



# THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. *Psalm 147:5*

## PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

### *Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO*

Teaching Elder James E. Gordon, Pastor  
Ms. Lisa-Anne Uhrmacher, Clerk of Session  
Teaching Elder James Gordon, Communicator

### *Effingham Union Church, Effingham, KS*

Teaching Elder Jeffrey Cochran, Pastor  
Ms. Diane Kiehl, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Alice Johnson, Communicator

### *Deepwater Presbyterian Church, Deepwater, MO*

Ms. Pam Robbins, Clerk of Session



### *Special Prayer Requests*

- Prayers of Thanksgiving for all Veterans
- Renee Meyer
- Jill Linn
- Tom Carlisle
- Pastors and Congregations in Transition
- All Looking for Employment
- Those Touched by Violence here and in the world
- All Military Personnel

Prayers for the people of the Philippines who became victims when Super Typhoon Haiyan hit on Nov. 8 and for the relief workers there now. A CNN report states that Haiyan was stronger than Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy combined. Presbytery Disaster Assistance (PDA) has established [an account](#) (#DR000012-Philippines Typhoon) to receive contributions to relief efforts. Contributions may be made through regular

church channels, or donors may text PDA to 20222 on their smartphones to give \$10 (standard SMS rates may apply). For more information on PDA's efforts check out the report at <http://www.pcusa.org/news/2013/11/12/pda-has-set-account-contributions-philippines-typh/>.

Our heartfelt sympathies to Deputy Chief Randall Hundley, Ruling Elder, St. Marks Union Church, KCMO, and family on the death of his mother-in-law.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of the Rev. Dr. Emerson I. "Abbey" Abendroth who passed away on October 30. A memorial service was held at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 2 for this active and faithful servant of the Lord. The family suggests memorial gifts be made to Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church.



Thank you for all of the prayers on my behalf during my October 17 total right hip replacement and recovery. I am getting along better and appreciate the prayers from everyone in Heartland Presbytery.

- Dave Irwin



## HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

(IN DATE ORDER ~ BE SURE TO CHECK REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR EVENTS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. NEW ITEMS HAVE A ★ BULLET.)

### IN HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY

- ★ The next meeting of PLACE (Presbyterian Lutheran Christian Educators) will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at the Harold Thomas Center, 3210 Michigan, Kansas City, MO 64109 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. For program information contact Malinda Spencer at [Education@heartlandpby.org](mailto:Education@heartlandpby.org) or by calling 816-923-5486. (Submitted by office staff)
- ★ Do you need help with children's sermons or would like to know how to better facilitate a meeting? Then Embracing Hope, the annual leadership development event, is for you! Both of these topics will be addressed in workshops during Block 3 on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64153. Check out the other workshops by viewing the [brochure](#) or register online at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e8h5b82j3ca233eb>.

Child care will be provided but must be registering through:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7stinjdab&oeidk=a07e8ibz96jfcfd75>

What to do with the youth that day? Sign them up for the 2014 Winter Rally, Playing for God, a special time of fun, fellowship, worship and games just for them. Check out the [flyer](#) and watch for the registration link. (Submitted by Jan Zimmerman)

The Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery announce the sale of *Legacy Christmas – treasured carols of the Kirk* supporting Living Waters for the World, a ministry of the Synod of Living Waters, PC (USA)

and the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering. For more information on how to get this CD of Celtic-inspired Christmas carols see the attached [flyer](#). (Submitted by Gail Cunningham)

**Presbytery Partnership TRIPS to Guatemala:** The Jan 2014 Presbytery Partnership Trip to Guatemala filled up quickly in a big way -- 20 are signed up to go. Due to such high interest, the Partnership Committee recently approved a second trip for next year; tentative dates are April 23-30, 2014. Please let Rachel Lausch ([rlausch@earthlink.net](mailto:rlausch@earthlink.net) or 913-631-6620) know as soon as possible if you are interested in being part of that trip. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)

- ★ Prepare now for the Annual Statistical Report which is due at the end of each year. Follow this link to the workbook that you can use to start putting together the necessary information. The site for official submission to the PC(USA) will open on Friday, December 6. [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

## IN OUR MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

Reverend Scott Myers of Westport Presbyterian Church has written a stage play entitled "JFK, A Ghostly Evening" which will be presented at Just Off Broadway Theatre, 3051 Central, Kansas City, MO 64108 from November 21 through December 1, 2013. For more information or tickets visit [www.kcmeltingpot.com](http://www.kcmeltingpot.com) or call 816-914-1520. (Submitted by Presbytery office staff)

The John Knox Kirk, 11430 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64114, invites all to join on Sunday, November 24 for the Service of Installation for Chad Andrew Herring. The service will be at 4:00 pm followed by a reception and the Kirk's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner. Please RSVP to [Beth@JohnKnoxKirk.org](mailto:Beth@JohnKnoxKirk.org) to reserve a meal. (Submitted by Cathy Broockerd)

- ★ New Horizon Presbyterian Church, 4266 Highway 131, Odessa, MO 64076, will be hosting a Dessert Auction on November 24<sup>th</sup> following worship. You won't want to miss out on the opportunity to purchase some delectable desserts for your holiday meal. Cheesecakes, pies, cakes will be just some of the items on the auction menu. Please join us for worship at 10:30 and a Loaded Baked Potato Bar prior to the event. RSVP to Paula Isgrig at the church, 816/633-5544. (Submitted by Paula Isgrig)
- ★ All are invited to the Northland Churches Thanksgiving Combined Worship Service on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 pm at Immanuel Presbyterian, 3800 NE Parvin Rd., Kansas City, MO 64117. This is a joint effort between Northminster, St. Luke Joy, First and Immanuel Presbyterian churches. For more information call 816-453-4332. (Submitted by Teri VanGilder)

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66208, invites all to their Christmas tradition of *Journey to Bethlehem: A walk within the Nativity* on Friday, December 6 from 6-9 pm and Saturday, December 7 from 5-8 pm. This is a free family event. For more information visit <http://www.southminsterpres.com> or see the flyer **Southminster Journey to Bethlehem 2013**.

- ★ Annual Holiday Treasures Bazaar on Saturday, December 7 from 7am to 4pm at New Horizon Presbyterian Church, 4266 Highway 131, Odessa, MO 64076. This will be our biggest event yet! We are expected to have 55 vendors this year so don't forget to mark your calendars and stop by and do some Christmas Shopping. Pancake Breakfast will run from 7am-10am and the Café will open at 10:30 with hot dogs, chili, nachos, and chili dogs!

We will also have the Cookies and Candy by the pound and FREE make and take crafts for the kiddos! Hope to see you all there!! (Submitted by Paula Isgrig)

Notable news at Effingham Union Church, Effingham, KS as the three small children of three cousins were baptized during the Sunday morning worship service on October 20. The small church of 78 members was proud to share in the continuation of tradition within that family. (Submitted by Jeff Cochran)

**Can your church do a Blanket Drive for Cherith Brook?** Homeless women and men who come to Cherith Brook are beginning to stock up blankets for the winter. Workers are told by those who sleep in abandoned houses, in tents or even outside that they need layers of 10-15 blankets to make it through the winter months. Please search your homes for unused blankets or sleeping bags. If you are purchasing items, we need blankets, as fleece throws do NOT cover a body. If questions call (816) 241-8047 or email at [cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com). (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

- ★ **Southridge Presbyterian Church**, 5015 Buena Vista, Roeland Park, KS 66205, is looking for a secretary/administrative assistant for the office, 15-20 hours per week. Experience with office procedures and good computer skills needed. Familiarity with Quicken/QuickBooks helpful. Prospective applicants please call the church office 913-722-3131 or e-mail resume to [southridgepc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:southridgepc@sbcglobal.net). (Submitted by Donna Chavez)

## IN THE LARGER CHURCH

The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Annual Event will be in San Jose, CA January 29 through February 1, 2014. For those serving small churches, there will be an extended workshop *Connecting Small Churches for 21st Century Educational Ministry*. Check out the flyer and for registration information visit <http://apcenet.org/>. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

## REMINDERS



- Send event announcements and joys and concerns for the Heartland Connection to [communication@heartlandpby.org](mailto:communication@heartlandpby.org) by Wednesday each week for publication in the next week's edition.
- Heartland Presbytery gets an incentive based on weight of our recycling, so **bring your aluminum, plastic, and paper to the recycling containers in the Harold Thomas parking lot.** Help us be green!
- 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. Thank you for your support.

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