

PLACE is the meeting of all persons who work in Christian education in the church. It is a place to learn new ideas, share old ideas, make new friends, and catch up with old friends. Unless otherwise stated, the meetings are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring an education friend and recharge your batteries at PLACE.

Some people come every month; some come only when a particular topic is of special interest to them. Whatever your needs, we hope you will avail yourself of what PLACE has to offer your congregation's education ministry.

We wish you a great 2010-2011 season of education.

Sept. 7--PLACE kicks off the year with a mid-day gathering at **Cokesbury and Cinzetti's**. For the third year in a row, Cokesbury will brief our group on what's new and/or popular. Cinzetti's upscale Italian buffet is a treat not to be missed. Find a Christian education buddy in your congregation, and mark your calendars. Meet us at Cokesbury, 91st and Metcalf, at 11:30. We will view resources and then walk across the parking lot to Cinzetti's for lunch. Cost: about \$10 plus tax and beverage. RSVP appreciated by September 6, but not required, to Malinda Spencer, 816-923-5486, education@heartlandpby.org.

Oct. 24-26--Please support the **Oasis** event, if you can. It's going to be great! There is a daily rate available if you can't go for all three days. Lodging is available at The Elms in Excelsior Springs; here is a link to register for the conference itself: <http://tinyurl.com/2449qs5> For more information, please contact Malinda Spencer, 816-923-5486.

Nov. 2--**Greening Your Church**, at Kaw Prairie Community Church, Highway K7 and Prairie Star. Lunch for this meeting will be (in your recycled paper receptacle?) brown bag! The meeting will be led by Pastor Dan McKnight, who has been instrumental in building the Kaw Prairie Lutheran-Presbyterian new church development, and Jennifer Renema, from Trinity Lutheran in Lawrence, KS, where they used the Augsburg-Fortress Green VBS this past year. The church building, complete with internet coffee shop and play area, is something to experience.

December 14--**Advent Observance** at Parkville Presbyterian Church, 819 Main St, Parkville, MO. This mid-day get-together will include lunch for \$6 and an Advent craft. Co-hosted by Christian educators Carla Hilton and Missy Schafer. Please send your reservations by Thursday, December 9 to Malinda Spencer at 816-923-5486 or education@heartlandpby.org.

January—**Youth/Family/Congregational Life Ministry** at Heartland Presbyterian Center, 16965 MO-45 Highway, Parkville, MO 64152, will provide a wonderful lunch for this program. The meeting will be led by Debbie Streicher, Consultant for Youth and Learning in her Lutheran congregation in Burke, VA. She applies her knowledge and experience in teaching languages as a tool to implement systems for teaching the language of faith. Her vision is to involve all ages in Christian education, strengthen family relationships, and empower God-given gifts to do ministry. RSVP for lunch reservation by January 18 to Malinda Spencer at 816-923-5486 or education@heartlandpby.org

February 8--**VBS Extravaganza**, in the Near South, at John Knox Kirk, 11430 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO. Hosted by Cathy Broockerd, educator at the Kirk. Open house 5-8 p.m. View new kits, soak up the atmosphere of church workers dreaming of a great VBS experience, network with others using the same publisher. Come directly after work if you wish. A light supper will be available for a small cost.

February 10--**VBS Extravaganza**, in the Near North, at the United Christian and Presbyterian Church in Lawson, MO. Hosted by pastor Mary Jean Bird. For description, see Feb. 8.

March 8--**APCE report**, Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E 55th, Kansas City, MO. Enjoy the reports of those who attended APCE, the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators meeting. Bring a salad to share.

April 5--**Book of Faith Initiative and the Holy Land**, Central States Synod office, Central and 12th St., Kansas City, KS. Co-led by Cynthia Schnaath, just back from a trip to the holy land, and Dave Mareske. The Book of Faith Initiative is a collection of publications by Augsburg-Fortress geared to encourage people to read the Bible. This lunch for this meeting will be brown bag.

May 3--**Spring Tea Party**, United Christian and Presbyterian Church in Lawson, MO. Come enjoy the beauty of spring and the pleasure of refreshments as we turn our thoughts to God's blessings on our work this past year. This meeting will require reservations and a small charge. Hosted by Mary Jean Bird. Watch for details on how to RSVP.

Your denomination will publish reminders for each meeting. If you know someone who should receive an email reminder, contact your denomination's regional office.