



THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. *Psalm 103:1*

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

December 15, 2013

Harold Thomas Center

A Chosen Few, AA Group
Covenant Network
Front Porch Alliance
Heartland Presbytery Staff

Latour Presbyterian Church, Latour, MO

Mr. Pete Montgomery, Clerk of Session, r

Apocento Alto, Choomansán, Palomora

Teaching Elder Pedro Ordóñez

Special Prayer Requests

- The family and friends of Gail Cunningham's brother-in-law, Frank Christ
- Beverly Barr and Family
- Renee Meyer
- Jill Linn
- Tom Carlisle
- Pastors and Congregations in Transition
- All Looking for Employment
- Those Touched by Violence here and in the world
- All Military Personnel



HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

(IN DATE ORDER ~ BE SURE TO CHECK REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR EVENTS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. NEW ITEMS HAVE A ★ BULLET.)

IN HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY

- ★ Attention all Clerks of Session: Yes, there is a glitch in the PC(USA) statistical data website. And, no, you are not able to enter information for your congregation at this time. The problems should be fixed just after

the first of the year. In the meantime, those who have their statistics gathered and would like to get the information entered now may contact the Heartland Presbytery office to have it entered for you. (NOTE: Your report will need to be submitted in writing, no verbal reports will be entered for you.) Follow [this link](#) to the workbook that you can use to put together the necessary information. The additional documents needed by Heartland Presbytery are available under the Announcements tab at www.heartlandpby.org and have been mailed out to all Clerks of Session. (Submitted by Sally Hinchman)

- ★ All are invited to join with Community Presbyterian Church, 5409 St. Joseph Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64505, on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 pm for the installation of Rev. Kenneth Perreault, Jr. The service will be at the church with a reception following. (Submitted by Sharon Welch)
- ★ The *Legacy Christmas, Treasured Carols of the Kirk* CD is available now at the Heartland Presbytery offices for a donation of \$15 or more. Donations are divided between Living Waters for the World and the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. Check with the office staff to get your copy today. This opportunity is provided by the Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham)
- ★ **Blue hymnal redistribution update:** With some congregations now using the new *Glory to God* hymnal, many have blue hymnals they would like to pass on. Please contact the listed person to make pick up or drop off arrangements for your congregation as needed:

The following churches would like to **obtain** the blue hymnals.

Maxwell Heights, St. Joseph, MO - Steven Andrews at smandrews@ymail.com

The following churches have blue hymnals to **donate**:

John Knox Kirk - Contact Cathy Broockerd at cathy@johnknoxkirk.org

Grace Covenant Presbyterian - Contact Rebecca Prater at Rebecca.prater@gcpc.org

NOTE: Additional congregations who have the blue hymnals to donate to others or those who are looking for hymnals may also be listed by contacting communication@heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by office staff)

At the installation for Chad Herring at John Knox Kirk on Sunday, November 24, someone went home with the wrong coat. There is a men's heavy winter coat left at the Kirk and a guest at the service is missing their coat. Please check your closet and contact the Kirk at 816-942-3637 or office@johnknoxkirk.org if we need to do a coat exchange. (Submitted by Cathy Broockerd)

Embracing Hope will feature keynote speaker Deborah Rundlett who will invite and guide us in delighting ourselves in the wonder and joy of life in Christ. Deborah's passion is working with pastor-church leader teams as they seek to equip disciples for mission and ministry. Check out the workshops offered at the annual leadership training event held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO 64153. View the [brochure](#) or register online <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e8h5b82j3ca233eb>.

Child care will be provided but must be registering through:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e8ibz96jfcfd75>

Playing for God, the 2014 Youth Winter Rally, will be a special time of fun, fellowship, worship and games that day. Check out the [flyer](#) for details and register online at

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e8kmswoi065c2821>

Scholarships are available! The Congregational Ministries Division is offering scholarship money in exchange for the use of chairs for the event on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church,

7600 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64153. (Note: You would be responsible for delivery of the chairs before the event and pick up afterwards.) Contact Malinda Spencer, education@heartlandpby.org, for the full details.

- ★ The Guatemala Partnership Committee extends an invitation to you to attend a potluck and reunion that we have scheduled for Sunday, January 26 from 1 – 3 pm at Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th Street, Kansas City, MO 64113. The express purpose is to hear from January travelers about their experiences. and to share some good fellowship. All are welcome, with special emphasis on those who have previously been on a Partnership trip and those who would like to go on one! We hope you can join us. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)

IN OUR MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

- ★ Several churches in Heartland Presbytery will be hosting blood drives in the month of December. Go to www.savealifenow.org to schedule your appointment and help them meet their goals. (Submitted by office staff)
- ★ Christ Presbyterian Church, 544 Wabash Ave, Kansas City, MO 64123 (the NW corner of Independence Avenue and Wabash) invites you to join for Friday evening Advent worship services at 6:00 pm on December 13 and 20. Refreshments will be offered beginning at 5:30. If you know anyone in the northeast looking for an evening worship opportunity, please spread the word! For more information call (816) 216-1563. (Submitted by Peter Sanders)

Christmas at Lenny's, an original dinner-theater production of Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, 1613 Wilson Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66102, will be presented at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 14. Tickets which include dinner are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information or to order your tickets online go to www.grandviewpark.net (Submitted by Rick Behrens)

- ★ Please join for a work day at Cherith Brook Catholic Worker, 3308 E. 12th St. Kansas City, MO, on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will work wintering the garden, sorting clothes, cooking, painting, cleaning, etc. and are invited to enjoy table fellowship afterwards. RSVP to help plan projects by calling (816) 241-8047 or email at cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

Maxwell Heights Presbyterian Church, 4501 Maxwell Rd., St. Joseph, MO 64505, is proud to present its sixth-annual presentation of Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "Christmas Eve and Other Stories on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. and a special showing on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. Come see the historic sanctuary stuffed to the brim with laser lights, fog, snow, an electric violin, other good music, and a dynamic story. The show is free, but donations will be collected for the Ruth Taylor Memorial Education Fund. (Submitted by Steven Andrews)

- ★ Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 7406 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114, presents their Chancel Choir Cantata *What Sweeter Music, a Festival of Carols*, by Mark Hayes on Friday, December 20 at 7:00 pm. For more information or as an invitation to others follow this [link to the flyer](#). (Submitted by Tina Hill)
- ★ Pay tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by attending the 2014 MLK Celebration in Raytown at Graceway, 5460 Blue Ridge Cut-off, Raytown, MO, on Sunday, January 19, at 3 pm. For more information check out the [flyer](#) and post it as a reminder. (Submitted by Pat Jackson)

IN THE LARGER CHURCH

- ★ Stewardship in March? Of course! The 2014 Stewardship Kaleidoscope for elders, pastors, presbytery staff and volunteers will help to equip and engage them to emerge in the work of ministry. Join March 17 – 19 in St. Louis, MO for workshops, worship and more. Plan your learning experience by looking through the [brochure](#) or go to www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org to register. (Submitted by office staff)
- ★ The Office of the General Assembly (OGA) has issued a statement regarding the lawsuit over minister housing in Wisconsin. Please link to [their message](#) and stay informed.
- ★ Nearly a month after [Typhoon Haiyan](#) devastated much of the central part of the Philippines, [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) continues to work with its partners to provide basic relief. Presbyterians are encouraged to stand in the GAP by giving, acting and praying:
 - **Give:** Share your financial blessings by designating gifts to DR000012-Philippines. Give through your local Presbyterian congregation, [online](#), or by mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. You can also text 'PDA' to 20222 to donate \$10 for disaster response.
 - **Act:** Like us on [Facebook](#) and share updates with your congregation or others.
 - **Pray:** Please pray that through the response of the faith community, the people and communities impacted by Super Typhoon Haiyan and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met, and be reminded of the hope and compassion that are found in Christ.Those who wish to give physical items are encouraged to send “gifts of the heart” to Church World Service (CWS). These gifts include baby care kits, school kits and cleanup buckets and are used to restock CWS’s warehouses after disasters. [More information on these gifts is available from CWS.](#)
- ★ The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network has recently published their 2013 Holiday newsletter. Click on this [link](#) to read it. (Submitted by Ginny Nyhuis.)
- ★ Anyone interested in biking on the Katy Trail? If you or someone you know is an avid bicyclist and would be interested in helping to plan a fundraising event at the Festival of Sharing to be held in October 2014 please contact Terri Williams festival@socket.net (Submitted by Terri Williams)

REMINDERS



- Send event announcements and joys and concerns for the Heartland Connection to communication@heartlandpby.org by Wednesday each week for publication in the next week’s edition.
- 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.

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