

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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March 29, 2010

Joys and Concerns

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 to the family and friends of Jack Dalton, former moderator of Heartland Presbytery and Synod of Mid-America. Jack passed away March 25, 2010. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/29/10)

Please be in prayer for Christina Alvarez, sister of Jessie Echavarría, presbytery staff. Christina is experiencing health issues. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/29/10)

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jack Schrimsher and family in the death of his mother Millie Schrimsher. Millie was a long time member of the Parkville Presbyterian Church and one of the first women elders. Jack is the Heartland Presbytery Moderator of Council. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/25/10)

Our deepest sympathy is extended to The Rev. Jim West and family in the death of his brother-in-law. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/29/10)

Congratulations to The Rev. Wallace Thurman on the birth of his granddaughter Charlotte. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/29/10)

Link to additional Joys and Concerns:
<http://www.heartlandnby.org/iovconcerns/iovconcerns.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.

March 28, 2010—Passion/Palm Sunday
Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO

The Rev. Pat Jackson, Pastor
Ms. Avis Odenbaugh, Clerk of Session
Ms. Debbie Jones, Communicator

Faith Presby/erian Church, Raytown, MO
Ms. Sandy Melton, Clerk of Session/Communicator

United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, MO
The Rev. John R. Johnson, Pastor
Mr. Larry Maxwell, Clerk of Session/Communicator

April 4, 2010—Easter
Heartland Presbytery
Retired Ministers of Heartland Presbytery
Youth of Heartland Presbytery
All members of Heartland Presbytery

Of Special Interest

First Presbyterian Osawatomie and Heartland Presbytery's Committee on Ministry are pleased to be hosting a Face to Face event, April 9 – 10, 2010. This event, announced at the February Presbytery Meeting and in other venues, is part of an ongoing effort to secure appropriate pastoral leadership for all of the churches of Heartland Presbytery. Congregations with active PNC's and ministers seeking calls are encouraged to participate. Click for flyer and reservation form. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/29/10)

Heartland Presbytery's Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women and 4th Annual Festival of Peacemaking registration: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2qxste6db38f5a7> (Submitted by Malinda Spencer 3/22/10)

[Partner presbyteries chosen for new pastoral residency program](#) First group of ministry settings for pilot program, "For Such a Time as This," comprises four presbyteries across five states. Presbyteries in North and South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, and Mississippi have been selected as ministry settings for the inaugural year of "For Such a Time as This," an innovative Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pastoral residency program designed to serve underserved congregations and develop missional pastors. The presbyteries of [Heartland](#), [St. Andrew](#), [Northern Plains](#) and [South Dakota](#) — the latter two contiguous presbyteries working in partnership — will compose the pilot program's initial group of ministry settings for 2010. In order to qualify as partner presbyteries, each was asked to identify several small churches that would serve as especially good learning settings for first call pastors. The three presbytery clusters in the program's first year will have two to four residency churches each, for a total of nine openings. Click for full story: <http://www.pcusa.org/pcnews/pressreleases/gamc10018.htm> (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/24/10)

IMAGINE an Italian restaurant where the menu offers:

- A Full Life of Love
- A Deep Dish of Hope
- A Better Life of Faith

Who wouldn't want a taste of that?! In *Spaghetti for the Soul*, Kathy Troccoli and Ellie Lofaro invite you to a **fabulous feast for the spirit**. Drawing upon their shared Italian roots and a friendship rooted in faith, with wit, warmhearted humor, irresistible grace, and keen insights, Kathy and Ellie urge you to take a generous helping of the richly flavored abundant life that only God can give. **They share how the soul-satisfying seasonings of faith, hope, and love can transform your attitude, outlook, and actions.** The authors dish biblical truths with lively storytelling to help you experience fully a renewed zest for the God who invites you to "taste and see." Kathy will also be leading us worship with an afternoon concert! What's an Italian feast without music?! **NEWSFLASH! Order your tickets by APRIL 4 MIDNIGHT (that's Easter Sunday) and your name will be entered into a drawing in which FIVE PEOPLE will WIN on that Saturday the following:** 1) Meet and Greet Kathy and Ellie after the conference along with a photo opportunity 2) Get an autographed "Spaghetti for the Soul" book and a Kathy Troccoli CD 3) a "Spaghetti for the Soul" t-shirt 4) and front row seats at the conference right near Kathy and Ellie! **WHERE?** Colonial Presbyterian Church, Wornall Campus – 9500 Wornall Road, KC MO 64114 **WHEN?** Saturday, April 10, 9 am – 4:15 pm (doors open at 8:15 am – general admission seating) **COST?** \$35 (\$45 day of) **REGISTER** at www.colonialkc.org/soul to get your ticket(s) for you, your girlfriends, neighbors, teenage daughters... this would be a great outreach for that seeking neighbor! If you any questions, please contact Jan Neisess at Colonial Presbyterian Church 816-501-3911 or jneisess@colonialkc.org. (Submitted by Jan Neisess 3/23/10)

This issue of [The Board Bulletin](#) covers discussion and decisions by the directors of The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at their March 6 meeting in Philadelphia. Highlights include: **Disability benefits to increase; Board reports on Balanced Investment Portfolio returns for 2009; Healthcare reform discussed.** (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/24/10)

Save the Date. Help Save the Planet. Meet local and organic farmers. Learn. Come to the 12th Annual Farmers Exposition! Meet organic farmers who can supply high quality organic fruits and veggies and free range meats for the coming season; Learn how you can make a difference with your food selections; Seedlings for an early start on your garden; Pick up a free copy of the 2010 Food Circle Producers Directory; Free Admission! Original music by eco-troubadour, Stan Slaughter. Co-sponsored by the Sierra Club. For more info contact Craig Volland, 913-334-0556 913-

334-0556 or hartwood2@kc.rr.com April 3, 2010. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM Roger T. Sermon Community Center, Truman & Noland Rd, Independence, MO 1 1/2 mi. west of US 291. (Submitted by Sue Letizia 3/19/10)

Some of the very most important work that the PC(USA) does -- that WE do, is done through the work of One Great Hour of Sharing. About 80% of the funding of some of our most vital programs is through the OGHS. Even with a small staff, the PC(USA) works to minister to those who are most needy and helps in such a way that they are supported and enabled to help themselves -- in such a way that their own culture and heritage is honored, not disregarded. Programs which are supported include Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These may be "just names" of programs, but these programs represent how we touch our brothers and sisters around the globe. PHP also works carefully to help care for Creation sustainably in many ways. Please ask your congregation to give generously. It truly is greatly needed and very efficiently used. (Submitted by Diane Waddell, member of the Presbyterian Hunger Program Advisory Committee. Please email if there is any way I can be of help at diane_waddell@sbcglobal.net (Submitted by Diane Waddell 3/25/10)

FREE ORGAN: Church member would like to give away a Yamaha Electone organ, Model 305D-1, to any church that would pick it up. It is in very good condition. Please e-mail or call: The Reverend John R. Johnson, United Christian Presbyterian Church, 501 N. Spartan Dr., Richmond, MO 64085, Office: (816) 776-6494 (Submitted by John Johnson 3/25/10)

You are invited to an AUTHENTIC PASSOVER SEDER at Westport Presbyterian Church, Thursday, April 1, 6:00 p.m. Our leader this year is Mr. Barry Speert, a Jewish and interfaith leader in Kansas City. We read from the "Family Haggadah", sing and dance and ask the question: "In what ways are we still slaves in Egypt? In what ways are we still not free?" Call to make a reservation: 816-931-1032. Here is a link to a poster:

http://www.westportpresbyterian.org/Resources/passover_seder.pdf Then consider an **ILLUMINATED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**, where we read the Passion narrative and sing and extinguish candles while art from all over the Planet Earth and every day and age--depicting and interpreting the Passion Story--is displayed on The Big Screen. Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m. Here is a link to a poster:

http://www.westportpresbyterian.org/Resources/good_friday.pdf (Submitted by Scott Myers 3/29/10)

Help us give HPC some TLC! Spring is almost here and we need volunteers (like you!) to help get Heartland Presbyterian Center ready for the 2010 camping season and our campers! We need help cleaning and repairing cabins, setting up wilderness sites, clearing trails, and much more. Grab your family, Sunday school class, youth group friends, or a neighbor and make a plan to volunteer on Saturday, April 24th at Heartland. Doughnuts and lunch will be provided. Hope to see you there! Link to the Flyer: [TLC DAY FLYER](#) (Submitted by Sarah Henderson 3/29/10)

Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery Coordinating Team (PWHPCT) has made some dramatic changes in its structure. This streamlined structure is intended to increase efficiency, lower costs, shorten meetings, make individual offices more straightforward, and make team meetings more meaningful and enjoyable.

HELP WANTED! Please help the Search Committee find women who want to help carry out the mission of the church through Presbyterian Women. PW at all levels does much to shape the discussion and the action of the church as a whole.

The team meets quarterly -- the first Saturdays of February, May, August and November, and plans and attends the Spring and Fall Gatherings. An abbreviated description of the duties of each open office follows:

Moderator(s) in Nomination -- serve as at-large member for a year, offering ideas, insight, help in moderator duties

Communicators 2-4 (replaces cluster leaders) serve as liaisons with churches, making regular phone calls to listen and share information.

Horizons Rep. Encourages use of Horizons Magazine and Bible Study. In recent years, has ordered copies of the study for church representatives to pick up at the annual Bible Study Workshop.

Racial/Ethnic Rep. 1-2 -- bring racial/ethnic issues and concerns to the CT and gatherings.

Search committee 2 -- find/call women to fill open positions

Vice moderator -- heads committee that plans Spring Gathering

Newsletter -- designs, composes, edits, publishes, mails newsletter twice yearly, prior to the Spring and Fall Gatherings; sends monthly PW update to Heartland Connection

Membership -- maintains list of churches, PWHP officers on EXCEL

SO as you read the list and someone comes to mind (perhaps yourself) call or e-mail Teresa Hayden 816-776-3123 or Chelly King 913-661-0374 chelly41rn@everestkc.net (that is an r n). Thank you! (Submitted by

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

Job Opportunities

Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, MO is seeking a dynamic Church Administrator to work closely with our Pastor in overseeing all of the administrative aspects of the church. Candidates should meet the following qualifications:

- Commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- Bachelor's degree in business, management, facilities management or related field experience.
- 3-5 years experience in management and supervision of personnel, and/or Human Resources experience.
- Knowledge of church growth dynamics, administration of structure, systems and processes, organization and leadership.
- Team player with leadership and teaching skills.
- Strong attention to detail.
- High level of spiritual maturity
- Demonstrate excellent oral and written communication skills.

Please submit cover letter, professional vita and references to HR@pinridge.org. Application deadline is April 11, 2010. For more information on Pine Ridge, please visit the church website www.pineridge.org (Submitted by Jim Gordon 3/25/10)

Knox Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Ks. is searching for a full time Director of Youth Ministry for our vibrant youth program, home to 80 middle school and high school teens. Ideal candidate has 2 years experience in youth ministry, solid leadership skills, a strong faith with a desire to bring young people to Christ, and a gift for teaching. Bachelors Degree preferred. Qualified candidates please visit the website at 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: RELATIONSHIPS—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>
- 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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