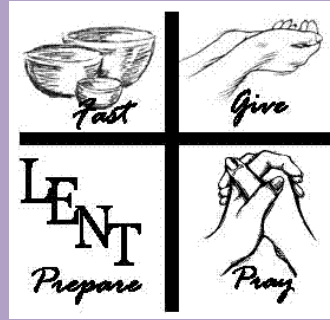


THE HEARTLAND CONNECTION

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Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:22

PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

March 9, 2014

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

Teaching Elder Joel Whiteside, Temporary Supply
Ms. Lou Paris, Clerk of Session

Heartland Presbytery extends its sympathies and support to Rev. Kirk Perucca, wife Cindy Worthy and family upon the death of her father, Robert Hayes.

Please continue to pray for Trinity Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO as they discern God's plan for their possible redevelopment. Their congregational meeting and vote was postponed to March 9 due to the weather. (Submitted by Sarah Butler)

Many thanks for the prayers and concern regarding my recent hospital stay. I deeply appreciate it and am doing better! - Mari Shineman

Special Prayer Requests

- 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/UPDATED ITEMS HAVE A ★ BULLET.)

IN HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY

- ★ A collection of online Lenten materials is located at: http://www.faihandleadership.com/features/articles/resources-for-lent-and-easter?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=headline&utm_campaign=FL_feature. (Submitted by staff)
- ★ Check out the Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery (PWHP) March 2014 Newsletter. Please let the women of your congregation know they may access it through the *Presbyterian Women* tab at www.heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by Pam Nitsche)



- ★ Join in the PWHP *Spring Gathering* on April 26, 2014 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at Parkville Presbyterian Church, 819 Main St., Parkville, MO 64152. Hear from Bev Stobie who participated in the 2013 USA Mission Experience to Appalachia and Kristy Childs Executive Director of Veronica's Voice. The cost is \$8 per person and includes lunch and program materials. For more information and to read about the keynote speakers check out the [2014 Spring Gathering registration form](#). (Submitted by Pam Nitsche)
- ★ Last Chance! Even though you missed the early bird deadline you may still register for Stewardship Kaleidoscope. This national Presbyterian Stewardship Conference will equip and inspire you to lead your congregation in various forms of financial stewardship. It will be held Monday, March 17 through Wednesday, March 19 in St. Louis, MO. For more a complete schedule and workshop descriptions view [the brochure](#) then submit your registration. (Submitted by staff)
- ★ Congratulations to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church who was recertified (through January 2015) as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Environmental Ministries. This honor speaks to the great commitment that the congregation has to caring for God's earth by integrating environmental practices and thinking into all facets of their church life. Other congregations in Heartland Presbytery who have earned this distinction are Village Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church and Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church. For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program go to www.pcusa.org/earth-care-congregations. (Submitted by staff)

Check out the [highlights of the Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery](#) that was held on Saturday, February 22 at Central Presbyterian Church. The meeting packet is still available under the *Meetings* tab at www.heartlandpby.org. (Submitted by staff)

Save the Date for the Heartland Presbytery Youth Retreat on April 25 – 26 at Heartland Center. The theme is "I Wanna See You Be Brave!" based on 1 Timothy 4:12 with keynote speaker Rev. Keith Harris. View and share [the flyer](#). (NOTE the change in the registration deadline to April 14.) Register through the *Youth* tab at www.Heartlandpby.org or by visiting www.churchresourcecenter.org. (Submitted by staff)

Mark your calendar for July 16, 2014 for Heartland Presbytery Youth Day at Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun. This is a great summer activity for youth groups. Tickets are \$33.00 for admission to both parks and the all you can eat buffet. For those who have season passes meal tickets are available for \$9.00. [Check out the flyer and order form](#). Contact Cathy Broockerd (cathy@johnknoxkirk.org) with questions. (submitted by Cathy Broockerd)

IN OUR MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

- ★ New Horizon Presbyterian Church, 4266 Highway 131, Odessa, MO, will be providing a Spirituality Center during the Lenten Season. There will be several stations set up which will allow you to quiet your mind for prayer and reflection as we move through the season of Lent into a joyous Easter. Many options are available for your spirit to be fed. The Spirituality Center will be open Wednesday's March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 9 to Noon and Tuesday's March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 & 8 from 6 to 8 pm. For more information contact the church office at 816-633-5544.

Don't miss the Arab Presbyterian Fellowship Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 9 at 4:30 pm in Heartland Hall of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 11100 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS to celebrate

their anniversary. Enjoy an ethnic meal at 4:30 pm (free will offering) and the program from 6 -7 pm, which will include several members speaking about Christianity challenges in their homeland and the current mission of the Fellowship in Overland Park. View and share [the flyer](#) and plan to attend! (submitted by staff)

- ★ **Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, 6429 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raytown, MO 64133, is having a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale on March 15 from 9am-12 noon.** Proceeds benefit Raytown Emergency Assistance Program- REAP. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great breakfast and also help those in need. Then, stop by the food table and indulge a little. You will be glad you did. (Submitted by Linda Lockwood)
- ★ **All are invited to join in the celebration as Rev. Craig Gibson is installed as pastor of Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 6837 Nieman Rd., Shawnee KS 66203, on Sunday March 16 at 4:00 pm.** There will be a dinner following the Service of Installation. Please RSVP (for the meal only) to office@shawneepres.org or 913-631-6689. (Submitted by Craig Gibson)
- ★ **A quick reminder of the Christian Communications Institute (CCI) from Payap University of Thailand presentation at Knox Presbyterian Church, 9595 W.95th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 on Sunday, March 16 at 6:30 pm.** Likay, Thai folk drama, is filled with dance, drama and humor with participants dressed in traditional Thai costumes. This will be their only presentation in the metro area. For more information check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNlXyl43Qow> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMchQ2AjZ4U>. View and [share their flyer](#).
- ★ **Organist Mark Langdon, SPC and CAGO, will present a recital at Central Presbyterian Church, 3501 Campbell Street, Kansas City, MO, on Sunday March 23, at 4pm.** Mr. Langdon is a graduate of the UMKC Conservatory of Music and has served as organist for many years in churches of all denominations. He is presently the organist at Second Presbyterian Church. The program, to be played on the historic Austin organ, will feature works of Bach, Zipoli, Hovahnness, and Lefebvre-Wely. The recital is free. Call 816-931-2515 for further information. (Submitted by Heidi Peterson)

IN THE LARGER CHURCH

World Day Of Prayer sponsored by Church Women United Of Johnson County will be observed on Friday, March 7, at the First Baptist Church of Olathe, 2024 East 151st Street, Olathe, KS. Registration and refreshments at 9:30 am with the program at 10:00. The women of Egypt wrote the message "Streams in the Desert." All are welcome to come and join with women from 170 nations around the world praying for peace and better living conditions for all. (Submitted by Mary Johnson)

Church Women United of Kansas City, Missouri invite all to join on the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7 at 10 am at Jamison Temple, CME, 3115 E. Linwood, Kansas City, MO. World Day of Prayer is a movement which brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding, and action, with members in 170 countries. Through World Day of Prayer, people affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. The motto of the World Day of Prayer is "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action". The building is wheelchair accessible; Reservations not required; No childcare provided. For more information on this event contact Gail Cunningham at gailc.pac@gmail.com or 913-649-3293. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham)

- ★ **Please join on Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Cherith Brook's Second Saturday Work Day.** Work for the day will be in the garden, sorting clothes, cooking breakfast, deep cleaning, doing maintenance, etc.

Following the work you are invited to stay for table fellowship. RSVP to help plan projects by calling (816) 241-8047 or email at cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. They are located at 3308 E. 12th St. in KCMO and hope to see you then! (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

Heartland Center hosts a Lenten Spiritual Retreat entitled: “Finding Balance: With A Little Help From the Mystics” on March 30th – April 1st, 2014, led by Rev. Dr. Jim Gordon, Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church. View and share [the brochure](#) and [registration forms](#) or visit www.heartlandretreats.org. The registration deadline has been extended to March 17. (Submitted by Rebecka Goins)

- ★ Save the dates for the 2014 Lecture Series of Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation for clergy, commissioned ruling elders and lay leaders. For information on The Heartland Lectures and The Nelson Lectures visit <http://omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org> (Submitted by Brenda Royer)

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.
- Order forms for purchasing 2014-2015 Presbyterian Planning Calendars through Heartland Presbytery are now available. The cost per calendar is \$9.50 and they will be available in May. For more details follow [this link](#) or to order through PayPal visit <http://javapodz.com/heartlandpresbytery>. (Submitted by staff)
- 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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