

# 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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### Joys and Concerns

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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

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**Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ann Wedaman, family and friends in the death of her sister Brownie Ledbetter.** Ann is an elder at John Knox Kirk and an active in Heartland Presbytery. (Submitted by presbytery staff 3/30/10)

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.

#### **April 4, 2010—Easter**

##### **Heartland Presbytery**

Retired Ministers of Heartland Presbytery  
Youth of Heartland Presbytery  
All members of Heartland Presbytery

#### **April 11, 2010**

##### **Southridge Presbyterian Church, Roeland Park, KS**

The Rev. Donna Chavez, Pastor  
Ms. Dorothy Reffitt, Clerk of Session/Communicator

##### **First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, MO**

The Rev. Ray Grienke, Stated Supply  
Ms. Gay Dittmore, Clerk of Session/Communicator

##### **Kaw Prairie Community, Shawnee, KS**

The Rev. Dan McKnight, Pastor  
Ms. Cindy Edgington, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Diane Chrislip, Communicator

## 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 4/5/10)

**GET SIGNED UP TODAY! 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 4/5/10)

**A Visiting Scholar Event Friday & Saturday April 16 & 17, 2010 Dancing with Scripture** Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph.D. A two-time recipient of Emory University's "On Eagle's Wings Excellence in Teaching" Award, Dr. Johnson speaks with great passion, humor and inspiration. **Come, dance with the scripture.** For more information visit our website at [www.villageyouth.com/visitingscholar](http://www.villageyouth.com/visitingscholar) (Submitted by PW of Village Church 3/30/10)

**Plan to Celebrate Earth Day! Celebrate Earth Day the Sunday** before or after April 22 with resources from the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program: Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life. Our worship spaces belong to God, and in them we have the opportunity to honor God by taking seriously our roles as stewards of the earth. There are many ways to be good stewards of the earth through our worship spaces, and Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life offers many ideas for congregations to improve facilities through energy efficiency and conservation, reducing toxic materials and products, water conservation, and land and habitat conservation. [Download the PC\(USA\) version of this Earth Day resource on the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program Web site.](#) Download this resource and begin implementing ideas for "greening" your facility, so your congregation can celebrate your successes on the Sunday before or after Earth Day, which is on April 22. Or, use this resource to make plans for earth care for the next year, and use Earth Day Sunday to commission an earth care team to work on these plans with your congregation. Written by PC(USA) Environmental Ministries Office. (Submitted via Diane Waddell (Restoring Creation Enabler) 3/31/10)



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

## Job Opportunities

**Part Time Bookkeeper:** Presbyterian Church of Stanley (Overland Park, KS) has an opening for a part time bookkeeper (15 hours per week).

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Count, post and deposit contributions and other receipts
- Prepare invoices for timely payment processing
- Manage bank cash balances
- Coordinate payroll
- Prepare ad hoc reports
- Functions as the staff liaison to the Finance Committee and Session of the church

### Qualifications

- Must possess 2-5 years related experience
- Ability to handle confidential information
- High integrity
- Experience in Microsoft Excel and Word
- Work effectively with internal staff, external financial vendors, volunteers, members and ministry leaders
- Strong organization skills
- Detail Oriented
- Excellent communication skills
- Demonstrated Christian testimony through active participation in a Christ-centered congregation

Please respond by email with Resume to [jillh@stanleypres.org](mailto:jillh@stanleypres.org) or 913- 681-8180, x10 (Submitted by Jill Hunstad 4/1/10)

**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](mailto:HR@pinridge.org). Application deadline is April 11, 2010. For more information on Pine Ridge, please visit the church website [www.pineridge.org](http://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](http://knoxchurch.org). Send cover letter and resume to: [tim@knoxchurch.org](mailto: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: 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. 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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