



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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## Church Office Hours

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



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!



## Saturday, May 16

Ignite the coals and grab your spatulas!! The second annual First Pres. grill-off competition heats up at 4 p.m. on the church lawn, with the meal being served around 5:45 p.m. or whenever the sumptuous grillings are ready. Please be sure to note on the sign-up sheet whether you are providing grilled meats/veggies or another type of dish to

share. Bring your own lawn chairs. Table service and drinks will be provided. Last year's competition was fierce, and we hope for a successful rematch!

## Executive Presbyter retires after ten years of service.

Elder Richard Malmberg, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois is retiring this May. At the May meeting of Presbytery, we will honor he and Virginia's ministry among us and wish them best on the next path of their journey. The meeting will include a noontime dinner (\$15.00/person) and congregations are welcome to bring members of the churches (in addition to the commissioners) to this celebration. The Presbytery meeting and meal will be held at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham. If you would like to attend the meal (and/or meeting), please notify Barb Stewart no later than April 20. Checks can be made out to PSEI.

The Presbytery is also compiling a memory book with a page from each of the churches. We will attach some photos to our page, but are also looking for words of best wishes which members of the church might like to offer the Malmbergs. These notes can be brought to the church office.

As a congregation, we are grateful for the faithful time and energy Dick has given this congregation, and we ask God's blessings on he and Virginia as they leave our extended family. For more information, please contact Pastor Janice.



## Discovery Gathering

Sunday, April 5, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Learning about our church community and exploring membership.

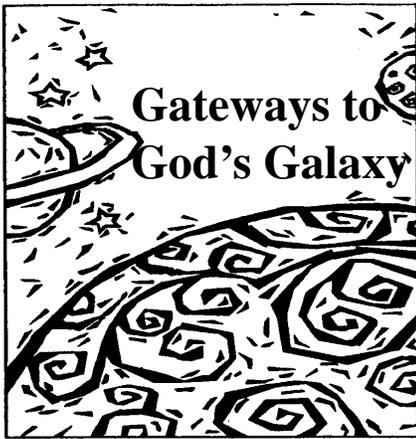
A Light lunch and Child Care will be provided

## Camp Carew

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

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.

It has been custom to offer a scholarship to children attending any of the Camp Carew sessions. This scholarship pays half the registration fee. Applications forms for this scholarship are available in the church office or from members of Faith Development. The deadline for these scholarships is May 3.



Gateways to God's Galaxy is the Sunday morning Christian Education program for children between the ages of 4 and fifth grade. Each month a specific lesson is developed via art, games, computers, audio/visual presentation, drama, and Bible study. The children gather in room 140 at 10:30 to enjoy a snack and story before walking to one of the other rooms for their activity.

The month of March focused on the Parable of the Great Dinner which Jesus told as he dined at the home of a Pharisee. What excuses were given to not be able to attend that dinner? Who came instead? What other invitations are extended to everyone?

The month of April focuses on Peter. Jesus had told him that before the rooster crowed three times, Peter would deny him. "Not me," said Peter. This series of presentations helps the children to

understand the Easter story from Peter's involvement. Faith Development is especially appreciative of all the people who have volunteered to tell the story, and present the lessons to the children. It is delightful to watch the children as they grasp the meaning of the story and the presentation. Easter Sunday will not have any Gateways program for the children.



Photo by Kitty Trescott

Other weeks, they use art, computers, games, Bible study, and videos to emphasis what is being presented for that lesson.

These Gateways children were learning about the Parable of the Great Dinner, one of many parables that Jesus told while he was having dinner with the Pharisee and some others. Drama is one of the ways that these children learn the



Photo by Kitty Trescott



## Youth Bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented during worship on Sunday, April 17. Children in the third grade will receive a new Bible. If your child is older and has not received a Bible, please contact the church. this is a wonderful time to recognize our children.



MaTT Club is a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, and learn about Jesus. In March we concentrated on Family.

On March 4 we all got 'sticky'! We played sticky games like bubble gum Sculpting, throwing sticky marshmallows, and spelling with Alphabitz cereal. We ate sticky food and made Flubber at craft time. The lesson taught us that every family has "sticky situations" but God's glue can hold us together. It's o.k. for families to disagree and God sticks with us through it all.

Photo by Flossie Langin

At our March 18 meeting we talked about how families make decisions. When families make decisions together everyone is happier and families have more fun. Each child made a Time Capsule to be opened in the future. Since we met the day after St. Patrick's Day we played games *o'the green!* We tossed gold coins into the pot at the end of the rainbow. During a fast paced game of Hot (Irish) Potato some of us recited memory verses while others did tricks. Phyllis Beck taught us how to make 'Spoon People' to represent our families.

Thank you Beth Forsberg, Frances Gilman, Jennifer Langin, Serena Loyd, Charlene Scott, and Jane Swanson for helping this month.

Our theme in April will be Our Church Family. We'll find out who our church staff is and what they do. Then we'll learn who makes up our 'extended family' and how they help make decisions that keep our church running. Hope you'll Meet me at The Table.

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## Marketplace and Beyond Marketplace



Both Marketplace and Beyond Marketplace, 2009 will be held July 13- 17, from 9:00 – noon those five days. Kitty Trescott is coordinating Marketplace; Diane Cash will again organize Beyond Marketplace. Marketplace is for children in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade (as they will be in the fall of 2009). Beyond Marketplace is for youth in grades 6-8 (as they will be in the fall). Marketplace follows a three year rotation of focus; this year our focus will be Jesus. The theme this year is "Marketplace Bethlehem." Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 pm will be the first planning meeting for Marketplace. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those who plan to help, but are unable to attend this meeting, might tell Kitty of their interest. As usual, "mothers", "shopkeepers", drama, and kitchen helpers will be needed. The shops and activities being considered for this summer include:

jewelry  
kaleidoscopes  
belts  
clay  
needlework

leather  
sundials  
weaving  
painting  
games

maps  
spice shop  
string stars  
school  
Hebrew language

basketry  
food shop  
pinwheels  
Star cans  
story teller

## Youth Group



### MONTREAT NEWS!

This year's trip to Montreat will be June 14-20. Here's how you can support youth who will be attending Montreat:

1. Share your time by going to Montreat with the youth (we need one more adult).
2. Keep using your Schnuck's and Kroger cards, and keep buying coupons for Arnold's and Neighborhood Co-op. These grocery cards provide the major portion of Montreat funding.
3. Donate items for the Talent Show/Silent Auction event (to be held on June 7).
4. Share your talent during the Talent Show/Silent Auction.
5. Attend the Talent Show/Silent Auction on June 7!

Please contact Jane Swanson or Jeanne Wood for more information.



The March Dinner Group was hosted by the Jeffersons at Hunans with 26 attending. The Jeffersons and Hunans did a great job, thanks from all of us.

On April 16 Bob Leigeber will be the host and we are meeting at Tres Hombres Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Call Bob at 529-3885 to reserve a spot. See you there!.



Audiovisual equipment is available for use in the church. Several AV stations are available in the Computer room. A small, flat screened TV was purchased to replace an old one. An overhead projector, a typewriter, computers, flip charts and a white board are also available.. A VCR recorder and digital camera can be used to record church activities. In addition to the equipment in the computer lab, there are others places to view DVD's and VCR tapes (the little theater and the Youth Room). These rooms are kept locked, so check with Barbara Stewart about getting access to them.



## Faith Development

Faith Dialogues will finish the series of Lenten presentations that Pastor Janice prepared. There will be no presentations on Easter Sunday.

April 19 and 26, Faith Dialogues will focus on "Compassion as a Spiritual Discipline"; from the Thoughtful Christian series. The group meets in the Chapel following Fellowship Time, about 10:30 a.m.



## KID'S FUN NIGHT

On Friday, April 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. the Daycare is hosting a fun night for all the children (1 year through 5th grade) of the Church, Daycare and Preschool. For games, popcorn, and cotton candy join us in Fellowship Hall for an evening of fellowship and fun.

## DAYCARE

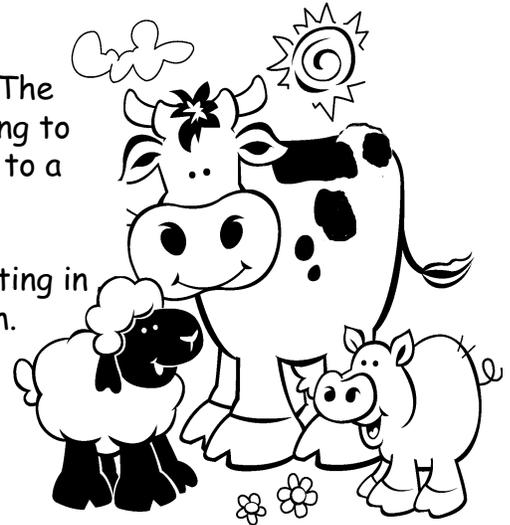
April will be a very busy month for us! We are looking forward to some special field trips that are planned. The three year olds and the preschool children will be going to the SIU farms. The preschool class will also be going to a see the play "Willy Wonka" in Marion.

On Thursday, April 9 all our children will be participating in Easter party and egg hunt at 3:15 p.m. in the big room. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun.

Month Themes: April 6-10 Easter/ egg hunt/party  
April 13-17 Fairy tales and Nursery Rhymes

April 20-24 Space

April 27-May 1 Farms and farm animals



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## PRESCHOOL

The Tadpoles had a policeman come in and talk to them about safety and not talking to strangers. They are also talking about spring (bugs, birds and butterflies)

The Polliwogs are also looking at spring flowers and bugs. The Frogs are enjoying getting to know their new teacher Miss Nikki. They too are having a unit about spring and are having some spring science in their unit. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be April 2/3 for the children in all three classes.

Special thanks to Scott Gilbert for setting up a wonderful website for the Preschool—[presbyterianpreschool.com](http://presbyterianpreschool.com)—please check it out and tell your friends about the site.

Happy Easter!



**SUPPORT THE CWU HUNGER SALE  
APRIL 17-18**



In these difficult economic times, it's more important than ever to help those who are hungry. Church Women United's annual World Hunger Sale aims to do just that. This year the giant yard sale and auction will be held on for Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, at the Newman Catholic Student Center, 715 S. Washington, Carbondale. The sale will be held from 12 noon - 6 pm Friday and 8 am - 1 pm Saturday. There's plenty of parking in the lot just north of the Newman Center.

An auction of antiques, collectibles and other special items will be held Saturday at 10 am with Carolyn Ferdinand as auctioneer. A major feature will be the large dry cast limestone planters donated by Longshadow Gardens. If you have something to donate that might be sold in the auction, please contact Chair Margie Parker (549-7193) by April 8 so it can be listed in the Auction Corner ad. Saturday will also feature beautiful plants from McNitt's Greenhouses.

Donations of all kinds are welcome, especially plants and baked goods. Any good usable items can be taken to the Newman Center from noon to 8 pm Wednesday, April 15 and all day Thursday, April 16. Call Margie Parker at 549-7193 for help in transporting large items.

If you like working with others for a good cause, call Margie to volunteer. The work schedule is:

- Wednesday, April 15: 1 - 8 pm (Sorting)
- Thursday, April 16: 9 am - 8 pm (Sorting and pricing)
- Friday, April 17: 9 am - 12 noon (Pricing)
- Friday, April 17: 12 n - 6 pm (Selling)
- Saturday, April 18: 8 am - 1 pm (Selling)
- Saturday, April 18: 1 pm - 6 pm (Cleanup)

The success of the sale depends on three ingredients - donors and volunteers, and... shoppers. There's something for everyone. Do you garden? There will be house plants, bedding plants, and hanging plants. Do you have a sweet tooth or hunger for homemade bread? You'll want some of our baked goods. Do you love bargains? Check out our wide variety household items, books, clothes, and toys, and don't forget the auction! Don't feel like cooking? Enjoy our hot sandwiches, chili and delicious treats which will be sold both Friday and Saturday.

Last year's sale raised a record \$11,271, which was divided among CROP, UNICEF, ECHO, Heifer Project, Marion Medical Mission, For Kids' Sake (orphans in Bangladesh), Good Samaritan Ministries, the Women's Center, Eurma Hayes Day Care Center, Senior Citizens, Attucks and I Can Read Tutorial Programs, New Zion Baptist Church's Summer Lunch Program, Bethel AME's "Feed My Sheep" soup kitchen, Family Advocacy Services and the Guadalupe Fund to help farm workers. Together we can feed the hungry - the needs are great both at home and abroad.

Start your spring cleaning now and we'll see you at the sale!

## HANDBELL CONFERENCE



### **Handbell Workshop**

Photo by Kitty Trescott

Eight members of our handbell choir participated in the Southern Illinois Handbell Workshop and Concert at Grace United Methodist Church March 21. The workshop, directed by Gail Joslin, was attended by 9 choirs comprised of 78 handbell ringers. Ms. Joslin has been director of Handbell Ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Illinois, since 1988.

The workshop was an opportunity for us to meet others in the local handbell community, to learn ringing techniques, and to participate in the massed ringing concert. During the concert, three choirs performed an individual number, and Ms. Joslin played two handbell solos. The event was supported, in part, by a grant from Carbondale Community Arts and the Illinois Arts Council.



Gail Joslin

Photo by Kitty Trescott



Serena's shower with the Yarning Group on March 1

Photo by Kitty Trescott

Per capita contributions are an essential part of our budget (and of Prebytery's). Please remember to pay your \$36.18 soon.

**OOPS!**

Again, welcome to our church family. If I can be of any pastoral service, please do hesitate to call me or any members of the church staff.

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*April 1904, the Carbondale Presbyterians owned lot 181 and also had a manse there. Sale of this property was being considered.*

*April 19, 1906 was the origin of the "Ladies Aid Society". The Presbyterian Women still maintain a study and missionary association.*