



Heartland Connection

January 23, 2012

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“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.”

Luke 1:68

EMBRACING
HOPE
JANUARY 26, 2013

MISSION SHARE
FAIR
JUNE 22, 2013

Update on the Heartland Connection

Here is another edition of the currently unscheduled Heartland Connection. The links in the Heartland Connection should be active, however, you will notice the Heartland Presbytery website is not being fully maintained and updated at the present time. We are continuing to receive applications for the vacant administrative assistant position through January 30th. We hope to have that position filled by March 1, after which both the Heartland Connection and the website should resume a more typical schedule and regular updates. The stated clerk search committee received eleven PIF's, has narrowed the field a bit and are scheduling interviews. As of Tuesday, 175 of you were registered for Saturday's Embracing Hope event. There is still time to register and participate in the excitement of the day.

In Christ,

Charles



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

January 27, 2013

St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

The Rev. Mark Hughes, Pastor

Ms. Virginia Sampson, Clerk of Session, Communicator

United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, MO

The Rev. John R. Johnson, Pastor

Mr. Larry Maxwell, Clerk of Session, Communicator

Southridge Presbyterian Church, Roeland Park, KS

The Rev. Donna Chavez, Pastor

Ms. Dorothy Reffitt, Clerk of Session, Communicator

February 3, 2013

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS

The Rev. 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

The Rev. Fred S. Daniels, Temporary Supply

Ms. Pat Fox, Clerk of Session Communicator

Maya Quiché Presbytery

Honorably Retired Pastors in the Maya Quiché Presbytery

The Rev. Cristobal Sánchez, Almolonga

The Rev. Santiago Atz, Quetzaltenango

February 10, 2013—Transfiguration of the Lord

Faith Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO

The Rev. Bruce Bradley, Temporary Supply

Ms. Sandy Melton, Clerk of Session Communicator
Presbyterian Disciples Church, Lexington, MO
The Rev. John Swisher, Temporary Supply
Ms. Mary Elsea, Clerk of Session
Ms. Candy Myers, Communicator

Nueva Jerusalén, La Estancia Cantel (see page 3)
The Rev. Abraham Salanic

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[Click here for the Link](#) to The Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

[Click here for the Link](#) to all Joys and Concerns



OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **2013 Triennium News:** This year the Presbyterian Youth Triennium registration asks each delegation to send in an 'estimate of participants.' This number will be used to help the planning team and will help the Presbytery registrar with transportation, lodging request, trading pins and t-shirts. Please fill out the attached church form immediately, so the estimate number can be turned in. A \$100 deposit per participant is also being asked to be turned in along with the church form. This will allow our delegation to have money turned into the PYT office and help get us prime housing. Churches can continue to add participants after this date the January deadline. All adults will need to complete the Triennium background check. (submitted by Michelle Phillips)

For questions, please contact Michelle Phillips at michellephillips@parkvillepresby.org.

+ **Position Opening:** Heartland Presbytery has a staff vacancy for an administrative assistant. This is a fulltime position, providing administrative assistance to the associate executive presbyter, the stated clerk, and the resource center director for Christian education. The successful candidate will have gifts and skills necessary to produce the weekly newsletter, flyers and bulletins for presbytery events, and maintain the presbytery website and Facebook page. This position will coordinate with the other administrative assistant to answer phones. Interested parties should submit a resume electronically to position@heartlandpby.org by January 30, 2013. You may also direct any questions about the position or a request for a complete job description to that email address. (submitted by Charles Spencer)

- + **A New Board of Pensions Regional Representative** has been announced by the Board of Pensions. Our new regional representative will be a familiar face to many of us in Heartland Presbytery, The Reverend Edward Thompson, recently pastor in Naples, Florida and previously pastor at Second Presbyterian in Kansas City. Edward will begin his duties with the Board of Pensions on March 1st and after that time may be reached at (800) 773-7752, extension 7045 or by email at ethompson@pensions.org. Edward and Liz plan to return to their home in Brookside in early April. (submitted by John McFayden BOP)

- + **Sympathy** - Heartland Presbytery extends sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the Reverend Addison Lawton, HR. Mr Lawton retired from active service from Calvary Presbyterian Church, Independence in 1980 and later served as stated supply at Gallatin. Addison Lawton passed from the church militant to the church triumphant on January 17, 2013, in Wauwatosa, WI at age 98. A celebration of his life and witness to the resurrection will be held at Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City on Friday, January 25 at 2:00 PM. Visitation will precede the service, starting at 1:00. Addison worshipped at Second for many years in his retirement.



OUR HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

- **Embracing Hope Saturday, January 26th** at hosted by Heartland Presbytery's Congregational Ministries Division at Village Presbyterian Church. More information visit and registration details are available at <http://www.churchresourcecenter.org> Join brothers and sisters in Christ from across Heartland Presbytery for this exciting day of worship, fellowship, education and leadership development. (submitted by Malinda Spencer)

- ***Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2013: Generosity for Every Generation*** March 11-13, at the **Hilton Frontenac, St. Louis, Missouri**. Heartland Presbytery has been a sponsor and participant in this national Presbyterian stewardship event for several years. Our pastors and elders who have attended in the past have found it useful and meaningful for their own stewardship ministries. With this year's event in St. Louis, it may be more convenient for our congregations than some years. A complete brochure and registration information is available at <http://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org> Early registration discount until February 15, 2013. (submitted by Charles Spencer)

- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery, February 12, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, 100 N Pleasant Street, Independence, Missouri
- *Six Eight* a contemporary Christian musical group will be performing Saturday, January 26th at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 2907 N 81st Street, Kansas City, Kansas. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. with *Six Eight* performance following. Six Eight takes in name in part from Isaiah 6:8 “Here am I. Send me!” The evening will conclude by 8:30 p.m. Please call the church office and leave a message if you will be attending the supper at 913 299-2479. (submitted by Dennis Haines)
- Mark your calendar for July 31, 2013 for Heartland Presbytery Youth Day at Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun. This is a great summer activity for youth groups. It is the park’s 40th anniversary. The park will experience its largest expansion and Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun will be one park with a single admission ticket! Tickets are \$32 and include an all you can eat lunch buffet. Details will be in future Heartland Connections or contact Cathy Broockerd (cathy@johnknoxkirk.org). (submitted by Cathy Broockerd)
- Acts 16:5 Plenary Meeting will be Tuesday, February 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas. The focus of this plenary is growing generous congregations. The seminar will explore biblical guidelines for giving, steps to bring our giving house in order, what motivates generosity and four kinds of stewardship campaigns. Because these topics may be of interest to Heartland Presbytery congregations beyond those participating in Acts 16:5 the plenary will be open all congregations. Watch this space for registration details in the next few weeks. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)



OUR REMINDERS

- Like the Heartland Presbytery [Facebook page](#)? Tell others about it! (Submitted by Presbytery Office Staff)
- 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)

- First Presbyterian Church of Gardner has gotten a complete set of new paraments for their chancel. They are offering to any church or churches that could use them the older but still quite serviceable paraments that they are retiring. For more information call their church office at 913 856-4099 (submitted by Connie Crabbs)



OUR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Link to all current Job Opportunities <http://www.heartlandpby.org/Job/jobs.html>

OUR Upcoming EVENTS

- 2013 Presbyterian Youth [Triennium registration open!](#) —July 16-20, 2013—Purdue University
- 221st General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan

[Click here for Links to additional Upcoming Events](#)

Have something share with the Heartland Presbytery community? Email it to nurture@heartlandpby.org. We welcome any joys, news updates, prayer requests, upcoming events, poems, stories, mission events, etc. Deadline for articles to be posted in the next week's Heartland Connection is 5:00 p.m. Thursday.

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