



*August 28, 2013*

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God is present as my helper; the Lord sustains my life.

*Ps. 54:6*

## *OUR* PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER



### *First Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS*

Mrs. Mary Ann Grimes, Clerk of Session, Communicator

### *Belton Presbyterian Church, Belton, MO*

Teaching Elder Carla Gentry, Temporary Supply

Ms. Mary Yeary, Clerk of Session

Mr. John Walls, Communicator

### *Joys & Concerns*

- Jessie Echavarria
- David Meerse
- Sandy Galvin
- Krista Kiger
- Pastors and Congregations in Transition
- All Looking for Employment
- Those Touched by Violence
- All Military Personnel
- Victims of Fires in California

## OUR Upcoming EVENTS

- 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
- 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan



## OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ Bev Barr and Mari Shineman will be temporarily working in the Presbytery offices to assist you as needed. Call or email with any questions or concerns.
- ★ “Globalized Soul: Stories from the Tipping Point to a New World” was filmed on five continents and begins at the Parliament of the World’s Religions in Melbourne, Australia. The piece then follows the lives of spiritual and religious leaders, ending in a rare Abrahamic reunion of Jews, Christian and Muslims in Nazareth." [http://www.jccc.edu/press\\_releases/2013/gen-globalized-soul.html](http://www.jccc.edu/press_releases/2013/gen-globalized-soul.html) (Submitted by Jo Randolph)

Nikki Cooley will be installed at First Presbyterian Church in Liberty on September 15, 2013 at 3:00 pm; everyone is invited to attend (Submitted by Beverly Barr)

10 Common Pitfalls of Church Websites (and How to Fix Them). With the vast majority of potential new churchgoers finding their places of worship via the Internet, the need for churches to offer a clean, smooth, accessible, and energetic web presence is more important than ever. Your church’s website is the front door to the church. It might be time to give it a fresh coat of red paint. With that in mind, here are ten of the pitfalls I’ve seen when visiting church websites (plus some ideas for fixing them). Read More at the following link

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/article/entry/4128/10-common-pitfalls-of-church-websites-and-how-to-fix-them#axzz2c8X7VLgi>

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](mailto: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](http://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 221<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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

- ★ Shawnee Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Paul Mesner Puppets Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm with “Saint George and the Dragon”. See the flyer for details.

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)

★ ***Presbytery Meeting in a Tent!!!***

The next stated meeting will be Saturday, September 21, 2013 at **Aberdeen Village**, 17500 W. 119<sup>th</sup> St., Olathe, KS 66061. The meeting will be in a **Big Tent**. Commissioners are asked to dress accordingly for the weather. If it is a warm day please dress casually and comfortable. (Prefer no short, shorts.) If it is a cooler day then once again come prepared. Plans are to have a barbecue for lunch around the lake in the back of the facility. Vegetarian options will be provided. Some walking will be required. Directions will be provided in the packet about some offsite parking about a couple blocks away. Commissioners are encouraged to car pool. Shuttles will be provided. Child care will be provided if requested by Thursday, September 12, 2013. There is a backup plan if rain returns to the area that week. There will be **NO INTERNET SERVICE** in the Tent. (Submitted by Sally Hinchman)

Be our guest! **The first PLACE meeting of the year (Presbyterians, Lutherans, and Christian Church Educators)** will be at Kaw Prairie Church on September 24, 11:30-1:30. Judy Cooper will present "What Disney Has to Teach the Church About Hospitality." This meeting is always open to anyone who is connected with Christian education. We are grateful that Kaw Prairie, aided by new Christian educator Emily Dixon, will provide lunch. RSVP to Malinda Spencer by September 23 (earlier if you can) [education@heartlandpby.org](mailto:education@heartlandpby.org)

**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<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>** and depart on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:assocep@heartlandpby.org) to let us know if you are interested in having them visit your church. (Submitted by Leigh Gillis)

**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](mailto: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.

**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 Jenny

McDevitt, Andy Cullen, Chad Herring, 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)

Mark your calendars for a Heartland Presbytery fall youth outing to the [Festival of Sharing](#) October 18-19 in Sedalia, MO. For more information check out the website listed below <http://www.umocm.com/festival/youthfest.html>. We will be leaving from First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit, Serving supper from 5:00-6:00, bus transportation leaving at 6:00, arriving at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia to participate in youth activities for the evening. Saturday morning the group will join youth participants from several denominations in experiencing the Festival of Sharing. Participants will engage in Festival tasks such as sacking beans and rice, sorting and loading donations. At the conclusion of the Festival, the group will return to Lee's Summit at approximately 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Register through Heartland Presbytery by **October 1** to lock in the price of **\$35** per person, which will include bus transportation, supper Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday, and a T-shirt, plus all Youthfest activities. See the [flyer](#) with more information.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:festival@socket.net), or contact her at Creative Ministries 573-474-3332. See you in Sedalia on October 19<sup>th</sup>! (Submitted by Terri Williams)

**Oasis is quickly approaching!** This event provides you with the perfect opportunity to refresh your mind, body, and spirit as you join with others for worship, study, conversation, and fellowship at Oasis conference. Come and rest your souls in the pool of knowledge, refreshing and invigorating your senses to new ministry opportunities at Oasis. For information about our detailed schedule, daily rate, refund policy, and to register online, visit [www.churchresourcecenter.org](http://www.churchresourcecenter.org) or Contact Malinda Spencer at 816-923-5486 or email [education@heartlandpby.org](mailto:education@heartlandpby.org). Check out the [pamphlet](#) or the following video <http://synodma.org/oasis/> for more details. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

Grace Covenant is hosting **Project Greenway a sustainable fashion show** on Saturday November 2, 2013 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church located at 11100 College Blvd. in Overland Park, Kansas. Show us your creativity by reusing previously owned clothing or non clothing items and creating wearable fashion; the deadline to enter is October 18 2013. All proceeds will be donated to the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition an advocate for sustainable living and ecological justice for all creation. More information is available on the [flyer](#).

**The Society of St. Andrews West is Presenting Squash Hunger 2013**, help pick squash to feed the hungry. 1,000 volunteers needed for our MILLION POUND 4-DAY Squash Gleaning Event at

Carolyn's Country Cousins Pumpkin/Squash Patch Liberty, MO. From November 3 thru 6 (Sunday to Wednesday) 9:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All ages welcome. All volunteers must schedule gleaning times in advance. Contact: HYPERLINK [www.endhunger.org/sosawest](http://www.endhunger.org/sosawest) or [gleankc@endhunger.org](mailto:gleankc@endhunger.org) for details and to schedule your time, or call 816-921-0856. Check out the [flyer](#) for more information.

- ★ Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church presents **Uncovering Paths** with guest lecturer Dr. Robert Dykstra on Sunday, November 10. See the [flyer](#) for more information and the day's schedule.

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 is surprised to announce that all spaces for the Jan 2014 trip to Guatemala have been taken. This has occurred significantly prior to the registration deadline of Oct 1, but there is particular interest in going on this next trip to see the property purchased for the *El Arca* Church and to celebrate with its congregation. While the committee is pleased with this response, it regrets that there may be some folk who were intending to go on the trip but who had not yet sent in their registration. More information is still up in the Heartland website at [www.heartlandpby.org](http://www.heartlandpby.org).



## 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 Presbytery has found hosts for all of the 2014 Presbytery meetings except for Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>. If interested please contact Sally Hinchman by email at [clerk@heartlandpby.org](mailto: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.

The offices of Heartland Presbytery are located on the second floor of the Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation at:  
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Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
 8:00am to 5:00pm  
 (Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)