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June 1st, 2023

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Please attend the called meeting at St. Andrew, Kimberling City, to conduct the floor exam for their candidate. The meeting is at 2 p.m., with refreshments to follow. Register [here](#).

Executive Leadership for Ministers Program

Howard University School of Business

June 27-30, 2023

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In honor of the exciting partnership with Church Mutual, the Howard University School of Business is offering a **select discounted registration rate of \$1,500 to all Church Mutual customers and partners.** This is a savings of \$300 for this world-class business certificate program. To take advantage of this exciting offer, please see the below registration link and use the special promo code: **CMHUSB**

**Registration Link: 2023 Executive Ministers Program**

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## Thank you, Hillcrest Presbyterian!

In April their congregation asked, "What more can we do for Hillcrest?" After discussion, they decided to raise funds for student lunch and school debt. Yesterday, after a month of raising funds, they delivered a check for \$7,000! This money went directly to cover the cost of all Senior's Fines/Fees removing all barriers for graduation. Additionally, the remaining funds nearly wiped out the current lunch debt for the entire student body! What a generous gift! What an awesome partner in education! Thank you Hillcrest Presbyterian for being a partner looking for ways to love the students of our community.

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## Crane Elementary students “shop” for mom, thanks to local church

Members of the Crane Presbyterian Church hosted its annual Mother's Day Shopping Experience for Crane Elementary School students last week.

“Kids love their parents and caregivers, and, like most people, they love shopping, too! So, it's a great combo to be able to allow them to do something fun (shop) while also enabling them to be able to give to their loved ones. We are pretty sure some kids might not have much for their mothers or grandmothers without this program on Mother's Day,” Church Member and Volunteer Elizabeth Exley said.

Exley said the church has been bringing the Mother's Day Shop to the school for the last six or seven years. They set up tables in a lobby area of the school with the items displayed. This year, there were approximately 300 children who were able to select gifts to wrap and give to their moms on Mother's Day. The kids ranged from Kindergarten to third grade in age.

“Each class comes one at a time, and the kids wander around the tables, looking at the items. Some take quite a while to find the perfect gift! Some know exactly what their mother would want, like something with a cow on it or something that is teal. We help them find what they want (if they need it), then they take it to the wrapping area, and we wrap it for them,” Exley explained.

The Mother's Day store is an event in which much of the church participates. While not everyone from the congregation is able to be at the shopping event itself, many people from the church donate items for children to select as gifts.

“Church members donate the items that are for sale, and they include a wide variety of choices, like jewelry, candy, vintage glassware, florals, and more!” Exley said. “This year we had a special treat. Nellie Brecht, a longtime church member and Crane resident, donated part of her lifelong turtle collection. The turtles ranged in size and shape, some could hold treasures under their shells, and one carried a banjo playing frog! So, there were a variety of fun options for the kids.”

While it is fun for the children to be able to pick a gift for their mom, or caregiver, for Mother's Day, Exley said it is also fun for the members of the church to be able to provide the experience for them. "I personally love talking to the kids and seeing their excitement when they find the right thing!" Exley said.

Leaders at Crane School say they appreciate that the church hosts the store each year and are always grateful when the community steps in to do something special for the students.

"Thanks to Crane Presbyterian Church, students in preschool through 3rd grade got to shop at the Mother's Day Store! Each student got to select a special gift just for his/her mother or mother-like figure! We are appreciative of the support our school receives from our community!" The school posted on its Facebook page following the event.

-Article from the Stone County Republican and the Cran Chronicle



**HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY**  
Many Churches, One Ministry

## Healthy Congregations Workshop

Saturday, August 12

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
Independence, Missouri

Cost is \$50.00 per person and includes lunch and training materials.

Scholarships are available.

Healthy Congregations uses the insights of family systems theory to help church leaders become more effective stewards of their congregations. This workshop was developed by Dr. Peter Steinke and is based on the work of Dr. Edwin Friedman, author of *Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue*.

The Healthy Congregations workshop is designed to equip leaders to respond to the presence or potential threat of anxiety in a congregational system in ways that prevent destructive conflict and help the church stay focused on its unique mission and purpose.

The training is made possible in part by a grant from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation.



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## Prayers Requested .....

- All churches seeking a new pastor, to understand God's call moving forward.

First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, Missouri  
First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas  
Crane Presbyterian Church, Crane, Missouri  
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Scott, Kansas  
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church @Hideaway, Galena, Missouri  
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Kimberling City, Missouri  
First Presbyterian Church, Rolla, Missouri  
The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg  
First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri  
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas  
Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri

- JCPDA

- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery

Prayer submissions will remain on the prayer list for two weeks,  
unless an update is received.

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