-3693 or Kirk Perucca at 913-486-7010. Thank you. (Submitted by Kirk Perucca)
- One Great Hour of Sharing is having a drive to help those who are having financial difficulties, partially the victims of hurricane Sandy. Attached to this connection is a flyer with more information. (submitted by Diane Waddell)
- Heartland Presbytery is collecting pill bottles for mission work at the Presbytery meeting in April. There is a flyer attached with more information. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)
- Wanted: A copy of the (approximate 1885) book *Missouri's Memorable Decade*, by George Miller, a Presbyterian pastor who served churches in the eastern environs of what is now Heartland Presbytery. Please contact granddaughter Margaret Hauber, [margarettomezzo@hotmail.com](mailto:margarettomezzo@hotmail.com). ( submitted by Don Fisher )



## OUR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church is seeking a part time Technical Director for Worship. This person will serve Sunday mornings, special events, and some seasonal work. The position requires skills with audiovisual systems and lighting equipment. Experience with a PC based and interactive A/V systems is preferred. A more complete job description was attached to the email delivering today's Heartland Connection.
- Linwood United Church is seeking a part time Secretary for assisting with day to day work in the church. The position is Monday thru Friday and will involve clerical duties such typing, answering phones, scheduling, and maintaining the churches website. For more information a flyer with a more detailed description was been attached to this document .If interested please call (816) 923-3212 or visit [www.LinwoodUnited.org](http://www.LinwoodUnited.org)
- Presbyterian Church's (U.S.A.) Office of the General Assembly is looking for an Associate for Communications. This position calls for a basic commitment to Jesus Christ and the Christian Faith, as well as a basic commitment to the mission program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as noted in its theological confessions, the *Book of Order*, and the actions of the General Assembly. The Associate is a co-leader in the Ecclesial and Ecumenical Ministries Area. The Associate will develop and implement communication strategies for the Office of the General Assembly working proactively with the members of OGA's three ministry areas. The Associate serves as a member of the OGA Staff Coordinating Team. A more detailed description is attached to this newsletter.

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8:00am to 5:00pm

(Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)