



heartland connection

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Dear Friends,

From George

What crazy weather we seem to have here in Kansas. Just a few weeks ago we had record highs in the 70's and a record low -16 in the same week. The wind blows 60 miles an hour and then it calms down. Now it is back to beautiful, warm, sunny days. March is supposedly the month of meteorological conflict when the warm air and wind of spring take on the cold and snow in that final battle with winter. There is usually one last freeze and possibly snow. The skies are dark and cloudy. Things still look barren while at the same time the flowers are beginning to push up and the trees are developing their buds. Everything is ready to burst forth in new life.

As much as winter tries to hold on, spring will come. And in Kansas, spring means severe weather. Thunderstorms, wind, hail and tornadoes all can do great damage, but there is one inescapable fact: No matter how bad the storms, calm does return.

In our walk with Christ, we will encounter storms. Jesus tells us we will have great storms that attack us. Listen to the words of our Lord Jesus which conclude the sermon on the Mount:

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been built upon the rock."

Notice that it is not "if" the rain falls or "if" the floods come or "if" the winds blow, but when they do. It is becoming increasingly apparent that our world is hostile to the gospel of Christ and His people. In this day and age the rain of slander will fall and the floods of persecution will come and the winds of hatred will blow and beat on your house and try to destroy it. Only through the power of Jesus Christ will your house stand because Jesus is the Rock.

It is a great comfort in the midst of our storms to know that we have the One who is in control of all things, even the weather. In [Luke 8:22-25](#) it says: *Now it came about on one of those days, that He and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended upon the lake, and they began to be swamped and to be in danger. And they came to Him and woke Him up, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm. And He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?"*

Notice that Jesus said they were going to the other side of the lake, not just to the middle. Notice that He had a perfect peace and trust in His Father so that He could sleep even in the midst of the storm. Notice that the disciples forgot both of those and assumed they were perishing. In fact in Mark, they even accuse Him of not caring about them. Notice that the all-powerful One simply speaks to His creation and it obeys.

Jesus has promised us of our destination. He has said we will be with Him in heaven. He is going to prepare that place and come back to get us. He didn't say we would just go part way and perish. He still has perfect peace and trust and tells us to come to Him to find our rest. His peace He gives to us. Too often we are like those disciples. When things get tough we doubt that Jesus really cares for us and assume we are perishing. "Where is your faith?" is the same question He asks us.

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Jesus says storms are a great test of faith. If we will trust Him to calm our storms, He will do it. He simply has to speak into our time of crisis and it will become still. It doesn't alleviate all of the consequences. The disciples were still wet and the boat still had water in it, but Jesus got them safely to the other side.

Storms are coming, so as we experience storms this March, use them to remind yourself of the great love, care, power and salvation of Jesus. He does care for you!

God is at work. Keep striving towards obedience. You will succeed. God has guaranteed it.

Thanks for your love and support. Thanks for being involved in each other's lives. Thanks for being faithful to Jesus. Keep finding ways to serve Him here at Heartland. I love you all.

Have a great month.



In the palm of His hand!

MENS' BREAKFAST

Men of Heartland, mark your calendar for our first men's breakfast on **Saturday, March 12, at 8 a.m. at the church.** The goal is to deepen our connections with one another and with the Lord in anticipation of the men's retreat in April. Details to follow.



SINGING PRAISES TO OUR RISEN LORD



Singers interested in participating with the choir for Easter should attend a rehearsal, March 13 in the Library immediately following worship. We will be scheduling rehearsals for Easter music at that time so if you are unable to attend the March 13 sectional, please contact Amy Shelden or Cheryl Hetherington.

HOSTING PRESBYTERY

We will be hosting Heartland Presbytery at our facility on March 4th and 5th, including meals. We need approximately 40 volunteers to bring food items or help with set-up, serving and cleanup.

Contact **Erin Frost at (316) 619-0091 or frostier@mac.com** to volunteer. Let's make the most of this opportunity to care for the elders who serve us so faithfully.

FREE SWAP!!!

Cleaning out those closets? Don't know where to go with it all? Bring it to Heartland for the Free Swap, no swapping required! The free swap is a chance to share with others those things you no longer use or need. You don't have to donate to come shop.



Everything is FREE!!

The sharing day is Saturday, April 2nd. Donations accepted on Friday April 1st from 9-2. If these times don't work for you, other arrangements can be made. We will need lots of help to set up and make this as successful as last year. Please contact Colleen Gertz if you are able to help on Friday or Sat. April 1st and 2nd. More details to follow.

WHERE DO I FIT IN?

(From Pastor Rick)

Whether you have been at Heartland for many years or only for a short time, you may find yourself asking the question, "Where do I fit in?" And if there were a place for me to serve, "could the church even use my gifts?" "What do I have to offer that others could not do better?" These are great questions and ones that I have heard a lot over the years that I have been a pastor. First let me say that the Bible speaks directly to these questions. In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul says,

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1Co 12:1, 4-7 NASB)

Paul points out that the topic of spiritual gifts is so important that the church must not be ignorant of it. One reason is because the Spirit of God has given each believer a "manifestation of the Spirit" (spiritual gift) for the common good (of the church body). If the church is to be strong and healthy, each person MUST use the gift(s) given to him. It is God's design for Christians to do so.

But what about the person who does not know what their gift is? Or the person who feels that his gift is inferior to that of others? Each gift is a manifestation of the Spirit and therefore is not inadequate or inferior in

any way. No matter whether we are a one talent person or a ten talent person we are to use the gifts given to us by God to serve others and bring glory to God. No matter how large or small the gift that God has given to you, you are to use it faithfully to serve Him! God does not make a mistake in the gifts that His Spirit gives to His people. The gifts that you possess are exactly the gifts that Heartland needs at this time. If it were not so, God would not have brought you to Heartland.

But what if a person is ignorant of their gifts? What if they do not know what gifts they have? That is where we as a church can help! I currently serve as the facilitator of what is known as the Ministry Team. It is the task of this team of people to aid Christians in our congregation in discerning where they might serve according to the giftedness that God has given to them. If you would like help in discovering what your gift(s) is or where you might use your gift(s) to serve please feel free to contact me.

There may be those who already know how God has gifted them and merely have not found the right opportunity to serve. Or you might wonder where your gifts could be used in the ministries at Heartland. If that describes you, please feel free to

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A Great Big Thank You!



A special thanks to Kristi Lewis, Candy Snowbarger and their team who put together a wonderful women's retreat. What a blessing it was to gather together with our sisters in Christ for nourishment from the word, encouraging testimonies of the way God has worked in various women's lives, beautiful music and sweet times of fellowship!

May we all remember to "**Fear not, Faint not!**" For those of you who were unable to attend this year's retreat, audio recordings of our three messages will be posted on the church's website soon.

Women's Retreat Committee



- Chairpersons:* Kristi Lewis
Candy Snowbarger
- Advisors:* Vicki Granberry
Robbie Franks
- Registration:* Sherri Kahrs
Leanne Kurtzweil
Diane Gensch
- Music:* Erin Frost
- Facility:* Diane Gensch
- Small Groups:* Diane Gensch
- Food:* Heidi Whitman
- Finances:* Diane Albert
- Packets & Name Tags:* Sharon Zimmerman
Katie Waalkes
- Games:* Katie Waalkes
- Gifts:* Alyssa DeJong
- Cards:* Mary Kay Larson
- Publicity:* Candy Snowbarger
Kristi Lewis

contact me as well or better yet, please contact the Elder or Deacon below that oversees the area of ministry that you are gifted to serve in. You may notice as you look at the list that there are some new names attached to the different areas of ministry (i.e. Phil Elder used to oversee Evangelism, but has recently rotated off the Session so Mike Hull now oversees this area). So take a moment and identify the area below in which God has gifted you to serve. Then contact the particular Elder/Deacon that is responsible for that area and share with him how God has gifted you. He will then help you determine how you might best use your gifts here at Heartland to build up the Body! And as I stated before, if you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Please understand that the purpose of my article is not really to promote the ministries of Heartland or even to recruit more workers for our church programs. Rather my intent is to share with you God's Word and to remind you that God does not want you to be ignorant of Spiritual Gifts. He wants you to use the gifts that He has given to you; to not do so is to disobey the LORD and to sin against God. But like any other area of the Christian life, to obey the LORD by using your gift(s) is to walk in the joy of bringing pleasure to your LORD & Master!

To Him be the glory forever and ever!!!

In Christ,



THEOLOGY NIGHT - The men of Heartland (ages 17 & up) are invited to join us for Theology Night, our monthly discussion of Reformed theology, on Friday, March 11th, at 7:00 P.M. This month we will be addressing the question: **What are “means of grace” and how can they impact our Christian life?** If you have questions or would like more details please contact Ben Franks at: ben@franksfamily.net





In February, we had an opportunity to serve and respond to a call in a very tangible way. The location where International Students, Inc was going to host a luncheon, for students to meet potential host families, canceled. They asked if we would allow them to use our facility and help with the event. We put out an email asking for volunteers and were overwhelmed with the response of those stepping up to help. The following is an update from Mark and Sherida Gray:

“Last Saturday, 25 internationals were matched with 24 American families from 18 churches. These students are from 11 countries; three of them attended the January Real Leadership Retreat. Please pray for God's continuing work as these Americans reach out to their students with Christ's love.

Appreciative of your partnership in prayer, Mark and Sherida Gray”

Thank you for giving and sharing or your time and talents! What a privilege and blessing it is to be part of this body!

Heartland Women

Save the Date:

Women's Event

Tuesday, April 12th

(more details to come)



Ladies!

Please join us for a baby shower for **Ruby Nelson**

Monday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Kathy Morris home
147 Belle Terre, 733-8340

We would love any and all participation in a group gift

Please send any \$ amount by Wed, March 2nd to :

Susan Yourdon 799-1960

9944 N 143rd East

Valley Center, KS 67147

Hope to see you there!



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Reformed Book Club**

The Heartland Reformed Book Club just started up and meets every 1st and 3rd Friday at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the gathering area to read and discuss books on the following subjects:

systematic theology, creedal theology, exegetical theology, biblical theology, historical theology/ church history, apologetics/Christian philosophy/worldview, pastoral theology, practical theology and Christian literature.

We will read both old and new works. We will take turns watching the children. We will read 100 pages per two weeks. Men, women, young and old are welcome. The first book we will discuss is **The Pleasures of God** by John Piper. If you have any questions contact Kurt Scharping at kurtscharping@juno.com.

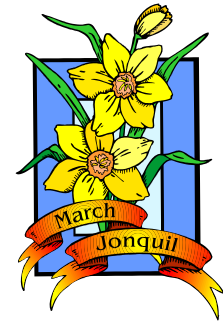
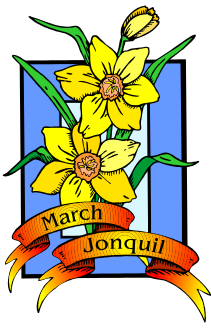
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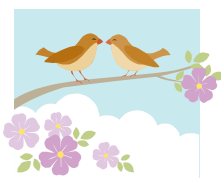
Pictures of Students -
heartlandworship@gmail.com

Church Directory Updates -
heartlandoffice@att.net

Articles & Announcements -
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(includes monthly newsletter,
weekly Heartland Enews
and Sunday Bulletin Announcements)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 (2) Women's Bible Study: 9-11 am Youth Grp 7:00 p.m. II Peter Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	3 Session 6:30 p.m.	4 HCC—Hosting Presbytery Heartland Reformed Book Club 7:00 pm	5 HCC—Hosting Presbytery Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
6 <i>Lord's Day</i> <i>Communion and Mercy Offering</i>	7 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i> Ruby Nelson Baby Shower 7:00 pm	8 Deacon Mtg 6:30 pm	9 (2) Women's Bible Studies: 9-11 am Youth Group 7:00 p.m. II Peter Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	10	11 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i> Theology Night 7:00 p.m.	12 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
13 <i>Lord's Day</i> Choir Rehearsal	14 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	15 Finance Mtg 7:00 am	16 (2) Women's Bible Studies: 9-11 am Youth Group 7:00 p.m. II Peter Bible Study	17 Session 6:30pm	18 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i> Heartland Reformed Book Club 7:00 pm	19 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
20 <i>Lord's Day</i> Homeless Outreach Ministry 7:00 am POT PROVIDENCE	21 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	22	23 (2) Women's Bible Studies: 9-11 am Youth Group 7:00 p.m. II Peter Bible Study	24 APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i>	26 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
27 <i>Lord's Day</i>	28 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	29  7pm - 10:00pm Evening Prayer	30	31		



NURSERY SCHEDULE



Sunday School 9:00-10:35

Worship 10:35-12:??

Mar 6	Phoebe Vigilus/Kay Coon/ Kathy & Will Morris	Leanne & Ellen Kutzweil/Abigail Fetzik/Beth Franks/Lois Johnson
Mar 13	Whitman/Lauren Pohlenz	Willis Family/Lisa Paine
Mar 20	Phillips/Ralph Drayer/ Arryn Parker	Bouma Family/Jane Shelden
Mar 27	Taylor & Dacia Droke/ Ruby Nelson	Castro-Miller/Rebekah Waalkes
Apr 3	Rachel & Kaitlyn Bouma/ Erin Sundquist	Brinkman/Rachel & Stephanie Shelden



- 1: Sara Blackman
Jane Shelden
- 2: Caleb Scharping
- 3: Sarah Grebe
Cynthia Shelden
- 4: B J Brinkman
Isabella Castro-Miller
Craig Doctor
Jeff Dugger
- 5: Stewart Fetzik
- 7: Ryan Ralston
Nyccole Swigart
- 8: Matt Haslam
Jamen Mork
Eli Woodlief
Celeste Woodlief
- 9: Jeremiah Willis
- 11: Susannah Neblett
Amy Wegener
- 14: Robin Trammell
- 16: John Ralston
- 17: James Bendowsky
Bill Swigart
Calvyn Swigart
- 18: Dathan Foss
Nancy Huenergardt
Devin Mork
Heidi Whitman
- 19: Gabrielle Phillips
- 20: Teryn Crist
- 23: Benjamin Vigilus
- 25: Griffin Cruise
Kevin Jansen
- 26: Marco Albert
David Alexander
Mark Waalkes
Larry Whitman
- 27: Jonathan Maness
Chase Tinius
- 28: Elias Lukoschat
- 30: JJ Lukoschat

Worshippers In Training Schedule

Date	Music	Trainer	Helpers
3/6/11	Hetherington	Nelson	A Hetherington Nathan Franks
3/13/11	Hetherington	Haslam	Lois Johnson
3/20/11	Hetherington	Shelden	Sarah Waalkes
3/27/11	Hetherington	Larson	Arryn Parker Daniel Johnson

Date	Prayer of Confession	Prayer of Thanks/Supplication
3/6/11	Mike Snowbarger	Ron Johnson
3/13/11	Paul Waalkes	Jeff Morris
3/20/11	Stan Osborne	Matt Phillips
3/27/11	Bill Swigart	Stan Shelden
4/3/11	Chase Tinius	Rocky Trammell
4/10/11	Morton Vigilus	LaVerne Waalkes

GREETERS

March: Steve & Suzanne Castro-Miller & Family

Please arrive at 10:15 a.m.