



THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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May those who love God's salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" *Psalm 40:16b*

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

January 26, 2014

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS

Teaching Elder Tim Soule, Pastor
Mr. Jeffrey Young, Candidate
Mr. George Records, Candidate
Ms. Marci Gentry, Clerk of Session
Mr. Jerry Thompson, Communicator

Miami Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS

Teaching Elder Fred Daniels, Temporary Supply
Ms. Pat Fox, Clerk of Session and Communicator

Maya Quiché Presbytery

Honorably Retired Pastors in the Maya Quiché Presbytery:
Teaching Elder Cristobal Sánchez, Almolonga
Teaching Elder Santiago Atz, Quetzaltenango



Special Prayer Requests

- Bev Barr and Family upon the death of her mother
- Judy Cooper
- Darlene Castille, Ron Galvin's mother
- Pastors and Congregations in Transition
- All Looking for Employment
- Those Touched by Violence here and in the world
- All Military Personnel

- ★ Prayers and sympathy are extended to Rev. Cynthia Holder-Rich and family upon the passing of her father on Saturday, January 18, 2014.
- ★ Trinity Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO invites the presbytery to join them in 40 Days of Prayer as they discern God's plan for them. (Submitted by Sarah Butler)



HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

(IN DATE ORDER ~ BE SURE TO CHECK REGISTRATION DEADLINES

FOR EVENTS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. NEW/UPDATED ITEMS HAVE A ★ BULLET.)

IN HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY

- ★ Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery would like to share their [January e-Connection](#). Also available is their 2014 [Operating Budget](#). Both items are available through the links here and at www.heartlandpby.org under the *Presbyterian Women's* tab. (Submitted by Pam Nitsche)
- ★ As the year begins it is important for information to be updated in Heartland Presbytery's records. Please help us gather new and updated church financial contact information by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/hpfinancialcontact>. For more information or assistance contact Brian Hathhorn through financial@heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by Brian Hathhorn)

Attention all Clerks of Session: Don't forget to get your year-end statistical data entered through <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>. PC(USA) suggests using Firefox, Chrome or an internet connection software **other than** Internet Explorer to input your statistical information. **The deadline for completing this is February 20, 2014.** Follow this link to the **Statistical Workbook** that you can use to put together the necessary information. Clerks will also need to complete the Clerks Questionnaire for the Year Ending December 31, 2013. Follow this link to a working copy of those **Questions**. Additional documents are also needed by Heartland Presbytery. Those 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 Sexual Misconduct Response Team of Heartland Presbytery has announced the dates of the 2014 training events. The first event is Thursday, January 23 from 4 – 6 pm at John Knox Presbyterian Kirk, 11430 Wornall, Kansas City, MO 64114. 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**. Please submit attendance RSVP's to Jessie Echavarria, secretary@heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by Kimby Young)

PLACE (Presbyterian/Lutheran Association of Church Educators) will meet on Thursday, January 23 at Heartland Presbyterian Center, 16965 NW 45 Highway, Parkville, MO 64152, beginning at 11:30 am. Featured will be Lynn Miller who is teaching the Embracing Hope workshop "Go Fly a Kite". Lunch will be served, donation requested. RSVP to Malinda Spencer at education@heartlandpby.org or 816-923-5486 by Tuesday, January 21 to ensure your lunch reservation. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

- ★ **Register by January 23** for Embracing Hope on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO 64153 when the fees go up to \$35. 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 by contacting Malinda Spencer at education@heartlandpby.org.**

Chairs are still needed! 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.

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 by January 23; cost is \$30 per ringer. Share the [flyer](#) and contact Heartland Presbytery for reservations. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

- ★ 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. Cost is now \$30 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>

Come celebrate Heartland's partnership with the Maya Quiché Presbytery in Guatemala this Sunday, January 26 from 1 – 3 pm at Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th Street, Kansas City, MO 64113, and hear from those who just returned from the latest visit there. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Rachel Lausch, rlausch@earthlink.net. Check out Beth Sperry's blog of the trip at <http://buenviajeheartland.wordpress.com/> (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)

The Presbyterian Urban and Immigrant Ministries Network (PUIMN) invites you to a conversation titled "Worship and Witness in the 21st Century" with Dr. Rob Hoch author of "By the Rivers of Babylon: Blueprint for a Church in Exile" on Saturday, March 22 at Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th St., Kansas City, MO 64113 beginning at 10 a.m. The event is free; reservations are requested by March 19 to Heartland Presbytery, 816-924-1730. (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

Save the date for the Heartland Presbytery Youth Retreat April 25 – 26 at Heartland Center. The topic is "I Wanna See You Be Brave" with the text from 1 Timothy 4:12. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Keith Harris and the event is open to all Middle School and High School youth. Share the [flyer](#) and watch for registration information on the *Youth* tab at www.Heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

- ★ The next Presbytery Partnership Trip to Guatemala is April 23 -30, 2014. This trip is being planned for a smaller number of people and is expected to be a particularly in-depth visit with our Maya Quiche Presbyterian sisters and brothers. Those interested in signing up for the trip can view the [brochure](#) and should fill out the [2014 April Guatemala Trip Registration](#). The form and first payment need to be sent in by January 31, 2014. For questions and further information, please contact Ky Weekley at ky.weekley@gmail.com. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)

IN OUR MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

On Saturday January 25 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Village Church's Environmental Action Committee is partnering with the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition of KC to sponsor an *Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream* Symposium to be held in the Friendship Hall East, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641

Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. View and share the [flyer](#) or visit www.villagepres.org for more information (Submitted by Jerry Rees, Heartland Earthkeepers)

- ★ **First Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Pleasant, Independence, MO invites all to their Chocolate Festival on Sunday, February 9 from 1 – 4 pm in their Westminster Hall (Pleasant & Lexington, Independence, MO).** For a free-will donation, patrons may sample three decadent chocolate delicacies choosing from cake to fruit to other yummys dipped in the chocolate fountain. Just in time for Valentine’s Day, there is the opportunity to buy goodies for your sweetie pie or bid on a gift basket. Children under third grade will enjoy the Chocolate Kid’s Corner full of fun activities. (Submitted by Nancy Ehrlich)

IN THE LARGER CHURCH

Church Women United of Johnson County will meet Friday, January 24, 2014, at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 5400 W. 75th, Prairie Village, KS. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m. guest speaker B.J. Vrabel will present information on "Through Our Children's Lives", a resale shop located at 75th and Metcalf that supports women and children affected by domestic violence. All are invited. Call Mary Johnson, 913-897-1646 for more information. (Submitted by Mary Johnson)

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)

- ★ **Elder Bill Tammeus of Second Presbyterian Church of Kansas City will be teaching a seminar “Turning Our Pain to Hope Through Writing” April 29 -30 at Heartland Center.** Details for this event are at <http://bit.ly/1eHyQpf>. An extended version of the seminar will be held the week of August 11 at the Ghost Ranch national Presbyterian Conference Center in New Mexico. Details for this event are at <http://bit.ly/1amHTKN>. Bill, former Faith section columnist for *The Kansas City Star*, now writes a daily "Faith Matters" blog on *The Star's* website, as well as columns for both *The Presbyterian Outlook* and *The National Catholic Reporter*. (Submitted by Bill Tammeus)
- ★ **The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary has just released information on two [Online Continuing Education](#) opportunities and a [Doctor of Ministry Cohort](#).** Follow the links for more information or visit <http://udts.dbq.edu>. (Submitted by Kristi Lynch, University of Dubuque)

Are you interested in a “Presbyterian’s Cookbook”? This idea has surfaced from the First United Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Iowa as a fund raiser with recipes from folks in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and with many churches participating. Read their [letter](#) and join in the fun. (Submitted by Charles Spencer)

St. Luke’s Hospital, of Kansas City, Clinical Pastoral Education program is currently accepting applications for their Residency and Summer Internship programs. For more information link to the attached [ad](#) or visit www.saitlukeshalthsystem.org and search for Clinical Pastoral Education. (Submitted by Marc Giedinghagen)

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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