



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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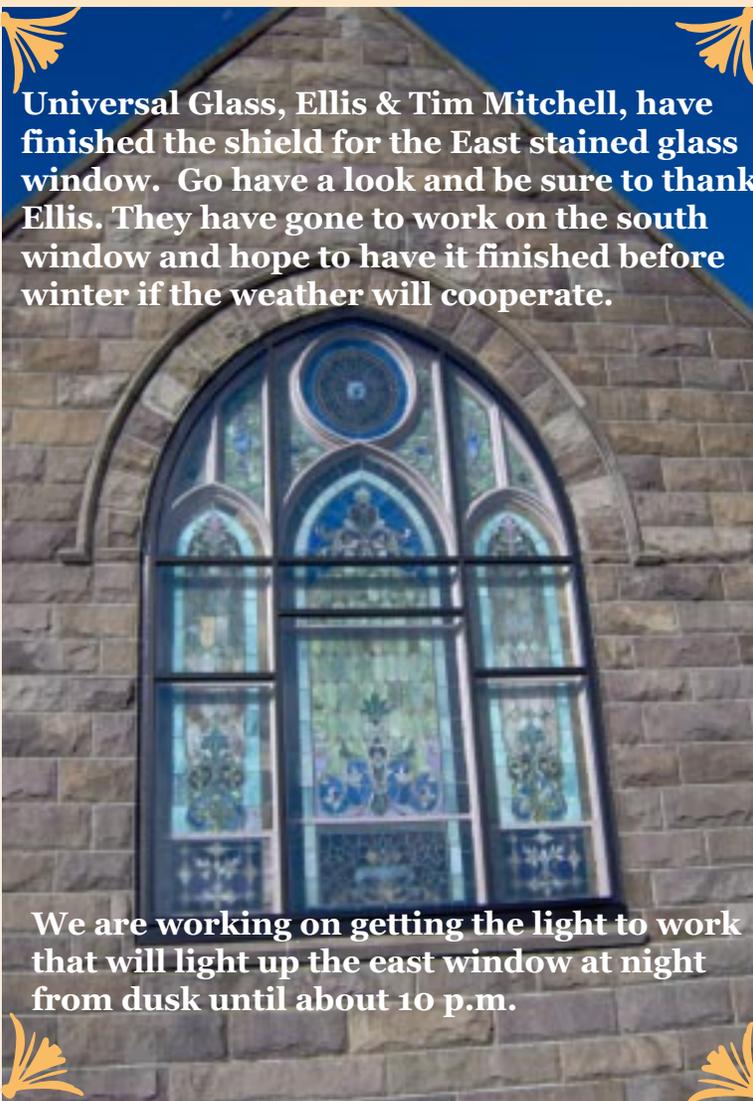
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Church Office Hours

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

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Universal Glass, Ellis & Tim Mitchell, have finished the shield for the East stained glass window. Go have a look and be sure to thank Ellis. They have gone to work on the south window and hope to have it finished before winter if the weather will cooperate.

We are working on getting the light to work that will light up the east window at night from dusk until about 10 p.m.

Photo by Bill Schwegman



Please Note:

The November 13 Harvest Moon Dance has been canceled. Swingin' Seniors band leader, Bart Trescott, and wife, Kitty, will be on a trip to China, necessitating the cancellation. The event may be rescheduled for the spring. While we'll miss dance, we wish happy travels to Kitty and Bart.



Discover Class

Discover Class (new member class) was held Sunday, September 27 following the Education Hour, beginning about 12:15 with a light lunch. Six individuals attended and joined First Presbyterian Church (FPC) as members (Transfer of Membership: Wendi Zea; Profession of Faith: Michael Eldridge, Daryl Meier, Kenneth & Latisha O'Donoghue; Affiliate Membership: Craig Ross). Representing FPC were:

John Baker, Diane Cash, Joe Cash, Judy Dawson, Kathy Manfredi, Pat Manfredi, Ken Simpson, Janice West. Catering (light lunch) was provided by Alisa Simpson. We are coordinating the hosting of a get-together for these new members, as well as Yi Ren who joined most recently. We are also excited to announce that we will be having another Discover Class in the near future so if you are interested in participating in the class and possibly joining FPC please contact Ken Simpson (simpson783@siu.edu; 618-303-1432) or Diane Cash (djcash1@excite.com; 618-985-4075).

Start warming up those vocal cords! Our third annual Christmas caroling is set for Thursday, December 17. Singers of all ages and talents will gather at the church at 6 p.m. to help share some holiday cheer. Anyone who would like a visit by the singers should contact the church office. After the signing, we'll gather at the home of Susan and John Corker for hot cocoa, pizza, and cookies. Don't miss the fun! We sing in almost ANY weather conditions!



Do you have some time to help out with a couple of projects in the church office? Barb would really appreciate some assistance – one project involves making copies and the other involves typing. We are also looking for two or three more folks to add to our roster of those willing to be in the office on days when Barb needs to be away. Interested? Stop by and chat with Barb – your help will be greatly appreciated.

The Fall Book Group is discussing Marcus J. Borg's book, *Meeting Jesus **Again** for the First Time*. The Library Journal describes the book as follows: "Borg provides an account of contemporary Jesus scholarship – told in simple language for lay readers—and of his personal struggle to find authentic, mature faith." The group will meet on Sunday evenings through November 22 for a pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. with discussion following at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to join in for any or all of the remaining sessions. Books are available in the church office. Contact Karen Hippensteel for information on meeting locations.



Current Events in a Christian Context held its first meeting in September with Ken Simpson presenting a program about "online resources for reputable charitable giving and projects." This group will meet the fourth Monday evening of each month at 7:00 at the church. Contact Harry Davis for more information.

Two new groups have begun meeting this Fall. **Growing families in Fellowship** is a group of young families who will be meeting for a Halloween gathering on October 31 at Pastor Janice's home. Contact either Mary Louise Cashel or Serena Loyd for more information about this group.

Check the Small Group Ministry bulletin board for a listing of other small groups. The church offers a wide variety of groups designed to accompany and support each other in our spiritual journey.

WORKSHOPS

The Children's Time workshop held on Saturday, Oct. 3, was a great success. Approximately fifteen people attended and participated in the training. The veteran leaders shared their ideas

Sue Bailey, Michael Eldridge, Bill Martens, Jane Swanson, and Pat Manfredi sharing ideas for Children's Time.



and knowledge with the "newbies," and we all discovered some wonderful new resources to use with our young people. If you missed the workshop on Oct. 3, it's not too late to join this fun ministry! We will be conducting a make up session on Saturday, November 14. Check the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Joe Cash & Rosie Gibbs looking through some possible material for Children's Time

WORSHIP CD'S

Do you have a friend who's not been able to attend church recently? Would you like to be able to listen again to that special anthem or sermon? CD's of each Sunday morning service are available for our homebound friends and members. Notify John Holt, Pat Manfredi, or the church office if you would like a copy of a particular service.

ALL SAINTS' DAY - NOVEMBER 1

Be sure and notify the church office of anyone that is to be remembered. Forms are available in the bulletin or from the church office.

El Dia de los Muertos

This Sunday (11-1) is All Saints' Day. It corresponds approximately with the Central American observance of El Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. We will borrow a page from this observance, and we'll have a

table set up in the back of the sanctuary so that those who wish may display a picture of a deceased friend or family member, as well as a trinket, favorite item, or other memorabilia.

If you've lost someone during this past year, please consider bringing these items for that table.

CORRECTION: Last month's article about applause during a worship service should have been entitled "One Hand Clapping" in reference to the Buddhist koan.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Just as your supper doesn't "magically" appear on your table, neither does the Lord's Supper. We are putting together a list of approximately 6 teams to assist in preparing Communion throughout the year. It takes two people approximately 30-60 minutes to set up. Set up is usually done the day before Communion. However, if you prefer it can be done early Sunday morning. We have an easy to follow "cheat sheet" with simple instructions as well as a clear mat that goes on the Communion Table to show exactly where each item is to be placed. For those who have never done it before, a member of the Worship Ministry will meet with you the first time and walk you through it. If we have six teams, no team will need to take more than two turns a year.

Please give some prayerful thought to assisting us with this important ministry. It takes each one of us working together to provide a meaningful service of worship here at First Presbyterian. If you are willing to assist with this, please contact a member of the Worship Ministry Team.

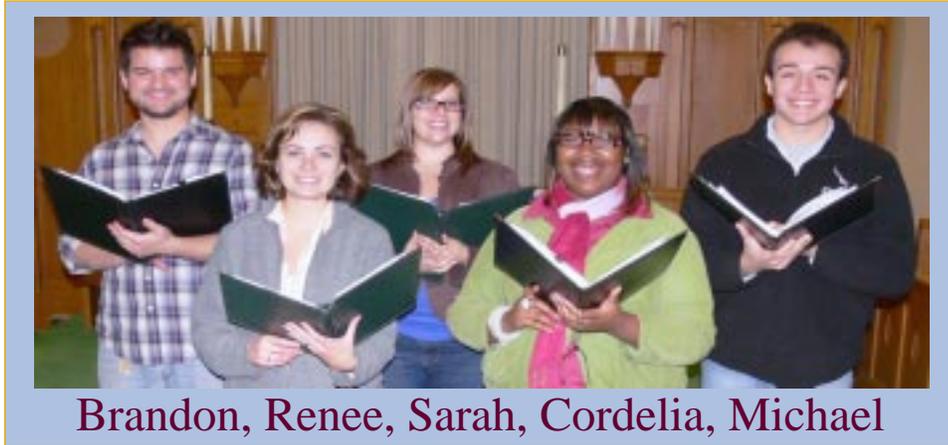
CANTATA - The 1st Presbyterian choir will be presenting Joseph M. Martin's cantata, "The Mystery and the Majesty" during Sunday morning worship, Dec. 6.

ADVENT VESPERS

Sunday evenings, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

This year to help us celebrate the season of Advent, we will have a vesper service each Sunday evening during Advent. The services will feature various musicians in our church and community. Come join us and hear the beautiful songs of the season.

Spotlighting our Section Leaders



Brandon, Renee, Sarah, Cordelia, Michael



Renee Rybolt, from Berne, Indiana, is a first year graduate student at SIUC studying Choral Conducting. She received her B.A. in Vocal Performance from Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana this past May.



Sarah Besse - A little about me...I am a Senior at SIUC studying Music Education. I am originally from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio where I was raised in a family that loves both God and Music. I love to sing and play my instruments and am excited about my future in teaching others the joy that I have gotten from it.



Cordelia E. Anderson, born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. I'm the oldest of three. I have a Bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama. I am currently finishing a Master's degree in Vocal Performance from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.



Michael Eldridge, baritone, is a senior at Southern Illinois University Carbondale where he is currently majoring in Early Childhood Education. Most recently, Michael performed as part of the Southern Illinois Music Festival chorus singing Verdi's *La Traviata* and Haydn's *Creation*. Michael has also performed with New Opera St. Louis singing in the chorus of *Samson and Delilah*, and *Rigoletto*. Michael has studied voice for six years and viola for two. Michael is an active member of First Presbyterian Church, in Carbondale, where he is involved in Quench, Yarning to Make a Difference and Choir. Michael is also a member of Mu Phi Epsilon.



Brandon Odum is a first year graduate student at SIU majoring in vocal performance. He is pleased to be joining the 1st Presbyterian Church choir after singing in the Chancel Choir at Morningside Presbyterian, his home church, in Atlanta GA.

Student Spirit Sacks



Dede and Bill Ittner have volunteered to coordinate our annual Student Spirit Sacks (SSS) activity this year. These are the treat sacks that go to students who are in college; the congregation brings items for the sacks during starting November 1. The sacks will be assembled by our middle school youth on November 22, then distributed to the college students prior to Christmas.

Please bring any of the following and put them in the SSS boxes in Fellowship Hall. Please note that all food must be in individual packets. THANKS!

Individually packaged treats suggested are:

candy
cookies
cracker & cheese
crackers & peanut butter
chewing gum
pretzels

granola bars
fruit wraps
hot chocolate
instant coffee
holiday teas
raman noodles
small calendars
holiday pens/pencils



The children started the year learning about Moses. The first series of activities featured Baby Moses and all the people involved in his care. The second series featured Moses at the end of his journey as he received the 10 Commandments from God. The activities included art, a movie, time in the computer room, games and puzzles, and drama. Mothers with babies were invited to come to talk about taking care of new babies. Warm hats were made by one group of children to be given to new babies.

Gateways meets every Sunday morning from 10:45 to noon. All the children gather in room 140 for a snack and a story before going to their activity room. Teachers read stories to the children as a way of introducing the story to the children. They return there after the activity to wait for their parents to come for them. As they wait, they sing and share a prayer. Children between the ages of 3 and 12 are welcome and sure to find this time rewarding.

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

Christmas in October?

Sounds crazy, but it's all according to plan.

We started the Fall season off with the story of Creation. From there we talked about Time. God has everything planned out for just the right time. God's plan includes the wonderful things that have happened in our lives, and the wonderful things that God has planned for us that haven't happened yet. We talked about how it is hard to wait. But that is also part of God's plan. We asked God to help us to be patient waiters like the people of Israel who waited and waited for a long time for the promised Messiah...And now that promise has been fulfilled. A tiny baby boy. It was all a part of God's great plan.

The children are especially familiar with the story of Jesus' birth after attending Marketplace last July. Times have changed a lot from 2000 years ago but the needs of babies are still the same. The children listed love, attention, and being held as important needs of infants. They agreed that some things have definitely changed, such as bottles and disposable diapers.

We played a game of *Race to the Manger* to see who could get their baby "wrapped in cloths and laid in a manger" the fastest. Our memory verse for October 11 was: **She gave birth to a son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in the manger- Luke 2:7.** We recited the verse while waving our hands, balancing on one leg, hopping and spinning. I think we know it by memory now!

We also plotted Mary and Joseph's trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem on individual maps. These



maps went in our *Journey with Jesus* books. We'll be adding to them as we travel with Jesus throughout this MaTT Club year. As soon as a place can be found to display them, the books will be available for others to see. Ask the children to show you their books and tell you about what goes on at MaTT Club.

During craft time the children made Nativities from clay with Ms. Kitty. Learning the names of the books of the Bible and whether they are in the Old Testament or the New Testament is part of the MaTT Club plan for this year. We've been doing a lot of running (literally) from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

Prayer Partners is another new activity this year. At the end of the evening, each child draws a name from the prayer basket. They pray for this child until our next meeting. As they are praying for a friend, they know that another MaTT Club friend is lifting *them* up in prayer.

At our next meeting we'll be talking about Jesus' first road trip. The children are encouraged to tell about the first time their parents took them to church.

A big thank you goes to all our adult helpers: Frances Gilman, Kara Hertzling, Jennifer Langin, Serena Loyd, and Kitty Trescott. Thank you cooks: Frances Gilman, Jenny Prest and Jennifer Langin.

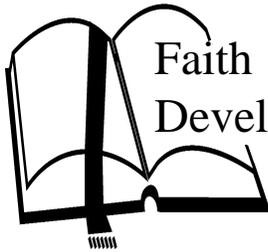


Calling all Youth!

A big THANK YOU from the youth to everyone who helped us in our work against hunger during October. We collected over 250 items for the food pantry in our Food Scavenger Hunt and spent a few hours volunteering at the food pantry along with Bill Martens and Charlene Scott to see what happens to all that food.

Upcoming Activities:

We will meet on Sunday, November 8 to watch a movie together. On Sunday, November 22, we will meet to help stuff spirit sacks and engage in other holiday-related activities. More details will be provided in letters and emails to the youth and their family, but if you have questions, please contact Cindy Buys.



Faith Development

Faith Dialogs

November 1 the Session will present the draft budget and will be available to explain how the dollar figure was arrived at. All ministries will be represented and questions are encouraged.

November 8 is a good time to be in class and learn from Pastor Janice the answer to the question "What does the Lord Require of You?"

November 15 we will hear from Cindy Buys about Immigration.

November 22 we will return to the question what does the Lord require of you, with Pastor Janice.

December 6, 13, and 20 will be Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns.



Spirit of Christmas

The Interfaith Council will again be sponsoring the Spirit of Christmas Project this year. The anonymous gift program was established over 30 years ago to make sure needy people in our area receive Christmas presents. First Presbyterian Church should receive the names assigned to us in time to get started on November 8.

The gifts go to residents of the Good Samaritan House, residents in three area nursing homes, children of migrant workers, group home residents, children receiving services from Archway and other programs.

We hope you will choose a name, or two. In many instances, the requests received from the recipients will list several items. Donors are not expected to buy all the items listed, but donors should buy at least one nice new item. The gift will very likely be the only Christmas present that person receives. If you are unable to shop, please feel free to make a donation and we will shop for you.



WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

This event, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held on Friday, November 6, 2009 at New Zion Baptist Church, 803 Robert Stalls Ave.

10:30 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch
12:15 p.m. Celebration Worship

All church women are invited to attend.

Honoring our Heroes and Sheroes. Because so many of those nominated as heroes and sheroes were unable to attend the celebratory dinner on October 17, the names of all nominees are listed below. When you see them, share your thanks!

Peter Alexander
Rhoda Ashby
Imogene Beckemeyer
Barbara Bennett
Linda Brandon
Cindy Buys
Joe Cash
Karen Hippensteel
Tom Hippensteel
Flossie Langin
Anna Mager
Kathy Manfredi
Bill Martens
Ellis Mitchell



Charlene Scott
Robbi Seibert
Charlene Scott
Barbara Stewart
Jane Swanson
Kitty Trescott
Lilly Vucinic

Heroes and Sheroes

Carlyn Zimmermann
All members of the Response
and Lock Up Teams
Everyone involved with
completing the new office space
and...
The Elders, Deacons, and all
the members who work to
make God's kingdom a better
place.



Grace Marie Brown Loos
Kempenaar was honored at the
recent Inspiring Women Banquet
for being an outstanding role
model as an educator and a caring
human being. She was cited for
being a role model for hundreds of
children and adults as a teacher
and friend. Grace is a long time
member of First Presbyterian
Church.

DAYCARE

Thank you to John Holt for making the Day Care a Water/Activity table. The children have had lots of fun with it and the staff is very appreciative.

Thank you to Bill Schwegman and Joe Cash for fixing the lights and finding light covers for the lights in the infant room.

Thank you to Diane Cash, for coming down and reading stories to the children. The children anticipate her visits and they get very excited about her coming to read to them.

We did a fund raiser and earned \$625.00 for new equipment.



Tuesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. we will be have a Thanksgiving dinner in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us.



PRESCHOOL

The Tadpoles and Frogs went to the pumpkin patch. They enjoyed the program, riding the wagon to the pumpkin patch and playing in the shed. They each picked out a small pumpkin to take home.

School pictures were taken last week so the parents would get them in time to use as Christmas presents.

The Frogs have had units about pumpkins, spiders and bats the last few weeks—so appropriate for a Halloween month!

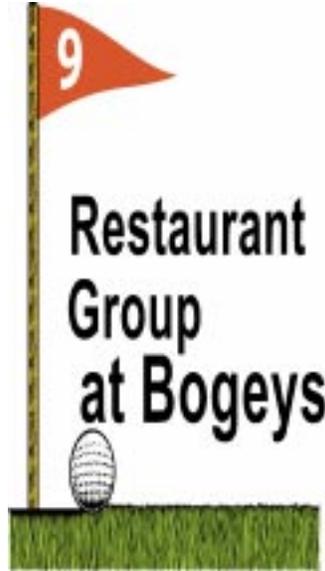
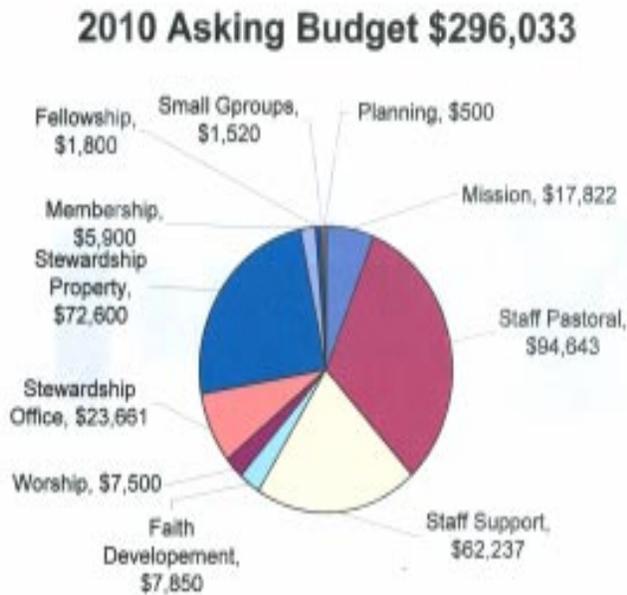


The Tadpoles and Polliwogs have been working on the five different senses each person has the and also preparing for the Fall Sing. The Sing will be Friday the 30 at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to see the the Frogs and Tadpoles sing after the Halloween walk to show off their costumes. Refreshments will be served right after the sing.

Budget

Session gave tentative approval of an asking budget to be presented to the membership on Nov. 1 in the Fellowship Hall during fellowship. Ministry leaders will explain the portion of the Budget pertaining to their Ministry and answer questions at that meeting. Pledge packets will be handed out or mailed. November 8 will be Pledge Sunday. The pie chart below which shows the amount of funds proposed for each ministry is also on the Stewardship Bulletin Board in the Narthex .



The Restaurant Group will have dinner on Thursday, November 19 at Bogeys (Stone Creek Country Club). The menu will feature prime rib, chicken or fish. Full menu and prices will be available later at sign up. The hosts are Tom and Karen Hippenstell 684-4282. Seating will be at tables for six with tablecloths and centerpieces. This will be a grand way to kick off the holiday season.

The Restaurant Group met on Thursday, October 15 at the Stadium Grill with approximately 20 people and had a lot of good conversation and food thanks to the arrangements made by Judy Dawson, thanks Judy. The November get to gether will be hosted by the Hippensteelson Thursday November 19 at a Bogeys (see above). This will be our last regularly scheduled Dinner this year. We will be passing around a sign up sheet for 2010 hosts so look at your calendar before you come next time so you can sign up for your favorite month to make the necessary arrangements. See you in November.

Your Stewardship Dollars at Work

You will notice many door and window stickers around the church alerting you to the fact that we now have a monitored security system.

It is our hope that the system will protect both our staff and children as well as church property. Thanks for making this safety measure possible.



The November meeting will be at the home of Win Mitchell, 1301 Old West Main St. Carbondale. Sue Bailey will present the lesson. Dessert at 1:00 p.m with lesson following. All women are welcome.



THANKSGIVING MEAL

At the Newman Catholic Student Center
Thursday, November 26, 2009

The Newman Catholic Student Center is sponsoring its 41st Annual Thanksgiving Day meal — free for everyone and all are welcome between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm.

Food donations (salads and desserts), monetary donations, and volunteers to help are needed. For more information, call (618) 529-3311.

News from Joe and Deborah Troester

Greetings from the Central African Republic to all our friends at First Presbyterian! Thank you for the wonderful reception you gave us this summer when we visited Carbondale. Deborah enjoyed the opportunity to preach in the same church where she was baptized as an infant, and later ordained as a pastor. We also appreciated the interest shown in our presentation after the coffee hour and later by the restaurant group at the Giant City Lodge.

Joe continues his work in providing clean water sources and hygiene training to villagers. Deborah has begun the new semester teaching Greek and English at the Theological School. She has a group of eleven students, including one woman. All are candidates for the ministry. She is also giving a weekly Bible study for the spouses of the students.

Christa's studies are going well at the Rain Forest International School in Yaounde, Cameroon, where she is a boarding school student in the 7th grade. She will be 13 years old on November 13. If you wish to send her a card, her address is: Christa Troester/UBAC Hostel, c/o SIL, B.P. 1299, Yaoundé, CAMEROON.

We want to thank you for your prayers for our friends Pastor Mirco Kuehne and his wife Rahel in the loss of their infant son due to malaria earlier this month. Please continue to uphold them and their two remaining children, Aaron (age 5) and Daniel (age 3) in your prayers. The Kuehne's work with the German Lutheran mission here in our town of Baboua.

Thanks again for your support and your prayers. If you would like to know more about what we are doing, please check out our blog: www.africanwaterlog.blogspot.com.



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OOPS

...students and staff contribute to L.A.M.P. (Lutheran Assassination of Missionaries and Pilots).

A very strange name for a church group!

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In the front of our first Church record book is an entry for Nov. 1846. It appears to be a ledger of D. H. Brush. Items are: 1 cord wood-62 cents; 1 pair shoes- 50 cents; 3 lbs. tallow- 15 cents; 8 days boarding- \$1.10; making 2 shirts- \$1.00.