

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.
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March 15, 2010

Joys and Concerns

Jack Schrimsher
Millie Schrimsher
Virginia Robinson
Lyn Olson
Tom Eagle
The Rev. James Wilkins
Jim Cottrell
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

Please be in prayer for all those effected by natural disasters. Floods, earthquakes, and the upcoming spring storms. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/15/10)

Heartland Presbytery is asked to pray for the crisis in Haiti and our own congregation Christ Presbyterian Church, the First Haitian Christian Fellowship and their CLP, Olain Francois. (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/29/10)

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



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8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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.

March 14, 2010—Forth Sunday in Lent

Neema Community Fellowship, Prairie Village, KS

The Rev. David Nzioka, Pastor
Mr. Benard Gacengeci Nganga, Communicator

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

The Rev. Jeffrey Clayton, Pastor
The Rev. Chad Herring, Associate Pastor
Ms. Mary Jorgenson, Clerk of Session/Communicator

March 21, 2010—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

The Rev. Thomas Are, Pastor
The Rev. Eugene Augustine, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dwight Tawney, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Jarrett H. McLaughlin, Associate

The Rev. Meg Perry McLaughlin, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Ronald L. Patton, Parish Associate, HR
The Rev. Robert H. Meneilly, Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Richard H. Athey, Associate Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. William J. Foster, Associate Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Deanne Gound, Clerk of Session
Mr. Patrick Bell, Communicator

Rantoul Community Presbyterian Church, Rantoul, KS

Ms. Juanita Peckham, Clerk of Session

Raymore Presbyterian Church, Raymore, MO

Mr. David Kremer, Commissioned Lay Pastor
Mr. Steve Archer, Clerk of Session
Ms. Angie Hardison, Communicator

Of Special Interest



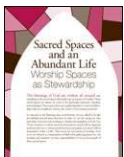
Heaven on Earth: An Agrarian Road Trip to the U.S. Social Forum - Interested in food justice and the local food movement? The [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) sent the following information about an upcoming opportunity: Heaven on Earth: An Agrarian Road Trip to the U.S. Social Forum June 13–26, 2010. Heaven on Earth is a road trip to the U.S. Social Forum organized by the

Presbyterian Hunger Program. We will travel through several states making stops along the way to visit local food and food justice projects. The trip will celebrate the decentralized, grassroots sustainable food and agricultural revolution that is sprouting up everywhere. Presbyterians and non-Presbyterians alike are encouraged to come. There will be a group of bloggers, photographers, activists, videographers, song writer/musicians, professionals, journalists and young adults along for the ride. We'll hop in a couple of biodiesel or electric cars and hit the highway and if no fuel-efficient cars are to be found, we'll buy carbon offsets and visit a dairy farm methane biodigester along the way. We have a network of people and congregations in place that will help find us a place to stay each night. The trip starts in Louisville, Kentucky, then heads to Tennessee and North Carolina before turning north through West Virginia and Ohio to Detroit, Michigan. To sign up, contact Andrew Kang Bartlett at the Presbyterian Hunger Program at (502) 569-5388. Submitted by Diane Waddell, member, Presbyterian Hunger Program Advisory Committee. (Please contact me at diane_waddell@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.) (Submitted by Diane Waddell 3/12/10)

Observe World Water Day [World Water Day](#), meant to draw attention to the importance of freshwater and to advocate for sustainable management of freshwater resources, is on March 22. The [Ecumenical Water Network](#) has prepared a "[World Water Day Toolkit](#)" for churches. The Network has also made available [devotions](#) related to Holy Water for the seven weeks of Lent and [worship resources](#) to celebrate World Water Day on March 22. Check out www.worldwaterday2010.info for to check out a very well done website by the UN on water. (This information was forwarded from the Office of Environmental Ministries, PCUSA). (Submitted by Diane Waddell, Restoring Creation Enabler, Heartland Presbytery 3/12/10)

General Assembly Mission Council renews support for Deep and Wide initiative *Recommends extended commitment to Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide* [The General Assembly Mission Council](#) (GAMC) has approved the recommendation that [the 219th General Assembly \(2010\)](#) renew its commitment to [Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide](#). The recommendation, which came at GAMC meetings on Feb. 24-25, calls for the Assembly to extend a churchwide commitment to participate in God's activity through Jesus Christ in transforming the [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) through the 2011-2012 biennium. The recommendation would also encourage synods, presbyteries, sessions, and all agencies, entities and networks of the church to commit to foster growth in [evangelism, discipleship, servanthood and diversity](#). "What's new in this recommendation is that each session will be requested to commit time on its agenda during 2011-2012 to cast a vision for each of the four *Growing Christ's Church Deep and Wide* emphases," said [Eric Hoey](#), Director of [Evangelism & Church Growth](#) for the General Assembly Mission Council. The recommendation also calls for the Assembly to encourage the GAMC to support the whole church's commitment to nurture the growth of Christ's church deep and wide in all of its ministries and missions. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/12/10)

Earth Day Sunday 2010: *Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life*



Earth Day is coming up on Thursday, April 22, 2010 and may be celebrated the Sunday before or after that. Again this year, Environmental Justice Ministries recommends using the National Council of Churches resources for its Earth Day resources. You may download the information from the "National Council of Churches Eco-Justice" website. The website notes: Our worship spaces belong to God, and in them we have the opportunity to honor God by taking seriously our roles as stewards of the earth.

There are many ways to be good stewards of the earth through our worship spaces, and [Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life](#) offers many ideas for congregations to improve facilities in the areas of: Energy efficiency and conservation, Reducing toxic materials and products, Water conservation, and Land and habitat conservation. Please promote Earth Day in your congregation and community. (Submitted by Diane Waddell, Restoring Creation Enabler, Heartland Presbytery 3/15/10)

Rezound!, an auditioned community handbell ensemble with members from throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, will be presenting a concert Sunday, April 11, 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit.

Rezound! blends the unique qualities of English handbells, Petit & Fritsen bells, handchimes, and White Chapel bells. Enjoy the beautiful timbres of these instruments in this exciting concert. Free admission – donations will be accepted. More information is available at www.rezound.org (Submitted by Sharon Pyburn 3/15/10)

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

Job Opportunities

The First Presbyterian Church of Independence is seeking a director of Music Ministry to provide leadership to our traditional worship team and collaborative support of contemporary worship teams. This will involve directing our Chancel choir in providing excellent worship experiences in our traditional services. It also involves supervising our Bell choir and working with our Children's choir director during special times to enhance worship. Additionally, this person will work with our contemporary worship team leader to provide excellent worship experiences throughout our ministry. We are looking for a person with a passion for Christ, an appreciation for both of our traditional and contemporary music styles, and the background and skills needed to lead our music ministry and music ministry teams into the future. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and qualifications Contact John 816-461-6200 jcboys1@att.net. (Submitted by John Crick 3/12/10)

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

Upcoming Events

- Stewardship Kaleidoscope –March 15-17, 2010—Indianapolis, IN
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/StewardshipKaleidoscope2010.pdf>
- Installation of The Rev. Kirk Perucca—1:30 p.m., March 28, 2010—Covenant Presbyterian Church, KCMO
- 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
- Middle School Retreat: RELATIONSHIPS—April 24-25, 2010—Heartland Presbyterian Center
- Registration Form <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/MiddleSchoolRetreatRegistration410.pdf>
Flyer <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/MiddleSchoolRetreatFacetoFace410.pdf>
- 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—Kaw Prairie Community Church, Lenexa, KS
- 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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