



August 14, 2013

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I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1 Corinthians iii 6

OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER



Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

Teaching Elder Norwood (Woody) Brown, Pastor
Teaching Elder Ted Pierce, Associate Pastor
Teaching Elder William E. Murphy, Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Janet Hibbert, Clerk of Session
Ms. Cindy Leber, Communicator

First Presbyterian Church, Warrensburg, MO

Teaching Elder Heather Jepsen, Pastor
Ms. Denise Miller, Clerk of Session

Elim, Monte Carmelo, Ciudad Barrios, Retalhuleu

Teaching Elder Pedro Mejia

Joys & Concerns

- David Meerse
- Sandy Galvin
- Pastors and Congregations in Transition
- All Looking for Employment
- Those Touched by Violence
- All Military Personnel
- Victims of Natural Disasters

OUR Upcoming EVENTS

- Heartland Council meeting on August 19, 2013 at Linwood United Church
- Presbytery meeting September 21, 2013 at Aberdeen Village in Olathe, KS
- PLACE Christian education meeting on hospitality led by Judy Cooper on Sept. 24, 2013
- 221st General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan
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OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ It was recently brought to my attention that there used to be a place in the Connection to list Joys and Concerns for people within the Presbytery. Per request I will be adding these Joys and Concerns to the Heartland Connection each week. Please send requests to nurture@heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by Callie Riggs)

- ★ If you have ordered a Presbyterian Planning Calendar, there have been changes made. There are additions to the Alphabetical Staff Directory for the Office of the General Assembly, as well as a replacement for page 56 of your calendar. Click on the following link: [Pages](#)

If you have placed an order through PayPal for your *Planning Calendars*, and have not yet picked them up, please check with Jessie Echavarria at Presbytery, verifying that your order was confirmed received. (Submitted by Jessie Echavarria)

- ★ “*Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice* is an online journal and community that examines, expresses, and provokes social justice as inspired by the Prophetic gospel of Jesus Christ.” For anyone interested in reading this publication can go to the following link. <http://justiceunbound.org/uncategorized/trayvons-verdict-on-us/> (Submitted by Leigh Gillis)

The resource center has a supply of the Presbyterians Today “What Presbyterians Believe 2.” We are able to pass along a quantity discount price of \$1 per item. They could be used for new member classes, officer training, even Sunday school curriculum. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

The new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, will be published in September. **Six national celebrations will be held to further educate about this new resource.** These two-day national events are designed for pastors, musicians, worship committees, and ecumenical friends. Focus topics include global music, how to teach a new hymn, liturgy in *Glory to God*, and much more. Go to www.presbyterianhymnal.org/launch for a complete list of dates and locations. (Submitted by Leigh Gillis)

All Churches, Pastors, and Clerks of Session:

Please help spread the word!

We are quickly approaching the deadline for Teaching Elder Commissioners, Ruling Elder Commissioners, and Young Adult Advisory Delegates applications to General Assembly. **The Deadline is September 30, 2013.**

The 221st General Assembly is June 15- June 21, 2014 in Detroit, MI. To do this exciting work of the church, Heartland Presbytery is entitled to three Teaching Elder (Pastor) Commissioners, three Ruling Elder Commissioners, and one YAAD. Alternatives will also be selected for each position. If someone has been an alternate in the past, they are defiantly encouraged to apply again.

Any Teaching Elder who meets the qualifications can apply. Ruling Elders who qualify may be nominated by their church, or may nominate themselves. YAAD's must be nominated by their church, youth director, etc. This procedure for Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders is more open than it has been in the past, allowing for broader participation.

The entire trip and all expenses will be paid. There will be training sessions provided for Commissioners and YAAD's. Please read the qualifications and applications carefully, and let us hear from you.

Applications can be obtained online at our website www.heartlandpby.org under "Upcoming Events", or by calling Jessie Echavarria at the office at 816-924-1730. (Submitted by Ann Rich)



OUR HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

- ★ Rev. Andy Cullen, Pastor at John Knox Kirk, is retiring after 36 years in ministry. His last day to preach at the Kirk is August 25. Please join us in worship (10:00 AM) and a reception following worship to recognize and celebrate Andy's ministry. (Submitted by Cathy Broockerd)
- ★ You have three more days to register for the regional Christian education event, Oasis, at the early bird rate. At www.churchresourcecenter.org/oasis/ you can see schedule, location, and content information. When you register, use coupon code XTND2013 for the early bird discount. If you have difficulty, please contact Malinda Spencer at education@heartlandpby.org. Do not delay! The coupon expires Friday. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

Violence in our streets is at epidemic levels. Over the last ten years alone 1,000 lives have been lost to that violence. Please join us on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 2pm for a rally and then to link arms up and down Prospect Avenue to demonstrate our solidarity with all those touched by violence. I also ask you to publicize this event. Let us come together 1,000 people strong from the faith community to declare that violence will not be tolerated. See the flyer for the place and for more information. (Submitted by Tamara Miller)

- ★ **Electronics Recycling: Safely Dispose of Old Electronics and Help the Earth.** The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is partnering with the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition (SSC) of KC to host an **Entertainment Electronics Recycling Event** on Saturday, August 24, from 9 a.m. to Noon in the north parking lot. There is a \$15 suggested donation per vehicle to benefit SSC. Bring and drop-off your old, obsolete, unwanted, or unused e-waste: computers, components, printers, copiers, TVs, cell phones, and A/V equipment. Small appliances in good working condition will also be accepted. Goodwill will refurbish what they can for resale

and safely recycle the rest. Save precious resources and keep toxins out of the landfills! For more information, contact Chuck Gillam (816-942-9495) or Jerry Rees (913-568-4250). See flyer for a complete list of acceptable items. (Submitted by Jerry Rees, member of Heartland Earthkeepers and Village Church's Environmental Committee.)

★ ALL CLERGY - You are cordially invited to a luncheon and informal discussion addressing the growing issues of Sex and Porn Addiction, how it affects families and what you can do to make a difference. St. Louis' Therapists and Authors, Patrick Fleming, MDiv, LCSW, CSAT and Sue Lauber-Fleming, RN, MA, LCSW, work with clergy whose church members are facing issues around sexual trauma and addiction. There is NO CHARGE to attend this event - please be our guests! Thursday, August 29, 11:30a-1:30p at Pierpont's in Union Station. This event is for all spiritual leaders whose members struggle with these addictions. For more information or to RSVP: <http://www.ebhevents.com/upcoming-events/pastors-lunch-invitation-for-pastors-rabbis-and-spiritual-leaders/#more-1973>

Come learn about the vital work of the Presbyterian Education Board ("PEB") in Pakistan from Veeda Javaid, Executive Director of PEB on September 15, 2013 at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church located at 6429 Blue Ridge Blvd. in Raytown, MO. For more information please see the flyer. (Submitted by Pat Jackson)

Concert for the Climate is a FREE musically informative event focused on exploring the global impact of climate change and the steps each individual can take to reduce their impact on the earth. This event will be held on September 28, 2013 at the Kaw Point Riverfront Park. For more information visit the website <http://concertfortheclimate.org/>. (Submitted by Al Pugsley)

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is putting together itineraries for the 2013 International Peacemakers. We have confirmed that Wilhelm Pierola Iyurralde and Chenoa Stock from Bolivia will be coming to Heartland Presbytery. They will arrive October 10th and depart on October 15th. In some cases we have had adjust dates slightly to accommodate travel and other commitments of the peacemaker. Check out the flyer for more details. Please respond at your earliest convenience to assocep@heartlandpby.org to let us know if you are interested in having them visit your church. (Submitted by Leigh Gillis)

Autumn Connections– 2013 Adult Senior Retreat – October 1 & 2 Mark your calendar for the second annual senior retreat at Heartland Center. Who is a senior? You decide but remember many places give senior discounts at 50! The theme of the retreat is "Refresh, Renew & Reflect" based on Romans 12:2. There will be a variety of workshops – Dealing with Grief, Sharing your Story, *Help, Thanks, Wow*, Can you Hear Me Now? and many more. Presenters include Meg Peery McLaughlin, Andy Cullen, Chris Haring, Landon Whitsitt and others. Mark Ball from Village Presbyterian will introduce the new Presbyterian hymnal and lead us in singing songs of our faith. Heartland Center will share the history of the camp and in the evening there will be a guest speaker, Pat King, sharing the stories of the Orphan Trains in Kansas and Missouri. Please share this opportunity with your congregation. Click for the brochure and registration form. (Submitted by Cathy Broockerd)

- ★ Calling all Retired Clergy, Spouses and Survivors! Come join in the fun fellowship and inspiration at the 18th Annual ARMSS Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA on October 8-11, 2013 at the Hilton Norcross Hotel. For more information please go to our Facebook Page which is Association of Retired Ministers, Spouses and Survivors, or contact Donna Haines at 816-351-7516 or donna.haines@att.net and I will be happy to assist you in registering and securing a hotel room. Great News! For first time attendees, the registration is paid. Such a deal! I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Atlanta.

Mark your calendars for a Heartland Presbytery fall youth outing to the Festival of Sharing October 19-20 in Sedalia, MO. For more information check out the website listed below <http://www.umocm.com/festival/youthfest.html>. Additional information will be coming regarding group transportation to Sedalia. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

Church World Service and Festival of Sharing are challenging congregations to support a student by bidding and purchasing a quilt at the Festival Quilt Auction. Just \$100 will support a student for a school year through the Blankets+ program. Join the excitement on Saturday October 19th for the silent auction beginning at 8:30 am and ending at noon. The live auction bids start at 12:30 pm. For more information about the Festival of Sharing you can check out the flyer, email Terri Williams at festival@socket.net, or contact her at Creative Ministries 573-474-3332. See you in Sedalia on October 19th! (Submitted by Terri Williams)

INVITING OFFICERS WITH FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY to the Mid Council Financial Network Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our theme this year is: "Coping with the Challenge of Doing More with Less". We will have several experienced and well qualified speakers lined up, including our plenary speaker Frank Sommerville, along with representatives from the Board of Pensions, the Presbyterian Foundation, Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, and other Agency heads. Check out the brochure for more information and registration. Please make an effort to register early, as this will help your planning team to finalize arrangements with ease. (Submitted by Chris Nicholas)

Heartland Presbytery's annual visit to the Maya Quiché Presbytery, our sister Presbytery in Guatemala, is set for January 2 - 10, 2014! The Guatemala Partnership Committee encourages you to be a part of this life-changing experience as together we grow in worship and witness with our Maya Quiché sisters and brothers. Flyer and application are also available at www.heartlandpby.org under Upcoming Events. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)



OUR REMINDERS

- Don't forget to Heartland Presbytery gets an incentive based on weight of our recycling, so bring your aluminum, plastic, and paper, and help us be green.

- Like the Heartland Presbytery [Facebook page](#)? Tell others about it! (Submitted by Presbytery Office Staff)
- **First Presbyterian in Liberty has choir robes for sale.**
- 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.
- **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)
- **We need hosts for Presbytery Meetings.** Heartland is looking for churches to host Presbytery meetings in 2014. Saturday May 3rd, Tuesday July 15th, Tuesday September 30th, and Saturday November 22nd. If interested please contact Sally Hinchman by email at clerk@heartlandpby.org



OUR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **First Presbyterian Church of Warrensburg is seeking a person for the position of Youth Ministry Assistant.** The position involves: Helping plan and implement hands-on mission projects for the youth of the church. Develop activities for school-aged children in a variety of settings. Be involved with the Sunday School Program. The Youth Ministry Assistant is a salaried position of \$3600. per year and involving approximately 20 hours per month. The position requires a minimum age of 21. For an application and more information contact the First Presbyterian Church office at (660) 747-5731. 206 North College St. Warrensburg MO.
- **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 is attached in flyer.

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 8:00am to 5:00pm
 (Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)**