



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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The First Presbyterian Church, 310 S. University Ave., Carbondale IL 62901

Youth Meet - March 1

MaTT - March 4

World Day of Prayer - March 6

Daylight Saving Time - March 8

MaTT - March 18

Games Night - March 21

Youth Meet - March 22

Restaurant Group - March 19

Daycare Trik-A Thon - March 27

Easter Flower Orders  
Due - March 29

Easter Picnic - April 12

### Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00-Noon



## Saturday, March 21

Gather in Fellowship Hall from 6-8 p.m. to play your favorite games. Please bring games you wish to play and one snack to share, cookies, popcorn, chips, whatever you like. This is a multigenerational event, so bring games for all ages.





With Joy  
and  
Celebration

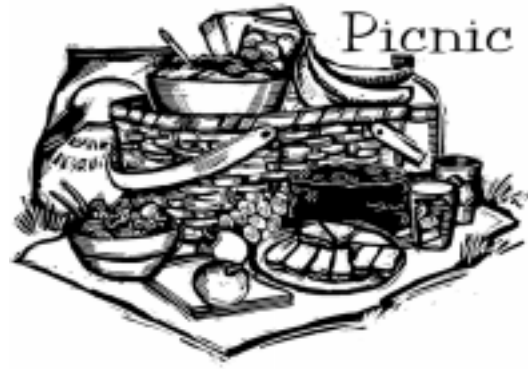


*The church family celebrates the February 20th wedding of Stephanie Moreland and Shane Bishop.*

*The church family surrounds Stephanie & Shane, and their son, Elijah Blue with our love and prayers as they begin their new life together.*

*They reside at:  
1314 E Meadowbrook Lane  
Carbondale, IL 62901*

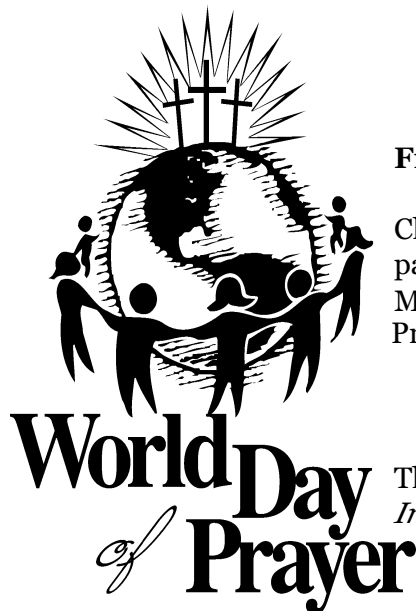
Easter  
Picnic



Sunday, April 12

Join us after Easter worship at Giant City State Park for the annual picnic! No matter what the weather holds, the food and the fellowship will be terrific! Gather at shelter #2, where lunch will be served at starting at 1 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share as well as your own table service and drinks. You may indicate on the sign-up sheet in the narthex what you plan to bring. As you are able, please bring lawn chairs, fire wood, and outdoor games. Dress is casual...very casual! If you have family or friends visiting for Easter, bring them along. All are welcome!



**Friday, March 6**

Church Women United invites all women to share part or all of the planned events at the First Methodist Church 214 W. Main St. Carbondale, IL  
Program:

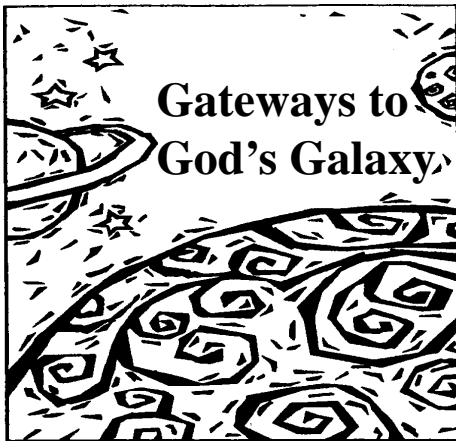
10:30 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch (beverage provided)

12:15 p.m. Celebration

Theme:

*In Christ, There are Many Members, Yet One Body*



In March the children in the Christian Enrichment program will focus on the parable of The Great Dinner. Jesus went to the house of a Pharisee to eat dinner on the Sabbath. While he was there he performed a healing miracle. Jesus told the guests where to sit and who to invite when they are the host. Even though the lesson focuses on Jesus having dinner and telling the parable of The Great Dinner, there is so much more to be learned about helping others. And then, too, if an invitation for dinner comes, what is the right thing to do; to accept or to not accept the invitation. And, is this invitation really for "dinner"? It will be interesting to see how the children follow all of the lessons included in these rotations.

Children between the ages of 4 and 12, in grades pre-K through fifth grades are included in Gateways. They meet in room 140 for a snack and a story, before moving to one of the rooms for the activity for the morning. All of the children meet there at 10:30 and return there at 11:30 for songs, prayers and closing activities.

Because of **Spring Break**, March 8 will be a modified Gateways' morning, including a movie and some other activities, all in room 140.

## Marketplace

Planning sessions will begin soon. The exact dates have not yet been set. It will most likely be after July 11. That decision will be made by the end of March. Feel free to tell Kitty Trescott about plans that might limit your available time. The theme this year is "Mary's Christmas" to fit the three year rotation with 2009 focusing on Jesus. Ideas for projects and activities are always welcome. Watch for more information in the April Newsletter.



**Kids In Christ** will have a painting party for their next gathering. Beth Forsberg will contact all the families with the details: date, place, time, and how to dress.



**Camp Carew** options can be viewed on the internet. Their website can be found at [www.campcarew.com](http://www.campcarew.com).

This is a Presbyterian Church camp program for children ages 6-18. Some of the options are for day camping; others for residential camping. Some experiences are for a few days; others for a full week.



## Youth Group News

### Souper Bowl Sunday

This year, First Presbyterian Church set a new fundraising record by giving over **\$3,000** for Souper Bowl Sunday!

#### The youth's message to the congregation:

Thank you for your generous, exquisite, wonderful funding our youth group and all of our many activities. Without your support, there would be no youth group. Your help was needed and greatly appreciated. The money that was raised for Souper Bowl Sunday will be put to wonderful use in feeding the hungry. Thank you for supporting our community. We hope you enjoyed our Souper Bowl Sunday skit!

Future youth group activities include bowling at SIU Student Center at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 1 and a meeting at church on Sunday, March 22 at 5 p.m. See Cindy Buys with questions.

See page 10 for information about new Schnuck's card procedures!

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### Faith Development

Faith Dialogues – Gospel Portraits of Jesus: A Lenten Study

*This Lenten study explores the biblical names for Jesus and the titles for Jesus in the Gospels. Using the New Testament, this Lenten Bible study explores Jesus as teacher, metaphors for Jesus, Jesus as the Messiah, and Jesus as the Christ. Also discussed are the terms Son of David, Son of Man, and Son of God as well as the phrases "I am the resurrection and the life" and "I am the way, the truth, and the life."*

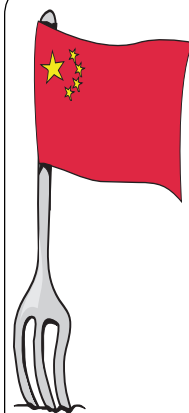
This class meets March 1 through April 5 in the Chapel and will be led by Pastor Janice.

**Bible Study** meets in the Parlor every Sunday morning after worship and fellowship.

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## Worship

Much has been written in the last two decades about Multiple Intelligences (Howard Gardner) and education. In fact, our own Gateways program is based in MI work – recognizing that we acquire and process information in a wide variety of ways, and that what works for one person in a classroom may not work for another. I have long held that Gardner's work has something to say to us about how we worship together. I would love to gather a small group of people who would be willing to look at MI as it pertains to our worshipping life, and who would then work as a team to craft our summer worship experiences. If you are interested, please let me know. Many thanks! Pastor Janice



### Restaurant Group

The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Hunan's Restaurant, 710 E. Main St. Carbondale, IL on Thursday, March 19. Please call Tom and Carolyn Jefferson at 457-5697 to let them know that you plan to attend.

# MaTT

Meet me at The Table Club (MaTT) meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 5-7 p.m..

We continued our theme of Friendship in February. Our focus was What Kind of Friend are You and Jesus is my Friend.

On February 4 we played *Ladybug's to the Rescue* and *Mosquito Relay*. We ate ladybug cupcakes for dessert.

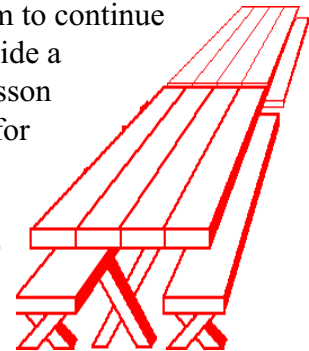
During lesson time we discussed what kind of friends we are-ladybugs or mosquitoes. We finished the night by making paper ladybugs and mosquitoes with friendship characteristics written on them.

Our February 18 meeting centered on how we can be a friend to Jesus. We already know that Jesus is our friend no matter how we treat him. We looked in the Bible for some answers. (Check out Matthew 25:40). Reading the book, *If Jesus Walked Beside Me* by Jill Roman Lord, helped us visualize Jesus with us as we go through an ordinary day. During craft time we made picture frames that remind us that 'Jesus will always stick by me'. Before eating pizza we tossed beanbags at balloon targets and stretched our brains with a game of *Quick Draw*.

**Thank you,** Dennis and Kenna Howell for providing supper for us and Bart Trescott for picking up pizza. A big thank you to Frances Gilman, Peter Hertzing, Serena Loyd and Kitty Trescott for your help this month.

MaTT Club has been running for four month now. In order for this program to continue to be a success we need your help. Each meeting requires someone to provide a light supper, someone to head up some games, someone to teach a short lesson and someone to organize a craft project. Each section of the meeting lasts for thirty minutes.

Please prayerfully consider helping with this important program. A sign up sheet is posted on Faith Development's bulletin board. If you prefer, tear off the strip below and drop into the offering plate or leave it in the office and Barb will see that it gets to a member of Faith Development or me.  
Flossie Langin



Yes, I want to help at MaTT Club! I am willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

The best date for me to help is \_\_\_\_\_.

My name and phone number/email \_\_\_\_\_.



## How You Can Help

One of the important ongoing responsibilities of the Personnel Ministry team is the annual evaluation of church staff. Those who are evaluated include the Pastor, the Administrative Assistant and the Music Director. These evaluations normally take place during the spring months so that the Personnel Ministry team can make salary recommendations to the Session. In the past, evaluation duties have been divided among the team so that no person is required to be directly involved in more than one evaluation. However, the entire team reviews the evaluations before communicating them to the Session and before making any salary recommendations.

There is an important role for members of the congregation in this process. Your statements about the performance of church staff are a critical source of reinforcement for the staff when they are meeting or exceeding your expectations. Your statements can also help to identify those areas in which improvement is necessary. However, this input is most effective when it is offered directly to the staff member involved. The direct approach has the virtue of being timely as well as avoiding opportunities for misunderstanding as messages get passed along through third parties and committees.

The formal role outlined earlier for Personnel requires their involvement as well. They need to hear all of the good news about the staff. Furthermore, when staff members respond favorably to your suggestions for change or improvement, Personnel needs to hear about this as well. Finally, when you have been unsuccessful in getting what you feel is an appropriate response from a staff member, that, too, should be communicated to Personnel.

Anonymous evaluative statements are not useful. As members of a Christian community the open sharing of joys and concerns with our brothers and sisters is obligatory. Responses to staff performance are highly personal. Each of us has our own package of needs to be met by the church and its staff. Anonymity serves as a barrier to meeting those needs.

While your interaction with the staff may be direct and personal, communication with the Personnel Ministry team is best if it is written. This is not intended to discourage written communication with staff members, particularly when it is positive in nature. However, much gets lost in individual, telephone, fellowship hall etc., conversations with members of the Personnel Ministry team. Memories can be porous, particularly when weeks pass between ministry meetings. Furthermore, we may miss important elements of your joys and concerns when we pass them on to the team in our meetings.

Because ours is a delightfully rich and varied congregation, we inevitably see staff performance differently. It is hard for them to keep us all happy. Indeed, we sometimes ask them to behave in opposing ways. Some demand more change. Some want a greater recognition of tradition. Some want a personal relationship with staff members. Others are more comfortable with arm's length relationships. The task of the staff and the Session is to listen to and prayerfully consider the concerns of members of the congregation. Your views may not always prevail, but your input is a vital part of the life of the church.

Personnel Ministry Team



## Address Change

Marion Olsson's new address:

Liberty Village

Apt. 108

2950 Westridge Pl.

Carbondale, IL 62901

It's time for Easter Flowers again!



Prices are as follows:  
Single Stem Lily-\$15, Double  
Stem Lily- \$28, Tulips- \$14, Hyacinth- \$14, and  
Azalea- \$28. Inserts will be in the bulletins for the next  
five Sundays. There will be a line to designate your flowers 'In  
Honor of' or 'In Memory of' someone. Flower orders are due by  
Sunday, March 29.

Make your check out to First Presbyterian Church and write  
Easter Flowers on the memo line.



## Yarning to make a difference



When the Yarning group met on February 1, several blankets had been completed and were ready for the prayers of the group. All of the yarners present that day, laid hands on the blankets to pray for the recipients of these items. This included three baby blankets, a bed cover, and one prayer shawl. Babies have been born to the Noland family and to the Lougeay family. Parents of several families have recently died. There might be a new baby in the Presbyterian Day Care program. The Granny Square spread was donated to the Women's Center. The prayers of this group and the congregation go to all those who receive these items. (photos by Kitty Trescott)







## PRESCHOOL

The Preschool will be having an Open House for the community, Wednesday, March 25 from 9-12 noon. We hope this will encourage anyone interested in the Preschool to come and visit the rooms with the children attending and meet the teachers. Everyone from the church is welcome to attend.



## DAYCARE

The month of February was filled with lots of excitement about our Valentines' Day Party and the field trip to Dr. Durr's Dentist office.

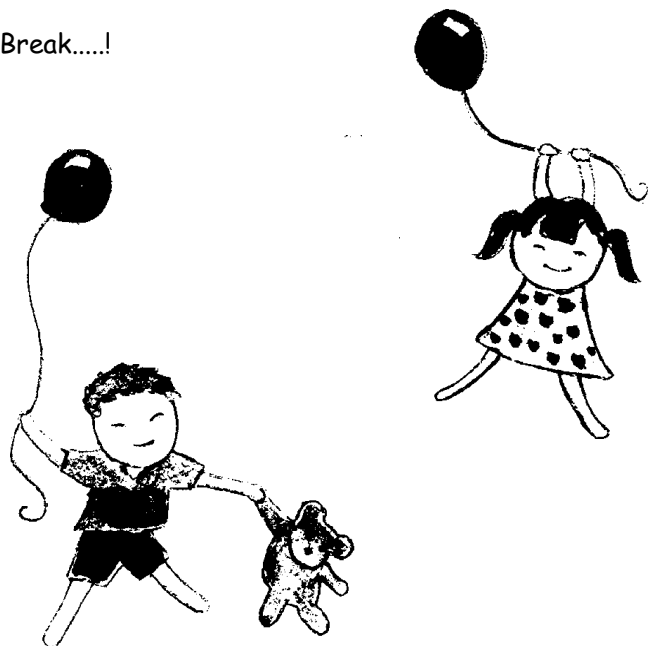
In March we will have our annual Trik-A-Thon for St. Jude. The children look forward to this because they get to bring their bikes to school. On Friday March 27, the children will be riding their bikes around the big room.

If anyone would like to come and help us count Trik-A Thon laps as the children ride, this would be greatly appreciated.

The Frogs continue to "visit" other countries. They are learning about Africa, Australia and India at this time. The Tadpoles and Polliwogs are working on transportation units. The Tadpoles are going to visit the fire station soon.

The Preschool will have a new teacher in place after Spring Break for the Frogs' class-bringing the room back to two teachers.

Enjoy Spring Break.....!



**Schnucks  
Fundraising  
Program Update**

In January, Schnucks discontinued its fundraising gift card program and replaced it with a reward card program called eScrip. Instead of purchasing gift cards from us, you'll be able to sign up for a free Schnucks eScrip card that you'll be able to use every time you shop. When you use it at checkout, we'll receive a percentage of your monthly purchases.

All that's needed to get the eScrip card to benefit our group is to sign up at the Youth Group table on Sunday. The sign up is simple, only your name, address & phone number is required. We will take care of the registration. Then each time you make a purchase at Schnucks and use your eScrip card at the beginning of checkout, our group will receive a percentage of your purchase.

We appreciate your support and hope you sign up soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to one of the youth who faithfully man the Youth Group table on Sundays or one of the adults who help run the fundraising program.

By using this program and supporting other fundraising events, the youth of our church are able to participate in activities to further them along their faith journey. Last year we were able to send a number of our youth to Montreat. In coming years we expect that number to grow and hope to be able to provide other opportunities for them to flourish. Your support is essential to their continued success.

Thank you!

P.S. Any gift cards that you have purchased from us will still, of course, be useable at any Schnucks store.

Thanks to Alisa  
Simpson for "doing"  
the newsletter in  
February - great job!

**OOPS!**

PSALMS NEEDED  
Lent is coming much  
sooner this year!  
Please bring your old  
psalms from last  
year to prepare the  
ashes for Ash  
Wednesday.

This appeared in some other  
newsletter, not ours.

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**Pastor:** Janice C. West

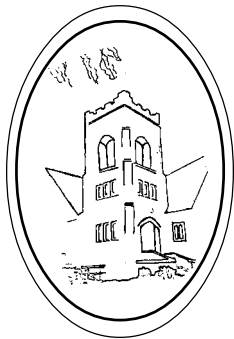
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*March 2009*



*One hundred fifty years ago, construction of the original First Presbyterian Church at 210 W. Monroe was completed. The cost was \$3,642.50. The land was donated by D.H. Brush. Mr. Brush also financed a large portion of the cost.*

*On March 28, 1952, the trustees bought, for \$20,000, from Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clifford, the house and lot north of the present church building. Deceased members had supplied the means for this purchase.*