



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Get out your camping gear. It is that time of year. Time for the annual camping trip. This year we will be camping at Lake Glendale the weekend of June 19-21. It FATHERS DAY that weekend. What a great way to spend the weekend. You can contact Peter or Kara Hertzling with any questions. Look for posting on the bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you at

Annual Campout



Fellowship

On Sunday, June 21, the Fellowship ministry team will be hosting fellowship hour as a thank you to all the volunteer coffee hosts. Join us for cake, coffee, and a time to say thank you to everyone who provided coffee and treats throughout the year!



Church Office Hours

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

Pastor's Page

Most of you know that I like to feed the birds. My yard is the Lawn Company's nightmare. There are at least seven *Shepherd's Hooks* in the yard. Every once in a while –during the storm– I would dare to glance out a window at the powerful force surrounding us. I watched one feeder (in the style of a Cape Cod house) torn from it's roof. I watched several others gently lifted from their hooks and deposited on the ground. Each time I would return to the refuge of my laundry room – the innermost room in my house.

When everything was past and I ventured outside, I found the most remarkable thing. There was only one birdfeeder left standing on the pole.

The church is still standing. Even if the building had blown away, the church would still be standing. The Avery & Marsh songs we learned in the 1960's tells the truth – *I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together*. . . That is why we gathered in worship on the morning of May 10 – to laugh, to cry, to tell stories together, to enjoy a **cup of hot coffee** _(thank you Pat & Kathy!) – to be the Body of Christ, and to bear witness to what we say we believe – that *in nothing, in life or in death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!*

I am so proud of you, and of the way you have helped one another, and made contact with our many church members and friends. It has been so helpful to know that most of the congregation had someone from the church checking in on them. Keep it up. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been in to meet with the pastors and lay leaders in the area, and have helped us to identify a coordinator for our response (Rev. Byron York, retired clergy from Murphysboro) and some directions for us to proceed. The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois has already begun the process of applying for an emergency grant from PDA. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering we took on Easter day will, in part, come back to us through this grant – OGHS supports PDA, the Self-Development of People program and the Hunger program.

Keep your eyes and ears open to the needs in our community. If you have time (and energy) call Camp Carew, as there is much work which is needed to get done in order for the camping season to open. Continue to be kind and gracious to one another, and to the stranger in need. It is Christ's call on us – and we respond with joy!

The church is still standing – and I am grateful to be your pastor!



Janice

Worship

Thank you John Baker for filling the pulpit on May 17 and to Father Joseph Brown for his words on May 24.

Thank you also to everyone who has assisted in children's time. You have given the children wonderful messages to listen and learn from.

There will not be Communion in June the next Communion will be on July 12th.

The Worship Ministry Team thanks all of our volunteers for your patience, as new team members take over the duties of organizing our volunteer rosters. With over 70 volunteers filling six categories the potential for mistakes is high. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Please disregard any dates you may have received before April 1, 2009. As the switch-over takes place some folks may feel like they are doing "double duty". We apologize for this, but after the first date you will only be scheduled for 'duty' two to four times a year. **If you need to make switches, please let Barb Stewart know by Wednesday afternoon so the bulletin can be adjusted.**

Today, lots of people prefer to receive information by email rather than through the post office. If you are one of these please let us know. Be sure that Worship Ministry has a current, reliable email address for you. If you would rather receive a printed letter that is fine.

Some new folks are coming on board while some folks are taking a well earned "rest". If you would like your name added to more (or different) categories, or if you feel the need to have your name removed from a particular list, please let us know. If your name has been inadvertently omitted and you would like it put back on, please let us know. Opportunities to volunteer include: Children's Message, Communion Servers, Scripture Reader, Head Ushers, and Worship Assistant.

Worship Assistants, Scripture Readers, and Children's Message providers need to coordinate their roles with Pastor West. Barb will have marked bulletins for the Worship assistant and Scripture reader. If the Children's message provider plans to coordinate their message with the scripture, they should contact Janice early in the week.

Communion Server instructions are provided prior to service. Head Ushers have new guidelines. They are on the office counter with the bulletins. Some duties have changed. *Please read carefully.* **Head Ushers need to arrive at 9:00 A.M. sharp.**

For additional questions or assistance or to be added to the volunteer list, contact the Worship Ministry Team:

Be sure to check out Worship Ministry's bulletin board.

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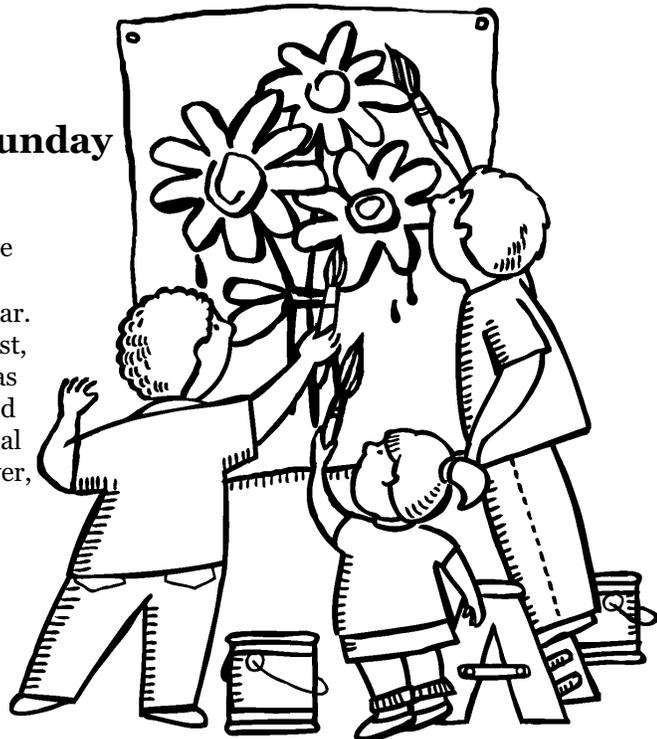
The DOOR (Discover Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) Mission Trip to Atlanta, GA will take place Sunday, August 2 through Friday, August 7, 2009. (We may stay an extra night just for fun!) We have reserved spaces for a 10-person group from First Presbyterian Church, but we can still add more. While there, we will perform a variety of service projects, such as engaging in community gardening, working a food pantry or soup kitchen, and assisting at a day care or interacting with seniors.

Even if you cannot travel to Atlanta, there are many ways you can support our mission work. Monetary donations to underwrite the cost of the trip are always welcome. In addition, we are encouraged to bring donated items that can be used in Atlanta, particularly canned food, children's books, and string style back packs. And, of course, we always need your prayers!

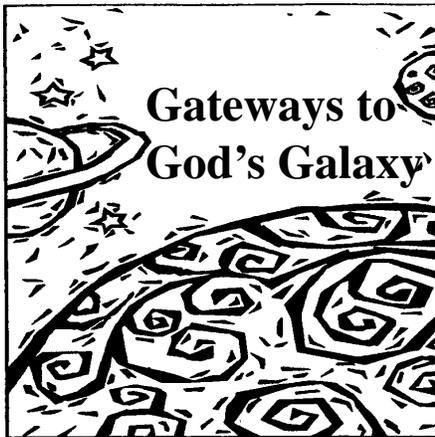
If you are interested in finding out more information, you may contact Cindy Buys or Pastor Janice West through the church office.

May 24 was Recognition Sunday

It is impossible to list all the people who helped with the Faith Development programs this past year. Gateways, MaTT Club, Kids In Christ, the Youth Group and class, as well as the Sunday morning Bible Study and Faith Dialogues have been the formal structures for this ministry. However, there is much more to it than these programs. Everyone has been so supportive of all these endeavors. Appreciation for all that had been done was expressed during Fellowship time. Know that everything all of you do for Faith Development Ministry strengthens relationships.



THANK YOU



Gateways will conclude the year of lessons in May with the story of Lydia. Games and Bible skills, Drama, and art help the children understand what Lydia did that made her so special. Ask one of them to tell you about Lydia. Children will continue to find things to do in room 140 throughout the summer of Sundays. Some exciting new things are being planned for the fall.

Camp Carew Scholarships

This year 16 children associated with our church will be attending Camp Carew during the months of June and July. Some will go for more than one week. Post cards will be available to mail to them while they are there.

Marketplace - Bethlehem (July 13-17)

Our theme this year is the story of the birth of Jesus. Planning and preparation for Marketplace is held every Tuesday at 6:30,. Don't wait for an invitation. Just come to see what the project is for the evening. Shopkeepers are encouraged to come to work on their projects and check on their available materials. Helpers are needed to fold brochures and stuff envelopes, to count and sort the robes, to inventory the existing supplies, to make name tags, and to brain storm.

If you know a weaver with a loom, it would be wonderful to have that set up this year. Or if you know someone with sheep or lambs that could come for a day that week, let Kitty know, so we can invite them. Camel? Donkey? We will need some straw (or hay). Needed for this summer are tuna cans, or shallow cat food cans, and plastic coffee can lids.

The sign up sheets are on the table in Fellowship Hall. "Mothers" will have 4-6 "children" in the family this year. Shopkeepers for leather, pinwheels, Hebrew, and other things are still needed. If you want to help but have no idea with what, just tell Kitty.

The registration form was in the May newsletter. Copies are available from Kitty, on the sign up table, and in the office. Feel free to share it with faamily and friends.

Beyond Marketplace

This summertime program is for children going into grades 6- 8, held the same week, same times, as Marketplace. The emphasis is on helping with local mission activities, along with Bible study and sharing some fun times. It is limited to 12 enrollees. The registration form was in the May newsletter. Diane Cash is coordinating this program. Ask her for a registration form, or get one from the office.

MaTT Club is a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, and learn about Jesus. At our first meeting in May we finished up all the fun activities and crafts we didn't have time for as we learned about Session. First we reviewed the duties of the Worship Ministry, then played a game of Quick Draw using items found in the sanctuary. After learning about Membership Ministry, who line up folks to be greeters, we made Door Hangers using Matthew 7:7 as our Bible verse. We wrote our memory verse, 1 Cor 12:20,27a on cards we made to be included with items made by the Yarning to Make a Difference small group. During craft time Alisa Simpson taught us how to make beaded bookmarks. The children were able to make an extra one to give to someone of their choice.

Our second meeting in May was called "Up a Tree- the Story of Zacchaeus". It seemed appropriate, after our big storm, to concentrate on trees. Our first game was to blow leaves down a course-way, counting the number of breaths it took to get each leaf to the end. Then each child had to find seven different (hidden) paper leaves printed with our memory verse, glue the leaves together in the right order and make a banner of them. We used the felt board to tell the story of Zacchaeus as told by "Sid, the Sycamore Tree". The evening ended with leaf rubbings and creating 'leaf people'. Our memory verse was **God calls you by your name**. This comes from Isaiah 45:3.

Thank you Alisa Simpson and Sarah Merideth for providing our meals in May. Thank you Alisa, Frances Gilman, and Serena Loyd for helping with games, craft and lesson time.

May 20 was our last "formal" meeting of this season. An end of the year swim party will be held June 3, 2009. MaTT Club will resume in August. Our meeting day will be moved to the second and fourth Sunday from 4-6 P.M. Hopefully moving our meeting day to Sunday will enable more of our church children to attend.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and volunteers for their support and help at MaTT Club this year. If you have not yet taken a turn helping provide a meal, leading games, craft or lesson time please consider doing so.



Preschool

The preschool is a go for the fall! After careful consideration, the PCDC Preschool Board determined we will continue operation for the 2009-2010 school year. We are thrilled with this outcome even though it will be necessary to eliminate one teaching position and limit class size. The Frog class will have two teachers while the Tadpole and Polliwog classes will have one teacher aided by the director. At this time, there is only one opening in the Tadpoles and Polliwogs for the fall.

End of school activities, picnics, ice cream days and graduation occurred as planned, just a week later than originally scheduled.

The PCDC Preschool Staff, Board and Families thank the church for their support and wish everyone a good summer.

See you in the fall.

Daycare

The inland hurricane on Friday, May 8, caused a lot of excitement, some damage in the playground area, and the postponement our Mothers' Day Tea to Thursday, May 21! Our staff did a great job getting the children into the hallway and carrying out our disaster plan. We thank Pastor Janice, Barb Stewart, and Jim Calloway for coming to check on us after the storm. We also thank Jim Calloway and Scott Hunsaker for cutting the trees to get them off the fence so the phone company could reinstall the phone lines and Joe Cash for fixing the fence and for finishing cutting up the trees. We still have to work on getting the roots of the trees out of the playground before we can go out to play, but for the most part things are looking up.

Our Family night, April 24, with the Preschool and Day Care had a very good turn out. Parents asked if we will do it again next year and we hope to make it an annual event.

In June we are looking forward to starting our water play. Other events in June include a train trip on Wednesday, June 17, and our Fathers' Day Luncheon on Friday, June 19.

Words written by our pastor, and shared with Presbytery at their meeting on May 14, 2009

It was just another Friday afternoon. Laundry and chores awaited me, the University had graduations scheduled for all weekend, and preparations were being made by many for Mother's Day celebrations. The night before there had been box car storms hitting the area. (Box car storms are when there is one storm after another, so that when the weather people make their radar drawings it looks like train boxcars on the screen) It was getting darker outside which meant a storm was coming along. Here in Southern Illinois, the spring storms are frequent. But this one was different.

Carbondale, a tree city in the best sense, has been uprooted. Fifty and seventy-five year old trees were laid across streets, yards and houses by the 100 mile-an-hour plus winds. Firs, pines, elms and cedars snapped like matchsticks. Oaks, standing in ground which had been saturated by weeks of rainfall, toppled like bowling pins against the strength of the storm. Power lines and phone lines snapped and tangled. And for a moment, everything stopped — but only for a mom

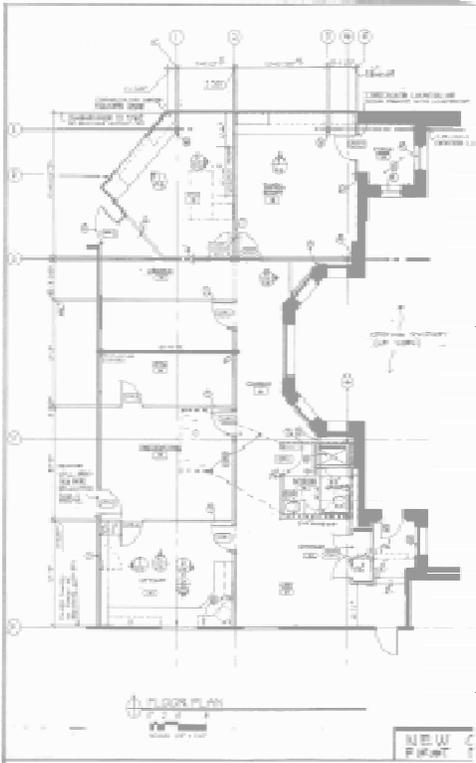
Across southern Illinois, in the midst of destruction, people came out and began helping one another. Neighbors assessed damage, lent cell phones and chargers, and began pulling branches and debris to curbside. College students, finished with finals and awaiting graduations, helped others, and began partying. Gathering together is a great response to crises.

Five days later, electricity is returning to the area. We are grateful to Ameren, the Electric Coops and the out of town electric companies who have converged on the area and who have worked from one project to another. Many will not have electricity for a while. Damage to houses ranges from shingle loss to total devastation. The stories continue.

And they should. We demonstrate our care for one another, by listening to our stories, and inviting others to share their stories. We heal from disasters by telling our truths and sharing the message of hope. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program's motto is Out of Chaos, Hope. There is much for us in the way of hope. We know that we are not alone. We are surrounded in prayer by the larger community of faith. We are sustained by the promises of many to be a part of on-going healing within our communities. We are uplifted by the love of God in your expression of concern and your willingness to listen to our stories.

We invite you to pray ñ especially for the under-served populations in Southern Illinois. Pray for those who may not have the life skills needed to negotiate this event with even a modicum of grace and ease. Pray for the churches and pastors as they seek to meet the needs of the communities in which we find ourselves. The peace of Christ be with you.

Rev. Janice C. West, pastor, First Presbyterian Carbondale, IL (5-13-09)



NEW OFFICES

At the May Session meeting we entered into a contract with Modern Tile to furnish all of the new carpeting for the offices. The dollar amount of that contract was \$9362. This brings our total contracts to approximately \$118,000 for this project, all of which is covered by the money we have set aside for it in the Bank.

In an effort to save several thousands of dollars in painting costs in the new offices we are going to paint the offices ourselves. The office completion schedule calls for the major portion of the painting to be done between June 26 and July 2 with touch up to be done between July 7 and 29. Ken and Alisa Simpson will spearhead the painting campaign so if you have some time you could come in and help paint walls etc. Please contact Ken and Alisa at simpson783@gmail.com or call Ken at 303-1432 or Alisa at 303-1225. We need to get all of our volunteers lined up by June 1 if possible.

The new Office is coming along and by the time you read this we should have all of the old HVAC ducts removed, the plumbing relocated and metal stud walls going up including door frames. During June we should have all of the walls up with the mechanical, electrical and plumbing all roughed in and ready for the volunteer painters to start doing their thing. A detailed schedule is on the wall at the west end of the narthex by the window so go take a look some Sunday. We have also provided a floor plan taped to the top of the book case in front of the window oriented to match the space being worked on and showing the location of the viewer in an effort to make what is going on inside a little more understandable. If you have any questions please feel free to ask Bill Schwegan or Gary Merideth who are keeping an eye on the project for us.



It has been decided to no longer provide quarterly giving statements in an effort to save staff time and postage. If you need giving information during the year just let Barbara Stewart know and she will be glad to provide it to you.

The Restaurant Group will be meeting at Spinoni's Pizza and Pasta House on East Walnut in Carbondale. The group will gather at 5:30 p.m. on June 18. Please let Larry or Dot Curtis know if you will be coming. Their phone number is 529-3828.

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June 24 is the one hundred and third anniversary of the opening of this House of Worship.

June 30, 1898 Frank Hall Colyer and his wife joined this congregation, from 1907 until 1944 he served as an active session member.