



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Training Sessions  
Oct. 3 & 24

Pastor Janice's Turkish  
Travels - Oct. 4

Interfaith Dialogues  
Oct. 5 & 19

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Oct - 17

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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

### Phone Extensions:

Janice 101  
Carlyn: 106  
Barb 100  
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# Heroes

and

# Sheroes



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Heroes and Sheroes Dinner will be held Saturday, October 17. Watch the bulletin board in the narthex for more details, including the opportunity to nominate members of our church family as your heroes and sheroes. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. to share a potluck dinner (BBQ and drinks will be provided) and honor those who have been nominated. Don't miss this opportunity to share a meal and your thanks!



**Save the date** and polish your dancing shoes! The Swingin' Seniors will be lighting up Fellowship Hall with great dance tunes on Friday, November 13 from 7-9 p.m. Do you know someone outside the church who might like to attend? Bring them along; all are welcome!



Presbyterian  
Women

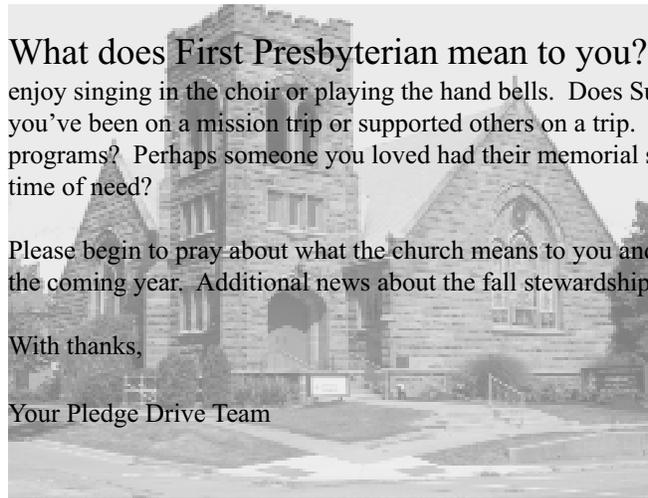
The October meeting will be at the home of Marion Olssen, 1004 Briarwood Carbondale. Evelyn Engelking will present the lesson.

What does First Presbyterian mean to you? Perhaps you were married in the church. Perhaps you enjoy singing in the choir or playing the hand bells. Does Sunday worship sustain your spirit during the week? Perhaps you've been on a mission trip or supported others on a trip. Have your children or grandchildren participated in church programs? Perhaps someone you loved had their memorial service at the church. Has a Deacon brought you a meal in a time of need?

Please begin to pray about what the church means to you and how you can support the church's missions and activities in the coming year. Additional news about the fall stewardship season will be distributed soon. Watch for it!

With thanks,

Your Pledge Drive Team



### David Kenney

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Welcome to the World. . .  
Kaden Lyle Langin – son of  
Jennifer Langin, brother of  
Kierra, and grandson of Chet &  
Flossie Langin

**TRAINING SESSIONS** for Children's Time and Multiple Intelligences' is scheduled for October 3

We strongly encourage those who already participated in Children's Time and those who are new to the job to attend. A light lunch will be provided as well as daycare.

Saturday, October 3

11:00 - 1:00  
Children's Time Training/  
Multiple Intelligences'

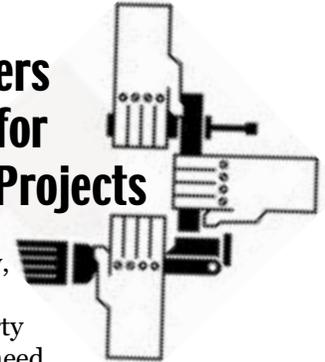
Make up sessions

October 24- Ushers and  
Communion

November 14 - Children's Time



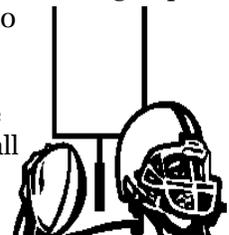
## Volunteers Needed for Special Projects



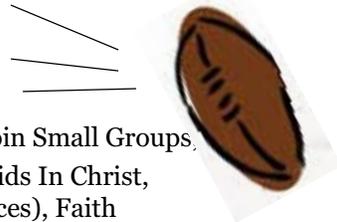
The Stewardship Ministry, which is the Ministry that looks after Church Property among other things, has need from time to time for additional volunteers to help with a specific project. As an example we recently had to move several pieces of furniture from the old office to the new office. A little extra help would have been nice. If we had a list of people along with their phone numbers who would be willing to help work on Church manual labor projects on a project by project basis it would be most helpful. That way we could give you a call and explain what we need and you could accept or reject the challenge. We have a wide range of projects, as you can, imagine, because it is just like working on a big 100 year old house, it needs a little of everything. Check the Stewardship Bulletin Board for the sign up sheet and if you have a little time and a little talent we could use you from time to time. We promise not to over work you and if at any time you want to drop out you may do so.

### The Dinner Group

met on September 17 at Midland Inn and enjoyed some good food and conversation. Jim and Sarah Milford were the hosts for the gathering. Next month Judy and Steve Dawson are the hosts and they plan to take us to the Stadium Grill which will be a new place for the group. The date is October 15 at 5:30 p.m. so watch for the announcement in the Bulletin as to when it is time to make reservations then call Judy and Steve at 457-7776 or email Dawsonstevejudy@aol.com



## TERRIFIC KICK-OFF



Ready for the action? Join Small Groups, Handbells, Gateways, Kids In Christ, Bible Study (several choices), Faith Dialogues, MaTT Club, Youth Group, Choir, Men's Group, Book Discussion, Youth classes, Eat outs, Quench Group, Presbyterian Women, Yarning to Make a Difference, or Pizza & Movie Night. And so much more. Check the days, times and places for all those activities: Newsletter, Bulletins, Bulletin Boards,

special notices and mailings. Tell the person in charge you want to be included. Leave a note in the church office to be put on the contact list. There's always room for more! Even if you can not be active right now, join the group whenever you are able.

A special thank you goes to the Kids In Christ who made the decorations and posters for the Kick-off. They were just right! More activities for Kids In Christ will be coming up real soon. Trick or Treat for UNICEF is one of the highlights for the year. Everyone can wear their costumes. After collecting for UNICEF the group comes back to church for a snack and some time together.



The children's Christian Education program begins the year with lessons about Moses: 1) as a baby rescued from the Nile River, 2) as a leader of the Israelites receiving the 10 Commandments. Every Sunday morning right after worship, the children ages 4-11 come to room 140. They have a snack and listen to a story before going to their activity for the morning. There are two activities for two age groups most Sundays. The first four weeks include art, games and puzzles, movie presentation, and discovery. Parents are welcome to stay with their child(ren) during those activities or may participate in one of the adult options .

### Letter from Jitendra Gahan

*My love and greetings to you may God bless you. Today, I am too happy. I have received your kind letters. There are no computers in our school. I am reading thoughtfully. We are reading at the cyclone shelter building. Our house is made with straw and clay. Our house color is gray. This year I will read in class IV.*

*Jitendra*



### Trick or Treat with GFF

**Growing Families in Fellowship** (GFF) is a small group for families with young children (and anyone else who would like to join us). We invite you to come trick-or-treating in Carbondale on October 31, 2009. We will meet at Pastor Janice's house at 6:00 p.m. for snacks and beverages. Come in costume! We will trick or treat around her block, which is well lit and paved, and wrap up around 7:30 p.m. For more information or directions, call Mary Louise Cashel (457-6892).

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

**MaTT Club** held its first meeting on Sunday September 13. The eight children who attended were: Kellyn and Luke Daly, Ethan Forsberg, Carly Hertzling, Kierra Langin, Abby Langin, and Elwood and Joseph Prest.

We started the year with the story of creation. Each child chose a part of the creation story and acted it out as we read the story. After that we made Creation Bracelets, using different colored beads to represent each day of creation.

This year we are making "Journey with Jesus" books. Our first page was Destination Creation. Each child filled their page with pictures of things God created. We will continue to add to these books all year to remind us of each stop that we make.

The children paired up with each other and drew pictures of places they saw creation continuing today. Then we put the pieces on the bulletin board in a circle around a picture of the earth.

Ask any of the children to tell you our memory verse from tonight. Hint: it's the first verse in the Bible!

We ended the evening with a Prayer Circle. After praying together, each child drew the name of



another MaTT Club friend to pray for until our next meeting. As the children pray for someone else they can remember that someone else is praying for them.

The children enjoyed a spaghetti supper ending with brownies. Thank you supper helpers, Jennifer Langin and Serena Loyd.

Thank you adult helpers, Kara Hertzling and Frances Gilman.

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## *Calling all Youth*



## Hunger and Halloween

In honor of World Food Day on October 16, 2009, the youth will be focusing on activities to raise awareness about and alleviate hunger during the month of October. On Sunday, October 4, we will meet at church at 4 pm to go on a scavenger food hunt to collect food for the Food Pantry. Don't be surprised if youth knock on your door asking for donations of food! We will return to church and make dinner and have time for fellowship after the hunt is over.

Many of the youth do not have school on Friday, October 9, so we plan to spend some time that morning volunteering at the Food Pantry at the Baptist Church on Oakland Avenue. More details will be provided in letters to the youth.

We will meet on Sunday, October 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for dinner and games in Fellowship Hall at church.

And finally, we hope to end the month by visiting a haunted house or taking a haunted hay ride on Halloween weekend. Details TBA.

All youth are invited to participate! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Buys.



## Iftar Reflections

Over the summer, the study group engaged in thoughts around Eugene March's book, God's Taperstry: Reading the Bible in a World of Religious Diversity. The final two chapters asked the readers to consider being open to being in conversation with those of another religious background. Three days after we finished the study, Pastor Janice received an email from the Intercultural Dialogue Student Association (IDSA) on campus – the folks who sponsored the Turkey trip she took in May – *could they bring the Iftar – the meal which breaks the daily fast during the Islamic month of Ramadan – could they bring the meal to share with us?*



Over thirty members and friends of the congregation gathered to welcome around fifteen folks from the IDSA on September 10. We were treated to a *wonderful* meal (which included Turkish Baklava), great conversations, an enlightening talk about Islam, Ramadan and Muslim practices of faith. Pastor Janice shared a few words about her trip, and we were presented a gift – a beautiful Turkish plate, which is on display in the church office. Participants are interested in hosting our new friends for a meal in the near future.



**Bible Study** has begun its Sunday morning lessons. The group meets in the parlor, right after Fellowship time. Have a "Book" you want to explore with others? Interested in hearing what others have to say about a passage, or story? This is a good group with whom to share your interest.

**Faith Dialogues** will focus on Carbondale community service groups. The first one in September was a presentation by Randy Osborne, the director of the Boys and Girls Club. On September 27, Deborah Hogg will talk about the Hospice Program in this area.

For October 4 Jane Swanson will present a study/discussion from *The Thoughtful Christian* about Health Care Reform. There is much to learn about this current topic.

On October 11 Bart Trescott will be presenting a review/discussion from the book, "The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty" by Peter Singer. Bart always is able to present the information in a most concise and interesting way.

The October 18 presentation "Facing the Empty Nest" with Alisa Simpson leading the discussion promises to be a fun time to explore possibilities for preparing for what can be a productive time in your life.

Good topics for discussion are being developed for the rest of the fall and winter. If there is a subject you are interested in hearing about, please let any of the members of Faith Development know.

Faith Dialogues is presented every Sunday morning following the time of Fellowship. Bring your coffee to the chapel to share in these discussions.

## On Hand Clapping

How do you define worship? If you ask ten people this question, you will probably get ten different answers. However, most people agree that in order to worship God, one must be willing to submit their own personal responses and desires and be aware of God's presence in their lives. Recently, comments have been made by several people in the congregation about applauding during our services and how that affects worship. It is appropriate to show honor to one another but not at the cost of denying honor to God.

The performance of a singer or pianist on the stage is supposed to call attention to the skill or ability of the artist. Thus, it is appropriate to applaud or withhold applause in terms of how you value the skill or ability of the performer. Congregations are not audiences, however, and leaders of worship are not performers.

The role of the liturgist (and of the choir, organist, special musicians and ushers) is to enable the congregation as they participate in worship, not to win people's approval. If the worship leaders draw attention to themselves and seem to ask for applause, then they are not fulfilling their roles. Likewise, to applaud a solo, a dance, or a sermon is to draw attention to the means rather than to the end.

There are times when applause is spontaneous; a universally positive response, but applause can also be like a wet puppy- once let in the house it is difficult to control. Applause may make people self-conscious, demeaning their musical offerings to God to that of a performance. Furthermore, applause can lead to a sense of competition. If we applaud the choir's anthem today, why didn't we applaud last Sunday? Do we applaud every Sunday, every event, every person? Do we withhold applause for a particularly good anthem so the musicians will work harder?

Thus, we ask you to be aware of God's presence and your response to that presence in our worship services. Certainly the musicians and other worship leaders like to feel that their efforts are appreciated. We ALL need to feel valued, but perhaps a simple "Amen" or "Thanks be to God" will communicate that during the service. Adding personal comments and words of appreciation during the Fellowship period is a great time to let the individuals know how much their efforts have assisted you as you worship God, our Creator.

The Worship Team



## Membership Ministry

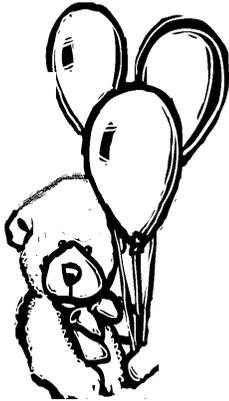
**Week of Welcome** We completed one of our major outreach efforts to new SIUC students, which involves going to a new student orientation celebration on the SIUC campus where we provide information and a big FPC (First Presbyterian Church) welcome to new students. We talked with many of the students, and gave out literally hundreds of packets of microwave popcorn and information about our church as a way of welcoming them to the community and inviting them to worship with us.

**Visitors** It has been one year since our ministry commenced a new method to connect with visitors. In that time, there have been 187 (YES! 187!!) recorded visitors (that is, visitors who provided us with some information). As best as we can

determine, 128 (68%) of the 187 were "actual" visitors (i.e., not guests of FPC members), while 59 (32%) were guests of members. This is an average of nearly two actual visitors and one guest visitor each week.

It is vital for all of us to be aware of these visitors; they rarely arrive or leave with fanfare so it can be easy to overlook them. Imagine, however, the impression on church members if all 128 actual visitors showed up on just one Sunday instead of trickling in a couple at a time! We would have an overwhelming impression of very real possibility. Potential new members are floating in and out of our church all the time—especially during this time of year as people new to the Carbondale area arrive and seek a church home. Thanks to all who welcome newcomers.

*God's Wisdom Honors Children and Youth*



**Help celebrate** this Interfaith Event on Sunday, October 25 from 3:30 to 4:30, at the Carbondale Civic Center. Join other groups as they come together to celebrate Human Rights, "God's Wisdom Honors Children and Youth". Children are invited to share their music and singing, their speaking, and their presentation of skits and ideas relating to this theme. Or perhaps, you have been working with a youth oriented program. Here is the chance to share that activity with others. Margie Parker will be glad to answer questions you might have about this event. Call her at 549-7193



**Announcing a "New Arrival": The Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois**

Our August "Diaper Drive" was very successful: we collected over 100 packages containing nearly 6000 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.

But our August diaper collection was just a beginning. First Presbyterian is now launching a new community-wide mission project: The Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois, which serves as a central location for the ongoing collection of diapers to distribute to the Women's Center and other community agencies. The Diaper Bank is an expansion of what we did in August, on a much broader scale. We will be soliciting diapers from more individuals and groups, and will be distributing them to more agencies and their clients.

The next step is to get the word out to the broader community, and encouraging other people to hold diaper drives in their workplaces, churches, or community groups. If you are interested in helping with the Diaper Bank, contact Jane Swanson ([diaperbanksi@gmail.com](mailto:diaperbanksi@gmail.com)).

Thanks so much for your enthusiastic response during the month of August – now let's continue to move forward as we launch the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois, to "Serve God's People."

**Daycare**



The children in the two year old class, the three year old class and the Preschool class had fun at the fire station. They got to see fire truck and all the different things that fire fighters have to wear and they even got to spray the fire hose.

School pictures will be taken on October 20.

This month we plan to have lots of fun on field trips to Bandy pumpkin patch The trip is for children in the two year old class, the three year old class and the Preschool class.

This will be an ideal time to pick out our pumpkins for Halloween.

The Halloween/fall party/parade will be Friday October 30 at 3:15 in the fellowship hall. Plan to join us if you can.

**Preschool**



The Fall School Potluck was held at Turley Park. While the day started with rain the it ended with wonderful weather. There was a good turn out of parents, children and the food, as usual, was so good!

All the children have been working on Apple units this past month. The Frogs and Tadpoles went to Rendlemans Orchard to see the apples and how they are picked and packed. Each child received some apples and juice.

The 3 & 4 year olds had their eyes and ears checked by the Health Department last week. There are now 29 spaces filled in the Preschool—two more than total enrollment last year.



## NEW OFFICE SUITE

“As those who seemingly *live* in the church office, we are so grateful for the completion of the new space. While we recognize that there are still some things which need to happen – the arrival of the furniture, finding places for new things, dedicating the space – we are very happy to be in, and using the space for what it was created to be.” Janice and Barb



Please know that you are most welcome in the office space, but due to security issues, the door to the office space will most often be locked. Any of the staff can instruct you on the code to the office (and workroom) doors, so that you can get in anytime the church building is open. The door to the office suite will be open on Sunday mornings before and after worship.

In the **Workroom** you will find the copy machine (please remember that if you would like to make color copies you will need to speak with Barb or Janice first), work tables, poster board, paper (of all sorts, sizes, colors and textures), all of the supplies you would need to write (pens, pencils – electric pencil sharpener is on the counter – markers), staple (staplers – regular and long, are available – as are staples), tape (cellophane, masking, box and others), clip (paper clips, binder clips, and fasteners) and cut (scissors and papercutters). . .and it is all labeled. Many of the above items are in shoe boxes in the cabinets – and the boxes are clearly marked. There will soon be a notebook on the counter, which will tell you where to find the materials you are looking for. **Please, please, please – pick up after yourself!!** If you use something, put it away! If you take something large out of the workroom, sign it out (a notebook for that is available, as well). If something is running low, make a note of it and put it in Barb's box. It is kinda of like toilet paper and toothpaste at home – you never want to reach in the cabinet and find that there is none there! Also, please see Barb or Janice if you would like to find a place for some of the things your ministry regularly uses. While we have a lot more space than we had in the prior office space, we all know that it doesn't matter how much space we have, we can always fill it up!

The **Conference Room** currently has a small table and chairs in it. A larger, conference table and chairs

will soon be arriving. This room is the perfect spot for meetings! The Pastor's Bible study will be meeting in there on Wednesday evenings, and we expect that several of the ministry teams will want to make use of the space as well. To that end, there will be a monthly calendar posted on the door. If you expect to use the space, please consult the calendar – *and let Barb know, so that she can add it to the big calendar.* Once the room is furnished, there will be Bibles, paper, pen/pencils available in the room. The church's WiFi can be accessed from that space, as well. This room can be accessed from both the church office door, and the hallway door (between the church office and the youth room).

Speaking of the Youth Room – the lighting project for that space is nearly completed, and we look forward to new blinds in that room (to replace the well-worn vinyl blinds) at the same time that blinds are installed in the Pastor's office and the hallway areas adjacent to her office.

The large bulletin board in the entry hallway has many of the items which were on or around the door to the old office space. You will find the sign-up for sanctuary flowers there, as well as the monthly church calendar, the monthly Sunday morning volunteers chart, and other announcements and flyers. We will also be adding a white board to note hospitalizations and pastoral care needs.

“It is your office space. . .and as the staff you have hired and called, we look forward to getting fully moved in and settled in the space. If there is any way we can help you learn about the space, please let us know.”



Diane Cash gives Micheal Eldridge some knitting tips in the Yarning to Make a Difference Group



### Ralph Anderson Interfaith Dialogues

Monday, October 5 - 7:30 p.m.  
The View Baptist Church (Giant City Road)

*"Torture & Accountability:  
Where Do We Go From Here?"*

Speaker: Richard Whitney  
Interfaith Panel: Rev. Sam Foskey, Imam Haqq and Steve Low

Monday, October 19 - 7:30 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
*"Greed, The Economy and Religion 2"*

Speaker: Father Roger Karban  
Interfaith Panel: Rev. Janice West, Imam Haqq, and Sam Goldman

The Ralph Anderson Interfaith Dialogues are sponsored by the Carbondale Interfaith Council. For more information, contact Ken Starbuck (618-942-3986 cubrats@verizon.net)

### Turkish Journeys - A Travelogue

On Sunday, October 4, Pastor Janice will present photos and conversation about her spring trip to Turkey. We will gather at 5:00 p.m. for a finger food dinner (please bring something to share – and keep it finger food). The slide show will follow where the group visited, as we virtually explore Istanbul, Izmir (and Ephesus), Antalya, Konya, Cappadocia and Ankara. There will also be a display of items from the trip. Other members of the travel group will be invited to the evening, and we look forward to their reflections, as well. Child care will be provided. For more information, please see Pastor Janice.

Islam.

NOTE: during Lent, Pastor Janice will lead a class which will examine Turkey's connections to the Apostle Paul, the Christian church and



**OOPS**

This appeared in some other newsletter, not ours.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

How do you entertain an angel, maybe accurately or could it be obtusely?

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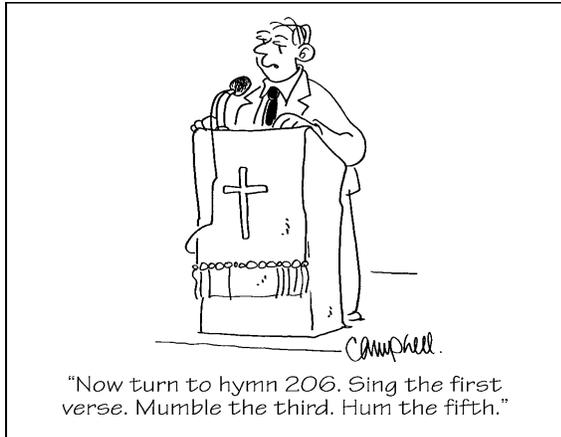
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*In the fall of 1868, city cofounder William Richart bequeathed to the Church one-half acre in Snider Cemetery "for a Presbyterian burying ground".*

*In 1951 the passing of Mrs. John Miller was a great loss. She was the only woman (to that date) to have served as a "Trustee".*