



THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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When the wise men saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. Matthew 2:10

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

January 5, 2014

First Presbyterian Church, Plattsburg, MO

Ms. Maurine Bodenhausen, Clerk of Session and Communicator

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO

Ms. Barbara Burnett, Clerk of Session

Mr. Tim Layman, Communicator

Monte de los Olivos, Almolonga

Teaching Elder Mariano Gonón

January 12, 2014

Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO

Teaching Elder Pat Jackson, Pastor

Ms. Avis Odenbaugh, Clerk of Session

Mr. William Melewski, Communicator

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

Teaching Elder Kirk Perucca, Pastor

Teaching Elder C. Randall Odam, Parish Associate

Mr. Paul Backer, Clerk of Session

Mr. Lewis Fairchild, Communicator

El Buen Pastor, San José La Vina

Lay Pastor, Filomena Mejia

Please hold in prayer those currently journeying to and from our partner Maya Quiché Presbytery in Guatemala. View their activities at : <http://buenviajeheartland.wordpress.com/> .

Editor's Error: My apologies - Rev. Connie Happell's father was from Columbus, Georgia. Our prayers remain with the family in their season of grief.



Special Prayer Requests

- For the father of Dorothy Ndavi, wife of Pastor David Nzioka, who is hospitalized in Kenya.
- Mark Ball and Family upon the death of his mother.
- 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

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 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](#)

- ★ The Administrative Commission for the Dotte Initiative now has a web site. Check it out at: www.thedotteinitiative.org.

Attention all Clerks of Session: Don't forget to get your year-end statistical data entered through <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>. Try to NOT use Internet Explorer because you will need to change some of your settings (complete instructions are at <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>). PC(USA) suggests using Firefox, Chrome or a different internet connection software to input your statistical information. If you have trouble entering the data please contact the Heartland Presbytery office to have staff enter it 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 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. 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)

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)

- ★ 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)

- ★ Now that the Christmas rush is over, be sure all of your church's leaders are signed up for Embracing Hope on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, MO 64153. Register by January 23 before 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 before January 15, 2014 by going to: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e8ibz96jfcfd75>

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. 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>

The Guatemala Partnership Committee extends an invitation to you to attend a potluck and reunion on 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)

- ★ 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 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 January 12, First Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Pleasant St., Independence, MO is celebrating the 125th year of worship in its Pleasant and Lexington building. Traditional worship begins at 9:30 am; self guided building tours from 10:30 am until the dinner hour; 11:30 contemporary worship; 12:30 dinner; and a special program at 1:30 pm; with self guided tours afterward. Come celebrate this milestone with us. Note: if you plan to attend the dinner; make your reservation before January 7 by calling the church office, 816-252-6662 or e-mailing fpcindep@swbell.net. (Submitted by Nancy Ehrlich)

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. Also available are [bulletin inserts](#). (Submitted by Pat Jackson)

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](#). (Submitted by Jerry Rees, Heartland Earthkeepers)

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)

- ★ The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary is accepting proposals for grants to fund “clergy renewal leaves” for congregations and their pastors. For more information visit <http://www.pcusa.org/news/2014/1/2/grants-available-clergy-renewal-leaves/> (Submitted by office staff)
- ★ The PNC of First Presbyterian Church, Gothenburg, Nebraska has asked Heartland Presbytery to help them in their search. You may view their letter by following this [link](#).

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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