

The Carbondale Presbyterian

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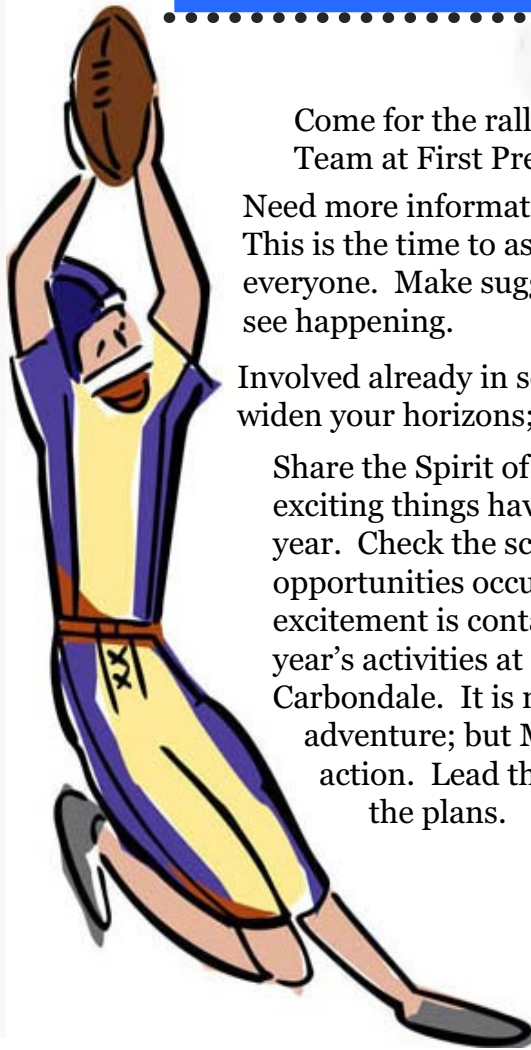
Ice Cream Social - Sept. 20

MaTT Club 2nd &
4th Sundays

Month of Sept. Food Pantry
Donations

**September 13! Fellowship Hall!
10:30 a.m.**

KICK - OFF!



Come for the rally. Return for the action. Join God's Team at First Presbyterian Church.

Need more information about the options available? This is the time to ask about all the choices available for everyone. Make suggestions for things you would like to see happening.

Involved already in several things? Add a new one; widen your horizons; expand your interests.

Share the Spirit of all that is going on at First Pres.! Many exciting things have already been planned for the coming year. Check the schedule for all the wonderful interactive opportunities occurring in the months to come. The excitement is contagious. Grab a friend to be part of this year's activities at First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale. It is not just Sunday morning growth and adventure; but Monday – Saturday too. Be part of action. Lead the way. Support the ones who set up the plans.

Cheer! Rejoice!

Church Office Hours

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE



Please join us on Sunday, August 30 for our Outdoor Service on the grassy area next to the parking lot. The service will be from 9:30-10:45 a.m., with a Fellowship period immediately following.

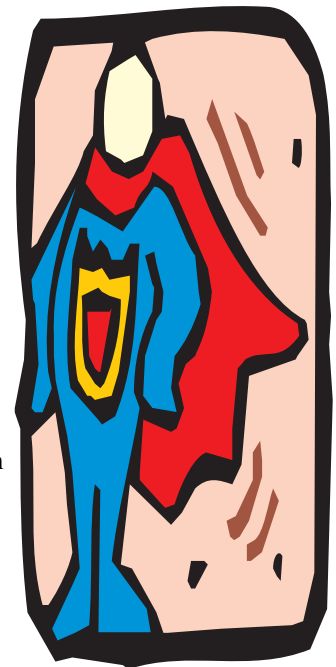
We expect that it may be warm this time of the year. However, as part of our mission to reach out to those in our neighborhood, assisting them as they move to a new area, and welcoming them as part of our community, it is important that we make these initial contacts. You are welcome to wear shorts, hats, sunglasses - whatever will help keep you comfortable. We will have hand held fans and water available. In case of rain, we will meet in Fellowship Hall.

If you are willing to help set up or take down the chairs and other items for the service, please contact John Holt, Kathy Manfredi, or the church office.

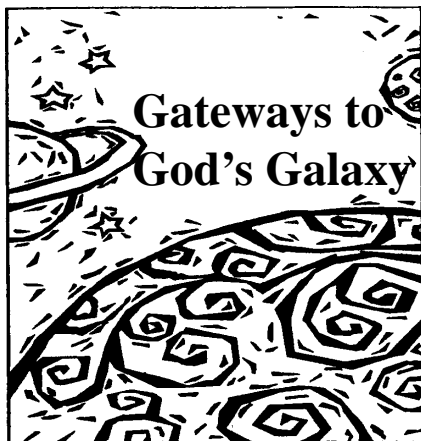


The Fellowship and Membership ministries are working together to invite the church's neighbors as guests to the ice cream social on Sunday, September 20 from 4-6 p.m. We'll gather on the church lawn (Fellowship Hall as a rain location) for a relaxing afternoon of conversation and good eating. Please bring ice cream, sandwiches, OR cookies to share, as well as lawn chairs. We ask that you be generous in providing food and come prepared to welcome the students who live near the church. You are also encouraged to invite your own friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join in the fun!

Mark your calendars! First Pres's second Heroes and Sheroes Dinner will be held Saturday, October 17 in Fellowship Hall. Watch the bulletin board in the narthex for more details, including the opportunity to nominate church members as your heroes and sheroes.



Heroes & Sheroes



Gateways for God's Galaxy will start the fall series of presentations with four activities focused on Baby Moses. The children may know this wonderful Bible story, but these four new activities will provide them with opportunities to explore and express themselves. Gateways is the Children's Christian Enrichment Sunday morning program. Children between the ages of 3- 12, grades Kindergarten through fifth grade, meet in room 140 right after the Worship Service and their brief time in Fellowship Hall. The story is read before the group breaks into two groups for their activity: computer, art, Bible study, theater, games and puzzles, drama, food/cooking, or music. Which is the favorite? All of them return to 140 for songs and prayers, while they wait for parents to come for them.

Teachers are volunteers who help with Gateways. Some read the story. Some lead the various activities. Some help the activity leader. Usually, that volunteer is there for only one Sunday morning, occasionally two. Please consider being a teacher. Say "yes" to Joe Cash when he asks you.



Kids In Christ made some of the signs and posters for the Kick- Off. This was their first activity for the year. Beth Forsberg leads this group of children, ages 4-12, in a variety of activities each month. They might go for a hike. They might make cards for home bound church members. They might go Trick or Treating for UNICEF. They might go to see a special movie. Ask Beth what she has planned for the group for this year.

MaTT Club is a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, at the table with Jesus.



We had our kick-off "Wild About Jesus in the Wild, Wild West" party on Sunday, August 23. Ten children and numerous adults had a rip-roarin' time. Some of the western duds sported included, boots, cowboy hats, bandannas, vests, bandanna print skirts, and western checked shirts. The children and their parents played "cowpoke" games like tin can shoot, pan for gold, brand the calf, needle in a haystack, cow pie toss, horse shoes, mustang round-up, cow tipping, and ten gallon toss. Then the group came together to play cow pie step, and herd the steers.

After that we gathered at the 'Waterin' Hole' and ate "chuck wagon grub" fixed by "cookies" Alisa and Ken Simpson and Alisa's brother. We gave them a great big thank you by howling like coyotes!

We ended the evening in a circle around our 'campfire' and sang some songs, recited our benediction and had a prayer to thank God for the wonderful time we had .

I'd like to thank Kara Hertzling and Serena Loyd for helping to plan this event. Thanks also to Joe and Diane Cash and Kitty Trescott for running the games. Thanks Bob Luebbers for taking pictures of all the fun. Be watching for a display on our board in the Fellowship Hall. A big thank you to Ken and Alisa for providing our meal. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up.

This year MaTT Club will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 4-6 p.m. We will have games and activities, learning and exploring time, craft time and supper. I always need people to help. We especially need people to provide supper. A sign-up sheet will be posted on Faith Development's bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help.



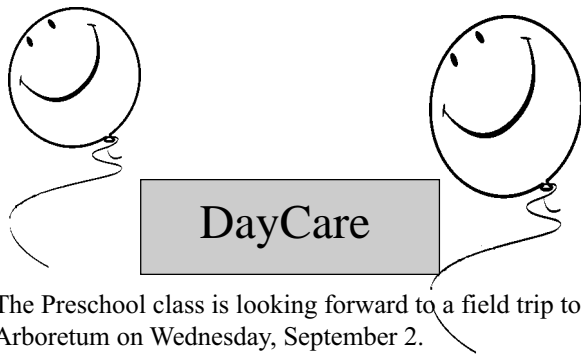
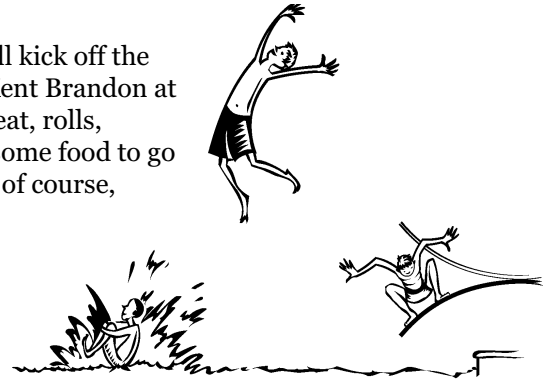
Calling All Youth!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to be part of the junior- senior high youth group at First Presbyterian Church this year.

Our first activity will be on Sunday, September 13, 2009. We will kick off the year with a picnic and pool party at the home of the Linda and Kent Brandon at 3550 Chautauqua Rd. from 12:30- 2:30 pm. I will supply the meat, rolls, condiments, drinks and paper goods. Each youth should bring some food to go along with the meat, such as chips, fruit, veggies, or salad. And, of course, bring bathing suits, towels and sunscreen!

The following Sunday, Sept. 20, the youth are invited to the church ice cream social which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church from 4-6 pm.

Hope to see you all soon! Questions? Contact Cindy Buys.



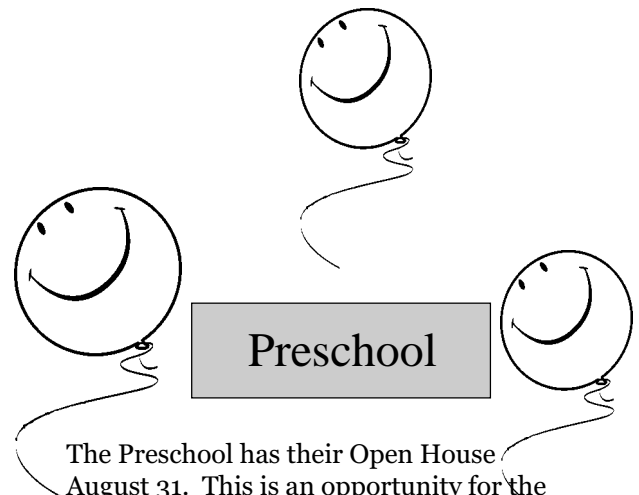
The Preschool class is looking forward to a field trip to the Arboretum on Wednesday, September 2.

On Friday, September 11 we will be having our annual Grandparents Day snack. We will be upstairs in Fellowship Hall; at 3:15 pm. Everyone's Grandparents are welcome to attend.

Thursday September 24, The Three year olds and the Preschool class have a field trip planned to go to Fire Station 1.

On September 1, we will begin two fund raising projects. (1) Make your own Little Cesar's pizza kits. (2) selling candles, wrapping paper, candy, etc. .If anyone would like to help us by buying pizza kits or other items please let us know be calling 529-1551.

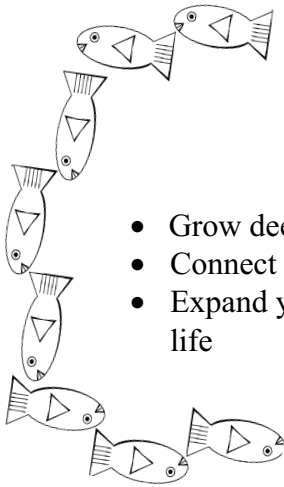
A special thanks to Bill Schwegman and Joe Cash for fixing the water problem in the play room. Thank you, David Chamness for fixing our water fountain.



The Preschool has their Open House August 31. This is an opportunity for the parents, students and teachers to meet each other before starting classes the next day.

The Frogs class is full this year. Miss Lucia and Miss Nickki will be working with the Frogs this year. Miss Ann will be helping Miss Beth in the Tadpoles and Polliwog classes besides filling the Director's duties.

Plans are under way for the All School Picnic this month which is always a lot of fun! The Preschool is looking forward to another great year.



Get Connected . . . Small Groups Ministry

There is a Group for You!

- Grow deeper in your relationship with God
- Connect with others in the church community
- Expand your vision of what God can do through and in your life

We are beginning our Fall schedule of Small Groups. These include morning and evening Bible Studies; Women's Groups; Men's Groups; Current Events Discussions; Movie Night Group; Restaurant Group; Book Discussion Group; Yarning Group. . .

We invite you to nurture, connect and grow in your faith through participation in a church group. The Small Group bulletin board in the Narthex lists a contact person for each group. Indicate your interest to any of these persons or to the Small Group Ministry team:

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| Karen Hippensteel – Elder | Sue Bailey – at large |
| Marta Davis – Elder | Phyllis Beck – at large |
| | Harry Davis – at large |
| | Flossie Langin – at large |



We're starting rehearsals on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome and encouraged to share their musical gifts.

A bell's not a bell until you ring it . . .

Are you looking for a new way to serve your church? The **Handbell Choir** invites you to join us for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall as we prepare to participate in the Sunday worship service monthly.

Benefits of handbell ringing:

1. Developing self-discipline
2. Experiencing team work
3. Developing artistic expression
4. Enjoying social interaction
5. Training in motion skills
6. Practicing stress management
7. Helping others & helping yourself
8. Learning music
9. Enhancing worship services
10. Praising God through music

Skills needed: It is helpful, but not necessary, to have previous handbell experience or to be able to read music. — we start with the basics of handbell ringing.

Use this opportunity to witness as well as minister the joy and love of Jesus to others. If you are interested, contact any of current bell choir member or Karen Hippensteel at 684-4282 khippensteel@yahoo.com.



Membership Ministry

Meet Our Members Check out the bulletin board in the narthex that features members of the church, complete with photographs and biographical sketches that are guaranteed to help you get to know our members. Feeling left out

that you have not yet been featured on the *Meet Our Members* bulletin board? Just complete the *Meet Our Members* Information Sheet, turn it in to the church office, and you too can have your 15 minutes of fame!

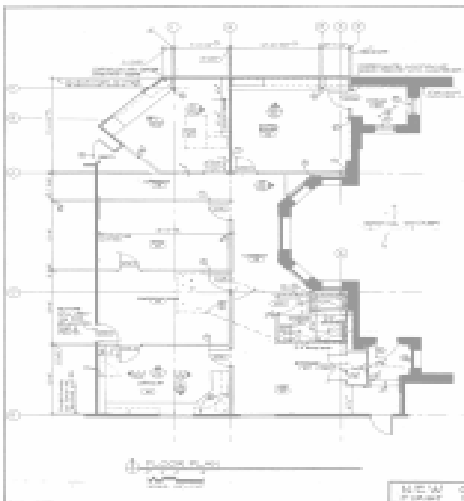
Week of Welcome By the time you read this we will have completed one of our major outreach efforts to new SIUC students, which involves going to a new student orientation celebration on the SIUC campus where we provide information and a big FPC (First Presbyterian Church) welcome to new students. We give students a packet of microwave popcorn as well as a packet of information about our church as a way of welcoming them to the community and inviting them to be a part of our church.

Neighborhood Campaign At a recent Session meeting the Membership and Mission Ministries were encouraged to enhance outreach to our neighbors (those who live within several blocks of First Presbyterian Church). These efforts are geared toward enhancing two-way communication/interaction between FPC and local neighbors and follows on the substantial efforts of Bob Luebbers over the past several years. Our church's next event in this campaign involves meeting the neighbors; church members will go door-to-door to meet and greet (and, to provide neighbors with homemade cookies and literature about FPC).

We generated a number of additional ideas to enhance neighborhood communication and interaction, one of which has already begun. It involves an FPC Facebook presence. Facebook is a social networking Internet site where individuals or groups post information about themselves. Others are then invited to view the Facebook page and interact by posting comments to the page. Facebook is a major method by which college age individuals communicate with one another; because many of our neighbors are in this age group we hope this will be a method with which they feel comfortable to interact with us. Pastor Janice has already created a Facebook page for FPC and we will be inviting neighbors to become our church's Facebook friends.

Visitors This is one time of year when we often have new faces at services as folks new to the Carbondale area arrive and seek a church home. Thanks to all who welcome newcomers by extending—literally and figuratively—the hand of friendship. Remember, it takes only one person to make a difference! If you happen to find yourself talking with people interested in membership or just wanting more information about our church please be sure to have them talk with Pastor Janice or anyone on the Membership Ministry (Rhoda Ashby, Diane Cash, Melissa Jensen, or Ken Simpson).

Discovery Class There are times when individuals decide to explore more fully what it means to have a connection with First Presbyterian Church. Discovery Class was instituted for this purpose and will be meeting again probably in late September or early October. Folks interested in membership with our church are especially encouraged to attend. If you or someone you know is interested in attending the next Discovery Class please contact Pastor Janice, Diane Cash, or Ken Simpson.



Office Renovation

By the time you read this we hope to be in the new office area. As of Aug. 20 the Office area was essentially finished except for a little painting and some miscellaneous items. The final inspection was scheduled for August 26, new telephone system on August 27 and "move in" on the 28.

New furniture will be arriving in September. Once everything is done and the new furniture is in place an Open House will follow. The project was held within the amount of money we had set aside but we did finish later than we had hoped.

Planning has started for finishing Fellowship Hall but this will take some borrowed money or a fund raiser or both to be able to

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finish it. We would hope that 2010 would see it finished thus completing the expansion program started several years ago.

At the time of this writing Universal Glass (Ellis & Tim Mitchell) had started working on the new shield for the East stained glass window. If good weather holds perhaps this project can be largely finished yet this year. Keep up the good work Ellis & Tim.



The parking lot due West of Fellowship Hall is due to be resealed and restriped soon. Greg Merideth, owner of Merideth Funneral Homes, is sharing the cost which we appreciate very much.

The Youth Room Lighting Project, which has been in limbo for a year or two, will hopefully be completed later this year also. All of the lights have been acquired and an electrician has given us a proposal to wire everything up which has been accepted.



The Personnel Ministry has completed the annual staff evaluations for the pastor and the music director. The process included self-evaluations, detailed review by a sub-committee of the ministry, input from six members of the congregation, and a final review by the entire ministry team.

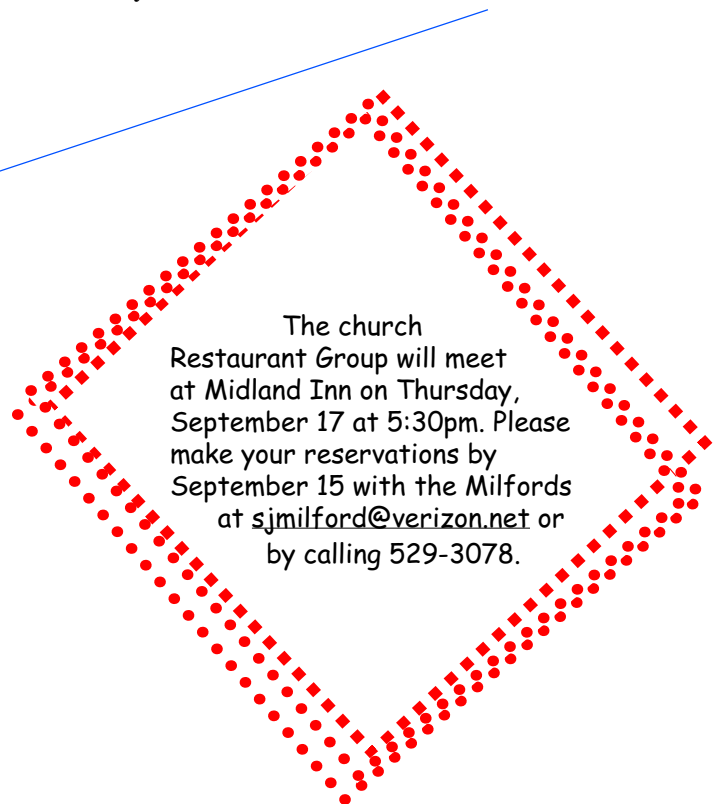
The review process enabled us to clarify roles and expectations and to identify areas of emphasis for the coming year. We are fortunate to be able to enjoy the leadership of two such talented individuals. We look forward to an even higher level of accomplishment in the coming year.

While it was useful to receive input from a few members of the congregation, the ministry would welcome more. Feel free to offer praise and constructive criticism throughout the year. Once again, we would remind you that written communication with the members of the ministry is most effective.

John Baker, Elder
Allan Bennett
Susan Corker
Neal Foland
Joan McKissic
Andrew Waterman



Don't forget! If you have updates to information in the church directory, contact the church office now at 549-2148 so we can have information that is as accurate as possible in the new directory edition.



The church Restaurant Group will meet at Midland Inn on Thursday, September 17 at 5:30pm. Please make your reservations by September 15 with the Milfords at sjmilford@verizon.net or by calling 529-3078.

Worship

Training sessions are scheduled four Saturdays this fall for those who assist with various parts of worship - **Ushers, Communion Servers, Children's Time presenters**, and a general session on incorporating **Multiple Intelligences** in our worship experiences.

We strongly encourage everyone who has participated in these roles in the past to attend. However, these are **OPEN TO ALL** who are interested in participating in any of these areas. **Sign-up sheets are posted on the Worship Bulletin Board.** A light lunch will be served between training sessions.

Saturday, September 12 -

11:30 a.m. - Ushers' Time Training

12:30 p.m. - Light Lunch The Parking Lot due West of Fellowship Hall is due to be resealed yet this fall and restriped. Greg Merideth has agreed to pay for half the cost which we appreciate very much.

1:00 p.m. - Communion Servers' Training

Cut-off date for signing up: Tuesday, Sept 8

Meet in the Fellowship Hall and move to Sanctuary as needed.

Saturday, October 3 -

11:30 a.m. - Children's Time Training

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Multiple Intelligences' Training

Details to follow.

Make-up sessions will follow the same format:

Oct. 24 - Ushers and Communion Servers

Nov. 14 - Children's Time and Multiple Intelligence

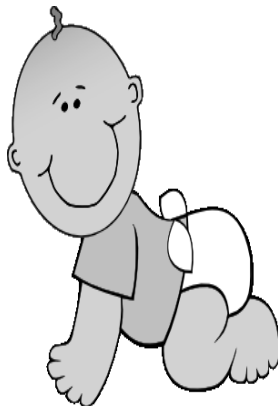
What's coming up:

- Outdoor Service - Sunday, August 30
- Native-American Awareness - Sept. 20
- World-Wide Communion - Oct. 4
- All Saints' Day - Nov. 1
- Advent Vespers

Diaper Drive

Our "Diaper Drive" has been very successful: as of the third Sunday in August, we've collected 66 packages containing nearly 3900 diapers! All diapers will be donated to the Women's Center, which has an ongoing urgent need for diapers. Diapers are a necessity for young children: infants need up to 12 diapers per day, and toddlers need about 8 diapers per day. An adequate supply of disposable diapers could cost over \$100 per month, yet the purchase of disposable diapers is not supported by any sources of public assistance such as WIC.

Our August diaper collection was just a beginning. Pending Session approval, First Presbyterian will be sponsoring a community-wide Diaper Bank – a central location for the ongoing collection of and distribution of diapers to the Women's Center and other community agencies. More information will be in next month's newsletter, but in the meantime, keep bringing packages of diapers to church as we continue to "Serve God's People."



Neighborhood Meeting

Carbondale First Presbyterian will host a neighborhood meeting Wednesday, September 2 at 7 p.m. to discuss what we can do to assure a safe neighborhood. Police Chief O'Guinn and City Manager Allen Gill will be attending the meeting. This meeting is being coordinated by the Arbor District Neighborhood Association and is intended to be an open forum for all the neighbors and church members. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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Remember that First Presbyterian is one of the main suppliers of the food pantry during the month of September

Foods on the Most Needed list are:

Rice
Egg Noodles
Rice a Roni and other mixes
Pork N Beans, Kidney Beans, etc.
Soup
Canned Meals (Ravioli, Chili, etc.)
Crackers
Cereal - Dry Cereal or Instant
Oatmeal
Peanut Butter
Lemonade and Kool- Aid
Dry Milk

Other Helpful Items:

Plastic Bags - Used
Baby Food and Formula
Vegetable Oil
Jelly
Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent
Empty Dish Detergent Bottles



Not needed - Currently well-supplied by the government

Macaroni and Cheese
Vegetables - especially no green beans or corn
Beef Stew
Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce and Tomato Sauce
Fruit - especially no applesauce

****Please note especially that we are in need of **plastic grocery bags**. Many thanks!

Another Opportunity for Food Pantry Service

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers with vans or pickup trucks to help with picking up food donations. We are fortunate to receive regular donations from some businesses and the Farmer's Market, and we're excited to report that the Carbondale Wal-Mart has just begun to give us dated items from their bakery, produce, deli and meat departments. Volunteers who are available when the products need to be picked up would be greatly appreciated. Help can be on a regular or occasional basis. If you can help, please call Margie at 549-7193.

Wal-Mart - Monday and Friday mornings after 9 a.m. (Also Wednesdays for Good Samaritan House)

Schnuck's - Mondays around 10:30 a.m.

Farmer's Market - Saturdays 11:30 a.m.

OOPS!

This appeared in some other newsletter, not ours.

The Girl's Club will meet this morning to discuss the upcoming year. Be there to discuss our fall.

Would *autumn* have been a better choice of words?

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September 24, 1859 was a "momentous day" It marks the date our first house of worship opened on Monroe St. with twelve new members and eight children added to the roll.

Tuesday, September 24, 1953 marked our Church's Centennial Luncheon and Women's Association Bazaar.