

Heartland Connection

May 1, 2013

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Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead

I Peter 1:6



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

Overland Park Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

The Rev. Jason Carle, Pastor
Ms. Cherie Daly, Clerk of Session
Mr. Kevin Mimms, Inquirer

Chirst Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

The Rev. Eric Garbison, Stated Supply
Mr. Dick Shores, Clerk of Session

Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS

The Rev. Dennis J. Haines, Stated Supply, Honerably Retired
Ms. Kathy Milborn-Montague, Clerk of Session

OUR Upcoming EVENTS

- 2013 Presbyterian Youth [Triennium registration open!](#) —July 16-20, 2013—Purdue University
- 221st General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan
- Presbytery meeting June 22, 2013 at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS



OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

On a sad note Heartland Presbytery learned from the Reverend Don Fisher that one of our honorably retired minister members, the Reverend Jo Austin Lininger, passed from the church militant to the church triumphant on Palm Sunday. Mr. Lininger born in Cowles, Nebraska in 1920, was baptized in 1922 and ordained in April of 1949 by the then Presbytery of Laramie, now Wyoming. He transferred his membership to Heartland Presbytery in March of 1998 and was for some years parish associate at Second Presbyterian. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia and son Jerry. He is survived by his son Jack, daughter-in-law Karen, and many other family and friends. Heartland Presbytery covets your prayers for Mr. Lininger's family and friends. Condolences may be sent to Jack and Karen Lininger, 4834 Lupine Lane NW, Silverdale, WA 98383 or email jacklininger@hotmail.com.

On a happy note congratulations are in order for Rachel Dannar and her family who welcomed little Malachi Ray Dannar on April 29 at 8:52p.m. He weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and is 21 ¼ inches long. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. (submitted by Callie Riggs)

Thank you to all the ladies from Heartland Presbytery for making the Spring Gathering held at the Gardner First Presbyterian Church in Gardner, Kansas on April 20th a big success. We were very happy to host and you all made it a special day. Of course it was a beautiful day of sunshine as we know God made that happen. A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter. Wonderful message, very interesting program. Thank you to Shirley Nichols, Rev. Glenda Watts, Janet Kelley and the rest of your committee for all your work in planning the meeting. What a glorious day! (submitted by Nancy Schulz)

Just a little message...the Heartland website is updated, but it is a work in progress. As part of my new job I have been given the task of reworking our website. I have removed outdated information and am working on the format now. I hope to have it completed it within a month, and thanks to everyone for their patience. (submitted by Callie Riggs)

Heartland Directories: As most of you know the new directories are here and available to be picked up. However, it has been brought to our attention that some information has been left out. Under the Pastors tab there are no cell phone numbers. If you would like your cell number listed, please let Jessie Echavarria, administrative assistant at secretary@heartlandpby.org know, so that we can add this information to the "directory changes" that will be submitted at the next June presbytery meeting. (submitted by Jessie Echavarria)

Order your Presbyterian Planning Calendars today!

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>

Calendars are now in and ready for pick up. Let the Presbytery staff now how will collect them, and anyone who has ordered and not paid; please send your checks. (submitted by Jessie Echavarria)

Needing new Hymnals? This is a little reminder that the early bird discount is about to be over and anyone needing to order new hymnals should hurry, this offer end June 1. They can be ordered by going to <http://www.presbyterianhymnal.org/preorder.html> (submitted by Malinda Spencer)

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 contact me by email at stikerg@aol.com or by phone at 913-888-8141. (submitted by Bob Stikeleather)

Are we good stewards of God's creation? On page C8 in the Faith Section of the Saturday, April 20, KC Star appears an article asking just that. This article quotes Carol Meyer (executive director of the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition of Greater KC) who explains SSC's 100 Sermons for the Earth initiative. This initiative is a call for clergy of all faiths to preach about or talk about earth care. They are being asked to give at least one sermon or talk sometime during 2013 dedicated to the importance of Earth-care as a spiritual, moral, and religious imperative. So far 63 KC area clergy from a variety of faiths have already agreed to do so. For more info, link to <http://ssckc.org/faith-and-ecology/100-sermon-for-the-earth/> (submitted by Leigh Gillis)



OUR HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY sponsored by CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF JOHNSON COUNTY will be observed on Friday, May 3, in the Community of Christ Church, 7842 Mission Road. Registration at 9:30 with program at 10:00. The Fellowship of the Least Coin will be dedicated. All are welcome to come. (Submitted by Mary E. Johnson)

Kenya Medical Mission Dinner on Saturday May 4, 2013 at Neema Community Church; join us for a delicious authentic Kenyan meal! A free will offering will be taken to help fund the May 24th Medical Mission Trip to Thwake, Kenya. Flyer Attached (submitted by David Nzioka)

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)

The last PLACE meeting of the school year will be May 14, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at FPC Warrensburg. Ruling Elder Dianna Marcum, commissioned to Green Ridge Presbyterian Church in Missouri Union Presbytery, will lead us in reviewing our work this past year by creating a gratitude journal. Among her many hats, Dianna is a mother, grandmother, and designer. An internet search of Dianna's name will bring up some examples from her design career. This PLACE meeting will be a day where art and faith meet. Lunch will be provided, and there is always good fellowship. RSVP appreciated by May 9 to education@heartlandpby.org. We will endeavor to facilitate carpooling. (submitted by Malinda Spencer)

HEALTHY COUNDARIES 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, or March 5, 2013 at John Knox Kirk and did not attend either of 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 two remaining meetings, the next is this May 7, 2013 at Village Presbyterian Church, and the last one will be July 9, 2013 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church. Misconduct training is a requirement for all clergy or inquirer under care. (submitted by Jessie Echavarria)

Don't forget about Triennium! Though the early bird price has passed it's not too late to sign up. We are still collecting registration forms and hope that more people will sign up for what is sure to be an adventure. One switch that has been made is that Callie Riggs will now be the contact for this event. Reach her by email at nurture@heartlandpby.org or phone at 816-924-1730 ext. 3027



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

Presbyterians for Earth Care invite you to be a part of our 2013 Conference "Ethical Earth Care: Keeping Creation Sacred." We look forward to gathering together as co-stewards in Creation care during this challenging time where it seems there is little respect for our Sacred Sphere. **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)

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/>



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 at the Presbytery meeting in April. There is a flyer attached with more information. (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)



OUR 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 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.

- **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. Applications will be closed May 20, 2013.

- **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. A more detailed description is attached to this newsletter.

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