



# THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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Thank you God, for giving us partners in ministry, helping each of us grow as we work for you. Amen.

## PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

November 24, 2013

*Freeman Presbyterian Church, Freeman, MO*

Teaching Elder Ilona Buzick, Stated Supply  
Ms. Natalie Madison-Ardrey, Clerk of Session,  
Communicator

*Trinity Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO*

Teaching Elder Reith Gewin, Pastor Emeritus  
Teaching Elder Sarah Butler, Interim Pastor  
Ms. Geraldine Mier, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Linda Berger, Communicator

*Leawood Presbyterian Church, Leawood, KS*

Teaching Elder Ryan Kapple, Pastor  
Ms. Christine Crippin, Clerk of Session

December 1, 2013

*First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, MO*

Teaching Elder Bonnie Grabowski, Pastor  
Ms. Gay Dittmore, Clerk of Session, Communicator

*Woodville Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO*

Teaching Elder Charles David Cliburn, Temporary Supply  
Ms. Donna Kurtz, Clerk of Session

*Príncipe de Paz, Olinthepeque*

Teaching Elder Abraham Salanic

### *Special Prayer Requests*

- 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 recovering from Super Typhoon Haiyan. 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/>.



## 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

- ★ Our offices will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the holiday. As we gather with our family and friends in thanksgiving for God's many blessings, may you also have a meaningful holiday.
- ★ Highlights of the November 12, 2013 Stated Meeting are now available. Click on this [link](#) or visit the *Meetings* tab at [www.heartlandpby.org](http://www.heartlandpby.org). Please share the information with your session and congregation.
- ★ Embracing Hope scholarships are available! The Congregational Ministries Division is offering scholarship money in exchange for the use of chairs for the event on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64153. (Note: You would be responsible for delivery of the chairs before the event and pick up afterwards.) Contact Malinda Spencer, [education@heartlandpby.org](mailto:education@heartlandpby.org), for the full details.

Check out the workshops offered at the annual leadership training event 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>

Playing for God, the 2014 Youth Winter Rally, will be a special time of fun, fellowship, worship and games that day. Check out the [flyer](#) for details and watch for the registration link. (Submitted by Jan Zimmerman)

- ★ Prepare now for the Annual General Assembly 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. The additional documents needed by Heartland Presbytery will be available soon. These will be mailed or emailed to each Clerk of Session in the coming weeks.

### 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, presents 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**.

- ★ **Second Presbyterian Church**, 318 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St. Kansas City, MO 64113, invites all to experience *Journey to Bethlehem*, a Kansas City holiday tradition. This annual walk-through nativity will take place on December 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and December 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Please visit [secondpres.org](http://secondpres.org) for more information. (Submitted by Alex Treaster.)

**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)

- ★ **All are invited to the Community Concert series at First Presbyterian Church**, 407 Walnut St. Leavenworth, KS on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. when our Chancel Choir will perform Mark Hayes' new cantata "What Sweeter Music". We will be joined by the flute choir in Leavenworth as they share some of their holiday selections with us. All concerts at First Presbyterian are free to all. Donations are gratefully appreciated to help us continue this series that all may enjoy! (Submitted by Karen Engebretson)

**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 26th Annual St. Joseph Church World Service CROP Walk was held on Sunday October 6 with local Presbyterians well represented. When the results were tabulated we learned that there were 88 walkers who raised \$6,908. Trinity Presbyterian had 9 walkers and raised the highest amount of dollars of all participating churches. First and Maxwell Heights each had 13 walkers. All 3 churches took a leadership role in planning and working for the success of this year's CROP Walk. The St Joe churches once again said to the rest of the community "There Is Enough For All". (Submitted by David Berger.)
- ★ The Association of Retired Ministers, Their Spouses or Survivors (ARMSS) has recently published their quarterly newsletter. Click on this [link](#) to see highlights from their recent meeting and more. (Submitted by Ginny Nyhuis.)
- ★ The Winter Pastor's School at Hastings, Nebraska will be February 3 – 6, 2014. Guest speaker Jill M. Hudson, M.Div., from Louisville will be speaking on "*The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: The Pastor as an Agent of Change.*" Early registrations are encouraged. The Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation underwrites the speaker for the School. For more information or to register go to: <http://www.omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/Winter-Pastors'-School.html>. (Submitted by office staff.)
- ★ The [Presbyterian Writers Guild](#) (PWG) is accepting nominations for its [2014 David Steele Distinguished Writer Award](#). The award is given biennially in even-numbered years to recognize the cumulative work and influence—regardless of genre or subject matter—of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) writer. Nominations for the award should include the writer's PC(USA) affiliation, list of published work, and a 100-word essay describing why the nominee is deserving of the award. Contact information for both the nominator and the nominee should be included. Send nominations to Emily Enders Odom by [email](#); by fax to (336) 299-5304 or by mail to 308 N. Chapman St., Greensboro, NC 27403. **Deadline for nominations is Jan. 15, 2014.**

## 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.
- 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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