



July 3, 2013

Made possible by our Mission Dollars

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

Teaching Elder Thomas Are, Pastor
Teaching Elder Dwight Tawney, Associate Pastor
Teaching Elder Jarrett H. McLaughlin, Associate Pastor
Teaching Elder Meg Peery McLaughlin, Associate Pastor
Teaching Elder Cynthia Holder Rich, Associate Pastor
Teaching Elder Jennifer McDevitt, Associate Pastor
Teaching Elder Zach Walker, Associate Pastor
Teaching Elder J. Dicks McKell, Temporary Supply
Teaching Elder Robert H. Meneilly, Pastor Emeritus
Teaching Elder Richard H. Athey, Associate Pastor Emeritus, HR
Teaching Elder William J. Foster, Associate Pastor Emeritus, HR
Ms. Lucy Tidwell, Clerk of Session
Mr. Patrick Bell, Communicator

OUR Upcoming EVENTS

- “Healthy Boundaries” **last session meeting**, July 9th at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church.
- Heartland Presbytery offices will be closed Thursday July 4, 2013 for Independence Day
- 221st General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan
- Presbytery meeting September 21, 2013 at Aberdeen Village in Olathe, KS
- Heartland Council meeting will be August 19, 2013



OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ Steven Andrews will be installed as pastor of Maxwell Heights church in St. Joseph, MO on July 21st at 5 p.m. With Bob Stikeleather presiding and Sam Mann preaching and the glory band playing their hearts out, a good time should be had by all. For more information, please e-mail Steven at smandrews@ymail.com. (submitted by Steven Andrews)

Presbytery Meeting Highlights are available on the last page of this edition of the Heartland Connection. As well as on the Presbytery website under the Presbytery Meeting tab.

Heartland Committee on Nominations is now accepting applications for General Assembly Commissioners to the 221st GA, which will be held in Detroit, MI, June 15 - 21, 2014. Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder and Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) applications can be obtained on-line on our website www.heartlandpby.org under upcoming events or by calling Jessie Echavarria at the office at 816-924-1730. Heartland Presbytery is entitled to three (3) Teaching Elder Commissioners, three (3) Ruling Elder Commissioners and one (1) YAAD. An alternate will be elected for each position. Deadline for applications is Sept. 30, 2013. Expenses will be paid. (submitted by Ann Rich)

The Presbytery office is looking to have an organization day on July 15. Anyone interested in volunteering some time to help organize the Presbytery office please call the Presbytery office at 816-924-1730 and ask for Callie or Jessie. (submitted by Presbytery staff)

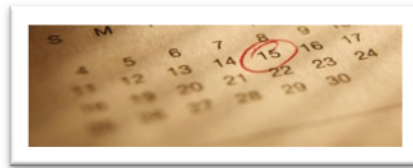


Presbyterian Planning Calendars!

If you have ordered calendars, and have not paid for them as of yet, you can bring a check, or submit payment to Heartland Presbytery, 3210 Michigan Ave., Ste. 200, Kansas City, MO 64109. You can still order your calendars online by going to <http://www.javapodz.com/hpby> or calling the Presbytery office at 816-924-1730 and asking for Jessie. (submitted by Jessie Echavarria)

Heartland Presbytery Moderator Open to Invitations. Worshiping with different congregations was one of the things I enjoyed the most when I served on the Committee on Ministry. Praying together, singing together and just being together made me appreciate the many different gifts & talents God has blessed Heartland Presbytery with. While I sometimes usher, greet or teach a class at First Presbyterian, Independence on Sunday mornings, unlike a Teaching Elder, I am able to "get away". Thus, I would love the opportunity to once again worship with churches throughout Heartland Presbytery. If your church would like to extend an invitation please email at stikerg@aol.com, by cell at 816-591-9414, or at home at 816-796-8902. (submitted by Bob Stikeleather)

OUR HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS



- ★ Older Adult Ministries (OAM) Certification is a training program sponsored by the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. that prepares individuals to engage in ministry with older adults in the context of their faith communities, their family networks, and their communities. This program provides a theological and biblical background as applied to the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of older adults. Participants will be able to advocate in a professional way for all who are aging and those who care for them. For more information or to register for certification, visit the POAMN website at www.poamn.org, contact Jan McGilliard at janmcgilli@gmail.com or phone her at 540-953-1366, or contact Ginny Nyhuis at gnyhuis@frontier.com or phone her at 615-426-1545. (submitted by Ginny Nyhuis)
- ★ The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is starting to put together itineraries for the 2013 International Peacemakers. We have confirmed that Wilhelm Pierola Iyurralde and Chenoa Stock from Bolivia will be coming to Heartland Presbytery. They will arrive October 10th and depart on October 15th. In some cases we have had adjust dates slightly to accommodate travel and other commitments of the peacemaker. Please respond at your earliest convenience to assocep@heartlandpby.org to let us know if you are interested in having them visit your church. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)

Heartland Presbytery's annual visit to the Maya Quiché Presbytery, our sister Presbytery in Guatemala, is set for January 2 - 10, 2014! The Guatemala Partnership Committee encourages you to be a part of this life-changing experience as together we grow in worship and witness with our Maya Quiché sisters and brothers. Flyer and application are attached and also available at www.heartlandpby.org under Upcoming Events. (submitted by Rachel Lausch)

Mission Partnership Team of Knox Presbyterian Church (Overland Park) is happy to welcome Janejira Kantha. She will be our guest from May 3 through July 7. We are excited to have Jane visit us from Payap, our sister church in Chaing Mai, Thailand. Jane has her masters' degree from McGlivity College of Divinity at Payap University and is a public figure in Thailand. She has been the host for several television shows and is a DJ, as well. Jane will share her expertise with us and she is looking forward to learning more about Knox through youth mission trips, Vacation Bible School and other activities. During her time here she will have the opportunity to work with staff and the congregation as she seeks to broaden her ministry and take what she learns back to Thailand. Knox has been in partnership with Payap Church since 2007 when a group from our congregation made its first visit to Thailand. Since that time we have maintained a relationship with Payap and have made other trips, serving in a variety of ways. The pastor and other members from Payap have also come to Knox to spend time in ministry with us. (submitted by Jane Rockhold)

- ★ **Healthy Boundaries for Spiritual Leaders** – Training for Prevention of Misconduct – Sponsored by the Sexual Misconduct Response Panel. If you have not attended any of the previous sessions, this July 9, 2013 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church **is the very last session**. If you are still not able to attend the last meeting, **please notify Rev. Kimby Young at this email address: kimby_gcpc@yahoo.com**

Misconduct training is a requirement for all clergy or inquirer under care. (submitted by Jessie Echavarria)

Heartland Presbytery Youth Day at Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun ~ July 31 ~ ORDER TICKETS NOW!! This is a great summer activity for youth groups. Tickets are \$32 and include an all you can eat lunch buffet and entrance to Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun - two parks for the price of one! **The attached flyer includes the form for ordering tickets. Deadline to order tickets is July 12.** Contact Cathy Broockerd at cathy@johnknoxkirk.org with questions. (Submitted by Cathy Broockerd)



OUR REMINDERS

- Don't forget to Heartland Presbytery gets an incentive based on weight for all paper recycling, help us be green.
- Like the Heartland Presbytery [Facebook page](#)? Tell others about it! (Submitted by Presbytery Office Staff)
- 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
- 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)
- We need hosts for Presbytery Meetings. Heartland is looking for churches to host Presbytery meetings in 2014. Saturday May 3rd, Tuesday July 15th, Tuesday September 30th, and Saturday November 22nd. If interested please contact Sally Hinchman by email at clerk@heartlandpby.org.



OUR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **Paola Preschool is currently taking applications for an Assistant Director/Teacher.** This position is responsible for assisting the Director/Lead Teacher with daily classroom learning activities for 3 and 4 year olds. Duties include preparing materials and classroom for lessons, purchasing and preparing food and drink for snacks, working with Director/Lead Teacher to prepare for activities for upcoming week, and assist with teaching children lessons for each day. The successful applicant will be well organized and possess excellent creative thinking skills! Applications can be picked up at First Presbyterian Church of Paola (110 E. Peoria, Paola, KS 66071) or please call (913) 294-2319 for questions.
- **Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church is seeking a part time Technical Director for Worship.** This person will serve Sunday mornings, special events, and some seasonal work. The position requires skills with audiovisual systems and lighting equipment. Experience with a PC based and interactive A/V systems is preferred. A more complete job description is attached in flyer.
- **Presbyterian Church's (U.S.A.) Office of the General Assembly is looking for an Associate for Communications.** This position calls for a basic commitment to Jesus Christ and the Christian Faith, as well as a basic commitment to the mission program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as noted in its theological confessions, the *Book of Order*, and the actions of the General Assembly. The Associate is a co-leader in the Ecclesial and Ecumenical Ministries Area. The Associate will develop and implement communication strategies for the Office of the General Assembly working proactively with the members of OGA's three ministry areas. The Associate serves as a member of the OGA Staff Coordinating Team.
- **Front Porch Alliance and Covenant Network of Presbyterians have openings for an Office and Operations Coordinator.** This person would actually hold two half-time positions, one with each of the two organizations, working 20 hours a week for each organization. Covenant Network and Front Porch Alliance are both housed in the same building at 3210 Michigan Ave. in Kansas City, MO. These positions will provide operations and administrative coordination to the executive directors of both organizations. Go to http://npconnect.org/search_jobs?cl_cid=12151&cl_v=ra&cl_aid=830704

The offices of Heartland Presbytery are located on the second floor of the Harold

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday

8:00am to 5:00pm

(Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)

Highlights from June 22nd Presbytery Meeting on next page

Highlights of Presbytery of Heartland Stated Meeting

Saturday, June 22, 2013

Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

The two hundred and fifteenth meeting of Heartland Presbytery was opened with prayer by Moderator, RE Bob Stikeleather. Worship was provided at various points throughout the meeting. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Approximately 70 displays for the Mission Share Fair were from local congregations, presbyteries ministries, and other organizations.
- 9 of the 10 Presbyterian Theological Institutions participated in the Fair. Throughout the meeting these representatives shared stories from their institutions.
- Celebrated the ministry and retirement of TE Dick Pierson.
- Examined for ministry into Heartland Presbytery:
 - Candidate – Nikki Cooley as pastor of 1st Liberty, MO
 - TE Michael Andrews as pastor of Maxwell Heights, St. Joseph, MO
 - TE Sarah Butler as interim pastor for Trinity, St. Joseph, MO
 - TE Tom Osborne as Designated Pastor for Tarkio, Tarkio, MO
- Received a report from the Administrative Commission for the United Church of the Good Shepherd regarding their plans for “The Dotte Initiative” a New Church Development in Heartland Presbytery. They received a grant of \$20,000 from the Synod of Mid- America through the synod’s “Innovation Fund”.
- The chair of the Nominations Committee reminded the presbytery that Nomination Forms for General Assembly Commissioners and YAAD for 2104 were in the packet.
- Executive Presbyter, Charles Spencer talked about the importance of focusing on a vision for the future for vitality and growth.
- Mark Ball, Director of Music at Village led the presbytery in singing from the new Presbyterian Hymnal throughout the day.
- The Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, Director of the Office of Public Witness – Washington Office preached the sermon.
- Business Affairs Committee of Presbytery Council presented the 1st reading of the 2014 Budget.
Congregations were encouraged to participate in the Shared Mission Budget of the presbytery.
- Certificates were presented to the congregations who were the “Top 10 Givers to Shared Mission in 2012” and to the “Top 10 Givers per Members in 2012”.
- Heard a report about the Maya Quiche’ Partnership. A presbytery delegation will go to Guatemala January 2 – 10, 2014.
- “Oasis” will be October 20 – 22, 2013 at the Hilton Kansas City Airport. The Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana will be the keynoter and the Rev. Corey Nelson will be the Worship Leader.
- “Embracing Hope” will be January 25, 2014 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Debbie Rundlett will be the Keynote Speaker.
- Church Orders and Listening (COAL) will host a makeup session for reading session minutes at the next presbytery meeting on September 21, 2013.

Next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be

Saturday, September 21, 2013

Aberdeen Village

17500 W. 119th, Olathe, KS

