

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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February 1, 2010

Joys and Concerns

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

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)

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Pastor Joe Trower. Joe passed away Monday, Jan 18, 2010. He, along with Mel West, was a co-founder of the Festival of Sharing. The Rev. Joe Trower served Church World Service with great dedication for many years and was Stated Clerk of Missouri Union Presbytery from 1976 to 1991. Joe was the drive for responding to disasters around the globe. The Festival of Sharing is dedicating the February shipment of kits going to Haiti in memory of him. (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/29/10)

Our deepest sympathy is extended to The Rev. Dennis Haines and wife Donna, in the death of Donna's mother Viola Groote on January 28, 2010.

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



The offices of Heartland Presbytery are located on the second floor of the Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation at:
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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 31, 2010

Heritage Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS

The Rev. Jodi Mathews, Interim Pastor
Ms. Jeannette Rice, Clerk of Session

Oregon Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO

Ms. Alita Meyer, Clerk of Session

Woodville Presbyterian Church, Oregon, MO

Ms. Donna Kurtz, Clerk of Session

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First Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie, KS

The Rev. Leslie A. King, Pastor
Ms. Misty Kitchen, Clerk of Session
Mr. John Farley, Communicator

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS

The Rev. Gary Gall, Interim Pastor, Honorably Retired
Ms. Joyce Records, Clerk of Session
Mr. Jerry Thompson, Communicator

Of Special Interest

Communication Update – Presbytery Email To Be Moved to Offsite Servers...As many of you know, Heartland Presbytery’s office has had some server and email issues over the last several weeks. The server has been rebuilt and those issues are being resolved. During the month of February we shall migrate our email to an offsite server. Completion is anticipated by March 1. Over the long run this should make our email more reliable and dependable, as the offsite provider has multiple servers, backups and redundancy beyond our capacity. In the short term, we are aware that such shifts in technology often have unexpected glitches and create unforeseen issues. To minimize these we will conduct the migration one mailbox at a time, discovering the issues before creating them for the entire office. We appreciate your patience during this transition. If you do not receive a timely reply to your email, please contact the office by phone to confirm that your message was received. Obviously what constitutes a timely response varies from situation to situation and whether the inquiry requires research or consultation with others. We shall post in the Heartland Connection an announcement when the migration has been completed. (Submitted by Charles Spencer 2/1/10)

HEALTH KITS ON THEIR WAY! Heartland Presbytery rocks! We are sending 1,532 health kits Tuesday, February 2, 2010 to the Festival of Sharing offices in Columbia, MO for distribution to Haiti in early February. We will continue to collect the health kits at the presbytery office until March 31, 2010. Shipments will be taken to Columbia as needed. A big thank you from the staff of Heartland Presbytery for your support in this worthwhile effort. We are making a difference to those in need. May God continue to bless each of you for your willingness to support the mission of Heartland Presbytery. (Submitted by presbytery staff 2/1/10)

Disaster relief head gives thanks for donations, outlines next Haiti steps Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Coordinator Randy Ackley has recorded a video message for Presbyterians, thanking them for their support for PDA’s relief efforts in Haiti and outlining the next steps in the PC(USA)’s response to the devastating earthquake that killed more than 100,000 Haitians on Jan. 12. The video was accompanied by an updated PDA “situation report” on the disaster and PDA’s response to date. The [video link](#) and full text of the report from PDA: , [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (Submitted by presbytery staff 2/1/10)

Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, located at 7600 N.W. Barry Road (across from Zona Rosa) in Kansas City’s



Northland, will host the acclaimed William Baker Festival Singers, a 50-voice semi-professional a capella chorus, in a benefit concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010. The public is welcome to attend this free evening of music which will take place in the church’s sanctuary and also will feature the Chancel Choir of Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church. A free-will offering will be collected following the concert to benefit Hillcrest Ministries, which supports people as they transition out of homelessness. The Festival Singers will perform classical works by

William Byrd, Knut Nystedt, Alexander Gretchinov and Paval Chesnokov, along with American folk hymns, spirituals and gospel songs. A reception will follow the concert, providing the audience an opportunity to meet the Festival Singers in person. Free parking is available on the north side of the church with access from N. Congress Road. For more concert information please call Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church at (816) 741-5118 or visit the church’s website at www.pineridge.org. (Submitted by Michelle Manual 1/19/10)

If any clergy, church, or an individual would like to add quarterly journals of theology published by Princeton Theological Seminary to your library collection, please contact Sunok Pai (sunokpai@kc.rr.com) by February 10, 2010. Included are 15 issues of Theology Today and 40 issues of The Princeton Seminary Bulletin from 1992 to 2006. (Submitted by Sunok Pai 1/20/10)

MAKING THE ORDINARY HOLY: A CONVERSATION ABOUT JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY Discover similarities and differences in these two major religions: what the holy is for each of us, how we make the ordinary holy, what drives our practices of faith, and what are the most understood and misunderstood aspects of each other's faith systems. This interfaith dialogue between Rabbi Alan Cohen, Director of Interreligious Affairs for the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee(JCRB/AJC), and Rev. Scott Myers of the Westport Presbyterian Church is presented by the Department of Adult Jewish Learning of the Jewish Community Center in collaboration with the Westport Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Urban Ministry Network of Heartland Presbytery, and the JCRB/AJC. A question-and-answer session, moderated by Rev. Tamara Miller of the Linwood United Church, will follow. Date: Sunday, Feb. 14; Time: 3:00-5:00 pm; Location: Jewish Community Center, 5801 W. 115th Street, Overland Park,

Kansas; Fee: NO CHARGE. This program is open to the entire community; questions and participation are encouraged. (Submitted by Scott Myers 1/29/09)

Love Chocolate? Please Join First Presbyterian Church of Independence, MO for their 2nd annual Chocolate Festival Saturday, February 6th 2010, Westminster Hall, 417 W Lexington, Independence, MO 64050, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Free Will Offering for Entry and Chocolate Taster's Plate. Please visit the Chocolate Fountain, Children's Corner, Silent Auction and Sales Room. (Submitted by Annie Klim 1/29/10)

New Free Resource: "50 Ways to Increase Worship Attendance" An addition to the Lewis Center's popular *50 Ways to Build Strength* series is "[50 Ways to Increase Worship Attendance](#)" prepared by Dr. Robert Crossman, minister of new church starts and congregational advancement for the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Suggestions include ways to improve attendance of current members, to invite new people, to make your church visible and attractive, to welcome worship guests warmly, to make worship accessible to newcomers, and to follow up with visitors. To see resources available on all topics, go to [50 Ways to Build Strength](#). The Parish Paper also has free, practical resources on evangelism, church finances (another common concern), pastor's stress and evaluation (COM concerns) and other topics: <http://www.theparishpaper.com/free-resources> (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/29/10)

Environmental Ministries has developed for use during Lent, "Tread Lightly for Lent." It is a calendar that 40 activities for learning about eco-justice and taking action on the topics of waste, energy, water, consumption, and food. The resource is also available online at <http://presbyterian.typepad.com/files/tread-lightly-for-lent.pdf>. (This is a resource from the PC(USA). It is a very simple, effective way to keep caring for Creation in our hearts and minds during Lent) (Submitted by Diane Waddell 1/29/10)

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

- 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
- Middle School Retreat: RELATIONSHIPS—April 24-25, 2010—Heartland Presbyterian Center
- 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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