

# 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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## Heartland Connection

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April 19, 2010

### Joys and Concerns

Betty Miller  
Christina Alvarez  
Sharon Welch  
Jack Schrimsher  
Virginia Robinson  
Lyn Olson  
Tom Eagle  
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

Our deepest sympathy is extended the family and friends of **The Rev. Al Zimmerman and Elder Susan Zimmerman Golob, in the death of their mother, Allie Zimmerman**, on Sunday, April 18, 2010. The Rev. Al Zimmerman, is the pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, KS, and Susan is an active Elder at the Linwood United Church, KCMO. (Submitted by presbytery staff 4/19/10)

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

#### April 18, 2010

##### 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, Communiator

##### Community Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

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

#### April 25, 2010

##### First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

The Rev. Krista Kiger, Pastor  
The Rev. Jacqueline Thomas, Parish Associate  
The Rev. John D. Watson, Pastor Emeritus  
Ms. Mary Jo Hornaday, Clerk of Session/Communicator

##### Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

Mr. David Berger, Commissioned Lay Pastor  
Mr. Norman Stickler, Clerk of Session  
Mr. David Berger, Communicator

##### Maxwell Heights Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

The Rev. Bill Y. Bridgewater, Pastor  
Mr. Chris Heumader, Clerk of Session  
Mr. Sam Monger, Communicator

## Of Special Interest

**The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is pleased to announce that a new health management Web site is now available to active members of the Medical Plan\* from ActiveHealth Management.**

[MyActiveHealth.com/pcusa](http://MyActiveHealth.com/pcusa) offers useful tools and information to help members improve their health. Among these tools is a Personal Health Record (PHR), which enables members to confidentially and conveniently manage their own and their children's health histories. The PHR automatically populates with claim information from Highmark, Express Scripts®, and Quest Diagnostics®, and members can add health information that only they would know. The result is a comprehensive record of their health history. The site also includes a confidential Health Assessment, the foundation for the PHR. The Health Assessment gives an objective evaluation of members' health strengths and any self-reported issues or potential causes for concern. The launch of the PHR carries with it a **Health Stewardship Incentive – a \$100 prepaid debit card** for IRS-tax qualified healthcare expenses. To earn this incentive, a member registers for the Web site, completes the online Health Assessment, and then signs in to his or her account two additional times on different days before July 31, 2010. This incentive is only available to the primary Medical Plan member, not spouses or dependents. We hope you'll encourage your members to take advantage of this new PHR capability, complete the Health Assessment, and follow the rest of the steps to receive their incentive. If you have questions about the PHR or Health Assessment, please contact ActiveHealth® at 866-794-3127. If you have questions about the incentive, you may call the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN). (Submitted by presbytery staff 4/13/10)

**"They Were Just People": Holocaust Lessons for Today** ~ On April 21, 2010 at 7 PM at The Jewish Community Center of Kansas City, 5801 W. 115th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211, Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn and Bill Tammeus will share insight to their recently published book, *They Were Just People: Stories of Rescue in Poland During the Holocaust*. In this session, which is open to the community, the audience will learn why they wrote this book and how the project came together. The authors will also share stories of adventure connected with the research itself and some of the lessons learned. Many have been moved by the remarkable and uplifting stories of Jews in Poland who survived the Holocaust with the help of their non-Jewish neighbors. For more information go to [www.jcckcc.org/jewisheducation](http://www.jcckcc.org/jewisheducation). (Submitted by Tamara Miller 4/15/10)

**Benefits Connect is your go-to source for personalized benefits information!** Join the thousands of plan members who have already taken advantage of this convenient site by clicking on the "Register" button under the Benefits Connect logo on the [Pensions.org](http://Pensions.org) homepage. You can update your personal and dependent information, get a pension estimate, calculate your total death benefits, and much more. [Register today!](#) (Submitted by Doug Kelly 4/16/10)

**MyActiveHealth Brings Personal Health Records to Active Members of the Medical Plan This Spring** [ActiveHealth Management](http://ActiveHealthManagement) is taking our health management services to a new level with the unveiling of a private and secure online Personal Health Record (PHR). In addition to providing a unique way of keeping an accurate health history for you and each member of your family, the MyActiveHealth Web site will be your gateway to many other tools and resources for managing your health. The site also includes a confidential Health Assessment, which will provide you with a report on your health status and provide the foundation for your PHR. Active members of the Medical Plan can earn a **\$100 Health Stewardship Incentive** – a prepaid debit card for IRS-qualified healthcare expenses – for completing the Health Assessment and taking a few more simple steps toward using the PHR. Look for more information about the MyActiveHealth Web site and the incentive coming soon to [Pensions.org](http://Pensions.org). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 4/16/10)

**Administrative Fee for Retirement Savings Plan To Be Charged** A fee of \$3.75 per quarter will be charged by Fidelity on accounts of participants in the Retirement Savings Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a 403(b)(9) plan. The first deduction will be made on October 1, 2010. If you have questions about this new quarterly administrative fee, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 4/16/10)

**New Issues of the Board's Award-Winning Newsletters Available** The latest issues of *The Board Bulletin* and *EducationTalk* are now available on [Pensions.org](http://Pensions.org). [The Board Bulletin](#); [EducationTalk](#); [Stewardship of Self](#). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 4/16/10)

**Simplify the Process: Confirm or Change Salary Information Online** [Pensions.org homepage](http://Pensions.org). (Submitted by Doug Kelly 4/16/10)

**HAPPY EARTH DAY! (April 22)** Plan a special activity for Earth Day's 40th Celebratory Year! Send prayers of gratitude to God for our beautiful gift of Creation. Send prayers that we humans may begin to understand how fragile the Earth is -- and how vital it is that we change our ways and treat Earth gently and lovingly. Earthkeepers will host Mary English at the Peacemaking Festival this Saturday, April 24 at Village Presbyterian Church. Mary is an Al Gore trainee, and currently is a home energy auditor and contractor. Mary will share a class called Caring for Creation which will be from 3:30 to 4:30. An Earth Day Quote ---"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world." By **John Muir** - (Submitted by Diane Waddell for Earthkeepers 4/19/10)

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

## Job Opportunities

**Director of Music** position is available at **The First Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth, Kansas**. This position provides leadership in music and presides as principal organist for regular and special services of the church. The Director of Music is accountable to the Session, and is under the direct supervision of the Pastor as head of staff. Further, this position provides coordination of all music within the Church, which shall include worship and special service music, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, all Youth Choirs, and any guest performances. Salary commensurate with job experience. Please send resume to : Dick Cameron, Personnel Moderator, P.O. Box 306, Lansing, Kansas 66043. **The application deadline is May 1, 2010.** (Submitted by Dick Cameron 4/19/10)

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. Tim Soule—3:00 p.m. April 25, 2010—Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS
- 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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