



THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

December 22, 2013

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO

Rev. Melissa Bowers, Stated Supply
Rev. Bill Filbern, Stated Supply, Honorably Retired
Mr. Dan Washburn, Clerk of Session
Ms. Carolyn Kline, Communicator

St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

Teaching Elder James Blair, Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Vera Phillips, Clerk of Session,

December 29, 2013

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

Teaching Elder Jonas Hayes, Pastor
Teaching Elder Kimby Young, Associate Pastor
Mr. Matthias Peterson-Brandt, Candidate
Mr. Kevin Mason, Clerk of Session
Ms. Kathy Burdette, Communicator

Maitland Presbyterian Church, Maitland, MO

Ms. Eleanor King, Clerk of Session

Manantial de Vida, La Cumbre

Teaching Elder Pablo Herrera



Special Prayer Requests

- Terry Miller
- 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

Sympathies and prayers are extended to Rev. Connie Happell and family upon the recent death of her father, Norman Pease of Columbus, Ohio.

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

- ★ The Heartland Presbytery offices will be CLOSED December 25 through January 1. We wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!
- ★ The Administrative Commission for Linwood Church and the Harold Thomas Center requests a Called Meeting of Heartland Presbytery on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the United Church of the Good Shepherd, 3500 Dodson, Kansas City, KS 66106. Business to be addressed relates to the charges of the Administrative Commission which were granted February 12, 2013. Packet information will be available after January 9, 2014. [Called Meeting Letter for 1-16-2014](#)
- ★ **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. Also, try NOT using Internet Explorer because you will need to change some of your settings (complete instructions are at <http://ogapcusa.org/stats>). PC(USA) suggests using Firefox, Chrome or a different internet connection software to input your statistic information. 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)
- ★ The newly corrected Pulpit Supply List is on the website. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion.
- ★ The Sexual Misconduct Response Team of Heartland Presbytery has announced the dates of the 2014 training events. This year's topic is "*Part 3: The Pulpit, Transference, Hugging and Touch, Intimacy*". If you have not yet had parts one or two they will be available in the future. Annual misconduct prevention training is a requirement for all clergy and candidates under the care of the Presbytery. For more information **view the flyer**. (Submitted by Kimby Young)
- ★ There will be a Handbell Festival with clinician Marilyn Lake, sponsored by Heartland Presbytery, on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 8:30 am – 3:15 pm at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO 64153. Ringers of all levels, beginners through advanced, are welcome. Bring your own gloves and bell music folder, bells will be provided. Reservations are required; cost is \$30 per ringer. Share the **flyer** and contact Heartland Presbytery for reservations. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)
- ★ Beat the January 15, 2014 deadline for 10% off your summer fun at Heartland Center. Go to www.HeartlandCamps.org and check out the camp descriptions and dates. Register online at <https://heartland.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/camper/App> with a \$100 deposit to secure your spot! (submitted by Michael Megraw)
- ★ Feeling left out in the cold? Warm up with Christian fellowship, fun and learning at the Embracing Hope event to be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO 64153. View the **brochure** and register online by going to: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e8h5b82j3ca233eb>.

Child care will be provided but must be pre-registered before January 15, 2014 by going to:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e81bz96jfcfd75>

Scholarships are available! The Congregational Ministries Division is offering scholarship money in exchange for the use of chairs for the event. (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.

- ★ Calling all Heartland Presbytery Youth and their Leaders! Join in the fellowship and games *Playing for God* on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Parkville Presbyterian Church, 819 Main St., Parkville, MO 64151. Register by January 15 for only \$25 per person which includes lunch and a t-shirt. Share the [flyer](#) and register online at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e8kmswoi065c2821>

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

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)

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! (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)

IN OUR MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

- ★ First Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph, MO will join with First Christian Church and Maxwell Heights Presbyterian Church for an Evening Worship and Labyrinth Walk on January 5 at 6:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 301 N. 7th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501. Join them to share a meal (bring a dish to share), share communion, and share in First Church's new Labyrinth. (Submitted by Suzie Reynolds)

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)

- ★ Southminster Presbyterian Church seeks a full-time Interim Associate Pastor. Candidates should be an ordained teaching elder or certified as ready to be ordained. This is a generalist position with opportunity for leadership and participation in all areas of church life. Staffing responsibilities are in Christian education, including youth ministry, as well as congregational care-giving and fellowship. Opportunities to preach approximately 16 times a year. Shared responsibility for pastoral care with the pastor. Competitive salary and full Board of Pensions benefits. Southminster is a growing mid-sized church with a focus on mission in the community and around the world, providing an atmosphere of inclusion, care and welcome for all. Interested persons should send a letter of application, resume and other information to Interim Pastor Search Committee- Attn. Susan Mitts, Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Digital submissions can be made to Pastor Jeff Clayton at jeffclayton@sbcglobal.net. Deadline for applications is January 31, 2014. (Submitted by Jeff Clayton)

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)

- ★ Church Women United of Kansas City, MO invite all women to attend their January 13, 2014 meeting at Second Presbyterian Church, 55th & Brookside, Kansas City, MO at 10:00 a.m with speaker Sallie Page-Goertz, who is the Medical Director of Reach Out and Read Kansas City (ROR-KC). The building is wheelchair accessible; Reservations are not required; No childcare is provided; More information is available at www.Heartlandpby.org under the *Presbyterian Women* tab. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham)

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.

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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