

# 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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June 21, 2010

### Joys and Concerns

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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  
Ms. Sammie Johnson  
All Military Personnel  
Kenya  
Victims of Natural Disasters  
Victims of the Gulf Oil Spill

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

**Please be in prayer for all the commissioners preparing for the General Assembly July 3 through 10, 2010.**

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.**

#### **June 20, 2010—Father's Day**

##### **Military Personnel**

Those serving our Country  
Those retired from Military Service  
The families of all who have lost loved ones serving their country

##### **First Presbyterian Church, Blairstown, MO**

Ms. Monica Arevalo, Clerk of Session

##### **Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Blue Springs, MO**

The Rev. Andrew Florio, Pastor  
Ms. Carol Coe, Clerk of Session  
Mr. John Billings, Communicator

#### **June 27, 2010**

##### **General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN**

##### **Butler Presbyterian Church, Butler, MO**

The Rev. Dick B. Pierson, Pastor  
Ms. Pam Hedger, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Anna Moore, Communicator

##### **Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church, Butler, MO**

The Rev. Douglas Shulse, Temporary Supply  
Ms. Tina Simmons, Clerk of Session

##### **Filadelfia, La Esperanza**

The Rev. Isaías Gonón

## Of Special Interest

**Highlights from the June 15, 2010 Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery** are available at <http://www.heartlandpby.org/files%20misc/HighlightsfromPresbytery06152010.pdf> (Submitted by presbytery staff 6/21/10)

**WOW...Heartland Presbytery rocks again!** On Thursday, June 10, 2010, Maryann, Leigh, Jessie, Brian and Mindy loaded up 2, 292 Health Kits, 36 Baby Layettes, and 2 Medicine Kits in a u-haul truck headed for Springfield, then to the Church World Services warehouse, then on to Haiti and Chili for distribution to those still in need. The Festival of Sharing has sent a total to date for 2010 of Health Kits--25,924; Baby Layette Kits--1,718; IMA Health kits—115. Way to go Heartland Presbytery! (Submitted by presbytery staff 6/21/10)

**Online registration for Oasis** (October 24-26, Excelsior Springs) mid-central regional event is at [www.churchresourcecenter.org](http://www.churchresourcecenter.org) View/print the brochure and register via PayPal. Scholarship application materials for Heartland Presbytery may be downloaded as well. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer 6/21/10)

**Westport Presbyterian Church invites you to a NATIVE AMERICAN CELEBRATION WEEKEND**, led by special guest **Dennis Yerry, a Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) musician, composer, and storyteller**. This Saturday, **June 26th at 10 a.m. Dennis Gathers with Children** for music, dancing and storytelling (**FREE**) at the Westport Library (118 Westport Road, KCMO). Then, from **2-4 p.m.** Dennis hosts a **SACRED CIRCLE Workshop for Adults and Teenagers** with Native American music, dance and storytelling at Westport Presbyterian Church (201 Westport Road, KCMO) **Admission: \$10 adults/\$7 students and seniors**. And on Sunday, **June 27th at 10:50 a.m.** there will be a special **SACRED CIRCLE WORSHIP SERVICE (FREE)** led by Dennis, including music & a spiritual dialogue between Dennis Yerry and Rev. Scott Myers. Check out this internet link for a poster describing all the events and their times and days: [http://www.westportpresbyterian.org/Resources/Native\\_American\\_Weekend\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.westportpresbyterian.org/Resources/Native_American_Weekend_Flyer.pdf) For more information call the church office at (816) 931-1032 or visit our website [www.westportpresbyterian.org](http://www.westportpresbyterian.org). (Submitted by Deanna Capps 6/21/10)

**During and after time of crisis**, it is very difficult to find the right path. A fog seems to set in, obscuring our vision. We may become reactionary, may blame others, and stray from our inner sense of wisdom. In this time of the Gulf crisis, we must contemplate and find new direction, working toward action rather than reaction. We need to look at our own lives to see where we might refocus. Thomas Berry, a writer and historian who worked diligently to seek Earth-justice, wrote, "**The great work of our time is to become integral with the entire family of life**". (The Great Work). This could easily translate in become more energy sustainable and just in our daily lives. Let us pray and work for vision and guidance, seeking social, ecological, and economic justice. (Submitted by Diane Waddell, Stewardship of Creation Enabler, Heartland Presbytery 6/21/10)

**Making the Connection: A Prayer Vigil of Grief and Hope on The Gulf Oil Spill Crisis** In response to the Gulf Oil Crisis, Earthkeepers has scheduled a prayer vigil/worship to be held Monday, June 28 at 7:30 PM at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road. <http://www.heartlandpby.org/Packet/files/June152010/EarthkeepersPrayerVigil2010v2.pdf> Please plan to attend this brief worship as we lift up in prayer those in God's creation who have been and will be affected by the disaster. We will be on the south side of the church by the creek unless there is rain (in which case we will be in the Chapel – go in the south door and up the steps). Also, please contact us about setting up a program in your church from our Speakers'/Program List. Most specifically related to this would be "Making the Connection: the Disaster in the Gulf in Our Daily Living". (The Rev. Kirk Perucca has agreed to share this program.) Please contact Kirk or Diane Waddell to inquire about this program. Diane's email is [diane\\_waddell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diane_waddell@sbcglobal.net). (Note the underscore between the names) (Submitted by Diane Waddell, Earthkeepers 6/21/10)

**Sunday July 25, 10 a.m. Mr. Amgad Bestawrous**, leader of the newly formed Arabic Presbyterian Fellowship, will speak at Village Presbyterian Church in Room 126. Mr. Bestawrous country of origin is Egypt. Currently the Arabic Presbyterian Fellowship is meeting at Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Saturday evening, 7 p.m. (Submitted by Janet Baker, chairperson, Justice and Peace Committee Village Presbyterian Church 6/21/10)

**Young Adult Volunteers Needed:** The cities that still have space for Young Adult Volunteers are: Atlanta, Miami, Denver, New Orleans, San Antonio and Cincinnati. In Atlanta, we still have placements for people interested in serving the homeless or working in a multicultural church. New Orleans has room for people who want to continue with disaster

relief from Katrina and they have a new position around environmental advocacy in regards to the oil spill. San Antonio has positions for folks interested in working with refugees and the Latino population. I'm not sure the exact positions available in Miami and Denver. Cincinnati has positions in urban churches. The process for applying is to go to [www.pcusa.org/yav](http://www.pcusa.org/yav) and fill out a One Door Interest form. There is also a facebook page for the YAV program, if folks want to get information that way. (Submitted by Karen Turney 6/21/10)

***Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."* - John 7:38** June is here and with it come thoughts of our upcoming General Assembly meeting in Minneapolis, July 3-10. In preparation for GA, Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons offers [seven hopes he has for the meeting](#). You can keep up to date with assembly activity with all kinds of information about the assembly and a live stream of plenary sessions on the [219th General Assembly website](#). Business before the assembly can be tracked at [PC-Biz](#). (Submitted by presbytery staff 6/14/10)

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

## Job Opportunities

**Organ/Piano player needed. First Presbyterian Church NKC**, 2125 Fayette, North Kansas City, MO 64116. One service and weekly rehearsals (plus seasonal special music). Send resume to Gretchen Gober or Jolene Shaw at First Presbyterian Church NKC, 2125 Fayette, NKC MO 64116. Questions: 816.699.5974 or 816.223.2974 (Submitted by Jolene Shaw 6/21/10)

Link to all current Job Opportunities <http://www.heartlandpby.org/Job/jobs.html>

## Upcoming Events

- Ordination Service of Molly Dowell Baum—Time 4:00 p.m., June 27, 2010—First, Atchison, KS
- Heartland Youth Day at Worlds of Fun—July 7, 2010
- 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 27-29, 2010
- 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
- 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>

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