



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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☙ Marketplace - July 13-17

## Church Office Hours

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



## Bibles Presented To Children

On April 19, First Presbyterian Church presented Bibles to our third grade young people.

**Tim Lou Wei** was presented his Bible by his grandmother, Betty Arnold.

*"Love the Lord they God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself."* (Luke 10:27)

**Isaiah Nalley** was presented his Bible by Imogene Beckemeyer.

*"Bear all things; believe all things; hope all things. Charily never fails; but if there be prophesies, they shall fail; if there be words spoken in tongues, they shall cease; if there be knowledge, it will fade away."* (I Corinthians 13: 7-8)

**Kellyn Reona Daly** was presented her Bible by Anna Mager.

*"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."* (I Corinthians: 13: 2)

**Jack Currie** (not pictured)

*"Yes, be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, your Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:9)

Welcome, New Members. . .

Jenny Martin

...from Paris, IL is a Clinical Instructor at the ReHab Institute and works in the area of autism. She participates in the Fellowship Ministry. Jenny and Jon's son, Jaxson, delighted us at his recent Baptism. The Martin family reside at 3302 W Main, Marion, IL 62959. Jenny's phone number is 618-889-8803, Jon's is 618-889-8804 and an email address is jcmartin1210@yahoo.com

Norris Muckleroy

...is retired and interested in forming a FPC softball team. Norris resides at 2008 W Norwood Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901. His phone number is 457-4445.

Brett & Megan Batteau

...were married in this church a year ago and with their son, Liam (Nella Lougeay's great-grandson), would enjoy family activities and a Mom's group. Brett works for Coca Cola and Megan is a student. The Batteau family reside 715 N McKinley, Carbondale, IL 62901. Their phone number is 529-3386 and an email address is megan\_temple@msn.com.

Rosey Gibbs

...moved to Murphysboro from Madison WI. She is very active in the Sunday night book and study groups and rings in the Bell Choir. She works at Dillard's in Marion. Rosey resides at 523 John Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Marianne Lawrence

...volunteers with the SIU Symphony, other community groups, and enjoys golf. Because of her relationship with several of our members, she thought First Presbyterian would be a good church home. Marianne and her husband, Mike reside at 245 Phillips Road, Carbondale, IL 62902. Marianne's phone number and an email address are 457-6737 and marilawr@msn.com.

Bart & Angela Millstead

...and daughters, Crosby and Carsten moved here last summer. Angela, an accountant (by profession) and stay-at-home mom, and Bart, an administrator at Memorial Hospital, are interested in family activities and meeting other parents. The Millstead family reside at 755 Stone Creek Drive, Makanda, IL 62958-2735. Bart's phone number is 618-534-2150 and Angela's is 618-534-2826. An email address is angelamillstead@yahoo.com.

Andy Waterman and Samantha Cheek

...received the Sacrament of Baptism on Palm Sunday and will be married in June. Samantha is a realtor and Andy works for WSIL. Andy and Samantha reside at 21 Tyler Terrace, Apt. 2, Carbondale, IL 62902-7518. Their phone number is 618-534-6518 and an email address is awat2136@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 16

Plan now to participate in the second annual First Presbyterian grill-off competition on May 16.

Grills will be fired up at 4 p.m. on the church lawn, with the meal being served around 5:45 p.m. Please be sure to note on the sign-up sheet in the narthex 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!



Thank you Evelyn Engleking, Bill Martens, and Dan Owen for a superb job of sharing your faith journey with us on Sunday April 19. You opened your hearts and gave us a glimpse into what helped shape you into the persons you are today.

Elders and Deacons were ordained and/or installed on April 19. Elders included John Baker, Barbara Bennett, Diane Cash, Marta Davis, Judy Dawson, Dan Owen, and Ken Simpson. Deacons included Beth Forsberg and Mary Schmid. Tom Hippensteel will also be a Deacon this term.

Pastor Janice will be gone for continuing education/vacation in May. She will be taking a trip to the country of Turkey. John Baker will fill the pulpit on May 17 and Father Joseph Brown will fill the pulpit on May 24.

# Worship

Twenty nine people attended the Maundy Thursday supper and worship in the Fellowship Hall on April 9, 2009. Delicious soup and bread were enjoyed by all. Thank you Kathy Manfredi for providing music for this special service.

Easter Sunday dawned bright and sunny. Appropriate weather for such a glorious day! The sanctuary was filled with the scent of lilies and hyacinths. Many spring flowers adorned the chancel. Thank you to the folks who provided them. Thank you Ken and Alisa for draping the cross. One hundred ninety six people attended our worship service

Making multiple CD copies of our worship service, and other services and programs, will be easier with our new CD/DVD duplicator. The Jim Neckers' bequest has made this purchase possible.

Be sure to check out Worship Ministry's bulletin board. Information is posted about how to volunteer to be part of a dynamic worship experience.

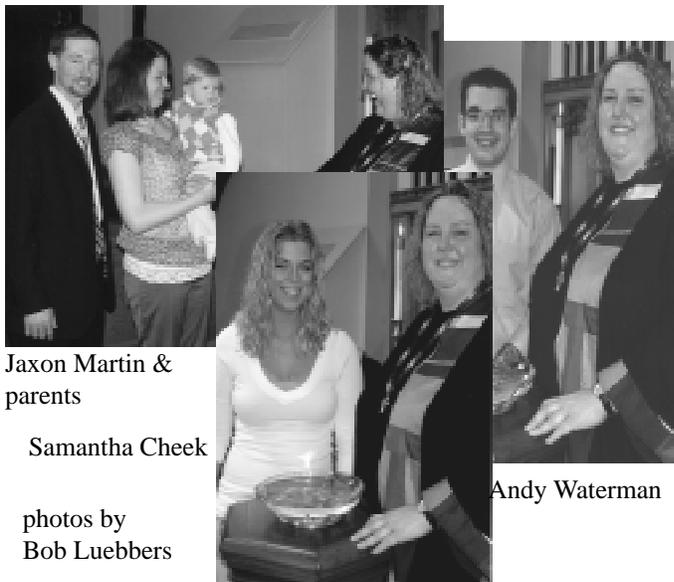
## May Friendship Day



All women of the church are invited to May Friendship Day of Church Women United on Friday, May 1, at St. Francis Xavier Church, 303 S. Poplar Street.

10:30 a.m. Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch

12:15 p.m. Celebration: Building on Our Stories



Jaxon Martin & parents

Samantha Cheek

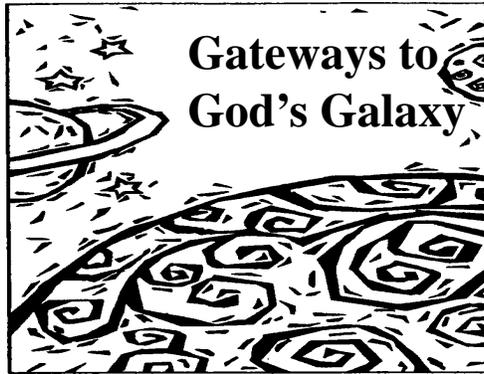
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Bob Luebbers

Andy Waterman

Three baptisms took place in March and April. Jaxon Martin, infant son of Jon and Jenny Martin was baptized on Sunday, March 29. Samantha Cheek and Andy Waterman were baptized on April 5. Kellyn Daly processed in the water for Samantha and Andy's baptisms.

## Easter Picnic a Success!

Between 50-60 Presbyterians, plus a few guests and canines, gathered at Giant City on Easter afternoon for the annual potluck picnic. The food was delicious and plentiful, games were played, and several people went for hikes. While still a bit chilly, the weather was much more cooperative than last year. Thanks to all who joined in the fun!



**Gateways to God's Galaxy** will conclude the year of lessons in May. The Eastertide lessons focus on Peter. He said "no" three times; then he said "yes" three times. Games and Bible skills, drama, and art help the children understand when and why Peter was faced with the questions to those answers. Ask one of them to tell you about Peter.

## *Marketplace Bethlehem*

A summertime Christian Education Program for children in K-5th grade, July 13 -17, 2009 - 9:00 am to Noon every day.

Registration forms for both programs accompany this newsletter.

## *Beyond Marketplace*

A summertime program for young people going into grades 6- 8. July 13-17, 2009 - 9 a.m. - Noon everyday.



## **MaTT**

MaTT Club is a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, and learn about Jesus. In April we concentrated on Our Church Family. We learned about the church building itself and the people who make decisions that help run our church.

The children learned that the Presbyterian denomination has a governing group called Session, that is made up of people called Elders. Session is divided into groups called ministries. Each ministry is made up of people with similar talents and interests that help our church stay alive. Our memory verse was **It takes many parts to make a single body. Together we are the body of Christ.** 1 Corinthians. 12:20, 27a

On April 1 we started the evening at the cornerstone of our church building. We learned that Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith; all Christians are aligned with him. We agreed that our church building had too many stones for us to count, but that each stone was important. If one was removed the other

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**Camp Carew Scholarship Application Forms** are available in the church office. The deadline for them is May 5. Camp Carew booklets are on the shelf near the church office.

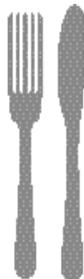


## Youth Group News

The youth group will be participating in a progressive dinner on Sunday, April 26. The youth will meet at church at 5 p.m. on Sunday to begin their journey for the dinner. We very much appreciate the families who have volunteered to host a course of that dinner: the Myers, the Hippensteels, the Merediths, and the Calloway/Tesch family. The youth are looking forward to getting to know these families better and to partake of some great cooking!

The last meeting of the youth group for this year will be at the church on Sunday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m.

## Presbyterian Restaurant Group



Tim Langdon will take us to Annie Mae's in Murphysboro on May 21. (Go to Murphysboro on Highway 13 and proceed west through town on Walnut St. (IL. 149) to 16th St. Turn to the right onto 16th St. and proceed north on 16th for two blocks. Annie Mae's is on your left at the intersection of 16th and Elm. )You can contact Tim at 457-4206 or E-mail her at < tlangdon@aol.com > Hope to see you there.

We had fourteen diners at our Tres Hombres Mexican Food night on April 16. Bob Leigeber was our host. Thanks Bob, for a good dinner.

# Pentecost

Sunday, May 31 is Pentecost Sunday – the day we celebrate the giving of the Spirit of God to the Church. It is also the day we will receive the denominational offering known as the **Pentecost Offering**.

### **So, what Is the Pentecost Offering?**

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four denominational offerings (**Peacemaking, Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing** and **Pentecost**) which are designed to meet particular needs. The **Pentecost Offering** provides a way to directly meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. The benefits can be seen all around us. Congregations are trying new ways to minister with the children at risk in their communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and providing leadership development opportunities for our youth and young adults.

40% of the Pentecost Offering is kept by congregations for use on behalf of children at risk. Yes, 40% will stay here for us to use in ministry with at-risk children.

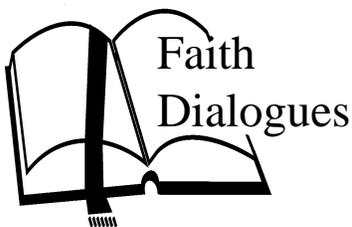
10% supports General Assembly Child Advocacy Ministries such as:

- \* development of a Kids 4 Kids a Web site designed to empower older elementary children on behalf of other children. The site has a new interactive design, and work has begun on providing safe, appropriate social networking for children.

- \* Provide resources on consumerism, child trafficking, and child protection.

- \* Advocate to eradicate child poverty and to provide access to quality health care and a quality public education for all children.

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May 1 Planning for a Church Camp Out

May 10 The Last Lecture

May 17 Movie "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace"

May 24 " " " "

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manner, our church is made up of many people. Each is important. If even one is removed it affects everyone else.

We met Elder Kathy Manfredi who talked to us about Membership, Elder Mary Louise Cashel who told us about Mission and Elder Joe Cash who talked to the children about Faith Development. We also talked about the Small Groups Ministry.

Since it was April Fool's Day we added a little silliness by having a silly supper. We ate cupcakes that were really meat loaf, wormy apples, candy green beans and finished with meat loaf that was really a Rice Krispie Treat.

On April 15 we met Elders Neal Foland and John Baker, and at-large member Joan McKissic who represented the Personnel Ministry. Barb Stewart then let the children perform some 'office duties'. Shredding paper was the biggest hit! The children also got a tour of Janice's office and learned about the different stoles she wears with her robes. We also met Elder Brenda Gilbert who taught us about Fellowship Ministry. Elders Bill Schwegman and Alisa Simpson told us about Stewardship and read the book *The Quiltmakers Gift*. We finished the evening in the sanctuary with Elder Bob Luebbers who told us about Worship Ministry.

Be sure to check out our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Can you match the following Bible verses with their ministries? A big thank you to all the Elders who took time from their busy schedules to meet with us:



*Christ Jesus, himself, is the cornerstone.* Ephesians 2:20

*When you did it for any of these you did it for me.* Matthew 25:40

*Knock and the door will be opened to you.* Matthew 7:7

*Be friendly with everyone.* Romans 12:16

*Be joyful as you come in to worship.* Psalm 100:2

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.* Psalm 32:8

*Jesus blessed the bread and gave it to the people until everyone had all they wanted.* John 6:11

*Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I will be also.* Matthew 18: 20

*Remember God, for he is the one who gives you the ability to produce wealth.* Deuteronomy 8:18

Ministries- Personnel, Fellowship, Stewardship, Worship, Cornerstone, Membership, Mission, Small Groups, Faith Development

A big thank you to all, in addition to the mentioned Elders, who helped during the month of April: Joe and Diane Cash, Frances Gilman, Dede Ittner, Serena Loyd, Robbi Seibert, Barbara Stewart, Bart and Kitty Trescott, and Pastor Janice West.

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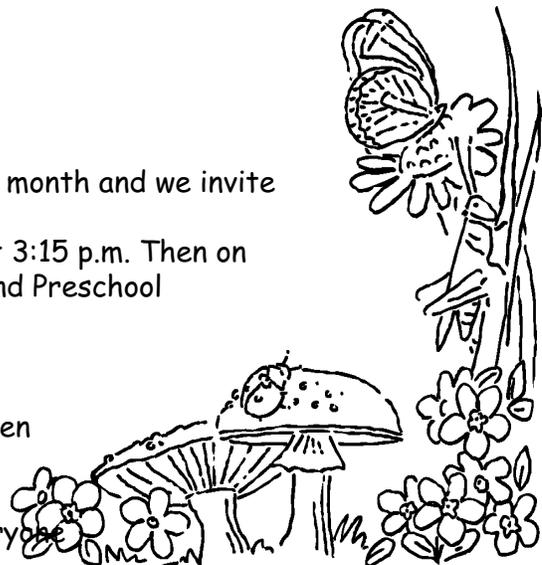
## DAY CARE

It's hard to believe that May is already here.

We are looking forward to two very special events this month and we invite everyone to share them with us!

Our Mother's Day Tea Party will be on Friday, May 8 at 3:15 p.m. Then on Saturday, May 23, we will be having our annual picnic and Preschool Graduation at Evergreen Park from 11:00-?

Our Trik-A-Thon was on Friday, March 27. The children had a good time riding their bikes. This year the Day Care will be sending \$511.00 dollars to St. Jude. We are proud of raising this amount. Thank you to everyone that donated money.





## RENOVATION

At the April 14 Meeting Session approved entering into two construction contracts for the completion of the Church Offices (White Box) located in the unfinished portion of the newest building addition. The first contract is with J & L Robinson of Carbondale to be the General Contractor for the project in the sum of \$83,150. The second contract is with Quality Sheet Metal of Carbondale for the HVAC work required in the amount of \$26,733 for a grand total for both contracts of \$109,883. Over the years the Church has been accumulating funds to do the project, so we have enough in the bank to pay for these contracts. The work should begin soon and should be finished this fall.

The next phase is Fellowship Hall. We are beginning the necessary preparations but it will take some time to complete the plans and to have an estimates of costs available. A fund raiser or borrowing additional funds may be necessary for the Fellowship Hall project. We hope to get the completion of Fellowship Hall under way later this year or early next year so that our facility is 100% complete in 2010.

We give a big Thank You to all of the hard work put in by the Building Committee consisting of John Baker, Robbi Seibert and Gary Merideth and Architect Brian Gorecki. This same team is doing the planning work to finish Fellowship Hall and are working on it as you read this.

## The Session

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25% of the Offering supports General Assembly ministries with youth.

- \* Offer twenty new studies for parents of youth, through the online resource "The Thoughtful Christian" (parents of teens series).

- \* Create a free online, interactive daily devotion for youth and youth leaders, d365. [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org)

- \* Continue the work on the Be Tweens project, a resource offering older elementary youth and their parents a study on faith and life.

25% supports Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) opportunities, which includes:

- \* Prepare young adults from the United States and around the world to serve as YAVs in the U.S. The Offering funds are matched with funds that each YAV raises to participate in this year of mission involvement. These young adults serve in communities of need and explore their call to the work of Jesus Christ.

- \* Help pay the travel and living expenses of young adults ages 19-30 serving abroad. Offering funds match those raised by the young adults as they prepare for this life-changing opportunity to experience and share God in a community of need in another culture for one year.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider your gift to this most worthwhile offering.

June 14  
to  
July 2



## SIU Music Festival

The Southern Illinois Music Festival is in need of additional housing. All that is requested is a bedroom and bathroom (in close proximity), and a little fridge space! Donors are NOT responsible for providing meals or transportation, or any other means. Donors receive a \$25 per person, per day tax credit for helping the symphony.

If you would like to participate in this way, please contact

Andy Martin

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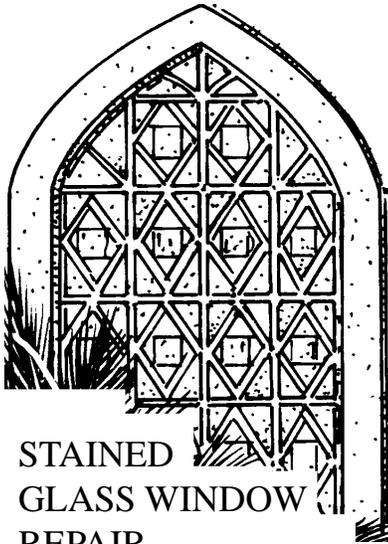
## Rural King Promotion

This information came from Rural King "I would like to take this time to thank everyone for making the Church Week Promotion a great success again this Spring. We gave back to the congregations over \$9500.00."

Rural King will be running the Church Week Promotion again August 10-16. Please mark the dates on your calendar.

## BALD KNOB CROSS

Those wishing to donate to the Bald Knob Cross Fund may donate online at [www.baldknobcross.com](http://www.baldknobcross.com) and click the "Donate Now" button. Checks or money orders also may be sent to Bald Knob Cross Fund at Farmers State Bank, 55 N. Elm St., Alto Pass, IL. 62905



STAINED  
GLASS WINDOW  
REPAIR

Several of you have asked us how the windows got broken. Recently rocks were thrown through windows making the two holes in the East window and one hole in the South window. We have obtained the services of Tim Heath of Anna, a stained glass restorer, formerly affiliated with the Glass Barn. He has done repair and restoration work for us in the past. The estimated cost of the repair is \$700 and he is currently looking for some matching glass to make the repair. One of the issues in making repairs to these windows is finding the best match possible for color and texture. A lead/solder repair requires removing the entire glass panel so it can be laid flat. However, Tim is going to try a newer technique to see if they can be fixed in place. We're having continuing conversations about installing shields for these windows and know they are needed to preserve them. The estimated cost of each shield is \$5000. We have not budgeted for this expense in 2009. Over the past few years the Church and our insurance company have spent approximately \$8000 in glass repair.

**OOPS**

"Come help as we have a free cash wash and free hot dog cookout!"

This appeared in some other newsletter, not ours.

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*May, 1885, we “recommended” member Frank M. Alexander as he started his studies at Northwestern Theological Seminary.*

*May 31, 1953, member Mary Day Simmons and her husband gave a recital on our new organ. They were on the faculty of Montreat Presbyterian Retreat Conference, N.C. that summer.*