



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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March

World Day of Prayer - March 6

Marketplace Planning Meeting
March 9

Daylight Saving Times Begins
March 14

Presbyterian Women Meet
March 16

Dinner Group - March 18

Games Night - March 20

Kids in Christ - March 21

Assembling Heath Kits for
Haiti - March 24

St. Jude's Trik-a-Thon
March 26

April

Montreat Registration - April 1

Easter Sunday Picnic -
April 4

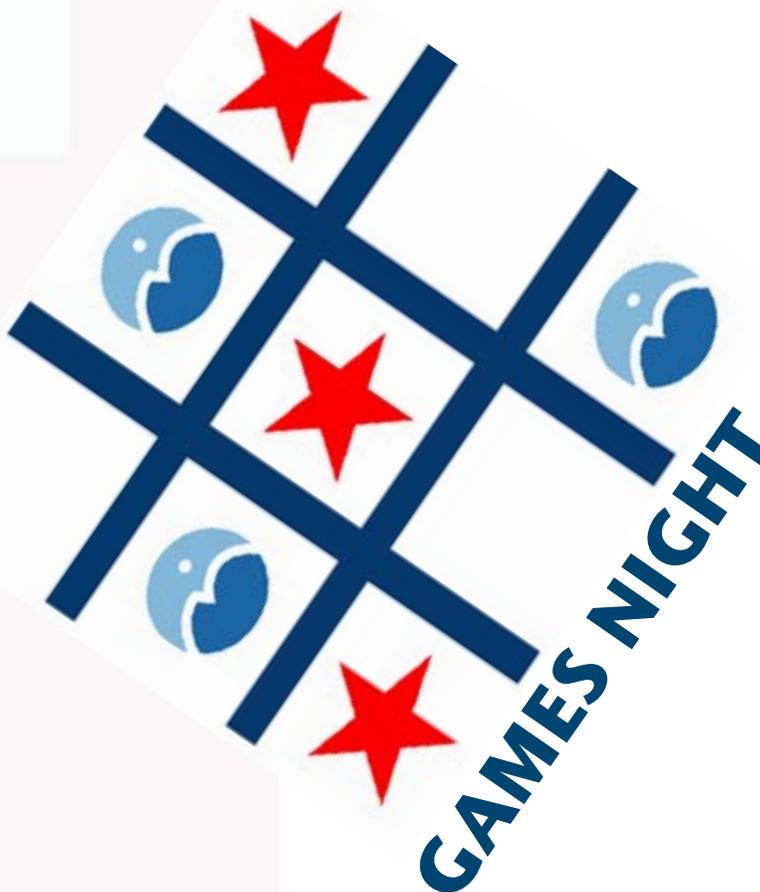
Daycare Family Fun Night
April 9

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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March 20

Fellowship Ministry will host a games night on Saturday, March 20, from 6-8 p.m. All ages are invited. Please bring games and a snack to share.



W O R S H I P

Thanks to Rev. Kim Magwire for filling the pulpit in January while Janice was gone for continuing education. Kudos to Dan Owen for lifting our visual consciousness when he filled the pulpit in February while Janice was on medical leave.



Easter is almost upon us. Order forms for Easter flowers are now available in the office and on page 8 of this newsletter. Forms are due back in the office on March 15. Please remember to pick up your flowers immediately following the Easter service.



During the Lenten season, we are focusing on prayer in our everyday lives. Healthy prayer life requires daily spiritual building in the same sense that we go to the gym to build up our bodies. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Lenten Guides on the table next to the sanctuary.

Dan Owen has put out a call to all Session members to explore better ways to use the church web site. The Worship Ministry team is kicking around several ideas, one of which would be to post the list of Communion Server teams, so that the volunteers who need to switch can go directly to the web site and review the list and make a switch. Another suggestion would be, to post the Sunday bulletin before service so that people could check in to make sure they are on track for their volunteer duties. We would love to hear your feedback and ideas.

How do young people know if they want to join the church? They come to a set of adventurous, no-holds-barred, stump the pastor classes designed to help them know more about their own faith, the faith of the Church and the faith of our church. (aka - Confirmation Class)



This spring we will be offering a confirmation class for young people in the church, grade nine and older. An introductory meeting for parents and youth will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the church. We plan to work with family schedules as much as possible and confirm these young people before the end of the school year.

If you are a parent of a youth, you should have gotten a letter about this upcoming meeting. If you have not, please speak with Pastor Janice. Your youth also got a letter, so this would be a good time to talk about the class.

Once the Confirmation class is over, it is the decision of each of the young people whether or not they want to fully join the church. . .but they won't have some of the tools to make this decision if they don't participate in the class. See you there!

ALSO – we are in need of some sponsor/mentor folks to meet individually with a youth, and to work on some sort of mission project. A willingness to talk about your own faith, why you are a part of the church and to work with a young person is necessary. Please see Pastor Janice for more information.



Per Capita Contribution

As in years past, our per capita contribution in the amount of \$36.75 for each member is now due to Presbytery. This is the same Presbytery that gave us \$1,500 in Mission money last year for the Diaper Bank. If you are a member, please make your contribution and note "Per Capita" in your check memo line.

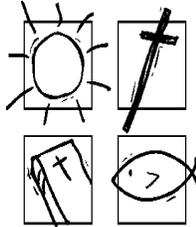


Gateways children will assemble Health Kits for Haiti on March 28. Help is needed in collecting all the items for those kits. Please contribute what you can from that list of items to go into the kits. There is a basket under the Faith Development bulletin board. This is what is needed:

Washcloths, nail clippers, bath sized soap, toothbrushes, band-aids, hand towels (16" X 28"

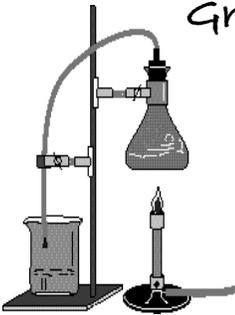
Join the group that Sunday morning to help put together these kits. Come to room 140 at 10:45. During the month of March, the Gateways children will be preparing for Palm Sunday. Using art, computers, drama, Bible study, and a movie, the children will learn about that special day in the life of Jesus. Then on March 28, they will be ready to join the Palm Sunday procession with the entire church family.

Kids In Christ



Kids in Christ will meet to prepare Easter items to give to church members. Beth Forsberg will contact families with children as to the date and time for this activity. Or you could contact her.

Growing Families in Fellowship



GFF will meet at the **CARBONDALE SCIENCE CENTER** in University Mall on Sunday, March 21 from 3:30 – 5:00. We will play at the Center from 3:30 – 4:30 and then get a snack at the food court. There are many activities for children of all ages (toddlers and beyond). If you have questions, please contact Mary Louise Cashel (457-6892) or Serena Loyd (s-loyd@northwestern.edu).

Camp Carew information will soon be available. Options can be viewed on the internet. Their website can be found at www.campcarew.com. This is a Presbyterian Church camp program for children ages 6-18. Some of the options are for day camping; others for residential camping. Some experiences are for a few days; others for a full week. Brochures will be posted on the Faith Development Board as soon as they are received. As in the past, scholarships covering half the registration fee will be offered to church families sending children to Camp Carew. See Barb Stewart or Kitty Trescott for those forms.



Youth Group News



A great big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the youth group's fundraising efforts on Souper Bowl Sunday. We raised almost \$1,900 in the fight against hunger as a result of your generosity!

Due to spring break, the youth group will only meet once during March. We will join with others in the church family on Saturday, March 20 from 6-8 p.m. at church for an evening of games and snacks.



MONTREAT



Montreat dates have been chosen, June 13-19. Joe Cash has the registration packet. See him for a copy of the registration form and details of this year's Youth Conference. This is a 5 day, all day, conference developed by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for teens entering 9-12 grades and 2010 high school graduates. During the week, the teens participate in study and activities designed for spiritual commitment, for building relationships, and for growth in discipleship. There is a registration fee and other costs, but most of that is covered by the funds the Youth Group has raised during the year. The deadline for registration is April 1, 2010. The group travels together to North Carolina and back again. It takes a day each time to make the trip. Two adults are needed to travel with the teens and attend the Conference. If you are interested in being one of those adults, see Joe for the information.

EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK PICNIC April 4



After worship on Easter Sunday, the celebration will continue with a potluck picnic at Giant City State Park. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Watch the narthex bulletin board for additional information.



Faith Dialogs is having a book discussion all month led by Janice West and Pat Manfredi. The book is "Simply Christian" by N. T. Wright.

Marketplace

Marketplace 2010 will be the week of June 7-11, from 9:00 am until noon. This is the summertime Christian Education Program for children going into Kindergarten through 5th grade. The focus this year is on Paul and his contact with the new churches. The letters he wrote and the visits he made will be part of the reenactments this year.

Everyone will dress as they did in the time of Paul. All of the activities will be related to those Bible times and life. Even the food will reflect that which was available at that time and place. Many of the activities have been considered already. Perhaps you would be a shopkeeper to work with the children on clay, metal, jewelry, drama, tie dye, leather, candle making, mosaics, Greek or Hebrew language and culture,



maps, carpentry, foods, needlework, story telling, mask making, or ideas of your own. Speak to Kitty Trescott or Michael Eldridge.

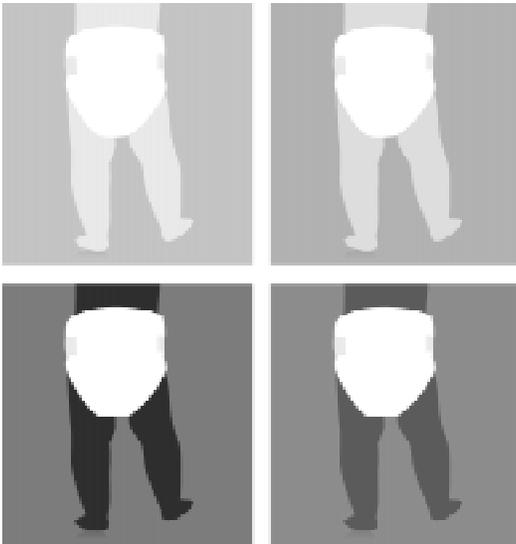
In addition, “mothers” or “fathers” are needed for each of the 10 families we hope to

have. Others are needed “in the kitchen” and to help prepare materials.

Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm when we take a look at all the materials already available for the activities. Everyone is welcome to attend this first meeting to help make decisions and select materials. Your help with this program is truly appreciated, and rewarding!

News from The Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois

The Diaper Bank continues to grow! Since Christmas, we've delivered nearly 3000 diapers to the Women's Center, Pregnancy Matters, and Unity Point Family Circle. We've added the Good Samaritan shelter to our list of recipients, and continue to make connections with new outlets for distributing diapers.



Good things are happening on the “input” side as well. A generous contribution in honor of Ed Summerfield has allowed us the flexibility to purchase specific sizes of diapers as they are needed (and when they are on sale). And, the Kiwanis Club of Carbondale has chosen the Diaper Bank as one of its main philanthropic efforts, and will provide financial support as well as coordinating diaper drives. We have partnered with Abundant Health Resource Clinic (along with Good Samaritan and the Women's Center) to hold a “hygiene products” drive in late April (see separate news item).

Please continue to donate diapers, pull-ups, and diaper wipes. We also welcome financial contributions – write checks to First Presbyterian, designated to the Diaper Bank. For more information, contact Jane Swanson (diaperbanksi@gmail.com) or visit the website at www.diaperbanksi.org.

Daycare

The month of February was filled with lots of excitement with our Valentine's Day Party and the field trip to Dr. Durr's Dentist office. We also had a visit from Office Randy Mathis and McGruff the Crime dog.



Thank you, to everyone that brought food for us to taste and an assortment of items for the children to look at during our week celebrating our Friends Around the World.



The highlight during the month of March is our annual Trik-a-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The children look forward to this because they get to bring their bikes to school.

On Friday, March 26, the children will be riding their bikes around the big room. If anyone would like to come and help us count laps as the children ride around, their assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Daycare is looking for double seat strollers. If anyone has any that they would like to donate or sell please let us know.

The Day Care will be hosting a Family fun night on Friday, April 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please watch for more details in the April newsletter. Everyone is welcome to join us on this special night.

Preschool

All three classes made Valentine bags for their Valentines and treats. Each bag was decorated with crayons, paints, stickers, lace, etc. Each class had a small party in their room on the appropriate day



The Frogs class celebrated Chinese New Year this month as they learned about China. The class went around the building dressed in a big red dragon costume and wishing everyone a Happy New Year!! They are now studying the land of Africa. One of the parents came in and talked about Africa and showed the children different items from Africa.

Due to all the bad weather all three classes have been playing in the big room downstairs everyday and love to be able to run and yell in the room. Thank goodness for the big room!





**DINNER GROUP
MARCH 18**

The Dinner Group met at the Mississippi Flyway on Feb. 18 and had 15 persons present after a few contacts by Host Mary Mantovani. A good time was had by all and the weather cooperated for a change. Bob Leigeber will Host the March 18 Dinner so watch in the Church Bulletin for details of the location and Reservation information.



**Presbyterian
Women**

Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16.

Imogene Beckemeyer and Jean Lawson will host the meeting. Charlene Scot will be the Lesson Presenter. All Presbyterian Women are invited.

Dear Friends –

Many thanks to you for the loving prayers, warm wishes and really great food you sent my way during my recent knee surgery and initial recovery. It warmed my heart, not to mention my stomach. And your kind expressions of sympathy have meant so much in the aftermath of the sudden, although not entirely unexpected, death of my dear cat CASH. The knee surgery meant that I could be home with him during his last days.

The knee is getting stronger. . . I still have troubles on the stairs and need to take them "cautiously" – I have two tiny "X" marks on my knee (amazing what modern medicine can do) and have very little of the pre-surgery pain I was experiencing. Going slow at this stage is not my idea of fun, but if it gets me better, that's what I will do. Again, many thanks!

Pastor Janice



**WORLD
Day OF
PRAYER**

This event, sponsored by Church Women United, will be celebrated Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Bethel AME Church, 316 E Jackson, Carbondale, IL.

Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Celebration 10:00 a.m.

The theme is: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." The celebration will feature materials written by women of Cameroon and music by the Bethel AME Choir.

Rejoice at
EASTER

Easter Flowers 2010

Please indicate which flowers you wish to order and the quantity.

Flower	Quantity
\$15. Single Stem Lily	_____
\$28. Double Stem Lily	_____
\$14. Tulips	_____
\$14. Hyacinth	_____
\$28. Azalea	_____

Information for the Bulletin:
Please circle: (In Honor of) or (In Memory of)

By: (Your name)

Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church & write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Place the check & form in the offering plate or turn them in to Barb in the church office.

Orders must be placed by March 15, 2010

CWU Hunger Sale Set For April 9-10

Spring is coming and so is Church Women United's annual World Hunger Sale. This year marks the 35th anniversary for the sale. Last year set a new record, earning \$13,620 for ten local and six worldwide agencies that feed hungry people. They included Good Samaritan Ministries, Feed My Sheep, the Women's Center, Senior Citizens' Meals-on-Wheels, Attucks Community Services, CROP, UNICEF, Heifer Project International, and Marion Medical Mission.

The giant yard sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, at the Newman Catholic Student Center, 715 S. Washington, Carbondale. The hours are 12 noon to 6 pm on Friday and 8 am to 1 pm Saturday.

In addition to the giant yard sale, a live auction will be held Saturday at 10 am. featuring antiques, collectibles and much more, including some lovely limestone planters. Gorgeous hanging and bedding plants from McNitt's Greenhouses are another Saturday feature. Sandwiches and baked goods will be sold both days.

Donations of usable items of all sorts are needed – household items, electronics, furniture, books, toys, jewelry and clothing. Donations of baked goods, plants and auction items are especially welcome. If you have something special to donate that might be considered for the auction, please call Chair Margie Parker at 549-7193 by April 1 so it can be advertised to attract high bidders! All donations can be taken to the Newman Center on Wednesday and Thursday April 7-8.

If you like working for a good cause and can spare some time April 7-10, please sign up with your church coordinator or call Margie at 549-7193.

Save the dates, clean out your closets, and sign up to help us have another great Sale. The need is greater than ever among our neighbors near and far, so please consider how you can help.

Special Needs: Auction Items, Baked Goods, Soup or Casserole to feed the workers and Pickup Trucks

Work Schedule

Please call Margie Parker at 549-7193 to volunteer.

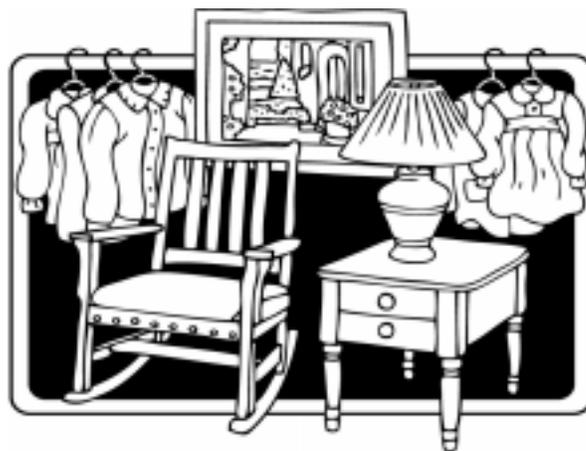
Wed. April 7: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m: Receiving and sorting donations

Thurs. April 8: 9:00 am - 8:00 p.m: Receiving, sorting and pricing donations

Fri. April 9: 9:00 am - 12:00 n: Sorting and pricing donations

Fri. April 9: 11:30 - 6:00 p.m: Selling

Fri. April 9: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m: Straightening up



HUNGER
Sale



Coming in April: A “Stuff-the-Truck” Hygiene Products Drive

The Abundant Health Resource Clinic is partnering with other community agencies to sponsor a hygiene products drive during the last weekend of April (Thursday April 29 through Sunday May 2). A truck will be parked at the Carbondale Kroger store to receive donations of hygiene products. Needed items include shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, shaving cream, razors, toilet paper, paper towels, hair brushes, combs, mouthwash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, sanitary napkins, dental floss, nail clippers,

diapers, pull-ups, and diaper wipes. All donated items will be divided among Abundant Health Resource Clinic, Good Samaritan, the Women's Center, and the Diaper Bank. Any size product is welcomed, including travel, regular, or economy sizes.

The Abundant Health Resource Clinic is located in the Eurma Hayes Center, and has been providing acute primary care at no cost to qualified Jackson County residents since 2000. One of the services offered by Abundant Health is a Hygiene Closet, including personal hygiene products such as soap, deodorant, and toilet paper. The “stuff-the-truck” event is an effort to coordinate services across several agencies within the community (including the Diaper Bank).



Thanks to Alisa Simpon for “doing” the newsletter while I was vacationing. She did a great job!
Linda Brandon

OOPS!

Attention, Singles!
We would like your input to help us plan our new Singles Misery.

This appeared in some other newsletter, not ours.

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In March, 1883, the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale began having "deaconesses" as well as deacons.

March 23, 1890, Simeon Boomer became a church member. When he passed away in 1939, he had served as clerk of the session for seventeen years and Sunday School Superintendent for nearly twenty years.