

# 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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September 12, 2011

### Joys and Concerns

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Rev Leopoldo Ulín  
Ms. Dorothy Clarke  
First, Liberty, MO  
Ms. Nina George  
Ms. Betty Miller  
The Rev. Lloyd Haney  
Mr. Jerry Beasley  
Ms. Barbara Bever  
Miss Robin Cottrell  
Mr. Tom Carlisle  
Ms. Megan Pinter  
Ms. Julie Lee  
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

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**Congratulations to Diane Waddell** who is officially the national moderator of Presbyterians for Earth Care. (Submitted by presbytery staff 9/8/11)

**Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the victims of the devastating hurricanes, tornados and flooding over the recent weeks.** (Submitted by presbytery staff 9/6/11)

Link to additional Joys and Concerns:  
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/joysconcerns/joysconcerns.htm>



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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.

#### September 11, 2011

##### Heartland Presbytery

Christian Educators  
Music Ministry  
Youth and Youth Directors of Heartland Presbytery

##### Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting

September 13, 2011, King City Presbyterian Ch, King City, MO

##### Faith Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO

The Rev. Bruce Bradley, Temporary Supply  
Ms. Sandy Melton, Clerk of Session, Communicator

#### September 18, 2011

##### First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, KS

The Rev. Al Zimmerman, Pastor  
Ms. Noelle Walters, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Arlene Feyen, Communicator  
Ms. Molly Dowell Baum, Candidate  
Ms. Lori Robinson, Inquirer

##### Jacoby Chapel, Warrensburg, MO

Mr. Paul Moss, Commissioned Lay Pastor  
Ms. Roberta Jaeger, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Shari Doubt, Communicator

Link to 2010-2011 Partnership of Prayer book <http://www.heartlandpby.org/partnetofprayer/partnetofprayer.html>

## Of Special Interest

**Senior High Retreat: Running the Race:** Perseverance for our Everyday Life. Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$60 includes: program, lodging, food, t-shirt & ROPES COURSE.

Flyer: <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/SHRuntheRace1011.pdf>

Reservation Form: <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/SHRetreatRegistration1011.pdf>

Rope Course Permission Form: <http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/SHHPC-ReleaseofLiabilityform1011.pdf>  
(Submitted by Michelle Phillips 9/12/11)

**Middle School Retreat:** Cross- Flies: The Believe-it-or-Not Stories from the Bible. Friday, Nov. 11-Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40 includes: program, lodging, food and t-shirt. Retreat Flyer:

<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/MiddleSchoolRetreat112011CrossFiles.pdf> Retreat Registration Form:

<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/jrmsretreatregistration1111.pdf> (Submitted by Michelle Phillips 9/12/11)

**A thought for the year:** "We can[not] live harmlessly or strictly at our own expense; we depend upon other creatures and survive by their deaths. To live, we must daily break the body and shed the blood of creation. The point is, when we do this knowingly, lovingly, skillfully, reverently, it is a sacrament; when we do it ignorantly, greedily, clumsily, destructively, it is a desecration...[and] in such desecration, we condemn ourselves to spiritual and moral loneliness, and others to want." —Wendell Berry; Taken from Food and Faith: Justice, Joy and Daily Breaded. Michael Schut, 2006; Earth Ministry, Denver, CO -- (Submitted by Diane Waddell, Earthkeepers 9/12/11)

**Book Talk! Spread the word! Author LINDA SUE PARK** will be giving a Book Talk on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 starting at 5:30pm, at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Overland Park. Don't miss this Newbery Medal winning author, whose latest book A Long Walk To Water is a true story about a Lost Boy of Sudan. Park will speak on her latest book, meet fans, and sign books, which are available through the Reading Reptile. A cookie reception will follow the talk. Please RSVP to the church office at 913-345-1256. This event is free and open to the Public. (Submitted by Kimby Young 9/8/11)



**GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP POTLUCK & REUNION for all past (and future!) Heartland Presbyterian travelers to Guatemala. Sat, October 8, 5-8 pm, Whipple Hall, Parkville Presbyterian Church, 819 Main St, Parkville, MO 64151 PC(USA)** International Peacemaker Juana Herlinda Yac and Mission Co-Worker Rev Dr Karla Koll will be there. Please RSVP to Esther Rogers, 913-299-8608, [arogers8@kc.rr.com](mailto:arogers8@kc.rr.com). (Submitted by Rachel Lausch 9/6/11)

**"Greenability" (Living well, by Living green in Kansas City) magazine** is an excellent way to discover how to live sustainably locally. In the Sept/Oct issue, Mayor Sly James states, "Kansas City is one of the most progressive cities in the nation when it comes to reducing our environmental impact... Green education, leading to green jobs converting homes, and reducing consumption and increasing income, is a model cities across the nation are looking to replicate.". The Green Impact Zone is a great example of Kansas City's progress, and homes in that zone have had utility bills cut in half... Great work, Kansas City. (Check out [greenabilitymagazine.org](http://greenabilitymagazine.org)). (Submitted by Diane Waddell, Earthkeepers 9/6/11)

The Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, Dortha Mae Olsen and Dr. Charles Wheeler will be honored at the annual **Church Women United Human Rights Celebration, Salad Pot Luck Luncheon and Fall Kickoff**. All are welcome to join the morning's activities, which will begin at 10:00 a.m. , Monday, September 12, 2011, at Second Presbyterian Church, 55th and Brookside, Kansas City, MO. The Human Rights Celebration will be followed by a business meeting and pot luck salad luncheon. Members and visitors are welcome to bring a salad or dessert to share. Offerings will be taken to support the Fellowship of the Least Coin and the Festival of Sharing. (Submitted by Gail Cunningham 9/6/11)



**RODGER NISHIOKA IS COMING TO GCPC SEPTEMBER 10-11th! YOU ARE INVITED** to join the folks at Grace Covenant for a special weekend with the Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka on September 10-11! He is a gifted story-teller and preacher, was named Educator of the Year by the Association of the Presbyterian Church Educators, and is currently an assistant professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary in the Atlanta area. Church historians agree, according to Rodger, that "we're on the cusp of ... a Reformation-type age," one that will stand as significant with the passing of time. His first presentation will be on **Saturday evening, September 10**, where Rodger will visit with us about these trends in some detail. We will gather at **6:30 p.m. in Heartland** and we should

conclude between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m. Rodger will be preaching on Sunday, September 11, at both worship services – 8:50 am and 11:05 am - and then leading the Youth in an evening session [your youth and youth groups are invited to join us at 6:00 pm!]. You will find a winsome voice in Rodger and one with gifted and wise discernment! You won't want to miss this special weekend! Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church is located at 11100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS. (Submitted by Ky Weekley 8/26/11)

**Free legal help for Missouri homeowners:** Legal Aid of Western Missouri is available to make presentations to Missouri churches and community groups on a variety of topics that affect homeowners, including foreclosure prevention, mortgage modifications (to lower payments), bankruptcy, debt collection, the Missouri Property Tax Credit (providing tax refunds to seniors and disabled homeowners and renters), beneficiary deeds, and more. If you are interested in hosting a presentation, please contact Mindy Fox at [mfox@heartlandpby.org](mailto:mfox@heartlandpby.org).

**Southminster Presbyterian is planning a worship emphasis that involves the display of banners.** We are looking to borrow some banner bases that we could use to display the banners in our sanctuary. If you have any that you could spare for a few weeks, please call or e-mail our church secretary, Lynn Tolson at 913-432-3505, [ltolson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ltolson@sbcglobal.net). Thank you. (Submitted by Jeffrey C. Clayton 8/25/11)

**From Church Order and Listening:** Many Sessions are wondering what steps to take to revise or prepare By-Laws and Manuals of Operation for the local congregation in order to be in accord with the new Form of Government. For a start, we suggest checking out these templates which we found on the pcusa.org website.

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/advisory-handbook-councils/>  
<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/sample-bylaws-congregations/>

**Also from Church Order and Listening:** The deadline for submitting General Assembly overtures, for review by COAL and presentation to presbytery for a vote, is November 1, 2011. (Submitted by Heidi Peterson 8/23/11)

**PLACE** (for anyone interested in Christian education) begins September 20, Noon-2:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Osawatomie, KS—The Circula-tory Church: Called to Flow, by FPC Osawatomie's pastor, Leslie King. Includes tour of FPC's newly remodeled education space. Lunch provided! Please RSVP by Thursday, September 14. (Submitted by Malinda Spencer 7/22/11)

**Link to all current items Of Special Interest posted previously in the Heartland Connection:**

<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/specialintrest.htm>

## Job Opportunities

**First Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO: Church Secretary** full time position with benefits. Please send resume to: [fpcindep@swbell.net](mailto:fpcindep@swbell.net) (Submitted by Sandy Goins 9/6/11)

**Claridge Court**, a retirement community in Prairie Village, KS, is looking for a retired or semi-retired minister that could hold services at their community on Sunday mornings and who could meet as needed with their residents on a contract basis. If you are interested in this position, please contact Debbie Brock, Director of Human Resources at 913-383-2085 or email [Debbie.Brock@lifespacecommunities.com](mailto:Debbie.Brock@lifespacecommunities.com) (Submitted by presbytery staff 8/18/11)

**Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church seeks Director of Vocal Music.** Please send resume to [office@wardparkway.org](mailto:office@wardparkway.org). (Submitted by Connie Happell 7/14/11)

**FULL-TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR** sought by Kaw Prairie Community Church in Lenexa, KS, our PCUSA-ELCA union church. Job description online at [www.kawprairie.org](http://www.kawprairie.org); apply via Judy Hamner at [admin@kawprairie.org](mailto:admin@kawprairie.org). (Submitted by Dan McKnight 7/27/11)

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

## Upcoming Events

- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—September 13, 2011—King City Presbyterian Church, King City, MO
- Ordination and Installation Sarah Ross—First Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill—4:00 p.m. September 18, 2011
- all for AFRICA—Neema Community Church—6:00-9:00 p.m. October 1, 2011  
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/ThwakeFundraiser1012011.pdf>
- Senior High Fall Retreat—October 7-8, 2011  
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- International Peacemaker from Guatemala in Heartland Presbytery—October 5-12, 2011
- Oasis—October 23-25, 2011
- 2011 National Tentmaking Conference—November 4-6, 2011—Stony Point Center
- Middle School Fall Retreat—November 11-12, 2011--  
<http://www.heartlandpby.org/upcoming/files/jrmsretreatregistration1111.pdf>
- Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery—November 12, 2011—Northminster, KCMO
- 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>
- Embracing Hope—January 21, 2012—First Presbyterian Church, Lees Summit, MO
- 2012 Festival of Peacemaking—March 24, 2012
- 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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