

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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February 8, 2010

Joys and Concerns

The Rev. James Wilkins
Jim Cottrell
Paul Thomas
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

Congratulations to Betty Harris, former Office Manager of Heartland Presbytery in the birth of her first great granddaughter – KATHRYN GRACE. Kathryn was born January 21, 2010 at 1:00 a.m. She weighted 6 lbs. 11 ozs. And Betty is sure she is the most beautiful child in the world!
(Submitted by presbytery staff 2/8/10)

Our deepest sympathy is extended to The Rev. Don Schomacker and family in the death of his brother Sunday, February 7, 2010. (Submitted by presbytery staff 2/8/10)

Please be in prayer for The Rev. Jean Murphy. Jean is home recovering from knee replacement surgery. (Submitted by presbytery staff 2/2/10)

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/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.

February 7, 2010

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, HR
Ms. Joyce Records, Clerk of Session
Mr. Jerry Thompson, Communicator

February 14, 2010—Transfiguration of the Lord **Colonial Presbyterian Church (Quivira Campus), Overland Park, KS**

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

The Rev. Ky Weekley, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Kimberly "Kimby" Young, Associate Pastor
Mr. Kevin Mason, Clerk of Session/Communicator

Knox Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

The Rev. Timothy R. Waggoner, Pastor
The Rev. John (Mike) Lane, Associate Pastor
Ms. Jane Rockhold, Clerk of Session
Mr. Bob Keithley, Communicator

Link to 2009-2010 Partnership of Prayer book <http://www.heartlandpby.org/partnetofprayer/partnetofprayer.html>

Of Special Interest

Middle School Retreat "Face to Face" April 24 & 25, 2010, Heartland Presbyterian Center. Registration Form located at <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/MiddleSchoolRetreatRegistration410.pdf> Flyer located at <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/MiddleSchoolRetreatFacetoFace410.pdf> (Submitted by presbytery staff 2/8/10)

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. For further information see <http://www.westportpresbyterian.org/Resources/InterfaithDialogue2.pdf> (Submitted by Scott Myers 2/2/10)

Ecumenical and Interfaith Events: The Seventh Interfaith Luncheon, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010 at 11:30 AM at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel. The program is titled, "Civility: May the God in me recognize the God in you." and the panelists are: Rev. Dr. Kara Hawkins (American Indian), Rabbi Alexandra Shuval Weiner (Jewish) and Rex Block (B'ahai). The luncheon costs \$30. For more information and reservations go to www.ncjw.org. The Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee (JCRB/AJC) has put together a calendar of Jewish holidays and festivals and can provide information on these major holidays of the Jewish faith. For more information contact JCRBAJC@Jewishkc.org or call 913-327-8126 or 913-327-8280. (Submitted by Tamara Miller 2/8/10)

Unlike many other schools that have been forced to reduce their levels of financial aid, McCormick has maintained the same level of aid in spite of the financial challenges facing every institution. All incoming students meeting admissions criteria and demonstrating need will be considered for financial aid. For the 2010-11 academic year, those who qualify (approximately 30 new masters-level students) will be eligible for **80 percent of their total tuition, or seven out of the nine courses** required for full-time status. Reduced need-based aid will also be available for part-time students who matriculate for at least 6 courses each year. In addition, **McCormick will offer a number of competitive merit-based scholarships to full-time students who demonstrate particular promise for and commitment to leadership in the church.** Given its policy of rolling admissions and strong competition for financial aid, McCormick strongly encourages all who are interested in applying for financial support to submit their completed applications as soon as possible. Financial aid awards will be announced by **March 15th, 2010**. Should you have any questions, members of our Office of Recruitment and Admissions will be happy to assist you. You may contact them at admit@mccormick.edu or 773-947-6286. (Submitted by Maryann Farnsworth 2/8/10)



The Winter 2010 newsletter of Presbyterians for Earth Care has been published. This quarterly newsletter has been mailed to members and is available online for reading and downloading at the following link: http://www.presbyearthcare.org/docs/PEC_V1514_web.pdf This issue focuses on the meaning of Sabbath in the context of earth care. Three articles are of local interest:

Remember the Sabbath by Rev. Peter Sawtell, Executive Director of Eco-Justice Ministries. This article consists of excerpts from his Eco-Justice Notes, originally distributed 5/18/2007. Peter visited Kansas City and spoke at Village Church in October 2008. **Earth Sabbath** by the late Rev. Dr. G. Daniel Little. This article consists of excerpts from his sermon preached at Village Church on June 9, 1996 while serving as interim pastor. **Uplifting the Sacredness of Creation in Worship** by Jerry Rees. Also, the new web site for **Presbyterians for Earth Care** is now in place: <http://presbyearthcare.org/>. As this web site expands in content, it will become a valuable resource for faith based earth care. It is intended to complement the web pages of the **Environmental Ministries Office** of PC(USA): <http://www.pcusa.org/environment/>. Read, browse, and enjoy! (Submitted by Jerry Rees, member of Village Church and Midwest Regional Representative for Presbyterians for Earth Care 2/8/10)

LINKING FOR MINISTRY An event for smaller membership congregations interested in learning about cooperative ministry (clustering) for the purpose of ministry and mission. This 3-day conference is designed to excite, encourage and empower small churches towards new possibilities and opportunities through joint mission and ministry. June 2-4, 2010, Thornwell Home Campus, 302 South Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325. Registration fee is \$50, which includes three meals. For more information on this event and how to register, please visit Trinity Presbytery's website at www.trinity-presbytery.org and follow the links. Event questions: contact Dr. Herb Codington phone at (864) 833-5763 or by email at herbcod@yahoo.com. (Submitted by presbytery staff 2/8/10)

Pastors or seminarians needing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). The Kansas City VA Hospital is offering a summer unit. The advantage of CPE at the VA is that it is free. The dates for the summer unit are June 7, 2010 – August 21, 2010. This would entail participation Monday – Friday and being on call. The Fall extended unit will begin on August 17 and run to January 1, 2011. Point of contact for the CPE units is Chaplain Paula Gold 816.861.4700 ext 5-2181. Address is 4801 Linwood Blvd, KCMO 64128. (Submitted by Jeffrey S. Mercer 2/8/10)

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

Job Opportunities

The Presbyterian Church of Stanley has an immediate opening for a part-time handbell director. Candidate must have knowledge of music theory and handbell techniques required to produce and perform handbell music. Duties will include directing handbell choirs at rehearsals and worship; choirs include children grades 2-5, Youth and adult. This person will also be responsible for ordering of music, equipment, repairs and maintenance of handbells. Interested persons should submit their résumé to "Handbell Search Committee" Presbyterian Church of Stanley, 14895 Antioch Rd., Overland Park, KS 66221 or fax to 913-681-8186. You can view full job requirements at

http://www.stanleypres.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=142&Itemid=107&Itemid=188

(Submitted by Stephanie Neiger)

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
- Ordination Service of Amy Ramariz-Spears—3:00 p.m.—Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, KCK
- 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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