

Heartland Connection

April 17, 2013

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Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

-Romans 12:19



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

St. Mark's Union Church, Kansas City, MO

Ms. Jessie L. Jackson, Clerk of Session

Brookdale Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

The Rev. Paul Gaug, Pastor

Ms. Vernalee Carter, Clerk of Session

Ms. Ann Weston, Communicator

Maya Quiche Presbytery Meeting

Our thoughts and prayers are also with everyone from Boston and their family

OUR Upcoming EVENTS

- 2013 Presbyterian Youth [Triennium registration open!](#) —July 16-20, 2013—Purdue University
- 221st General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan
- 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



The Presbytery staff also wanted to give a special thank you to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church and all of the wonderful volunteers that made this last Presbytery meeting such a success. A round of applause for you all, you're amazing.

Heartland Directories: As most of you know the new directories are here and available to be picked up. However, it has been brought to our attention that some information has been left out. Under the Pastors tab there are no cell phone numbers. If you would like your cell number listed, please let Jessie Echavarria, administrative assistant at secretary@heartlandpby.org know, so that we can add this information to "directory changes" that will be submitted at the next June presbytery meeting.

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>

Don't forget about Triennium! Though the early bird price has passed it's not too late to sign up. We are still collecting registration forms and hope that more people will sign up for what is sure to be an adventure. One switch that has been made is that Callie Riggs will now be the contact for this event. Reach her by email at nurture@heartlandpby.org or phone at 816-924-1730 ext. 3027.



Presbytery Middle School Retreat – Mark your calendars the Middle School (6th – 8th 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. (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). (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 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



Camp TLC Work Day - April 27th!

Will you please share with your congregations about Heartland Center's TLC Work Day? There is a facebook ad you can share at facebook.com/heartlandcenter and a bulletin attached to this connection. Tender Loving Care work day (TLC Day) is Saturday April 27th from 9:00 - 1:30. Doughnuts and lunch will be provided, as we work together (sweeping out cabins, clearing trails, putting up hogans, hauling firewood, etc.) to prepare for kids to be grow together in faith at camp this summer. Please RSVP by April 24th at Office@HeartlandCenter.org or (816)891-1078. (submitted by Dan Scheneman)

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 25th, 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)

Kenya Medical Mission Dinner on Saturday May 4, 2013 at Neema Community Church. Join us for a delicious authentic Kenyan meal! A free will offering will be taken to help fund the May 24th Medical Mission Trip to Thwake, Kenya. Flyer Attached (submitted by David Nzioka)



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. (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
- **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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(Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)