



Mission Work Day- May 1

The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Marketplace Meetings
Monday Nights in May

Daycare Mother's Day Tea
May 7

Dubuque Choir &
Chamber Singers -
May 11

Dinner Group - May 20

Matt Club Pool Party
May 23

Need Staff Evaluation Input
May 31

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:

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Carlyn: 106
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Grill-Off COMPETITION



May 15

The grill-off will start at 4 p.m. on the church lawn, with dinner being served at approximately 5:45 pm. Please bring a dish to share, table service, and chairs. Whether you plan to compete or just want to show up to taste the delicious entries, be sure to sign-up in the narthex!

Don't forget that the Mission Ministry is sponsoring two work projects on Saturday, May 1. Contact Judy Dawson (549-7776) to help set up playground equipment at the [Women's Center](#) or to paint and refurbish classrooms at the [Cobden Migrant Center](#). The work will begin about 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.



*Mission Work
Projects - May 1*





The Personnel Ministry is beginning the process of annual staff evaluations. Once again, we are seeking input from members of the congregation. We look forward to receiving your comments about individual staff members whether positive or constructively critical.

In order for us to complete our work on schedule, we would like to receive your input before the end of May. You may address it to any ministry member.

Thank you for your help.

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



We are pleased to welcome the University of Dubuque Concert Choir and Chamber Singers to First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale. They will be performing on May 11 at 7 p.m., with the CCHS Chamber Singers and Concert Choir. Over the past six years, the University of Dubuque Concert Choir and Chamber Singers have performed in 30 states and Puerto Rico in front of thousands of people. They perform a variety of repertoire including sacred and secular from the Renaissance to the 21st Century. The choir is directed by Dr. Charles Barland. He is completing his eighth year with the choir. The University of Dubuque is four-year college and seminary affiliated with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Carlyn Zimmermann conducts the CCHS Choirs.

Fellowship Ministry will be coordinating a meal for the Dubuque students prior to the concert. . .when called upon, please say "yes." Likewise, Michael Eldridge is coordinating housing for the 41 Dubuque students. If you can offer a warm, safe place for the night, and some sort of breakfast in the morning, please contact Michael. (meldridg@siu.edu) Thank you!



Faith Dialogues

On May 2 John Holt will be presenting the program "Remembering Our Saints".

On May 9 and 16 we have scheduled a showing of the movie "Jesus Christ, Superstar".

This will be our last Faith Dialogs for the spring term. If you have suggestions for topics or presenters in the fall, please contact someone on the Faith Development Ministry.

Youth Group News

Chili Supper A Huge Success



Wow!! The chili supper was great! It is difficult to say what was the best part of the evening. The music was awesome, just right for the evening of eating chili and being together. Music was provided by some of our

middle school youth, along with the band, Left Handed Smile, made up of some of our high school youth. The pots of chili hit the spot and were emptied before the evening was over. The selection of baked goods provided a treat for everyone's taste. Most of the items in the silent auction went home with their new owners. The Youth shout out a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who cooked, baked, brought auction items, bought items and baked goods, donated money and provided the music for the evening. It was truly a wonderful experience for everyone. The dinner raised over \$500, which will support youth opportunities this summer such as trips to Montreat and Youth Triennium.



to every one at First Pres. who helped make A Tapestry of Women such a great success. The Fellowship Hall was decorated beautifully, the art displays were amazing, and the desserts were unparalleled! Thanks for making Fellowship Hall such a welcoming space for the musicians from SIUC, CCHS, and Southern Illinois KinderChoir!!!! We were able to create community awareness for the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois and raised \$335.00 in the free will offering.

Clean Up Day

While we did not accomplish all we set out to do we did do a lot thanks to all of the people who showed up at the Church from 9 a.m. until Noon on Saturday April 17. We got some Sanctuary leak damage repaired in the NE and SW corners of the Sanctuary, the front yard signs painted, a lot of landscaping clean up projects done and a lot of inside cleaning done.



The Day Care Crew got some of the downstairs hallway painted, a lot of cleaning done down stairs and built a new sand box for the kids in the play yard. We had some coffee and donuts and some good cookies to keep us going. There may have been a few sore muscles Sunday but all in all it was a successful adventure. Perhaps we can try this again this fall. Thank you one and all.
Stewardship Ministry

"SIMPLY CHRISTIAN" - The QUENCH class will be starting a study of "Simply Christian," the book recently covered in Faith Dialogues. As many of the QUENCH class are students, we are looking for ways to economize. If you are willing to LOAN us your copy of the book for the next few weeks, please contact Kathy Manfredi at kathleenmanfredi@gmail.com or at 687-2989. We would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.



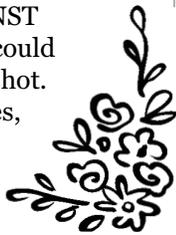
HEES UPDATE :

Many thanks for the continuing prayer support you've given Ken and me. The cards, phone calls (it's so wonderful to hear your voices), DVD and bulletin from each service, food, flowers (from service , a lovely Easter Bunny with flowers and candy, etc.), elders serving Ken and me communion, handyman helpers and visits. Ken finds it most wearing to get out. The sporadic pain residual from my Shingles is still preventing me from dressing my right shoulder.

Hey, if any women have off the right shoulder wear, would you loan them to Alice? Maybe she could dress comfortably for church.

HEALTH NOTE:

Please get vaccinated AGAINST SHINGLES. My pain since January could have been eliminated had I had the shot. My 54 year old nephew, after shingles, has such residual pain that sleepless nights and daytime pain pose a continuing problem.



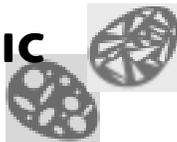
If you were not one of the 15 attendees at the April 15 Dinner Group monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month you missed a great chicken dinner and a special presentation by retired State Botanist John Schwegman about wild flowers of Southern Illinois. John showed slides of some 90 plus wild flowers that bloom primarily in the spring here in Southern Illinois many of them right in Giant City State Park.

Tim Langdon will host the May meeting on Thursday, May 20, at 5:30 pm. at Newel House so mark your calendar and join us for the good food and comradery. To make reservations, call Tim at 457-4206.

As for future meetings John Schwegman has agreed to return to our August 19 meeting which will also be at Giant City Lodge to tell us all about the largest town in Southern Illinois 1000 years ago, Kinkaid Mounds. Kinkaid Mounds is located close to the Ohio River in Illinois across from Paducah, KY. and at its peak had a population of about 2500 people. Now all that is left are the mounds. Come and join us and learn all about this ancient thriving community and the work that has recently been done to try to preserve the history of the area. The Dinner Group isn't just for retired people so come on out and enjoy the program on Aug. 19.



EASTER PICNIC A SUCCESS!



Thanks to everyone who gathered at Giant City State Park on Easter to make the annual picnic a success. Seventy plus gathered for delicious food, fellowship, hiking, games, and general relaxation. The weather was perfect (and a nice change of pace!) and everyone had a good time.



The Gateways program will finish their year after Memorial Day weekend. The final lesson will be about Philip. The group has met nearly every Sunday morning at 10:30 in room 140. It took a lot of “teachers” to offer activities on the computer, to guide the youngsters through drama, to work through the puzzles and games, to lead them through Bible selections, to do some cooking with them, to help create art works worthy of display on refrigerators and bulletin boards, and to listen as the children tell about their understanding of those lessons. What a precious group of children. The “teachers” may be guiding them, but in turn, all those adults received more than they gave. What a wonderful thing for parents to do — to share their delightful children with everyone here at First Presbyterian Church.



Information is available for camp. 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. Brochures will be posted on the Faith Development Board. 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.

Marketplace - Paul and the Early Churches

This is a unique Summertime Christian Education program for children going into Kindergarten or grades 1 through 5. This year the focus is on Paul as he writes to and visits the early churches. There will be ten families, living in houses and participating in several activities each day. Music, drama, Bible study, and snacks round out the morning. Mothers and shopkeepers are needed for each family and for all the activities. The **sign up sheet for helpers is in Fellowship Hall**. Want to help, but not sure what you could do? Talk to Kitty. She might have some ideas or suggestions.

Registration forms are included in this newsletter and are available in the church office. Registrations should be completed and returned by June 1.

This year donations for the **Diaper** collected. Whether or not you have supporting this worthwhile local HELP is needed to prepare for this distributed. Materials for each shop and home need to be and lists have to be copied. Please come for to be part of this amazing program. Don't wait for a call; just show up. We will meet in the **Youth Room Tuesdays at 6:30, May 3, 10, 17, and 24**. Have questions? Ask Kitty Trescott or Michael Eldridge or leave a note in the church office.

**June 7-11,
9:00 am-noon**

Bank of Southern Illinois will be children attending Marketplace, consider program.

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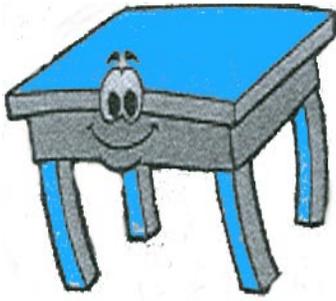


Beyond Marketplace

At the same time as Marketplace, another program for anyone going into grades 6-8 focuses on mission activities within Carbondale. Each morning the group goes to one of the local service programs to assist and be involved.

Registration for that is available in the church office, from Emily Davis or Diane Cash.

Magazines are needed to be taken to the places they go to during the week. Put them in the basket under the Faith Development bulletin board in the Narthex. Help with transportation or other things is also needed. Check to see what can be done to help.



We wore our **MaTT** Club T-shirts for the first time on April 11 when our group ushered at the morning worship service. Eight children handed out bulletins, collected offering, picked up trash, and performed all the other duties of ushers. When children have an active role in worship they realize they are an important part of the church family and more importantly, God's family. I was proud of them all!

Our meeting that evening was all about saying Thank You. After hearing the story of the nine lepers who forgot and one who remembered, we brainstormed things we were thankful for. The evening's theme was carried through craft time where we made 'Thankful 4' mobiles. The memory verse for this lesson was I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart. Psalm 138:1.

At our next meeting we played some Jesus offered a woman some 'special' the most important things we can do I will give you living water" John

In May we will talk about how be herding some unique sheep. May Our end of the year party will be held at the Brandon pool.

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

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important children are to God. We'll also 23 will be our last meeting of this season.

Happy Birthday to James Oberg on May 5, Joseph Prest on May 7 and Kellyn Daly on May 18.

Thank you Kara Hertzling and Marta and Emily Davis for providing supper for us in April.

Thank you Emily and Marta Davis, Frances Gilman, Kara Hertzling, Jennifer Langin and Serena Loyd for helping with games, craft and lesson time.

We end our time together at each meeting by praying for each other and our family and friends. God has richly blessed our group and I am thankful for that.

I am also thankful for the support of those on the Faith Development Ministry and all the congregation who have given of their time and talent for this very important ministry.



Growing Families

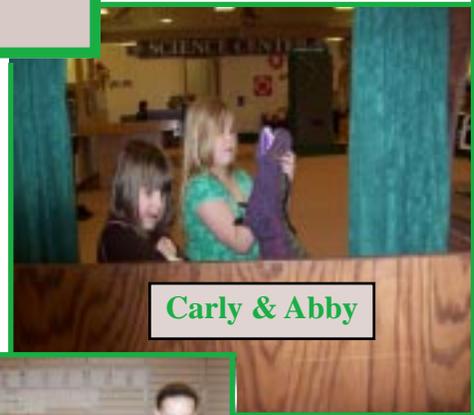
The Growing Families in Fellowship group has really taken off. We have 14 families in our congregation with children age preschool and younger. Parents can share stories and support each other as the young children enjoy the company of their peers. Even our newest parents are invited to come and join in this opportunity for fellowship with other moms and dads.

The children had a great time playing at the Science Center for our March activity. The puppets and train set were huge hits. Afterward we all enjoyed eating ice cream in the Food Court. Five families attended with a total of 13 children.

In April, an egg hunt was held at the Giant City Park Easter picnic. The church's junior and senior high youth group helped with this event. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time.

Our next activity, a BBQ picnic is planned at the Daly's home in June. Please watch for more details.

We welcome all of the young children of our church, their families, and siblings to join us for these fun activities. For more information contact Mary Louise Cashel at atmcashel@siu.edu or Serena Loyd at s-loyd@northwestern.edu.



Carly & Abby



Luke & Kellyn



Sean & Josh

Preschool

The Preschool will be having end of the year activities in May. The Polliwogs (2 year olds) will have a water day and ice cream. The Tadpoles (3 year olds) will have a water day plus going to Giant City Park and having pony rides on the picnic day. The Frogs (4 year olds) will be going to Turley Park to have their graduation program and a picnic.

The Preschool has had another wonderful year and several of the parents have come up to the Director to comment on what a fine preschool this is located in the Presbyterian Church.

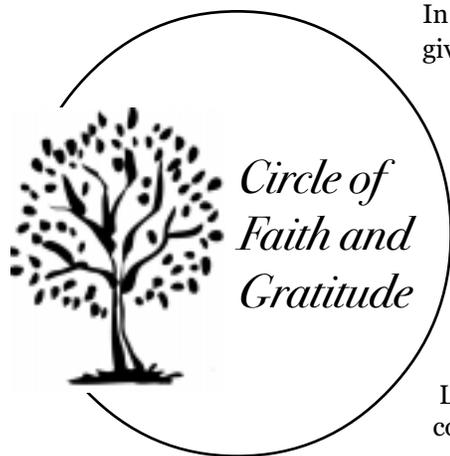
The Preschool would like to thank the church for all its support this past year. The Preschool will be open in the fall so be sure and tell your friends. Once again—thanks.



Daycare

It's hard to believe that May is already here. We have some exciting events that we want you to take part in! The annual Mothers' Day tea party will be Friday, May 7 at 3:15 pm. Saturday, June 5, we will have our annual picnic and Preschool Gradation. Everyone is invited to come. Our Trik-A-Thon Friday, March 26, was great! The children had a good time riding their bikes. We earned \$827.00 dollars to send to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We are very pleased with the amount and thanks to everyone that donated money.

Work Day news: We got most of the hallways painted and got some things done outside. Thank you to everyone that came and helped! Be watching for an announcement concerning our next workday event -we want to finish the projects that we started.



In these Easter weeks of hope and spring time, listen, look and give thanks for the gifts of our very own saints.

On May 2 listen for the new Bell Choir chimes provided by Frank Klingberg's memorials an designated by Lee because of Frank's great love of music.

Give thanks for the Treece gift which has supported our church maintenance with \$1000 each year for 20 years.

Enjoy the bright sanctuary lights provided by Jim Neckers gift.

Look at the contemporary office and parlor furnishings from the continuing Florence Foote endowment with Presbyterian Foundation.

These saints live on and support us as we seek to live out the hope and challenge of the Resurrection. Think about how we might join this circle of amazing gifts of faith and gratitude.



Will meet for dessert and fellowship Tuesday 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mim Struzziero, 502 Lexington Ct., Carbondale, IL. Imogene Beckemeyer will present the lesson.

**MISSION
MINISTRY**

One Great Hour of
Sharing collected
\$ 4,414.19

This appeared in some other newsletter, not ours.

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Dedication of 2009 Pledges for
God's Millions

The *Missions* could probably use *Millions*.

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In May, 1953, it was reported that our church membership had grown from five members to over five hundred.

A traditional May event in the 1980-90's was a Memorial or "Decoration" Day picnic enjoyed by all.