



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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## WEEK OF WELCOME WORSHIP & PICNIC

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.

## SALAD LUNCHEON



At 11 a.m. August 1 , 2010 Mission Ministry will host a salad luncheon with donations going toward the relief effort in Haiti through the Presbyterian Church.

Please bring a salad to share .

### Church Office Hours

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

### Phone Extensions:

Janice 101  
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## 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

Lillian Lenore Dyer Russell  
November 6, 1925 – July 12, 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*



Thanks our inspired and generous congregation we now have almost \$110,000 in cash and pledges for this project. With reserve funds we are committing to the project and a small bank loan of approximately \$40,000 we will have enough money to finish this project this year. We will be completing our financial arrangements during August. Any new commitments will save interest dollars. Thanks be to God for our many blessings.

We should be in a position to sign contracts in September so all of the work can be done by the end of the year. Watch for further announcements in future newsletters and see the Stewardship Bulletin Board for additional information.

## Fair Ladies of Faith

Who:  
Fair Ladies of Faith  
What:  
Fall kick-off  
Build-A-Salad supper  
When:  
6 PM Thursday September 16  
Where:  
Church Fellowship Hall



This event is for any woman in our church who would like to be a part of Fair Ladies of Faith. This crowd of women breaks into three small groups who meet monthly.

When your group meets is determined by your schedule. Phyllis Beck and Flossie Langin will lead two of the groups. Other leaders are yet to be determined.

Each Fair Ladies group chooses a book, or other material, to study. The ladies in each group take turns hosting and leading the lessons. The hostess usually provides some kind of refreshment of her choosing. Hostesses who are unable, for one reason or another, to meet in their homes can host a meeting at the church. Fair Ladies support each other spiritually by praying for one another from one meeting to the next.

At the Fall kick-off everyone brings a salad topping to share and we each build our own salad. Leaders Phyllis Beck, Diane Cash and Flossie Langin provide the greens, drinks, and dessert. We will have conversation to get to know each other, have prayer and each Lady will be asked to write down her availability for meeting times and days.

Come, enjoy fellowship with other women, and strengthen your faith by being a Fair Lady of Faith.

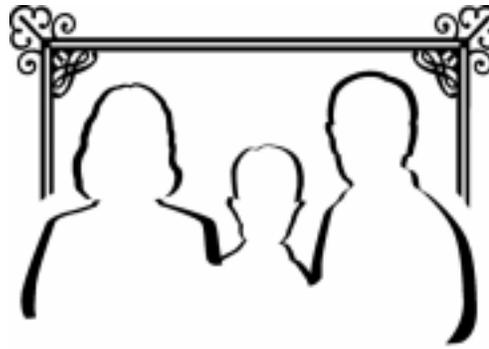
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MEMBERSHIP

The most current First Presbyterian Photo Guide of Members and Friends is now several years old and quite out of date, so we have agreed to partner with Olan Mills for a new photo membership directory.

Benefits of this partnership:

- First Presbyterian Church is not required to pay any money to Olan Mills.
- No one who has their photo taken by Olan Mills is required to purchase any photos.
- Everyone who has their photo taken by Olan Mills receives one complimentary 8 X 10 color photo of their choice.
- Everyone who has their photo taken by Olan Mills will receive one complimentary color photo membership guide.
- First Presbyterian Church will receive complimentary photo membership directories (exact number depends on the number of persons who have photos taken by Olan Mills and the package we select)
- First Presbyterian Church will receive a complimentary digital copy of photos from the photo membership directory.
- First Presbyterian Church will receive a complimentary copy of software that allows the photos to be merged with the First Presbyterian



# Church Photo Guide

Church's church management software.

- Olan Mills photographers will take approximately 15 photos of each individual/family, using 3 different backgrounds, which may be reviewed immediately afterward and are available for purchase in various sizes.
- In addition to pages containing photos of members, we also get one pastor page, additional staff pages, and 4 additional pages that can be used at our discretion (could be used to highlight particular activities of the church, for example).
- Olan Mills provides First Presbyterian Church with all materials for scheduling photo appointments.
- Olan Mills will make two attempts to contact church members who have not scheduled their own

appointments.

- Olan Mills makes a reminder phone call to all who schedule a photo appointment.
- Individuals who are unable to come to a photo appointment can still have their photos included in the photo membership guide simply by providing a photo they wish to use.
- Olan Mills provides their own in-house layout assistance. That is, they will design and format the entire directory for us.

We scheduled the photo appointment sign-up to last from September 5-26. The photos will then be taken on October 8, 9, and 11 (2:00-9:20 p.m.). This schedule will allow those who order photos to have them by Christmas

Your Membership Ministry,  
Diane Cash, Elder  
Ken Simpson, Elder

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



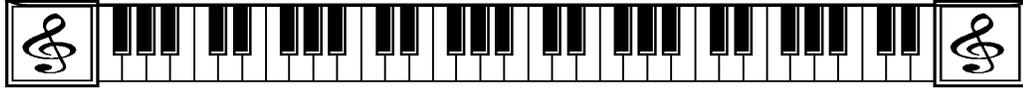
Check out the very impressive First Presbyterian jacket/coat/scarf/umbrella collection! (Perhaps it should be donated to the Thrift Shop!)

Rural King will be holding their church promotion again the week of August 22-29. You don't need to make any special purchases just:

1. Plan to make a purchase at any local Rural King during that week.
2. Save your receipt!
3. Turn it into the church office the sooner the better so you do not forget it, lose it, etc. and so that Barb can gather all the receipts together at one time and take them to Rural King so we can get a percentage back on each purchase.

Simple? Let's do it!

As we worshiped God on July 18, it was such a joy to hear Larry Dennis and the strains of Chopin from the new sanctuary piano. Session received the gift of the Baldwin baby grand from the family of Eleanor Leigeber and is planning a fall dedication ceremony.



Who will sit at our table? This question will be addressed by Janice on Sunday, August 29 in her sermon entitled "Inviting the World to Lunch." This is the day that we join with our neighbors to welcome them back to a new school year and to celebrate the Good News of Christ with an outdoor service followed by an indoor picnic with catered food; inspiring sing-along music; an art show; and outdoor activities for all ages. The Lectionary text is taken from Luke 14:1, 7-14 with verses as follows:

- 1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.
- 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.
- 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;
- 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.
- 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.
- 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
- 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.
- 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.
- 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

submitted by Robert Luebbers

# FUN IN THE SON

If you missed the MaTT Club Leader recognition and display on July 4, you can still check out the photo display on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Take a peek at some of the things our group did this past year.

Our next MaTT Club gathering will be our kick-off Luau party on August 22. All children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their families are invited. I still need a few more items to change the Fellowship Hall into a Hawaiian beach. 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):

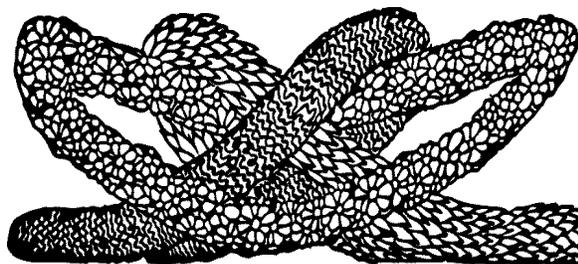
1. a patio table with an umbrella
2. a CD of the music from 'Jaws'
3. Adirondack chairs
4. Luau decorations
5. potted house plants (anyone have a flowering Hibiscus plant?)
6. Tiki torches (no we won't really light them)
7. people to man the games

Lessons for the 2010-2011 year will center on "Why we do what we do in worship". Some of our lessons will coordinating with Worship Ministries' Children's Time messages. It's always exciting to have folks from the congregation come to our meetings. We need people to coordinate craft time, provide supper (you don't have to cook), teach a lesson and play games. Of course you are always welcome to just come, join us and see what we're all about.

Flossie Langin  
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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.**



## Day Care

The Preschool class has two more field trips planned to go to the SIU Craft shop. The trips will be Wednesday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 11.

On Thursday, August 12 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. the Day Care will have a Luau Hula for our Preschool friends who are leaving and for our new friends who will be joining us at the Day Care Center.

AN INTERVIEW WITH WENDI ZEA

**Roving Reporter:** Let's get the critical question out of the way... how tall are you?

**Wendi:** Six feet. (Followed by a loud laugh).

**RR:** What's your story?

**Wendi:** Born in Minnesota, received MFA Kent State, designed costumes and taught at Nebraska *Wesleyan University* before coming to SIU last year. On staff at SIU as an Assistant Professor in the Theatre Department teaching Costume Design, Costume Crafts, Dyeing, Patterning and Draping, and Wigs.

Just returned from a six week stint as costume designer for three shows at the Cortland Repertory Theatre, in upstate New York.

Currently designing costumes for the *The Wizard of Oz: The All Southern Illinois High School Musical* at the McLeod Summer Playhouse, opening July 29 and playing through Aug 2.

With inspiration from Pastor Janice, and help from Alisa Simpson and Kathy Manfredi, I designed and sewed the flame red Pentecost parament in May that hung from the Sanctuary Cross and was draped at the foot of the Communion Table.

I am designing and sewing flags for the Wow Church Service and picnic to be held on August 29. I am using the colors from the quilt that hangs in Fellowship Hall. They are out of this world.

My hobbies include reading, old movies, exercise, and playing with my nephews.

**RR:** What brought you to First Presbyterian of Carbondale?

**Wendi:** As a lifelong Presbyterian, when I moved to Carbondale I immediately looked up the local Presbyterian Church and soon started attending. I was pleased to find once again a very welcoming congregation.

**RR:** What do you like about First Presbyterian and its people?

**Wendi:** Pastor Janice's sermons, the friendliness of the people.

**RR:** How does theater energize your own soul?

**Wendi:** What energizes my soul is a combination of three things: my faith, my family/friends, and my career (theater). What I like best about the theater is the collaborative spirit, people working together to create something.

**RR:** What is your favorite quote?

**Wendi:** You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt



submitted by Bob Luebbers



Eighteen brave souls took on the summer heat on Thursday evening July 14 and dined out in Murphysboro at Annie May's. Jefferson's were the host. The August Dinner will be hosted by Bill & Judy Schwegman at Giant City Lodge on August 19th, their 56th Wedding anniversary. Join us at 5:30 PM for Dinner and then at 6:30 p.m. Bill's cousin John Schwegman is promising an interesting 30 minute presentation about Kinkaid Mounds down on the Ohio River across from Paducah which was a thriving Indian city of some 2500 people about 700 years ago. He will have some slides of the Archeological work done there in recent years and it should be a very interesting. If you can't make dinner at 5:30 PM come on down for the program at 6:30 and have dinner on your own after the presentation. All are welcome, you don't have to be a Senior.

## SEEKING THE FAITH - SHARING THE SPIRIT - SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

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FROM PASTOR JANICE...There are words which sometimes – by circumstances beyond your control – you are not able to share. For those who wondered about what was missing from the Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Lenore Russell. . .here are the words I had planned to share. Peace be with you all. . . .

Proverbs 31 (selected verses - The Message)

A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds. . .She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises. She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day. She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden. First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started. She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day. She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking. She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor. She doesn't worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear. . .she always faces tomorrow with a smile. When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly. She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive. Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise: "Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all!" Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-God. Give her everything she deserves! Festoon her life with praises!

Acts 2:41-47

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 14:1-6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

### **In Sure and Certain Hope**

With the twinkle in the eye, the up-turn of the edges of the mouth, you just knew something was brewing, and Lenore was going to tell you something. . .something very important.

Now, important may just have meant that you needed to lighten up. . .you needed to laugh. . .you needed to see your place in the grand scheme of this adventure we call life. . .but with that twinkle of the eye, that upturn of the corners of the mouth. . .you just knew she was going to say something – possibly something outrageous. . .and everyone would lean in to listen!

Lenore and Bob came to this place over thirty years ago. Before that, they had been faithful Presbyterians in Cobden and in Palo Alto, California. She served the church as a deacon – caring for the needs of the congregation and community; and as an elder – providing the spiritual leadership for the congregation, leading the congregation in their service to God. It was a good fit. . .a great fit. Sunday after Sunday, Lenore sat – just there. . .I think so she could keep a good eye on the preacher!

She cared for her church family in much the same way she cared for the family which gathered under her roof – with compassion and love; with a generous heart and spirit; with humor and laughter.

When her beloved Bob was dying, nearly five years ago, we sat and talked about hope, about this faith we share. She confessed to me that she didn't know if she could keep the faith once Bob was gone, and that

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bothered her greatly. As we sat and talked, I reminded her of the communion of the saints – the presence of those long gone who have instructed us, and nurtured us, and led us in faith. I reminded her of the community of faith gathered together as the church – who pray for us, and uplift us, and care for us. I told Lenore, that if she couldn't hold the faith – the rest of us would hold it for her. The community would do just what she had done for others for so many years. The community would hold the faith, until that time when she could hold it again.

And so we did for Lenore, as she had done for so many before. . .hold the faith. And so we gather here today, holding the faith for one another. . .wanting to believe, wanting to hope, wanting to resound in faith.

At Bob's service, I shared the following words from the Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr. I believed then, as I believe now, that they speak to the lives of faith and hope lived by both Lenore and Bob. Sloane Coffin writes:

*The one true freedom in life is to come to terms with death, and as early as possible, for death is an event that embraces all our lives. And the only way to have a good death is to lead a good life. Lead a good one, full of curiosity, generosity, and compassion, and there's no need at the close of the day to rage against the dying of the light. We can go gentle into that good night.*

The message of faith that Lenore learned, that she shared with her family, that she taught all who would listen is this – the peace of Christ is with us – God's love surrounds us – and is held in trust for us by the community of faith when we are unsure we can hold it ourselves. Lenore knew this, Lenore lived this. **For a life of faith and hope and love. . .a life well lived and shared with many, we can but say, thanks be to God.**

# OOPS!

Pray the the children and teachers will be shared suffering from the flu.

This blooper appeared in some other newsletter, not ours!

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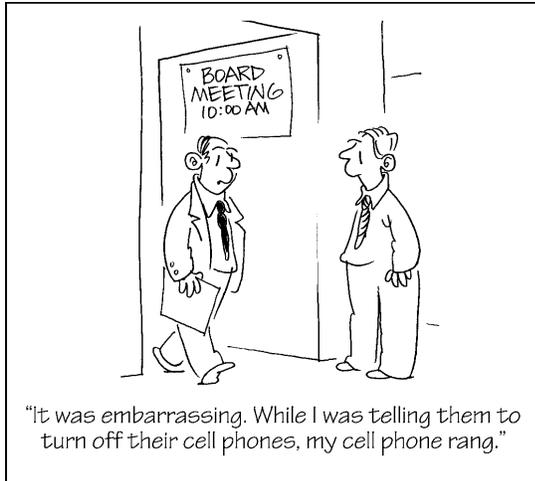
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*August 2010*



*August 1917 marked the start of the Carbondale ministry of Rev. Walter McAdoo. Church evangelical emphasis of the time was called "New Life Movement"*

*Ten years ago, Karen Stahr Terada was serving as interim pastor.*