

The logo for "Heartland Connection" is set against a background of several lit candles. The word "Heartland" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font at the top, and "Connection" is written in a similar but slightly smaller font below it. The candles are lit, with their flames glowing warmly, and the background is dark, making the light from the candles stand out.

# Heartland Connection

*January 30, 2013*

*Made possible by our Mission Dollars*

*"Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.*

*Psalms 143:1*

## *Update on the Heartland Connection*

Thank you for reading this week's Heartland Connection. We will not publish next week, so look for the next edition on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Any announcements should be submitted by Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Last weekend was exciting in Heartland Presbytery, as over 200 Presbyterians gathered for the Embracing Hope event. Our Congregational Ministries Division did an outstanding job, arranging dynamic keynote and workshop leadership. The evaluations are coming in very positive. If you missed this event mark your calendars now for January 25, 2014.

This is also a season of transition. The class of 2012 on the various committees and division are completing their work and the class of 2015 begins their service. At the February presbytery meeting Bev Barr will complete her term as Council Moderator and Donna Chavez will complete her term as Presbytery Moderator. New terms begin for Bob Stikeleather, Presbytery Moderator, George McCall, Vice-moderator and Donna Chavez, Council Moderator. Thank you to all who say yes, when called by the presbytery nominating committee, and special thanks for their dedicated service to those whose terms of service are concluding. The world often tells us we get what we pay for. In the church it is equally true that we get what we pray for, please be in prayer for the ministers and elders of

Heartland Presbytery who give of themselves for the sake of Christ's mission and ministry here.

In Christ,

*Charles*



## *OUR* Partnership of Prayer

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*

The Rev. Abraham Salanic

*Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting*

February 12, 2013, First Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO

February 17, 2013—First Sunday in Lent

*Parkville Presbyterian Church, Parkville, MO*

The Rev. Brian D. Ellison, Pastor

The Rev. Shannon Jung, Parish Associate

Ms. Cheryl Keimig, Clerk of Session

Ms. Michelle Phillips, Communicator

*Oregon Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO*

The Rev. Charles David Cliburn, Temporary Supply

Ms. Alita Meyer, Clerk of Session

*Craig Presbyterian Church, Craig, MO*

Ms. Lu Jackson, Clerk of Session

[Click here for the Link](#) to 2012-2013 Partnership of Prayer book

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

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



*OUR Announcements*

- + **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](mailto:position@heartlandpby.org) by the end of the day today. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and after that time may be reached at ( 800) 773-7752, extension 7045 or by email at [ethompson@pensions.org](mailto:ethompson@pensions.org). Edward and Liz plan to return to their home in Brookside in early April. (submitted by John McFayden BOP)



## ***OUR* Heartland happenings**

- **First Presbyterian, Independence, Chocolate Festival** is February 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall. For a free will donation, you may sample three decadent chocolate delicacies' choosing from cake, fruit or other yummys to dip in the chocolate fountain. Or you can do your Valentine's Day shopping choosing from a variety individual chocolates or bid on a gift basket. Children third grade and under will enjoy the chocolate Kid's Corner full of fun activities. Westminster Hall is diagonally across the street from the church located at 100 North Pleasant (Pleasant & Lexington), Independence, Missouri. (submitted by Nancy Ehrlich) .
- **First Presbyterian, Maryville, Chocolate Festival** is February 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 p.m. This event is all chocolate all afternoon. The afternoon includes fellowship, a tasting room and plenty of treats for purchase. You may have enjoyed a sample at presbytery meeting and this is your chance to enjoy the full Chocolate Festival experience. First Presbyterian Church, 211 S Main, Maryville, Missouri. (submitted by Jonathon Mitchell)
- ***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. The hotel block is filling up, so make reservations as soon as possible. (submitted by Charles Spencer)

- **Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery, February 12, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, 100 N Pleasant Street, Independence, Missouri**
- **Acts 16:5 Plenary Meeting** will be Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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)
- **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](mailto:cathy@johnknoxkirk.org)). (submitted by Cathy Broockerd)
- **Heartland Presbytery's Mission Share Fair will be June 22, 2013** in conjunction with the June Presbytery meeting. The Mission Share Fair will be a day filled with worship, fellowship, the docketed business of the day, and lots of displays and information about the many-faceted mission work of Heartland Presbytery, its churches, organizations in our area, the Synod of Mid-America and the PC(USA). The preacher for the day is Rev. J. Herbert Nelson from the Washington Office, PC(USA). You may click [HERE](#) to reserve display space for your congregation or ministry.
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## *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 a somewhat 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
- 221<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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. Monday*.

