

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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Ms. Megan Pinter
Mr. Dick Frohardt
Mr. Matt Schnaath
Miss Allison Hart
All Looking for Employment
Those Touched by Violence
All Military Personnel
Victims of Natural Disasters
Kenya

Congratulations to Chris and Beth Munce in the birth of their son, Colin Michael Wallace Munce. Colin weighed in at 6lbs.110z. Chris serves as the Director of Music at First, Lees Summit. (Submitted by Mary Wright 1/26/12)

Link to The Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

<http://www.pcusa.org/missionyearbook>

Link to additional Joys and Concerns:

<http://www.heartlandpby.org/joyconcerns/joyconcerns.htm>



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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 29, 2012

Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO

The Rev. Pat Jackson, Pastor
Ms. Avis Odenbaugh, Clerk of Session
Mr. William Melewski, Communicator

First Presbyterian Church, Warrensburg, MO

The Rev. Don Wilson, Interim Pastor, Honorably Retired
Ms. Denise Miller, Clerk of Session

El Buen Pastor, San José La Viña

Lay Pastor Filomena Mejía

February 5, 2012

Maya Quiché Presbytery

Honorably Retired Pastors in the Maya Quiché Presbytery

The Rev. Cristobal Sánchez, Almolonga
The Rev. Santiago Atz, Quetzaltenango

United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, MO

The Rev. John R. Johnson, Pastor
Mr. Larry Maxwell, Clerk of Session, Communicator

Of Special Interest

Bring your checkbooks or plenty of cash to the February 11, 2012 Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery. It is the pleasure of the Maya Quiché Partnership Committee to provide, for sale, tons of beautiful crafts purchased during their January trip to Guatemala. Plan on buying gifts for others or just something for yourself! All items will be for sale at their display table at the Southridge Presbyterian Church. (Submitted by Rachel Lausch 1/30/12)

Steve Lampone, deputy director of the Kansas City, MO, Parks and Recreation Department, will be the speaker for the February meeting of Church Women United at 10:00 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Westminster Hall in Second Presbyterian Church, 55th and Brookside, Kansas City, MO, 64113. *Parks and Rec* is responsible for all of Kansas City's 38 City Parks, ten community centers, and a host of other buildings, functions, fountains, city artworks and civic activities. All are welcome to come for the program and meeting. Meeting begins with refreshments. There is no charge. Reservations are not required. The building is wheelchair accessible. No childcare is provided. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham 1/30/12)

See VBS 2012 curriculum! Last chance for VBS Extravaganza February 7 4:30-6:30 at St. Paul's School of Theology's Cokesbury store, 5123 East Truman Road, Kansas City, MO 64127. Food will be available. If you RSVP, (not required) we will be on the lookout for you! education@heartlandpby.org (Submitted by Malinda Spencer 1/30/12)

From the Heart: Panera Bakers at Gilda's Club! Monday, February 6th The very talented Panera Bread Company bakers are coming to Gilda's in February for a fun-filled, fabulous, workshop on creating and decorating delicious breads and cookies. This interactive workshop is sure to be tasty, as all participants will join in the fun, and will leave with bread and cookie baking secrets, and goodies to take home. This workshop is sure to get a "rise" out of all members who join in the fun! Be sure to bring a friend for this heart-warming, and tummy filling event. Event Open to the Public 6:00 - 8:00 pm Monday, February 6th, Gilda's Club, 21 West 43rd St. Kansas City, MO. RSVP by February 3rd to rsvp@GildasClubKC.org. Everyone is touched by cancer in the community. Check out their website for further information www.gildasclubkc.org. (Submitted by Jolene Shaw 1/30/12)

New School/Old School divisions in Missouri: Their Relevance to Today.

The 1837 date of the Old School|New School division in Missouri is incorrect when applied to Missouri Synod of PCUSA. According to Teaching Elders Timothy and John B. Hill, chroniclers of that era, Missouri Synod tried to remain neutral and did so until 1842 even though some congregations, centered in the northeastern part of the state, leaned toward the New School. The four-year effort not to divide the Presbyterian Church in Missouri may be seen as Synod stubbornness. Or it can be looked upon as an act without input from small frontier mission congregations who found it extremely difficult to send commissioners to week-long Spring and Fall presbytery meetings. General Assembly commissioners were duly elected but oftentimes could not afford the trip which could mean a month away from home. The vote was there; the voice was absent.

So, in 1837, when the PCUSA split, membership and resources were divided. The few Teaching Elders' ministries were spread even thinner over more congregations who competed with each other. General Assembly did not ask and Missouri Synod did not tell how congregations worked with each other to provide regular preaching and sacraments—at times with the Cumberland church. It could be speculated that the people in the pew recognized New School music and preaching to be more upbeat.

What happened, happened. What might have happened if differences could have been worked out before 1837 is mere speculation. But it might be interesting to ponder whether there might have been a more successful effort to quell border difficulties which occurred within Heartland Presbytery's bounds if Presbyterians were in conversation with one another. For at that time and place the manner in which congregational government was practiced is very similar to nFOG. Then, and now, church leadership relied and relies on knowledge of the Presbyterian form of government by the entire congregation so that the conversation is about doing the mission in a particular place according to the needs of that place. (Submitted by Ruling Elder Nancy Ehrlich, Presbytery Historian 1/26/12)

Dear Friends in Heartland Presbytery, Are you tired, out of creative energy, feeling flat? Come to Arkansas in the spring and be renewed! All church professionals are cordially invited to join us at our Annual Retreat, April 22-24 at beautiful Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, homiletics professor at San Francisco

Theological Seminary, is our presenter. We would love to see you there! Keep watching for registration information. (Submitted by Susan Gray, Presbytery of Arkansas 1/25/12)

Benefits Connect Tip: Church treasurers and business administrators can now submit service changes online.

Church treasurers and business administrators who are registered as their employing organization's authorized web representative on [Benefits Connect](#) can now submit service changes online. If you haven't registered yet, just [follow the simple steps](#) outlined on the site.

Newly Updated Healthcare Guides for 2012 Now Available The Board of Pensions has updated several key healthcare communications for 2012 to help members better understand — and use — their healthcare benefits:

For Active Members

- [2012 Guide to Your Healthcare Benefits](#)
This user-friendly guide explains the comprehensive benefits provided to you and eligible family members under the Medical Plan.
- [2012 Your Healthcare Benefits in Brief](#)
Designed for easy reference during the year, this handbook gives an overview of plan changes and out-of-pocket costs for 2012. Active plan members should have received a mailing in December that included this booklet.

For Retiring and Retired Members

- [Choosing Healthcare Coverage at Retirement](#)
This book can assist you with evaluating your healthcare coverage options upon and during retirement. It includes an overview of Medicare, which provides your primary medical coverage in retirement, and explains the relationship to Medicare of the Medicare Supplement Plan, the Board's secondary medical coverage offered by subscription to eligible members at retirement.
- [2012 Guide to the Medicare Supplement Plan](#)
A companion book to *Choosing Healthcare Coverage at Retirement*, this guide describes the supplemental medical coverage offered by the Board to eligible members at retirement. The guide illustrates the ways in which the Medicare Supplement Plan fills the gaps of Medicare and provides tips that can help you better manage your out-of-pocket healthcare costs.

Copies of these publications are available by calling the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN), or you can view, download, and print them from [Pensions.org](#).

New Online Resource for Retirees on Pensions.org The Board of Pensions has created [a new section on Pensions.org](#) dedicated to the specific needs and concerns of retired plan members. The section includes information on topics that are often relevant throughout retirement, including healthcare, finances, death benefits, housing, and post-retirement service. The section also provides resources for retirees seeking further information and assistance. For more information on this new section and how it can assist you throughout this stage of life, read the recent [Pensions.org news article](#).

Reminder To Use Benefits Connect To Streamline Administrative Processes A friendly reminder to church treasurers and business administrators: You can access many features through Benefits Connect, the Board's secure benefits website, to help you streamline some administrative processes, **including online salary and services changes**. Once you've registered on Benefits Connect as your employing organization's authorized web representative, you are given access to these and other features. If you are already registered, simply go to the [log-in page](#). If you still need to register, go to the [registration page](#) and follow the step-by-step instructions for creating your user profile and establishing your password. **Please note:** If you continue to submit service changes by fax or mail, you should use the [latest forms on Pensions.org](#). The service change forms have been divided into specialized forms based on the prompting event, such as a new service or a change in employment status. These forms are available for the [Traditional Program](#) and the [Affiliated Benefits Program](#). If you have questions, please contact the Board of Pensions at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN).

Tax Webcast and Guides for the 2011 Tax Year Now Available To help ministers and churches understand the latest tax law changes, the Board of Pensions has released new and updated resources in the Tax Resource Center for [members](#), [treasurers and administrators](#), and [mid-councils](#) on Pensions.org:

- The 2011 [“Tax Tips for Ministers and Churches”](#) webcast features the Board’s education specialists, Steven Fleming and Rod Sewell, who provide important information from tax expert Richard R. Hammar, J.D., LL.M., CPA, specific to ministers and churches. The webcast is prerecorded for easy, 24/7 access. **No registration is necessary to view it.**
- The [Tax Guide for Ministers for 2011 Returns](#) provides recent tax information for active and retired ministers to review when filing their federal income tax returns. It will also be mailed to active and retired ministers in late January.
- The [Federal Reporting Requirements for Churches: What You Need To Know in 2012](#), including tax code changes made at the end of 2011, is designed for church treasurers and business administrators. It contains step-by-step wage reporting and withholding instructions and information about situations specific to filing various federal forms.

The information provided in the above-described resources is not intended as a substitute for legal, accounting, or other professional advice that you may require while preparing your tax returns. (Submitted by Doug Kelley 1/30/12)

NEW PIPE ORGAN FOR HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SHAWNEE A new pipe organ has been installed at Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee, Kansas. The 21 stop mechanical action organ was built and installed by Pasi Organs of Roy, Washington. Organ builder, Martin Pasi, has gained international acclaim for the quality workmanship and superb sound of his instruments. The beautiful pipe shades, or wood carvings, which decorate the facade of the Hope organ carry a Kansas motif embedded with Christian symbols. Dedication of the new organ will take place in the morning worship services at Hope Lutheran on Sunday, March 25. A Dedicatory Recital will be presented by Dr. Michael Bauer on Sunday, April 15, at 4:00 p.m. with a demonstration of the organ at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Bauer is a member of the organ faculty at the University of Kansas and has served as organ consultant for Hope congregation. Future events include a concert of organ concerti with the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra in September, a hymn festival on Sunday, October 21, with organist Charles Ore of Concordia University, Seward, NE, and an organ recital in November presented by Craig Cramer of Notre Dame University. All are welcome at each of these events. For complete information go to www.hopelutheran.org. (Submitted by Linda Wallace 1/30/12)

2012 PER CAPITA \$33.70: \$24.35 to Heartland Presbytery, \$2.72 to the Synod of Mid-America, \$6.63 to the General Assembly. (Submitted by presbytery staff)

2012 Stated Meetings schedule is located at <http://www.heartlandpby.org/files%20misc/2012StatedMeetingDates.pdf>

IRS has announced the standard mileage rates effective January 1, 2012: 55.5 cents per mile for employee business use and 14 cents per mile for volunteers. Details [http://op.bna.com/dt.nsf/id/emcy-8pdqm9/\\$File/n-12-01%20\(2\).pdf](http://op.bna.com/dt.nsf/id/emcy-8pdqm9/$File/n-12-01%20(2).pdf) (Submitted by presbytery staff)

The four overtures that will be voted on at the Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery February 11, 2012 are posted and available for examination at www.heartlandpby.org. Please contact David Meerse at clerk@heartlandpby.org 816.924.1730 or 800.332.4849 if you have any questions. (Submitted by David Meerse 1/3/12)

Link to all current items Of Special Interest posted previously in the Heartland Connection:
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/specialintrest.htm>

Job Opportunities

Lead Kitchen Assistant / Cook: Heartland Presbyterian Center our summer camp and year round retreat center near Parkville, MO is accepting applications for a lead kitchen assistant to prepare and serve meals for its retreat and camp programs. This position is based on an estimated average of 30 hours per week August – May and 45 hours per week during the summer months. Applicants must have: excellent customer service skills, a positive work ethic, previous commercial kitchen experience and a flexible working

schedule. To learn more and to get an application visit www.HeartlandCenter.org/aboutus/employment. (Submitted by Dan Scheneman 1/30/12)

POSITION AVAILABLE: Pine Ridge Parent's Day Out (PDO) currently has a teacher opening. We are currently seeking a full-time PDO teacher to work with our 2-year old children, approximately 4 days per week. Preferred candidates will have an educational background in early childhood or elementary education or previous experience in a day care environment. Providing developmental care and supervision of children ranging in age from birth to 5 year olds is required of all teaching positions. Candidates should feel comfortable with establishing and maintaining supportive relationships with children and parents. Candidates should be self motivated, enthusiastic and energetic. Pine Ridge PDO operates Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during the school year. The program is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer months. To apply for this position or for more information, please contact JoBeth Bailey, PDO Director at jobeth_bailey@hotmail.com or (816) 584-1655. (Submitted by Katrina George 1/26/12)

South Central Region The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education 2012-13 Training Opportunities: Saint Luke's Health System of Kansas City has four (4) Level II Residency Positions available with stipend and benefits to begin August 27, 2012 through August 31, 2013. In addition there are still openings for our Summer 2012 Intensive Internship, commencing May 29th – August 10th, 2012. Extended Internship applications are also being accepted for our Fall/Winter Unit beginning September 17, 2012 – April 29, 2013. For information please call Rev. Stephen Overall (816) 932-2840 or Rev. Marc Giedinghagen (816) 932-3834. For a description of program and application forms, please visit our Web Site at www.saintlukeshealthsystem.org. (Submitted by Marc Giedinghagen 1/26/12)

Presbyterian Church of Stanley--re*New Worship Leader: For details click <http://www.heartlandpby.org/Job/files/StanleyWorshipLeader.pdf> (Submitted by Stephanie Neiger 11/21/11)

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

Upcoming Events

- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—February 11, 2012—Southridge, Roeland Park, KS
- Installation of The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich—March 4, 2012 3:00 p.m.—Village, Prairie Village, KS
- 2012 Festival of Peacemaking—March 24, 2012
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—April 17, 2012—Heritage, Olathe, KS
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—June 5, 2012—First, Warrensburg, MO
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—September 15, 2012—Overland Park, Overland Park, KS
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—November 13, 2012—First, Maryville, MO
- 220th General Assembly—June 30-July 7, 2012—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 221st General Assembly—June 15-21, 2014—Detroit, Michigan

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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