



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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General Assembly- July 3-10

Dinner Group- July 15

Cuban Caravan -July 14

Miner's game- July 24

MaTT Club Kickoff-Aug. 22

Week of Welcome-Aug. 29

### Church Office Hours

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

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## Don't Miss It!

We have 50 reserved tickets to a Miners game on Saturday, July 24. The Miners will be playing the Gateway Grizzlies and we Presbyterians always have a great time attending a game with each other...at least that is what your fellow church members report. The tickets are \$5.00 each and you can get one from Mary or Brenda or let us know and we can send them to you. This is an event all our members can enjoy!

# The Miners Game Is Coming Up

## The Fellowship Committee

The committee is gearing up for another year. Mary Boyle has agreed to be the new elder and help coordinate all our activities. Brenda Gilbert is still the second elder. Very graciously, Brenda Myers and Susan Corker have agreed to work with us to make this a terrific year. Please give all your suggestions and ideas to one of us for activities that you would like to be a part of. We need fresh leads on what people will participate in and enjoy. Our hope is that this year's activities will be the most fun yet...at least since a long while ago and we need your input to make it so.

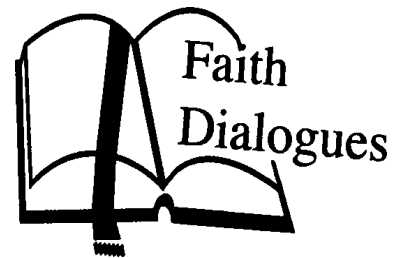
## In sure and certain hope. . .

*In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ...*

The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of

Eleanor C. Leigeber  
March 14, 1922 – May 30, 2010

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*  
*John 11:25-26*



This small group program will resume at the end of summer. Have some ideas for discussion topics and presentations? Willing to coordinate those Sunday mornings of dialogues? Contact Michael Eldridge or Kitty Trescott.



This group will continue to meet throughout the summer. Join us in the Parlor after you have had refreshments in Fellowship Hall. (or bring them with you). You are sure to find the discussion and interaction friendly and thought provoking. Bibles are available in the room.



We welcome Elder Julie Posth from Redbud who will fill the pulpit on July 4. John Holt will fill the pulpit on the following Sunday, July 11.

## Membership Ministry

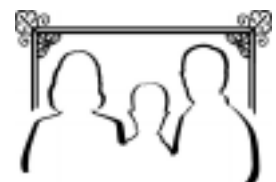
- The most current First Presbyterian Photo Guide of Members and Friends is now several years old and quite out of date, so we are considering ideas for a new Photo Membership Guide of Church members/friends. We are in contact with a company that can assist us with a new photo guide and we will be meeting with a representative of that company soon to plan dates that they can come to the church to take the photos. We will have many more details about this project in the August newsletter.

- Our church recently bid farewell to Ken and Kathryn Adams who moved to Oregon. We will miss them greatly, but we are pleased that we were able to wish them a proper farewell. Please be aware of church members and friends who plan to leave our community and notify Diane Cash, Ken Simpson, or Pastor Janice, so that we can also wish them a proper farewell.

Your Membership Ministry,

Diane Cash, Elder  
Ken Simpson, Elder

Rhoda Ashby, At-large  
Melissa Jensen, At-large



## Church Photo Guide

# Thank you! Thank You!

The week of Marketplace was a huge success. Paul wrote letters to the six "families" representing six of the cities that were starting new churches. Those letters were read during drama time and delivered each day.

Every child visited all 18 shops, some of them twice, to make items that might have been part of Paul's time. On Friday, each child had a bag full of treasures to take home and a lot of information in their heads about those Biblical times.

Music was a big part of this year's Marketplace. Each child made at least 2 unique instruments to accompany the songs they sang. Learning the sign language for "Jesus Loves Me" added a special feature to that song, thanks to Pastor Janice for her leadership with that.

Those Bible verses to memorize might have seemed too long to learn, but they did it. How proud the children were to show off their earned stickers. There were 40 children participating in Marketplace, and at least that many adults involved as "parents" of the families, as shopkeepers, as kitchen crew, as drama presenters, and as helpers extra-ordinaire. Transforming Fellowship Hall into the cities of Paul's time takes people who support this endeavor.

There were 6 "families" this year. This is the youngest group, from the Presbyterian Day care program, with Miss Sarah as their "mother". The day care has been participating in Marketplace for many years.



The mission project this year was the Southern Illinois Diaper Bank. Over the course of the week, \$108.58 was contributed and 22 bundles of diapers were donated. It was great to see the crib overloaded with diapers.

Special thanks to Kroger and Burger King for their donation of food. Thanks goes to all of you who have continued to support Marketplace, for way more than 20 years. It is a program you can be proud of. Just talk to any one of the children or adults who were there.

More photos by Bob Lubbers on page 9



A unique feature this year was to have a "father" for a family. This is the Kindergarten group, with Michael Eldridge in charge

## Daycare

We would like to thank the church for inviting the Day Care to attend Marketplace. The Preschool children had a great time and the staff heard many conversations about their Marketplace experiences. The children particularly liked the stories, crafts, and the songs they sang.

The Day Care Center will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of July 4th.

The three year old children and Preschool children will be taking a field trip to Pet-Co on Thursday July 29.



## Beyond Marketplace Was Lots of Fun!

This program is designed for children in grades 6,7, & 8. This year there were 10 children doing things that the Marketplace children did not do. (thus the name, Beyond Marketplace) Emily Davis, Marta Davis, Diane and Joe Cash, and Cindy Buys were the adult planners and leaders for the group this year. They took potted plants with messages from Paul and home baked fish shaped cookies to our church members at home.

“To our God and Father, be the glory forever and ever.” Philippians 4:20

They went to the “Feed My sheep” program to help prepare and serve lunch. They went to the Carbondale Food Pantry to stock shelves and fill bags. It was quite an eye-opener for them to see how the needs of some Carbondale people are met by these volunteer groups.

In addition to these mission projects, they did some drama of their own with the focus on Paul and the mission messages he had written to the early churches. They had time to socialize in the Youth Room, to talk and discuss Bible presentations, and to snack. This year, Beyond Marketplace gave those teens and tween a special place of their own. Thank you to all who helped.

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

It's the beginning of summer but time to be thinking about our Fall kickoff party already. The kickoff event, August 22, is a time for MaTT Club kids and their whole family to come and have fun and see what we are all about. This year we will be having a Luau. Participants will have the chance to play Starfish Toss, Coconut Bowling, Volcano Hot Shot and Treasure Dig. They will also be able to visit the Sandy Candy Cove and the Tiki Tattoo Station. We'll also go Shark Surfing! And of course there will be Luau food.

Since this is to be a time for the whole family to play together, and most of my co-leaders are part of those families, I need your help. Some of the games need an adult to supervise and give directions. The Tiki Tattoo Station needs someone to face-paint and someone to apply (removable) tattoos. And of course we need someone to volunteer to be in charge of supper.

Can you guess which games these scriptures go with-

“The Lord answered, I will be with you, and you will strike down all (of them).”

“You have come to a mountain that can-not be touched, that is burning with fire.”

“Joseph stored up huge quantities, like the sand of the sea.”

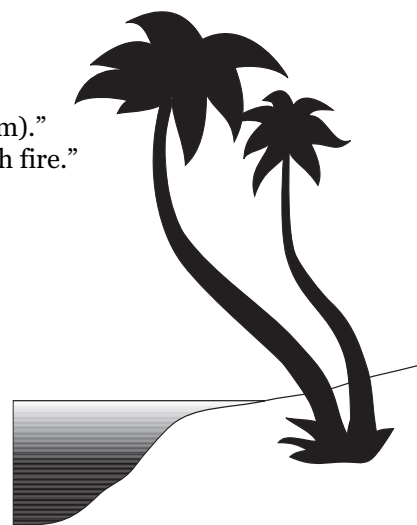
“Beware, there's a huge danger!”

The more items we can beg or borrow the less we have to buy. If you have any of the following items and would be willing to allow us to use them please let me know (or let Barb in the church office know):

1. a patio table with an umbrella
2. a child's play teepee (like a play tent)
3. a CD of the music from 'Jaws'
4. Adirondack chairs
5. Luau decorations
6. (possibly) potted house plants

This 'Fun in the Sun' party will be held on August 22 from 4-6 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help with items or your time please let me know.

-Flossie Langin [flangin57@yahoo.com](mailto:flangin57@yahoo.com)





Please plan to join together on Sunday, August 29 for the second annual outdoor worship service, this year followed by a picnic complete with catered picnic food, art show, and outdoor activities for all ages. Last year's outdoor service was very special and we hope that adding a picnic will only enhance the day as we seek to welcome everyone back to a new school year.

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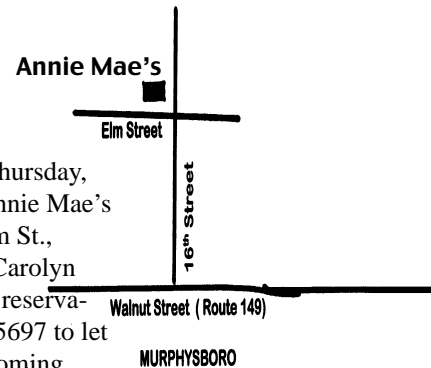
*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

The church deeply appreciates the faithful service of our Deacons and Elders, Class of 2010 – Melissa Jensen, Pat Manfredi & Robbi Seibert; Joe Cash, Karen Hippensteel, Dennis Howell & Kathy Manfredi. They have served and lead us with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, and we thank them for listening to God's call, and following. When you see them around the church, give them a word of thanks for all they have done on the Session and Board of Deacons.

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### Dinner Group

The group will meet on Thursday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Annie Mae's Pizza and More, 1602 Elm St., Murphysboro. Tom and Carolyn Jefferson are in charge of reservations so call them at 457-5697 to let them know that you are coming.



### Fellowship Hall & Roof Status

At the time this newsletter went to press, there is a commitment of \$101,630.00 for the Fellowship Hall and Roof project. Stewardship has identified approximately \$19,000.00 from our savings to add to the total. These commitments will decrease the required mortgage amount to approximately \$50,000.

There's still time to make a commitment before the mortgage is finalized—probably in October. As always, a dollar up front saves many interest dollars over the years.

Thus it appears that at long last the Fellowship Hall is on its way to being completed after sitting in uncompleted condition for ten years.

Completion means a breath of new life and an opportunity to serve God's people in new ways. SIU School of Music plans to schedule music events for students starting in 2011.

Preliminary discussions with contractors indicate they may be able to start after Labor Day and finish by Christmas. What a gift! Thanks to all of you who have contributed so generously and for those who haven't had the chance, there's still time to invest in this great happening.

## Have You Heard About the Hunger Sale's Success?

Church Women United of Carbondale is thrilled to report that the 2010 World Hunger Sale came very close to last year's record. The \$13,598.53 proceeds were within \$125 of the 2009 total.

Huge thank you's go to all the church and community members who volunteered many hours to make the fundraiser such a success. There is great joy in working together for a good cause. If you were among those who drove a truck, moved tables, set up clothes racks, brought donations, sorted, priced, baked, cooked, sold, purchased treasures, packed up leftovers, swept floors, recycled cardboard, or restored the Newman Center to its "normal self," know that your participation was appreciated. We couldn't have done it without you!

On May Friendship Day CWU voted to distribute the proceeds as follows:

CROP \$2200  
UNICEF \$2250  
ECHO \$500  
Marion Medical \$610  
Heifer Project \$500  
For Kids' Sake \$200  
Good Samaritan \$3003  
Senior Citizens \$600  
Women's Center \$600  
Attucks Tutorial \$325  
Guadalupe Fund \$400  
New Zion Sum. Food \$625  
Bethel Feed My Sheep \$1010  
"I Can Read" \$350  
DYA Family Advocacy \$325  
Newman Center \$100



Hunger Sale



The Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba will come through Carbondale on Tuesday, July 13th. The Friends of Cuba and the Peace Coalition invite you to help welcome the travelers at a Cuban dinner at the Unitarian Fellowship. Hot! Sauce, a Latin jam band with Mel Goot and Tom Hensold, will perform at 5:30, followed by dinner at 6:00 pm.

At 6:45 pm Jim Bouman, who is traveling with the Caravan, will share experiences from his previous visits to Cuba. Jim is a retired Juvenile Probation Officer, with a decade of working as a technical writer and editor. Currently he's serving as a High School Debate Coach and Debate Tournament Judge. He says he developed an intense interest in the Cuban Revolution as a high school student, being particularly struck by the reporting on Fidel Castro's visit to New York and the United Nations in 1960. When he read that Castro had skipped staying at a midtown hotel in favor of lodgings at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem, he suspected that this was not going to be a business-as-usual revolution in the Caribbean.

Jim's first Caravan trip was in 2006 and he's signed on as a speaker ever since. He particularly connects with the philosophy of Pastors for Peace: community organization, nonviolent resistance to unjust laws, carefully undertaken civil disobedience, building people-to-people relationships, and sharing our time and material goods with those who lead lives of considerable deprivation due to the unjust policies of the US Government vis a vis the Cuban people.

Those who travel with the Caravan like Jim learn firsthand how a relatively poor country:

- \* provides free healthcare for all its citizens
- \* has become a pioneer in organic agriculture and sustainable development
- \* is training thousands of young people from poor communities around the world (including 122 from the US) to be doctors, completely free of charge, at the internationally acclaimed Latin American School of Medicine
- \* offers protection to all its people when natural or man-made disasters (hurricanes or international economic crises) hit the island
- \* has sent hundreds of doctors to save lives in Haiti — not just since the earthquake, but for 10 years prior
- \* has one of the most artistically talented societies in the world

Come hear Jim's perspective on the importance of the Caravan and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship. The dinner is free, but financial donations will be accepted to support the Caravan. Donations of material aid to send to Cuba are welcome in advance. They can be placed in the box at church through Sunday, July 4. Construction supplies and walkers and wheelchairs are particularly needed. See the related article for more suggestions.



**WHAT'S COMING TO THE  
219<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY?**  
Minneapolis - July 3-10, 2010

**F**or Presbyterians who care about how their faith intersects with the bigger world, this summer's General Assembly will provide a panorama of possibilities for discussion. Even assembly veterans seem stunned by the amount of work to get done when the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets in Minneapolis July 3-10.

This assembly will bring together 712 commissioners from 173 presbyteries, who will be divided randomly into committees to discuss everything from Afghanistan to wetlands. The docket includes both messy, controversial items (gay marriage, peace in the Middle East, immigration), and quieter ones close to the heart of congregational life, such as how small churches with limited resources can find pastoral leaders and how Presbyterians can most effectively do AIDS work around the world.

Here's a quick look at some of the business.

**ISRAEL-PALESTINE.** In recent years, relations between the PC(USA) and Jews have sometimes been stressful, and Middle East relations undoubtedly will be a hot issue again this year. The denomination's Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee is asking the assembly to denounce Caterpillar Inc. for continuing to profit from "non-peaceful" use of its bulldozers and other equipment in Israel-Palestine.

The report of a special Middle East study committee — with 30 recommendations, including one calling on the U.S. government "to repent of its sinful behavior throughout the Middle East" — has already drawn some criticism from Jewish groups.

The assembly also will consider theological papers on Christians and Jews, and Christian-Muslim relations.

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT.** For the second time in two years, the assembly will be asked to consider proposed revisions to the PC(USA)'s Form of Government, or FOG.

Those comprehensive changes are intended to streamline and shorten the FOG document and make it more responsive to local needs. The FOG task force says the proposed changes will help Presbyterians better meet the mission needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, moving from a more detailed regulatory approach to the flexibility needed in a diverse, multicultural environment. The task force could not change certain FOG elements, specifically, ordination standards.

The proposal, however, is complicated. In 2008 the assembly held off voting the FOG proposal up or down, saying the church needed more time

to consider it — and forming a new committee (with many members of the old task force plus some new ones) to make additional revisions.

Whether the assembly is ready to vote now — whether the commissioners will read this complicated report and whether they agree with it — remains to be seen.

**MIDDLE GOVERNING BODIES.** The assembly also will be asked to consider a proposal from the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly to create a General Assembly Commission on Middle Governing Bodies. The idea is to create a 21-member commission that would consider the mission of presbyteries and synods in a changing environment, and to give that commission some power to act when the assembly is not in session.

**GAY ORDINATION.** Once again, the assembly will be asked to vote to remove the PC(USA)'s requirement that those being ordained practice fidelity if they are married or chastity if they are single. In 2008, the assembly did that — and for the third time, a majority of the presbyteries refused to change that constitutional standard.

What will happen in July is anyone's guess. Each assembly is distinct and different. But more than 25 presbyteries flipped last year from keeping the current standards to favoring change, so those who support gay ordination are energized to keep pushing.

Some presbyteries have sent overtures asking that the "fidelity and chastity" language be removed. Others want a moratorium or "season of rest" on considering any changes to the ordination standards before 2012. And some want previous authoritative interpretations speaking against homosexual practice to be restored.

**MARRIAGE.** The 2008 General Assembly created a Special Committee to Consider Issues of Christian Marriage and Civil Unions. It too was instructed not to change the "fidelity and chastity" language. The assembly will consider both a majority and a minority report from the committee that wrestled with such issues as the differences between Christian marriage and same-sex union ceremonies. In some states, same-sex marriages are legal, but the PC(USA)'s *Book of Order* defines Christian marriage as being between a man and a woman.

The committee's majority report asks the assembly to develop resources consonant with the denomination's constitution, but which could help congregations sort through questions such as what role clergy can play in same-sex ceremonies and whether church property can be used for them.

The minority report states that marriages "which are outside of God's design for sexual expression, cannot be encouraged or blessed."

**SOCIAL WITNESS.** The Advisory Committee on Social Witness policy is submitting reports on gun violence, AIDS, the economic crisis and public education. And there's sure to be discussion on other concerns in the public eye, including immigration, care for the environment and peacemaking. ●

# Marketplace- 2010



Steve's shop was noisy, but the children loved all the hammering.



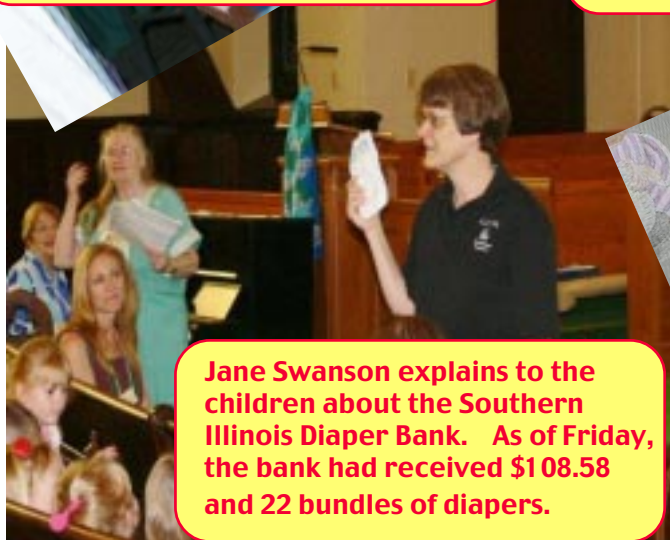
Thanks to the kitchen crew, everyone had a wholesome snack every day.



The food shop had different foods every day, including the dates that the children ate for the first time.



Every child took home a percussion instrument. Here are some happy drummer boys.



Jane Swanson explains to the children about the Southern Illinois Diaper Bank. As of Friday, the bank had received \$108.58 and 22 bundles of diapers.



Every clay project is a masterpiece, thanks to these three.



## 🌸 Thanks! 🌸

Tom Hippensteel, President of the Southern Illinois Parkinson Support Group, wishes to thank the members of First Presbyterian Church who supported our fourth Annual Hanging Flower Basket sale. The combination of super sales persons, like our own John Corker, and strikingly beautiful flowers pushed our net profit over the \$4,000.00 mark.

These net proceeds will be donated to Parkinson Research facilities at Southern Illinois University in Springfield, IL and to Washington University in St. Louis, MO. The one hundred plus members of SIPSG willingly support these and other Parkinson researchers in the hope that they will soon be successful in their efforts "To find a Cure" and, in the



interim, offer new procedures, medicines, etc. designed to "Ease the Burden".

Thanks again for your support. If our organization can be of any help to someone you know who is suffering with Parkinson, please contact Tom Hippensteel at 684-4282

## Opps!

On July 4, we won't have Wednesday night activities so families can celebrate our nation's birthday. This is a good opportunity to have a family.

**This appeared in some other newsletter, not ours.**

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**JULY 2010**



*July 12, 1859, the new First Presbyterian Church building at 210 W. Monroe was dedicated.*

*July 7, 1906 a Trustees meeting was called to ratify the action of a congregation decision to sell the 1852 Church and lot at 210 W. Monroe.*