



August 7, 2013

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The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

Presbyterian Church of Stanley, Overland Park, Kansas

Teaching Elder Eric Laverentz, Pastor
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Ms. Stephanie Neiger, Communicator
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Linwood united Church, Kansas City, Kansas

Teaching Elder Tamara Miller, Stated Supply
Ms. Charlas Rhodes, Clerk of Session
Ms. Mary Jane Houston, Communicator

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

OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS



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. We still have calendars available, so call the office (816) 924-1730 to make arrangements to pick them up.

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)

Older Adult Ministries (OAM) Certification is a training program sponsored by the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. that prepares individuals to engage in ministry with older adults in the context of their faith communities, their family networks, and their communities. This program provides a theological and biblical background as applied to the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of older adults. For more information or to register for certification, visit the POAMN website at www.poamn.org, contact Jan McGilliard at janmcgilli@gmail.com or phone her at 540-953-1366, or contact Ginny Nyhuis at gnyhuis@frontier.com or phone her at 615-426-1545. (Submitted by Ginny Nyhuis)

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

- ★ **Cherith Brooks Catholic Worker is holding a work day on Saturday August 10, 2013.** Work will be from 9am-12pm and then sharing in lunch together. Some of the projects will include working on cleaning, cooking, constructing, gardening, sorting and organizing. If you are interested in joining, please RSVP so we can get an idea of how many people to expect. Hope to see you then! To RSVP contact Cherith Brooks Catholic Worker by calling 816-241-8047 or email cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. (Submitted by Leigh Gillis)

The early Bird Special for Oasis ends August 12th so register quickly for the best savings. 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 or Contact Malinda Spencer at 816-923-5486 or email education@heartlandpby.org (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

The Immigrant Justice Advocacy Movement is having a public meeting on Monday August 12th at Rolling Hill Presbyterian Church located at 9300 Nall Ave, Overland Park, KS 66207. Hear from local elected officials and national faith leaders about current immigration issues. Flyer attached to this newsletter. (Submitted by Leigh Gillis)

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 attached flyer for the place and for more information. (Submitted by Tamara Miller)

- ★ 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)
- ★ 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 attached flyer. (Submitted by Pat Jackson)

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is starting to put 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. 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. The brochure and registration form is attached. (Submitted by Cathy Broockerd)

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)

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 attached and also available at www.heartlandpby.org under Upcoming Events. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)

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 attached 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 attached 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)



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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(Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)