

Heartland Connection

June 12, 2013

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God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand under it.

Corinthians 10:13



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

First Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill, MO

Teaching Elder Sarah Ross, Pastor
Ms. Vickie Taylor, Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church, Maryville, MO

Teaching Elder Jonathan Mitchell, Pastor
Mr. Richard Fulton, Clerk of Session

Knox Presbyterian Church, Worth, MO

Mr. Franklin Pigg, Clerk of Session

Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting

June 22, 2013, Village Presbyterian Church,
Prairie Village, KS

OUR Upcoming EVENTS

- 221st General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan
- Presbytery meeting June 22, 2013 at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS
 - All Information for the Packet was due by June 11 @ noon
 - If anyone needs childcare please let Heartland Presbytery know by June 14 @noon to reserve a spot
- Presbytery meeting September 21, 2013 at Aberdeen Village in Olathe, KS
- Presbytery meeting November 12, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Lee's Summit, MO



OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ All Directory changes are now closed; they will be added to the September meeting.
- ★ 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 or by calling Jessie Eshavarria 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. (submitted by Ann Rich)
- ★ The Earth Care Congregations program was started in 2010 by PC(USA) Environmental Ministries. The goal of the program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all of church life. The Earth Care Congregation certification honors churches that made that commitment, and encourages others to follow their lead. We would like to congratulate **Second Presbyterian and Grace Covenant Church** on recertified as Earth Care congregations. (submitted by Presbytery staff)
- ★ **Keith Koch** has been voted in as the Interim –Pastor for First Presbyterian in Gardner. Welcome to the Presbytery, Keith. (submitted by Ron Crabbs)

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

The Church Resource Center would like to convert some VHS resources to DVD format. Would you have a converter machine you would lend to the resource center, or even better, would you volunteer to convert a few resources? Contact Malinda Spencer at 816-924-1730 ext: 3026 to lend your machine and/or volunteer. (submitted by Malinda Spencer)

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. Many types of resources are available through this portal—ordination and baptism certificates, We Believe and Being Reformed curriculum, and feasting on the Word commentaries. More resources are being added. Please support the Church Resource Center by checking our portal first. Malinda Spencer is available to assist your committee, teachers, Session, or class in your Christian education planning. Contact Malinda at the Church Resource Center. (submitted by Malinda Spencer)

Heartland Presbytery is having a Food Drive June 22, 2013 during the Presbytery Meeting at Village Presbyterian Church. This event is being sponsored by The Presbyterian Urban and Immigrant Ministry Network (PUIMN), who will be collecting food outside the church. The food will be distributed to all Presbyterian churches that have food pantries to support their community. Flyer with additional information attached. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)



Presbyterian Planning Calendars!

All the Planning Calendars are here and ready to be taken to the June 22, 2013 stated meeting at Village Presbyterian Church, at 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS. If you have ordered calendars, and have not paid for them as of yet, you can bring a check, or please submit payment to Heartland Presbytery, 3210 Michigan Ave., Ste. 200, Kansas City, MO 64109. Attached to this Heartland Connection is the order form to be filled out and returned to Heartland Presbytery. You can also order your calendars online by going to <http://www.javapodz.com/hpby> (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)



Heartland Center is looking for young men and women with a committed faith in Jesus Christ and a desire to work in the outdoors and love campers with the unconditional love of Christ. Why work here? Change lives! Have fun! Get paid! If this sounds like an excellent summer, then you should work at Heartland Camps. We want to help young people experience Christ in an environment that fosters personal, loving relationships and memorable learning experiences. This summer, we'll host nearly 2,100 kids at camp and in the surrounding community. Over 45 staffers keep things running smoothly--and we need you! We'll compensate you with a weekly salary, food and housing. And of course, an amazing amount of fun. For more information, questions, or to receive an application; please contact the Program Director Michael Megraw by calling 816-891-1078 or email program@heartlandcenter.org or go online for an application: (submitted by Michael Megraw)

- <http://www.heartlandcenter.org/camps/summer-staff>
- <http://www.heartlandcenter.org/heartland/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/2013-Summer-Staff-Application2.doc>

OUR HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS



- ★ The Alzheimer's Association – Heart of America Chapter is hosting a half-day conference on June 20, 2013 at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center for clergy and other leaders within the faith communities of the areas we serve. Conference participants will learn about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and how to support families in their congregations and outreach areas. Special emphasis will be placed on addressing spiritual concerns of persons with dementia and their care partners. Flyer attached with more information. (submitted by Sandy Perry)
- ★ SEMINARY ADMISSIONS OFFICERS from all ten PC (USA) seminaries will be participating in the *Mission Fair* during presbytery meeting at *Village Church on Saturday, June 22*. This is the time to visit informally and collect information about each seminary for yourself or for someone you know that God may be calling into ministry. On **Sunday morning, June 23**, most of the admissions officers will be speaking in worship services around the presbytery and you are welcome to attend any of these churches. Flyer attached with more information. (submitted by Maryann Farnsworth)

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 McGliviary 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)

Interesting VBS curriculum by the Society of St. Andrew, a hunger program based on the Biblical concept of gleaning. The SoSA VBS curriculum "includes a Bible story, and related game, craft, snack, and music ideas. In addition, each day your VBS students will meet a modern-day superhero who is doing great things for God's Kingdom and your students will learn how they can use their hands to help feed God's hungry children." The reproducible materials are free if your church covenants to donate to the ministry through the VBS program. <http://endhunger.org/vbs.htm> includes an online form to order the kit. To learn about other VBS options, contact Malinda Spencer in the Church Resource Center. (submitted by Malinda Spencer)

We are fortunate to welcome Reverend James Atwood (retired Presbyterian Minister) and author of *America and its Guns: A Theological Expose* to Kansas City in June. He will be participating in several exciting

events, detailed on the enclosed flyer. We hope that you will consider sharing this information with your church. (submitted by Margaret Blankers)

Healthy Boundaries for Spiritual Leaders – Training for Prevention of Misconduct – Sponsored by the Sexual Misconduct Response Panel. If you had received either an email or letter for the dates of January 15, 2013 at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, March 5, 2013 at John Knox Kirk, and May 7, 2013 at Village Presbyterian Church and did not attend these meetings, nor chose to attend another date and site, please notify Jessie Echavarria at secretary@heartlandpby.org, or call (816) 924-1730. We have one remaining meeting on July 9, 2013 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church. 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 includes 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)

Big Tent - August 1-3, 2013 – Louisville, Kentucky
Love God. Love neighbor. Let God take care of the rest. This is the heart of Christ's message – and good news for the church today. Come to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Big Tent event and discover for yourself how putting God's first things first can bring rebirth and renewal to your church. The Big Tent combines ten national conferences under one roof, gathering thousands of Presbyterian pastors, elders, and other church leaders to study, share, worship, and fellowship, and to build up the body of Christ. **The 10 Partner Conferences:** Evangelism and Church Growth, Compassion, Peace and Justice, Healthy Ministries, National Elders Conference, National Multicultural Network, Presbyterian Communicators Network, Racial Ethnic and Immigrants Convocation, Seminary Support Network, Theology, Worship and Education, and World Mission. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)
Register now <https://events.pcusa.org/accounts/login/?next=/register/big-tent-2013/>

PEC Conference 2013 - Ethical Earth Care: Keeping Creation Sacred

You are invited to be a part of our 2013 Conference “Ethical Earth Care: Keeping Creation Sacred.” The conference will be October 16 – 19 at the amazingly green Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. We invite you to gather together to reflect upon—perhaps even create—an ethic of Earth care which seeks the well-being of all Creation. We look forward to working together toward this ethic at our PEC conference. We invite you to be a part of this amazing work, with shared wisdom from many different prophets and leaders of our time, including our plenary leader Larry Rasmussen, Th.D., Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, NYC, and author of Earth-Honoring Faith. Please go to the PEC website at www.presbyearthcare.org for more information and to register for the conference. (submitted by Diane Waddell)



- ★ 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.



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)
- One Great Hour of Sharing is having a drive to help those who are having financial difficulties, partially the victims of hurricane Sandy. Attached to this connection is a flyer with more information. (submitted by Diane Waddell)
- Heartland Presbytery is collecting pill bottles for mission work. Please bring them to the Presbytery office. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)
- Cherith Brook is in need of jeans in sizes men's 29-32, and shirts in L and XL. (submitted by Eric Garbison)
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- 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 was attached to the email delivering today's Heartland Connection.
- **First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit, MO** is looking to fill a male or female lead/harmony vocalist position in our 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service. This is a weekly gig that currently pays \$60 per week. Prior worship leading experience and rhythm/lead guitar skills would be a great bonus, but not required. The band consists of keyboard, guitar, bass, drums/percussion and shared lead/harmony vocal duties. Please contact Josh Williams (drummerandmusician@swbell.net, 816-217-7747) for more information.
- **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

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