

Heartland Connection

May 29, 2013

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But to those who received Him, He gave authority to become children of God, that is, to those who believed in His name...

John 1:12-13



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

Butler Presbyterian Church, Butler, MO

Teaching Elder Dick Pierson, Pastor
Ms. Pam Hedger, Clerk of Session
Mrs. Martha Pierson, Communicator
Ms. Laura Haney

First Presbyterian Church, Leavenworth, KS

Teaching Elder Robyn Abel, Pastor
Ms. Cindy Scircle, Clerk of Session

OUR Upcoming EVENTS

- 2013 Presbyterian Youth [Triennium registration closes!](#) —May 29, 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
 - All Information for the Packet must be in 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 churches that have a secretary, please submit that information to Heartland Presbytery, attention Jessie Echavarria, by email at secretary@heartlandpby.org or call the office directly (816) 924-1730.

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)

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)

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)

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 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)

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)



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 for them, 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 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>

OUR HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS



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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)

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church has been an Earth Care Congregation since ECC's beginning. This coming June 8 from 9 we are partnering with Sustainable Sanctuaries Coalition and collecting ANYTHING WITH A PLUG and more! SSC has made arrangements with Goodwill for the electronics recycle and GCPC is encouraging donations to our ongoing collections at the same time (paper and aluminum for youth activities, shoes for [Soles4Souls](#) and cell phones for Safehome) Attached are the front and back pages of the flyer for the event. (submitted by Jo Randolph)

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)

Don't forget about Triennium! Anyone who has not turned in their Triennium paperwork, time is running out. All paperwork must be mailed out by May 31st so please don't delay. For question or concerns please contact Callie by email at nurture@heartlandpby.org or by phone at 816-924-1730 ext. 3027(submitted by Callie Riggs)

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 Brockerd for more information at (cathy@johnknoxkirk.org). (submitted by Cathy Brockerd)

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)





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)
- **We need host for Presbytery Meetings.** Heartland is looking for churches to host Presbytery meeting 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

- **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.
- **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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 (Calls accepted 9am to 4pm)

