

Heartland Connection

May 15, 2013

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I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy iv. 7



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

New Partnership in Prayer Booklets will be available at the June Presbytery meet or for pick up in the office; they will not be mailed out.

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 Council May 20, 2013 at Linwood United Church
- Presbytery meeting June 22, 2013 at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS
- Presbytery meeting October 21, 2013 at Aberdeen Village in Olathe, KS
- Presbytery meeting November 12, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Lee's Summit, MO



OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presbytery Office and Church Resource Center will be closed on Thursday, May 16, 2013. The staff will be in an out of office training and orientation day at John Knox Kirk. This is an opportunity for the staff to welcome and provide orientation to our two newest staff members. It is also an opportunity to examine office practices and explore ways in which we can better serve Heartland Presbytery, its members and congregations.” (submitted by Charles Spencer)

First Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth, Kansas is pleased to announce the Installation of the Rev. Dr. Robyn Abel as pastor. The Installation Service will be held Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. First Presbyterian is located at 407 Walnut Street, Leavenworth, Kansas (Walnut Street and South 4th Street/K-7.) All are invited. (submitted by Ann J. Keeling)

The Presbytery office is looking to have an organization day to in late June early July. 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)

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 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 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)

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>

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

Covenant Presbyterian Church is hosting an evening out Saturday May 18th at 7:00pm to help raise to send kid to Heartland Centers Presbyterian Summer Camp in Parkville, Missouri. This event will feature Covenant disciples and Chandra McDonald. Flyer with more information attached. (submitted by Covenant Presbyterian Church)

We are fortunate to welcome Reverend James Atwood (retired Presbyterian Minister) and author of *America and its Guns: A Theological Expose* to Kansas City next month. 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)

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



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)

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 in attached flyer or contact Cathy Broockerd for more information at (cathy@johnknoxkirk.org). (submitted by Cathy Broockerd)

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)



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

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(Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)

