

# 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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January 9, 2012

### Joys and Concerns

Dr. Bill McEachen  
Mr. Will Howard, CLP  
Ms. June Fisher  
Rev. Nancy Profit  
Rev. Joe Pallikkathayil  
Mr. Jerry Beasley  
Miss Robin Cottrell  
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

**Gracia y paz en nombre de Jesu Christo!** Our group of 12 - nine first-time travelers to Guatemala-arrived on Friday, the 6th - Epiphany! - in good spirits and health! We are from five churches - First, Independence; First, St. Joseph, Rolling Hills, Grace Covenant, and Second Church. We spent a long day yesterday meeting first with the Executive Committee of Maya Quiche Presbytery, with the newly-organized Committee for Social Services of MQ, and then with members and the leaders of the Youth Council of the Presbytery. We worshiped late in the evening with members of the Nuevo Jerusalem Church as they gathered for a prayer service. We are grateful to you for your prayers - for us in our travels, but also for our brothers and sisters of the Maya Quiche Presbytery! We will bring greetings and more of our experience to the next Presbytery meeting! Until then, God's blessings! (Submitted by Ky Weekley 1/9/12)

**Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dan Scheneman and family** in the death of his grandfather. Dan is the executive director at Heartland Presbyterian Center. (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/9/12)

**Our deepest sympathy is extend to The Rev. Joe Carle and family** in the recent death of his sister. (Submitted by presbytery staff 1/5/12)

Link to The Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

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

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.

**January 8, 2012—Baptism of the Lord**

**Calvary Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO**

Mr. Tom Griffin, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Carolyn Kline, Communicator

**First Presbyterian Church, Maryville, MO**

The Rev. Jonathan Mitchell, Pastor  
Mr. Richard Fulton, Clerk of Session

**Effingham Union Church, Effingham, KS**

The Rev. Jeffrey Cochran, Pastor  
Mr. Ray Ladd, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Alice Johnson, Communicator

**January 15, 2012**

**John Knox Presbyterian Kirk, Kansas City, MO**

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Cullen, Pastor  
The Rev. Clay Cook, Pastor Emeritus  
Ms. Jeanne Finger, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Ann Wedaman, Communicator

**Monte de los Olivos, Almolonga**

The Rev. Mariano Gonón

**Leawood Presbyterian Church, Leawood, KS**

The Rev. Ryan Kapple, Pastor  
Ms. Christine Crippin, Clerk of Session

Link to 2011-2012 Partnership of Prayer book <http://www.heartlandpby.org/partnetofprayer/partnetofprayer.html>

## Of Special Interest

**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)

**Join us at Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Washington, D.C. March 23-26, 2012.** Presbyterian Women Scholarships Available! Interested in learning more about advocacy for domestic and international issues in federal and local government? Looking for hands-on training in advocacy skills? Want to work for a just and Godly economy? Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) may be the experience for you! At the 10th annual EAD, March 23-26, 2012, in Washington, DC, we will explore economy, livelihood and our national priorities through the lens of Isaiah 58. Join other Christians in seeking a global economy and a national budget that break the yokes of injustice, poverty, hunger and unemployment throughout the world — heeding Isaiah's call to become "repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in." We will worship, dialogue and be inspired and equipped to speak boldly as people of faith. Rousing preachers, stimulating theologians and internationally known policy experts will offer a faith-based vision for a just economy and a healthy livelihood, along with training on key policy issues and grassroots advocacy —culminating with lobby visits on Capitol Hill. In addition, area specific workshops will be offered on Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Middle East, Domestic U.S., Eco-Justice, Global Economic Justice and Peace & Global Security. You can learn more about EAD and register online at [www.advocacydays.org](http://www.advocacydays.org). **This year, Presbyterian Women is sponsoring 8 scholarships of \$180 each (the cost of earlybird registration).** For a scholarship application, please email Lois Bingham at [ljbingham@gmail.com](mailto:ljbingham@gmail.com). Scholarship applications must be received via email by January 30, 2012 to be considered. Preference will be given to first-time attenders and with hopes to build age, racial/ethnic, geographic, and experiential diversity. **If you are already planning to attend EAD this year, please let us know.** Send a note to Lois telling us you'll be there. We're working on finding a time for Presbyterian Women to connect over the weekend. Also plan to attend the Compassion Peace and Justice training day with the Office of Public Witness on Friday, March 23. Check <http://www.pcusa.org/events/18750/compassion-peace-and-justice-training-day/> for registration information! For more information, contact Meagan Manas, Justice and Peace program specialist, Presbyterian Women, [meagan.manas@pcusa.org](mailto:meagan.manas@pcusa.org), 212/870-2738. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham 1/9/12)

**FREE to a church or non-profit organization:** A Yamaha organ, completely electronic model 405. It has two 49-note keyboards, 13 bass pedals, a Leslie speaker and a roll-top cover. Very good organ sounds and enough volume for a fairly large area. Comes with a matching bench with storage space. For details contact Jenne Bird-Rogers at 816-847-2904. (Submitted by Jenne Bird-Rogers 1/6/11)

**In an effort to encourage discussion and evaluation of the current educational experience of our children,** Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church will host a feature film screening of *Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture*, Thursday, February 2 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Rolling Hills Sanctuary, 9300 Nall Ave. Overland Park, KS. Tickets are free to members and the public. **Registration is requested at [racetonowhere.com](http://racetonowhere.com) or by calling our church office, 913-642-9100.** A brief panel discussion follows the 80 minute film on Feb. 2. Extended discussion will take place on Sunday, February 5 @ 9:45 a.m. at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church. (Submitted by Laura Breckenridge 1/5/12)

**Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, Sunday, January 15, 10:30 a.m.** the guest preacher at Central Presbyterian (3501 Campbell St., KC MO) will be The Rev. Dr. Randal M. Jelks, associate professor for American Studies at University of Kansas and an ordained PC(USA) teaching elder. His latest book (to be released in April) is about Martin Luther King's mentor: *Benjamin Elijah Mays, Schoolmaster of the Movement: A Biography*. Join us. (Submitted by Heidi Peterson 1/3/12)

**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](http://www.heartlandpby.org).** Please contact David Meerse at [clerk@heartlandpby.org](mailto:clerk@heartlandpby.org) 816.924.1730 or 800.332.4849 if you have any questions. (Submitted by David Meerse 1/3/12)

**All Senior High Youth are invited to come and participate in the Heartland Presbytery Youth Leadership Development event, January 20-21<sup>st</sup>.** Please see <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/SHLeadershipDev120212012.pdf> for more information! (Submitted by Michelle Phillips 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

**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)

**Northminster Presbyterian Church, KCMO, is looking for two part time nursery attendants** for Sunday mornings and periodic extra events. Job description and application are posted on our website at [www.northminsterkc.org](http://www.northminsterkc.org) (Submitted by Seth Wheeler 11/17/11)

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

## Upcoming Events

- Guatemala Partnership Mission Trip—January 6-14/15, 2012— <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/2012TripBrochure.pdf>  
Registration Form—<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/2012GuateTripRegForm.pdf>
- Installation of The Rev. Kevin Jones—January 15, 2012 4:00 p.m.—First, Clinton, MO
- Offices of Heartland Presbytery Closed—January 16, 2012—Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
- Sr. High Leadership Development Event—January 20-21, 2012—Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO/First, Lee's Summit, MO  
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/SHLeadershipDev120212012.pdf>
- Embracing Hope—January 21, 2012—First Presbyterian Church, Lees Summit, MO  
<http://www.churchresourcecenter.org/embracinghope/index.html>
- 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
- 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly—June 30-July 7, 2012—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 221<sup>st</sup> 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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