

From the Desk of the Acting Associate Executive Presbyter...

I've Noticed:

Wow! There are so many things going on in our presbytery. I want to list for you all the Presbyterians outside of Heartland Presbytery (that I know about) that have traveled through in just the past month. Sometimes, Heartland Presbytery, you and God are hard to keep up with. Yet, I am energized by all the exciting ways God is on the move.

- Shang Kang, 1001 New Worshipping Communities
- Jimmy Hawkins, Office of Public Witness, Presbyterian Mission Agency
- Rosemary Mitchell, Presbyterian Mission Agency
- Rhonda Kruse, Presbyterian Mission Agency
- Tim Cargal, Office of General Assembly
- John Wray, Presbyterian Foundation

One Goal:

Depending on how you count, I have been to 50 of Heartland Presbytery's churches. My goal has been to encounter every single church in the presbytery. As you can see, I am well on my way. I need your help, though. Please do not hesitate to ask me to come. I can preach, teach, lead worship, bring cookies or any number of things. Contact me today:

assocep@heartlandpby.org.

One Gratitude:

The new soffit in my office. Such a minor fix has been a life giver to my office. I have less noise, less breeze and it looks pretty. I am grateful most of all for a staff that notices these building "things" and keeps up with them. Thank you, Staff of Heartland Presbytery!

One Quote:

"When George Lucas originally wrote the script to the billion-dollar Star Wars franchise, the most iconic line in movie history – "May the Force be with you" – was not in it. Instead, the earliest versions read, "May the Force *of Others* be with you." Our society has become overly focused on the "power of one alone" versus "the power of one made stronger by others." Of course, Hollywood glorifies individual superstars; where else are the streets literally paved with their names? But when we adopt this script in our companies and schools, focusing only on individual achievement and eliminating "others" from the equation, our true power remains hidden."

-Achor, Shawn. *Big Potential: How Transforming The Pursuit of Success Raises our Achievement, Happiness and Well-Being*. Currency Publishing, New York, NY. 2018.