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The LORD is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love. *Psalm 103:8*

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

First Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS

*The New Church Development at the former
United Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City, KS*

Administrative Commission

Primitiva, Centro Cantel

Teaching Elder José Leopoldo Ulín

Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting

November 12, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit, MO



Prayers and sympathy are extended to the Rev. Rob Cromwell and family upon the recent passing of his father in Lubbock, Texas.

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.

Special Prayer Requests

- Fall Evangelism Events
- Barbara McConnell, sister of Susan Letezia
- Jill Linn
- David Irwin
- Tom Carlisle
- Pastors and Congregations in Transition
- All Looking for Employment
- Those Touched by Violence here and in the world
- All Military Personnel



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

- ★ Thank you for bearing with us during the recent transitions in staffing! To better assist you please use this guide for support staff committee and work designations. If you have any questions about a particular committee not listed please contact the staff person you usually work with.
 - Presbytery Council (Council), Commission on Ministry (COM), Committee on Nominations: Jessie Echavarria (secretary@heartlandpby.org who will be in the office Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays).
 - Church Order and Listening (COAL), Church Planting and Revitalization (CPR), Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM): Beverly Barr (AdminAssist@heartlandpby.org who will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and alternating Fridays).
 - Heartland Connection, the website, Facebook: Mari Shineman (communication@heartlandpby.org who will be in the office on Monday and Thursday).
- ★ 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. The CD of Celtic-inspired Christmas carols will be available at the November 12, 2013 Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery. For more information 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 or 913-631-6620) know as soon as possible if you are interested in being part of that trip. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch)

The next Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery is Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, 1625 NW O'Brien Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. The packet will be put online Tuesday, November 5.

Save the Date! On Saturday, January 25, 2014 Embracing Hope, the annual leadership development event, will be held at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64153. More details to follow in the coming weeks, but plan now to attend this energizing event intended for all church leaders.

IN OUR MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

The 2nd Annual Family Forum at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, 3108 Westbound 40 Highway, Blue Springs, MO 64015, will present *7 Habits of Successful Families-Raising Happy Kids and Building Effective Families* on Friday, November 8 from 7pm-9pm and Saturday, November 9 from 9am-Noon. This year Charles Fonbuena, a senior consultant from the Franklin Covey Education Practice will lead the forum on applying principles that enable family members to communicate their challenges and overcome them successfully together.

Admission and childcare (newborn-5th grade) are FREE! Spaces are limited so reserve your tickets as soon as possible. For registration information visit www.chpresby.org or call 816-229-3367." (Submitted by Michelle Jones)

- ★ **Work Day at Cherith Brook Catholic Worker**, 3308 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64124: Please join on **Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 am to 1 pm** to work by wintering the garden, sorting clothes, cooking breakfast, installing water barrels, deep cleaning, maintenance and small projects. We will enjoy table fellowship after work. Please RSVP to help us plan projects, call (816) 241-8047 or email at cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church presents **Uncovering Paths** with guest lecturer Dr. Robert Dykstra on **Sunday, November 10**. Join in uncovering paths which avoid the usual tangles and lead to new insights on your faith. See the [flyer](#) for more information and the day's schedule.

- ★ **The Village U environmental class *Agricultural Water Issues in Kansas*** will be held on **Tuesday evening, November 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm**, in Room 133 at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208. Josh Svaty will discuss how climate change and other factors are beginning to affect the availability of agricultural water in Kansas. The cost is \$15 for one or several classes. To register, please call Marianne Weber (913.671.2333) or email her (marianne.weber@villagepres.org). Or you can register at the beginning of class. Walk ins are welcome. For more information check out the [flyer](#). (Submitted by Jerry Rees, member of Heartland Earthkeepers and Village Church's Environmental Committee.)

- ★ **Cherith Brook Roundtable—“Worker Justice”** Fast-food workers in KC have joined a national movement for just wages in a Campaign for Economic Dignity. **The Cherith Brook Roundtable on Nov 15 at 7pm**, held at **their café**, 3226 E. 12th St. Kansas City, MO 64124, will feature Alice Chamberlain from Communities Creating Opportunity <http://www.cco.org/>. She will introduce this effort and suggest ways our congregations and communities can get involved in a local justice reality. For more information call (816) 241-8047 or email cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

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 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 58th Annual Harvest Dinner. Please RSVP to Beth@JohnKnoxKirk.org to reserve a meal. (Submitted by Cathy Broockerd)

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**.

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. (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

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)

The Society of St. Andrews West is Presenting Squash Hunger 2013, help pick squash to feed the hungry. 1,000 volunteers needed for our MILLION POUND 4-DAY Squash Gleaning Event at Carolyn's Country Cousins Pumpkin/Squash Patch Liberty, MO. From November 3 thru 6 (Sunday to Wednesday) 9:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All ages welcome. All volunteers must schedule gleaning times in advance. **Contact:** <http://www.endhunger.org/sosawest> or gleankc@endhunger.org for details and to schedule your time, or call 816-921-0856. Check out the flyer for more information.

From the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Applications are now available for the Young Adult Volunteer program. If you know of service-minded young Presbyterians, encourage them to apply. The program is open to adults ages 19 to 30. For more information visit www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/ (Submitted by Presbytery staff)

REMINDERS



- Send event announcements and joys and concerns for the Heartland Connection to 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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