



*June 26, 2013*

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but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint

*Isaiah 40:31*



## *OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER*

*Rantoul Community Presbyterian, Rantoul, KS*

Ms. Juanita Peckham, Clerk of Session

*Monte Sinai, Nimasac*

Teaching Elder Lorenzo Renoj

*Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Blue Springs, MO*

Teaching Elder Andrew Florio, Pastor

Ms. Carol Coe, Clerk of Session

Mr. John Billings, Communicator

## *OUR Upcoming EVENTS*

- Heartland Presbytery offices will be closed Thursday July 4, 2013 for Independence Day
- 221<sup>st</sup> 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
- Presbytery meeting November 12, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Lee's Summit, MO

## *OUR* ANNOUNCEMENTS



- ★ We had a wonderful Stated Presbytery meeting at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas on June 22, 2013. The presbytery staff would like to extend our gratitude to all the amazing volunteers and staff that made the day run without a hitch, you all are incredible.
- ★ Another special thanks goes out to all the missions, churches, and organizations that took the time to participate in the Mission Share Fair. Thank you for sharing what you do with the Presbytery.
- ★ **Presbytery Meeting Highlights are available on the last page of this edition of the Heartland Connection.**



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](http://www.heartlandpby.org) 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. (submitted by Ann Rich)

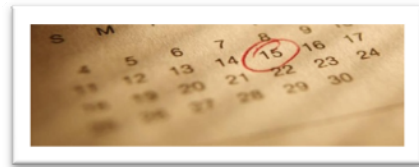
The Presbytery office is looking to have an organization day on July 15. Anyone interested in volunteering some time to help organize the Presbytery office please call the Presbytery office at 816-924-1730 and ask for Callie or Jessie. (submitted by Presbytery staff)



### 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](mailto:stikerg@aol.com) , by cell at 816-591-9414, or at home at 816-796-8902. (submitted by Bob Stikeleather)



## OUR HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

**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 attached and also available at [www.heartlandpby.org](http://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 McGlivary 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](mailto: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. 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**

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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 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](http://www.presbyearthcare.org) for more information and to register for the conference. (submitted by Diane Waddell)





## OUR REMINDERS

- 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)
- **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)
- **We need hosts for Presbytery Meetings**. Heartland is looking for churches to host Presbytery meetings in 2014. Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. If interested please contact Sally Hinchman by email at [clerk@heartlandpby.org](mailto: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.
- **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](mailto: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](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 Thomas Center for Reconciliation at:  
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[info@heartlandpby.org](mailto:info@heartlandpby.org)  
[www.heartlandpby.org](http://www.heartlandpby.org)

**Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
 8:00am to 5:00pm  
 (Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)**

**Highlights from June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 119<sup>th</sup>, Olathe, KS*



