

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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Joys and Concerns

Christina Alvarez
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Virginia Robinson
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The Rev. James Wilkins
Jim Cottrell
The Rev. Jim Tilton
All Looking for Employment
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 Betty Miller as she recovers from surgery to repair a broken femur. Betty is a former Heartland Presbytery staff member and very active elder on presbytery committees. (Submitted by presbytery staff 4/12/10)

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



The offices of Heartland Presbytery are located on the second floor of the Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation at:
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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.

April 11, 2010

Southridge Presbyterian Church, Roeland Park, KS

The Rev. Donna Chavez, Pastor
Ms. Dorothy Reffitt, Clerk of Session/Communicator

First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, MO

The Rev. Bonnie Grabowski, Pastor
Ms. Gay Dittmore, Clerk of Session/Communicator

Kaw Prairie Community, Shawnee, KS

The Rev. Dan McKnight, Pastor
Ms. Cindy Edgington, Clerk of Session
Ms. Diane Chrislip, Communicator

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Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Shawnee, KS

The Rev. James Gale, Pastor
Ms. Julia Morphew, Clerk of Session

Brookdale Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

The Rev. Paul Gaug, Pastor
Ms. Vernalee Carter, Clerk of Session
Ms. Ann Weston, Communicator

Community Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

The Rev. Bill Y. Bridgewater, Pastor
Ms. Sharon Welch, Clerk of Session/Communicator

Of Special Interest

DEADLINE FRIDAY—GET SIGNED UP TODAY! Heartland Presbytery's Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women and 4th Annual Festival of Peacemaking April 24, 2010 registration:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2qxste6db38f5a7> (Submitted by Malinda Spencer 4/12/10)

Everyone is invited by the Fellowship Committee at First Presbyterian Church in Independence, MO, April 25th for the annual Spring Spaghetti Fling which is a fundraiser for the Youth of our church. We are going to be presenting our retired Associate Pastor, R. Duane Stephens with an Associate Pastor Emeritus award. **When:** Sunday, April 25th, 11:30am-1:30pm, To-go orders available beginning at 10:45am; **What:** Spaghetti & Homemade Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert and Beverage; **Where:** Westminster Hall, 417 W Lexington, Independence, MO 64050; **Cost:** Adults \$6.00/Children under 12 years \$3.00 if purchased in advance from the church. Tickets on sale after church at 10:30am. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$7.00 Adults/ \$4.00 children. The award will take place at 12:45pm. No purchase is necessary if you just wish to come see Pastor Stephens receive his award and wish him well. For further details contact Annie Klim, (816) 350-1813 (Submitted by Annie Klim 4/5/10)

Please Help: Jenny Hatfield-Callen, an elder at Southminster Presbyterian Church is working to complete her MA in Theological Studies at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. In her coursework, she has chosen to research the experiences of ministers/church leaders in pastoring congregation members (and their families) who have disabilities. Jenny is asking for the assistance of congregational leaders from around the Presbytery to complete this research. Below you will find a link to a 25 question survey concerning experiences of pastors, elders, deacons, and congregation care staff as they strive to include individuals with disabilities and their families in the life of the church. This survey is anonymous, and the whole process of the survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes. **The survey will be available only until April 25, 2010.** The survey can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N2ZGCLN> and any questions can be directed to jennyhatfieldcallen@yahoo.com Thank you in advance for your assistance with this research. (Submitted by Jenny Hatfield-Callen 4/6/10)

Help provide hospitality to Guatemalans right here in Kansas City. On May 15th and 16th (8 – 5 each day), the Guatemalan Consul General from the Chicago office will be here to assist fellow Guatemalans with various forms of paperwork. In the past there have been 1400 – 1500 people to assist over a 2 day period. They come from several different states, arriving with the entire family and patiently wait in line. The Westside Community Action Network helps to facilitate this event at the Tony Aguirre Community Center. If you or a group from your church would be interested in volunteering your time or donating some specifically requested snacks or providing coloring books (at least 60 are needed), please contact Jane Piper, Moderator of the Guatemala Partnership Committee, for details at 913-432-7528. (Submitted by Jane Piper)

You Are Invited: New Summit Presbyterian Church is launching a 200 x 50 foot community garden on the church property, 1800 NE Independence Ave., Lee's Summit, MO 64086, in the spring of 2010. The focus of the garden project is to connect with and serve those people in the community of Lee's Summit, MO who are in need of assistance. We plan to accomplish this by partnering with them in the garden, teaching and working side by side with the goal of meeting their immediate needs through the harvest, as well as providing the tools and skills to help them long term. We will also donate large portions of fresh produce to local food banks for distribution. We are dedicating the garden on Sunday, April 18, at 1:00 p.m., and would be honored if you would join us. (Submitted by Dave Moore 4/8/10)



Presbyterians for Earth Care wants to share about bottled water. Annie Leonard, who previously brought us the online "[The Story of Stuff](#)" has made a new fast-paced online film that tackles bottled water. "[The Story of Bottled Water](#)" outlines how consumption of bottled water went from something considered laughable (as it costs as much as 2000 times the amount of tap water) to such a high-demand product that the US consumes a half a billion bottles of water each week. The film is a great primer in many issues related to bottled water, including the justice aspect of where our bottles are sent to be recycled. (Leonard found that some of these bottles that we stick in our recycling bins are actually shipped to India, and instead of being recycled, they end up becoming a waste problem for India to deal with.) [Watch "The Story of Bottled Water"](#) and learn more about issues surrounding bottled water from the [Presbyterians for Earth Care's bottled water campaign](#). PEC also has a bottled water pledge that you can sign. Pledge not to drink bottled water unless the tap water in your area is

truly unsafe, and share your knowledge with friends and family, who may not realize that producing bottles for bottled water for US consumption uses enough oil each year to fuel one million cars. Written by Katie Holmes, (PCUSA Environmental Ministries Office); (Submitted by Diane Waddell, Restoring Creation Enabler 4/12/10)

All are invited to join Church Women United (CWU) of Kansas City, MO, for their annual May Friendship Day Celebration and Luncheon on Friday, May 7, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Second Presbyterian Church, 55th and Brookside, Kansas City, MO. The program, "Living Our Vision," is designed to help participants think deeply about the building blocks of CWU: prayer, outreach, sisterhood, ecumenism, worship and celebration. The \$8.00 per person registration fee, payable to CWU, includes lunch and must be received by the registrar by May 3. Send to Registrar, 14908 Glenwood Ave., Overland Park, KS, 66233. Questions? 913 649 3293 (Submitted by Gail Cunningham 4/12/10)

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

Job Opportunities

Part Time Bookkeeper: Presbyterian Church of Stanley (Overland Park, KS) has an opening for a part time bookkeeper (15 hours per week). Please respond by email with Resume to jillh@stanleypres.org or 913- 681-8180, x10 (Submitted by Jill Hunstad 4/1/10)

Knox Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Ks. is searching for a full time Director of Youth Ministry for our vibrant youth program. Qualified candidates please visit the website at www.knoxchurch.org Send cover letter and resume to: tim@knoxchurch.org, subject Director of Youth Ministry. (Submitted by Tim Waggoner 3/25/10)

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

Upcoming Events

- 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
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2qxste6db38f5a7>
- Middle School Retreat: Face to Face—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>
- Installation of The Rev. Robert Dahlgren—3:00 p.m. April 25, 2010—King City Presbyterian Church, King City, MO
- Installation of The Rev. Dave Carlson—2:00 p.m. May 30, 2010—First Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO
- 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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