

# Heartland Presbytery

THE COVENANT OF HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY: As the body of Christ, we covenant with God and with each other to affirm our unity in Jesus Christ and share Christ's ministry with others as the Holy Spirit leads us.  
Adopted September 18, 2007



## Heartland Connection

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January 11, 2010

### Joys and Concerns

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The Rev. James Wilkins  
Jim Cottrell  
Paul Thomas  
Rickeye McCollough  
Rich Nolf  
The Rev. Jim Tilton  
All Looking for Employment  
Jack Dalton  
The Rev. Lloyd Haney  
Christopher Gower  
Barbara Bever  
Those Touched by Violence  
Allison Hart  
The Rev. Bob Curtis  
Sammie Johnson  
All Military Personnel  
Kenya  
Victims of Natural Disasters

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**Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jean Gaylord who died on Sunday, January 10, 2010.** Jean was a former staff member of Heartland Presbytery. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church, 55<sup>th</sup> and Oak, KCMO (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/11/09)

Link to additional Joys and Concerns:  
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/joysconcerns/joysconcerns.htm>



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Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Parking lot entrance located off of Woodland Avenue behind building

### A Partnership of Prayer

Please pray for all the Honorably Retired, at-large members who are not currently serving churches, all Ministers serving in validated ministries, and support staff of the churches each week.

**January 10, 2010—Baptism of the Lord**  
**Maitland Presbyterian Church, Maitland, MO**  
Ms. Eleanor King, Clerk of Session

**First Presbyterian Church, Maryville, MO**  
Bonnie Grabowski - Temporary Student Supply  
Mr. Chris Gibson, Clerk of Session

**Korean United Presbyterian Church Of Kansas, Merriam, KS**  
The Rev. Cheong-Mo Yang, Pastor  
The Rev. Yong Sup Chung, Pastor Emeritus  
Mr. Pan Joe Jeong, Clerk of Session/Communicator

**January 17, 2010**  
**Mound City Presbyterian Church, Mound City, MO**  
Mr. Carson McCormack, III, Clerk of Session

**First Presbyterian Church, North Kansas City, MO**  
The Rev. Wilbur Whiteside, Pastor Emeritus  
Ms. Jolene N. Shaw, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Donna Schnoor, Communicator

**Ebenezer, Cantón Los Angeles, San Felipe**  
The Rev. Pedro Mejía

## Of Special Interest

**Computer problems...** The presbytery office experienced major computer problems last week losing the server and the possible loss of retrieval of several days email. If you have emailed a staff member and not received a response, please contact that person via phone at 816.924.1730 for follow up. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and if any documents were lost during this process. We are very hopeful that things are up and running smoothly now. (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/11/10)

**Congregational Ministries Division Training for Congregations *Embracing Hope*** Saturday, January 23, 2010, First Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS. On line registration at: <http://www.heartlandpby.org/files%20misc/EmbracingHope2010.htm> (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/11/10)

**The Gift of Beautiful Music!** Millikin University's Chamber Chorale is coming to Second Presbyterian Church, KCMO on their tour! Chamber Chorale is a top, touring choir at Millikin, and has been invited to sing at the American Choral Directors Association this February. This ensemble is special to my heart because of their unique spirit. Not only do their voices bring great joy and harmony, but their souls inspire. I was once a part of this group, and it's purpose of bringing fellowship and the giving of the love of amazing choral music has shaped the person that I am today. I am thankful and blessed, and so excited to be able to share music with them in this church, with a congregation that I adore. The concert will be held in the sanctuary on January 15th at 7:30 pm. It is a free concert with a love offering that will be taken that is optional. Here is a link to a [Millikin Choir concert](#) from 2008. (Submitted by Cory Ganschow 1/11/10)

**2010 Board of Pension Planning:** Dates for retiree luncheons, benefits overviews and workshops are now being scheduled for 2010. If your committee, presbytery or congregation would like to have such an event please contact me so we can schedule something soon. I look forward to serving you in 2010. Please feel free to call (800-511-0132) or email me [dkelly@pensions.org](mailto:dkelly@pensions.org). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 1/11/10)

**Get your blood pressure checked this month.** You can identify high blood pressure and other conditions before they become serious by using the Board of Pensions' [preventive health benefit](#). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 1/11/10)

**Changes to Medical Benefits Now in Effect** The changes to your medical benefits are now in effect. These updates, along with an overview of your other healthcare benefits, are outlined in a new booklet – [Your Healthcare Benefits in Brief](#). If you have questions about the changes, please contact the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 1/11/10)

**Your New Health Management Service Provider** Effective January 1, 2010, ActiveHealth Management® replaced – and expanded upon – the [health management](#) services formerly provided by CareAllies. If you have questions about the programs and services available through ActiveHealth Management, please call the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 1/11/10)

**New Highmark Identification Cards Mailed** The new Highmark identification cards were mailed at the end of December. Be sure to carry this new card and your Express Scripts card for routine and emergency use. (Submitted by Doug Kelly 1/11/10)

**Submit Salary Changes and Confirm Salaries Online** Church treasurers and business administrators can now submit salary changes or confirm salaries online through a new feature on Benefits Connect, the Board's secure benefits Web site. To register, go to the Pensions.org [homepage](#). Under the Benefits Connect logo, click "Register." Then follow the step-by-step instructions for creating your user profile and establishing your password. If you have questions about registering for Benefits Connect or the new online salary change and confirmation feature, please contact the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 1/11/10)

**Tax Resources on Pensions.org** The replay of the 2009 Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and Churches is now available on [Pensions.org](#). This annual one-hour event is designed to help ministers and churches understand clergy taxes. (Submitted by Doug Kelly 1/11/10)

**Don't miss page 6 in the January-February issue of *Presbyterians Today*.** It turns the "Spotlight" on Heartland Presbytery's trip to Guatemala last July to join in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of our partner Maya Quiché Presbytery. There is a great picture of the MQ executive committee sharing a light moment with our group in front of a new church building going up a dozen blocks at a time, as they can afford them. (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/11/10)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN -- Let's communicate!** Please update your officer and pledge information for us. Go to <http://www.heartlandpby.org/RelatedLinks/PW/files/2010PWMissionPledgeForm.doc> and fill out the form and email it in to us. Thanks! (Submitted by Janet Hibbert 1/11/10)

**Planning Head for Earth Day** --As many of you all know, the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program distributes an Earth Day resource every year. The 2010 resource, *Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life*, urges congregations to make wise stewardship decisions — both environmental and financial — regarding their worship space. The goal is for churches to begin to implement changes to honor God and the earth, and then to celebrate these steps on the Sunday before or after Earth Day — April 22, 2010. [Visit the National Council of Churches Web site](#) to download the PC(USA) version of this Earth Day Resource. If the links above do not work go to <http://www.nccecojustice.org/resources/#earthdaysundayresources> or <http://www.pcusa.org/environment/earthday.htm>)-- (Submitted by Diane Waddell 1/10/10)

**Recycling Again!** Harold Thomas Center. Feel free to bring paper, including phone books, cans, and plastic. Check the items accepted at <http://www.deffenbaughindustries.com/pdfs/Deffenbaugh%20Recycling%20Guidelines.pdf>. We appreciate your help in making our quota. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer 1/11/10)

Link to all current items Of Special Interest <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/specialintrest.htm>

## Job Opportunities

Link to all current Job Opportunities <http://www.heartlandpby.org/Job/jobs.html>

## Upcoming Events

- Embracing Hope (Officer Leader Training Event Sponsored by Congregation Ministries Division)—January 23, 2010—First, Olathe, KS <http://www.heartlandpby.org/files%20misc/EmbracingHope2010.htm>
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—February 20, 2010—Southminster, Prairie Village, KS
- Stewardship Kaleidoscope –March 15-17, 2010—Indianapolis, IN <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/StewardshipKaleidoscope2010.pdf>
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—April 20, 2010—First, Pleasant Hill, MO
- Festival of Peacemaking/PW Spring Gathering—April 24, 2010—Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—June 15, 2010—Hosted by St. Paul, KCMO at Linwood United, KCMO
- Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2010—July 20-24, 2010
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—September 18, 2010—First, St. Joseph, MO
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—November 16, 2010—Effingham, Effingham, KS

Links to additional Upcoming Events: <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/events.html>

**Deadline for articles to be posted in the next weeks Heartland Connection is 4:00 p.m. Thursday**

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