

# 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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July 20, 2010

### Joys and Concerns

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Ms. Sammie Johnson  
The Rev. John Welch  
Mr. Matt Schnaath  
The Rev. Dr. Ron Galvin  
The Rev. Jarrett McLaughlin  
Ms. Ann Monger  
Ms. Betty Miller  
Ms. Sharon Welch  
The Rev. Lyn Olson  
The Rev. Jim Tilton  
All Looking for Employment  
Ms. Barbara Bever  
Those Touched by Violence  
Miss Allison Hart  
The Rev. Bob Curtis  
All Military Personnel  
Kenya  
Victims of Natural Disasters  
Victims of the Gulf Oil Spill

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**Please be in prayer for Peg Irwin**, wife of The Rev David Irwin, Interim Pastor, First, Clinton, MO. Peg is recovering from triple bypass surgery on Monday, July 19, 2010. (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/20/10)

**Our deepest sympathy is extended to The Rev. Molly Jones**, Associate Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Stanley, in the death of her mother July 16, 2010 in Dallas, Texas. (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/20/10)

**Please be in prayer for the over 5,000 youth and adults attending the 2010 Youth Triennium July 20-24, 2010.** (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/20/10)

**Please continue to pray for Sammie Johnson, wife of Rev. Bill Johnson, Community Outreach Director.** Sammie is hospitalized in Little Rock AR. (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/12/10)

**Please continue to pray for those instrumental in the cleanup efforts in the gulf coast.**

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.

#### **July 18, 2010**

##### **Youth Triennium**

Our delegation of 37 Youth and 8 Adults attending the 2010 Youth Triennium July 20-24, 2010

##### **Maya Quichè Presbytery**

##### **Honorably retired pastors in the Maya Quichè Presbytery**

The Rev. Cristobal Garcia, Almolonga  
The Rev. Santiago Atz, Quetzaltenango

#### **July 25, 2010**

##### **Deepwater Presbyterian Church, Deepwater, MO**

The Rev. Dick B. Pierson, Stated Supply  
Ms. Pam Robbins, Clerk of Session

##### **Easton Presbyterian Church, Easton, MO**

Ms. Connie Kerns, Clerk of Session

##### **Effingham Union Church, Effingham, KS**

The Rev. Jeffrey Cochran, Pastor  
Mr. Ray Ladd, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Alice Johnson, Communicator

## Of Special Interest

**219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in brief:** <http://www.pcusa.org/get/resources/resource/6822/> (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/20/10)

**Festival of Sharing:** Youth groups can register online for the 2010 Festival of Sharing YouthFest. Please register early and if you will not need housing please be sure to let us know! This really helps in planning. Cost per person is \$27.00. Register at <http://www.umocm.com/page9/page27/page27.html> If you have any questions or need additional information you can call the office of Creative Ministries /Festival of Sharing at 573-474-3332 or email [festival@socket.net](mailto:festival@socket.net) (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/20/10)

**The second environmental justice-related overture approved at General Assembly** was from the Presbytery of South Louisiana "**On Making Resources Available Regarding Destruction and Loss of Coastal Wetlands**". It focuses on the issues surrounding wetlands loss in South Louisiana. The rationale for this overture states that "a land mass equivalent to the size of the state of Delaware has been lost from the Louisiana coastline in the last seventy years due mainly to human-caused factor." [Read the overture](#). (Adapted from the Office of Environmental Ministry, "Eco-Blog"). (Submitted by Diane Waddell, Stewardship of Creation Enabler 7/20/10)

**The Missouri Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** advocates for the rights of residents living in nursing homes across the state. When the resident encounters an issue the ombudsman steps in to help the resident get resolution. Become a volunteer ombudsman and a voice, eyes and ears for residents in a nursing home in your area. Call the Missouri Long Term Care Ombudsman Program 1-800-309-3282 or go to [www.dhss.mo.gov/Ombudsman](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Ombudsman) and click on volunteer. (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/20/10)

**Oasis** Mid-Central APCE regional Christian education event

- October 24-26
- The Elms Hotel, Excelsior Springs, MO
- Commuter rate \$159 includes 3 meals; lodging is available
- **Daily registration rate** available; come for all or just a part
- View the entire brochure and register online at [www.churchresourcecenter.org](http://www.churchresourcecenter.org)

We have an expert on special needs ministry in the church who will be presenting four workshops on Monday:

**God's Amazing Spectrum** From a Biblical and honoring perspective, gain a quick understanding of a variety of disability areas one may encounter in a fellow church member. **Autism and Your Church** Explore God's pattern for "knitting in" those with Autism Spectrum Disorders and learn practical ideas for church inclusion. **Respite Care** Learn from the stories and techniques of trained and experienced respite caregivers how your church can enter into this important aspect of ministry. **The Behavior Management Playing Field** Is the behavior of the one jeopardizing the learning of the whole group? Spend some time learning many strategies to try with behavior management issues in children's church settings. Your idea tool box will be filled to over-flowing. *Barbara Newman is a church and school consultant for CLC Network. She is a frequent national speaker and published author on inclusion of persons with special needs.* For more information, contact Malinda Spencer, 816-923-5486. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer 7/15/10)

**219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly News:** Check out [www.heartlandpby.org](http://www.heartlandpby.org) for a Letter and FAQ's. (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/12/10)

**Senior High Youth Retreat—"Face to Face: Relationships for the Soul"** Saturday and Sunday, August 28 & 29, 2010. <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/facetoface810.pdf> (Submitted by Michelle Phillips 7/12/10)

**The Rev. Henry Gower wishes to thank** the many clergy and elders who have sent such very nice notes and cards wishing him all the best in his new pastorate at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in George, Iowa. The many blessings and notes of encouragement are greatly and sincerely appreciated. (Submitted by Henry Gower 7/12/10)

**Congratulations to the Village Presbyterian Church Youth Group: Two youth groups to receive \$25,000 endowment funds.** MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. —The [Presbyterian Foundation](#) will establish a \$25,000 endowment fund at each of the Presbyterian churches represented by these youth groups to provide on-going, financial support for their youth

ministry programs. The two finalists were from the following churches: Calvary Presbyterian Church, Enumclaw, Wash.; Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kan. The *video challenge* encouraged Presbyterian youth groups to creatively express their interpretation of John 7:38: "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water," which was also the theme of this year's General Assembly. The youth groups then posted their videos on [ymiLIVE's website](#). (Submitted by presbytery staff 7/12/10)

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

## Job Opportunities

**KID'S CORNER COORDINATOR:** First Presbyterian Church, Higginsville, MO is seeking a qualified and enthusiastic person for a part-time position (4-6 hours a week) to help jump-start our ministry to pre-teens. The Kid's Corner Coordinator will plan and implement educational and worship experiences for children on Sunday mornings during the Adult Sunday School and Worship times. If you are interested, send a resume to [pres111@ctcis.net](mailto:pres111@ctcis.net) or call (660) 584-3372 week-day mornings. (Submitted by Rev. Tom Thomas 7/15/10)

**John Knox Presbyterian Kirk – 11430 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO 64114, 816-942-3637,** – is accepting applications for the position of Choir Director. This is a part time position entailing one weekly rehearsal, Sunday morning rehearsal, and one worship service from September through June. Please see complete job description on website [[www.JohnKnoxKirk.org](http://www.JohnKnoxKirk.org)]. Send resume to Rev. Andy Cullen [[Andy@johnknoxkirk.org](mailto:Andy@johnknoxkirk.org)] or Vern Otte [[murphyotte@aol.com](mailto:murphyotte@aol.com)]. (Submitted by Andy Cullen 7/13/10)

**John Knox Presbyterian Kirk – 11430 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114, 816-942-3637** – is accepting applications for the position of organist/pianist. Position involves accompanying weekly choir rehearsal and one Sunday service from September through May. In June, will accompany Sunday AM drop-in choir rehearsal and one worship service. During July and August, organist/pianist will provide music for the worship service, rehearse with and accompany soloists, small groups, or instrumentalists supplying summer "special music." Applicant must have both organ and piano skills and be able to sight read hymns. Ability to improvise accompaniments from a lead sheet would be helpful. Please see complete job description on website [[www.JohnKnoxKirk.org](http://www.JohnKnoxKirk.org)]. Send resume to Rev. Andy Cullen [[Andy@johnknoxkirk.org](mailto:Andy@johnknoxkirk.org)] or Kerry Strayer [[kstrayer@kc.rr.com](mailto:kstrayer@kc.rr.com)]. (Submitted by Andy Cullen 7/12/10)

## Upcoming Events

- Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2010—July 20-24, 2010
- Installation of The Rev. Andrew Florio—4:00 p.m. August 15, 2010—Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Blue Springs, MO
- Senior High Retreat—August 28-29, 2010 <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/facetoface810.pdf>
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—September 18, 2010—Kaw Prairie Community Church, Lenexa, KS
- Oasis—October 24-26, 2010—Elms Resort and Spa and Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs, MO [www.churchresourcecenter.org](http://www.churchresourcecenter.org)
- Mission Trip to Guatemala—October 29-November 5, 2010  
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/2010MayaQuicheTripBrochure.pdf>  
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/2010FallTripApplicationForm.doc>
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—November 16, 2010—Effingham, Effingham, KS
- Embracing Hope—January 22, 2011—Brookdale Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO
- Youth Service Blitz—January 21-23, 2011—First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

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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