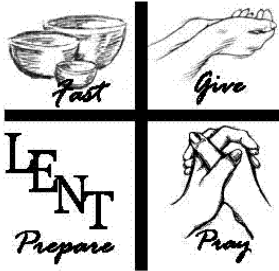




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Heartland Happenings In Heartland Presbytery

Church Order and Listening Division (COAL) announces the dates and locations for the 2013 Session Minute and Church Register Readings for every congregation. Follow this [link to check out further information and links to needed documents](#) (Submitted by Fran Haney)

COAL is please to announce a *Manuals and Policies* tab on www.heartlandpby.org where you can access the Heartland Presbytery Manual of Operations. [Follow this link to check it out.](#) (Submitted by Pat Jackson)

Don't miss the Youth Spring Retreat Early Bird Deadline of April 14! Follow this [link to get your registrations in](#) before the price goes up to \$59 per person. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer)

Send Us Your Newsletters! Ever wonder what wonderful thing the Presbyterian church down the road is doing? Ever embark on a program that you know others might want to try? We do and we think you do too. Send your newsletters to Rev. Sarah Butler, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1108 S. 33rd St., St. Joseph, MO, 64507 or tpc33penn@sbcglobal.net. We promise to read through them all and send news of all our cool stuff to our email colleagues (you could be one) and to the Heartland Connection. (Submitted by Sarah Butler)

Heartland Presbyterian Center is now hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to assist the Hospitality Director in all aspects of guest reservations. Link to the complete request or visit

[Gathering](#)

[August 1 PW Synod of Mid-America Gathering](#)

Upcoming Events

[50th Anniversary Celebration for Rev. Dennis Haines](#)

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[Synod of Lakes & Prairies Synod School](#)

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Youth

[April 25 & 26 Spring Retreat](#)

[July 16 Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun Outing](#)

www.HeartlandCenter.org/about/employment (Submitted by Amy Haas)

Attention Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery!

- **The registration deadline for the Spring Gathering is April 21.** Use this [link for more information](#) and to get your registration in on time. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham)
- **[Link to the PWHP April 2014 e-Connection.](#)** (Submitted by Pam Nitsche)
- **The [2014-2015 Horizons Bible Study order form](#) is available.** Also, plan to **[attend the August 2 workshop](#)** with the study's author Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty.
- **All are invited to an Ecumenical Missions Conference at Mount Sequoyah Conference Center, Fayetteville, AR June 8 - 11.** [View the brochure.](#) (Submitted by Pam Nitsche)

In Our Member Congregations

Sacred Waters: the Middle Missouri & Central Prairie Freshwater Ecoregions by Jane Kloeckner will be presented through Village U at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208 on Wednesday, April 23 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in Room 126. For more information or to register go to <http://villagepres.org/ministries-programs/village-university/>. (Submitted by Jerry Rees)

Madeline and Jeff Mercer invite all to the Encore Theatre's production of "Where There's a Will, There's a Relative". [View and share the flyer](#) then plan to watch them in action. (Submitted by Madeline Mercer)

Join Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, 6429 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raytown, MO 64133 on Sunday, May 4 to help celebrate the 26 years of Linda Stephanchick's music ministry on the occasion of her retirement. [Click here to view your invitation.](#) (Submitted by Pat Jackson)

Ward Parkway Preschool at Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church is seeking an Assistant Director. Follow this [link to the complete job description and contact information.](#) (Submitted by Connie Happell)

In the Larger Church

The Association of Retired Ministers, Their Spouses or Survivors (ARMSS) has shared their quarterly newsletter. Follow this [link to the document](#) which includes information and a registration form for their October 14-17 conference at the Elms in Excelsior Springs, MO. (Submitted by Donna Haines)

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering funds almost all of the budget of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). Within the PHP is Environmental Ministries, which works with Earth Care Congregations and a network called Environmental Ministries Action Network. PHP also works with neighborhood Community Organizing networks. Currently funding for OGHS is declining and these agencies are being asked to cut their budgets. [View the rest of the information](#) and please encourage your congregations to share generously as the OGHS offering is collected. (Submitted by Diane Waddell)

Your help is requested at the Cherith Brook Second Saturday Work Day on April 12 from 9 am - 1 pm at 3308 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO. Tasks include working in the garden, sorting clothes, cleaning, etc. Enjoy table fellowship after work. RSVPs help plan projects so call 816-241-8047 or email cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. (Submitted by Eric Garbison)

The Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA will offer "Small Churches: Adventures in Vitality" for leaders of churches with fewer than 150 members. Follow this [link for more information](#) on the event to be held November 3 - 5, 2014. (Submitted by Michael Thompson)

Reminders and Other Links

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 arrive in May. For more details follow [this link](#) or to order through PayPal visit <http://javapodz.com/heartlandpresbytery>.

Send events, 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.

Follow this link for Presbyterian Church (USA) News & Announcements:

newsandannouncements@pcusa.org

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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