

Heartland Presbytery

THE COVENANT OF HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY: As the body of Christ, we covenant with God and with each other to affirm our unity in Jesus Christ and share Christ's ministry with others as the Holy Spirit leads us.
Adopted September 18, 2007



Heartland Connection

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March 26, 2013

Joys and Concerns

- **Please be in prayer for Mary Jane Huston**, who fell and broke her clavicle, but is recovering and in good spirits. (Submitted by Presbytery Staff)
- **Please be in prayer for Hal Hanrahan**, who is having some health concerns (submitted by Judy & Jerry Penland)
- **Please rejoice for Michael Archer** has returned to San Diego, CA from Afghanistan! (submitted by John Knox Kirk)



The offices of Heartland Presbytery are located on the second floor of the Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation at:
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Care Provides
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Those Touched by Violence
All Military Personnel

A Partnership of Prayer

Please pray for all the Honorably Retired, at-large members who are not currently serving churches, all Ministers serving in validated ministries, and support staff of the churches each week.

March 24, 2013- Passion/ Palm Sunday

First Presbyterian Church, Pleasanton, KS

Ms. Verna Bright, Clerk of Session, Communicator

First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

The Rev. Krista Kiger, Pastor

The Rev. Jacqueline Thomas, Parish Associate

The Rev. John D. Watson, Pastor Emeritus

Ms. Mary Jo Hornaday, Clerk of Session

Ms. Joanne Anderson, Communicator

March 31, 2013 Easter

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Retired Ministers of Heartland Presbytery

Pastors serving in Validated Ministries

Candidates and Inquirers of Heartland Presbytery

All member serving on Divisions/ Committees

All members of Heartland Presbytery

Of Special Interest

ORDER YOUR PRESBYTERIAN PLANNING CALENDAR TODAY!

On Line Ordering through PayPal: <http://www.heartlandpby.org/files%20misc/files%20misc/20122013PlanCalendarPayPal.htm>

Mail in Order Form: <http://www.heartlandpby.org/files%20misc/20122013PlanningCalendarOrderForm.pdf>

The April Meeting of PLACE- First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit is hosting a Confirmation Ideas and Design Session facilitated by Sandra Stogsdill, Associate Pastor, Tuesday April 9th 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 a person or \$10.00 for 2 people with lunch will be served. Deadline to RSVP is April 5, 2013. For questions or to reserve your spot please contact Malinda Spencer. (submitted by Malinda Spencer)

Presbytery Middle School Retreat – Mark your calendars the Middle School (6th – 8th grade) is coming up fast, April 26-27, 2014 at Heartland Presbyterian Center. Flyer and registration forms are attached to the email that delivered this newsletter. For more information or questions contact Holly Samborski at holly@johnknoxkirk.org. (submitted by Cathy Brookerd)

The "Healthy Congregations" workshop is coming to Kaw Prairie Community Church in Lenexa, Kansas, on April 5-6. The workshop was originally designed by Dr. Peter Steinke based on the work of Dr. Murray Bowen. The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center later modified the workshop to a Friday evening-Saturday format. The workshop addresses conflict, anxiety, and the role of leadership in congregations using an approach that considers the entire system and not just the individuals. While the workshop specifically addresses congregations, the principles apply to businesses, families and organizations as well. **Contact Dave Moore for further information and to sign up:** dave@newsummit.org or 816-591-2059. (submitted by Dave Moore)

Heartland Presbytery's Peacemaking Committee and Village Presbyterian Church are co-sponsoring a *Pastor's Workshop and Luncheon With The Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak May 7, 2013, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.* at Village Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak is an iconic figure in the lengthy struggle to end apartheid in South Africa. A promotional piece was attached to this email. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)

Spring Gathering of Presbytery Women in Heartland Presbytery-April 20, 2015 being held at the First Presbyterian Church of Gardner for 8:15 am- 12:45pm with The Reverend Doctor Rhashell D. Hunter. The cost is \$8.00 per person with lunch and program material provided. The deadline to sign up for this event is Monday, April 15, 2013. For questions or to return registration form contact Janet Kelley at 8319 Sagamore Road Leewood, KS 66206 or by phone at (913) 341-5076 (submitted by Pam Nitsche)

Acts 16:5 Plenary Meeting on Generous Congregations has been rescheduled for April 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas. 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. Please call the church office 913 299-2479 to make a reservation. (submitted by Leigh Gillis)

Village Scholar Event, April 5 & 6, 2013 – Village Presbyterian Church presents Diana Butler Bass, author, speaker, and independent scholar who specializes in American religion and culture. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and has taught church history and related studies at a number of colleges and universities. She is the author of eight books including *Christianity After Religion: the End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*, *A People's History of Christianity: _e Other Side of the Story* and *Christianity for the Rest of Us*. (submitted by Meg McLaughlin/flyer attached)

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 Brookerd (cathy@johnknoxkirk.org). (submitted by Cathy Brookerd)

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/>

Job Opportunities

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 PC based and interactive A/V systems is preferred. A more complete job description was attached to the email delivering today's Heartland Connection.

Linwood United Church is seeking a part time Secretary for assisting with day to day work in the church. The position is Monday thru Friday and will involve clerical duties such typing, answering phones, scheduling, and maintaining the churches website. For more information a flyer with a more detailed description was been attached to this document .If interested please call (816) 923-3212 or visit www.LinwoodUnited.org

Upcoming Events

- Stewardship & Mission Division Meeting- March 28, 2013
- Heartland offices closed March 29, 2013 for Good Friday
- Heartland Presbytery Meeting- Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery Spring Gathering- April 20, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church of Gardner, Shawnee, KS
- Plenary Meeting on Generous Congregations- April 25, 2013 at Bethel Presbyterian Church
- 2013 Presbyterian Youth [Triennium registration open!](#) - July 16-20, 2013 at Purdue University
- 221st General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan

Links to additional Upcoming Events: <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/events.html>

Deadline for articles to be posted in the next weeks Heartland Connection is 4:00 p.m. Thursday

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