

Come Join us at our upcoming Gathering on Saturday October 16th! We are excited to offer you two choices in attending – in person or via Zoom. Along with the information below, we have attached a one-page registration form to our email that you can print and mail or fill out, copy, and paste into an email and send in electronically. Of course, if you aren't really sure about how to use Zoom, please contact me, Jane Knoche* and we'll plan a few days before to practice a zoom meeting.

Heartland PW Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 16, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

GCPC 11100 College Blvd, Overland Park, Ks 66210

IN Person and VIA ZOOM

Courtney Thomas, CEO of NewHouse Women's Shelter, will share "In Her Shoes," an eye-opening interactive presentation of the stories of some of the women sheltered at NewHouse. Take a moment yourself and make an intentional decision on which of YOUR Shoes will be on your feet this Saturday.

We are welcoming Rev. Elizabeth Meador, Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church as our Worship Leader.

We will provide a free lunch to all in person attendees.

Due to COVID, no Childcare will be available. Registration deadline is Monday, October 11, 2021

You will find the church conveniently located off I-35, I-435, and 69 Highways. Directions to Grace Covenant Presbyterian

Church: Located at 11100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Ks 66210.

Take I-35 South to U.S. 69 Highway south. Or take I-435 to U.S. 69 Highway south. Exit on College Boulevard. Turn Right and continue to Nieman Blvd.

Turn Right and church is on your left. We will follow Grace Covenant's current COVID guidelines requiring masks. Masks are available.

Order of the Day

9:30 Registration

10:00 Welcome

10:10 Business Meeting

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Installation of Officers

10:30 Worship & Communion

11:15 Break

11:25 Program "In Her Shoes"

12:35 Drawing for Horizons

Subscription (2)

12:40 Lunch Including Update from August Church Wide Gathering

1:00 Announcements & Farewell

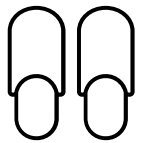
Courtney Thomas, CEO NewHouse



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Courtney is a native of North Carolina and holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Bryan School of Business and Economics at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In September of 2002, she moved to Kansas City to serve as a member of the Executive Leadership Team at Wayside Waifs. Courtney led the merger of two Kansas nonprofits to form Great Plains SPCA and served as President & CEO for over six years. Courtney's area of expertise has been in business turnaround. In February of 2017, Courtney took the helm at Central Exchange, a professional development organization for women. Within her

first eight months, she led a complete organizational revitalization campaign, including a new agency brand and financial turnaround. Within 22 months, she shifted budgeted losses of (\$539K) to a positive net income of \$75K. In December of 2019, Courtney joined the team of Newhouse, Kansas City's first domestic violence shelter. Under Courtney's leadership Newhouse unveiled its new brand and ecosystem approach to shatter the barriers that feed the cycle of abuse. Additionally, Courtney has led the cultural, physical, and financial transformation of the agency to position survivors of domestic violence to achieve safety, self-sufficiency, and whole-person healing. Newhouse is the catalyst to true healing and where survivors of domestic violence become empowered to achieve their full potential. With 88 beds, Newhouse houses Kansas City women, men, and children who are most in need. The facility includes childcare, and onsite no cost K-6 school.



Rev. Elizabeth Meador, Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church

Rev. Meador serves as the pastor of Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church in Raytown, Missouri. Originally from Tupelo, Mississippi, she attended college in Greenville, South Carolina, where she fell in love with the Presbyterian Church (USA). She then attended seminary at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta while interning at a local church, and afterwards worked as a chaplain at Emory Hospital. She moved to the Kansas City area in 2014.



Rev. Meador's favorite thing about being Presbyterian is our denomination's emphasis on community. As such, she is dedicated to involvement with the presbytery and actually enjoys committee meetings! In Heartland Presbytery, she has served as the Moderator of Presbytery, the Vice-Moderator of Council, the Moderator of a presbytery staff search committee, and a member of several other committees including COM and Personnel. In this work, she values efficiency, collegiality, transparency, including diverse voices, and uplifting the worshipful nature of our shared work.

In her spare time, she enjoys cooking for friends, reading mystery novels, and singing loudly in the car. She lives with and is directed by her 15-year-old dog, Suzy. If you need a quick conversation starter, she will talk endlessly about Ella Fitzgerald, the TV show *The West Wing*, and tacos.

Our In Gathering offering is women's personal hygiene products. Half of our monetary collection will go to NewHouse and the other half to Grace Presbyterian PW's choice. Thank you in advance for supporting our Heartland Presbyterian Women. Questions: Please contact Ginny Wirtz 913-851-8797 or e: gwirtz@everestkc.net

By October 11, 2021 send this registration form and offering check to: Judy Robinett 10160 Edelweiss Circle, Merriam, KS 66203 (573) 418-0022

JudyLR@hotmail.com

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Email: _____ Church / City/ State _____

I plan on attending ____ Via Zoom ____ In Person

(GPC 11100 College Blvd, Overland Park, Ks)

An In-person registration form is needed to reserve your FREE lunch

If joining Via Zoom, please copy, paste and email your zoom reservation to Judy Robinett. We will email you the Zoom Link prior to our Gathering.

Please make Offering checks payable to: PWHP

SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!!

<p align="center">2021 Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery Coordinating Team (PWHPCT)</p>

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