



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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We may not be fully prepared, but here we go. Christian Enrichment opportunities officially begin Sunday, September 12.

There will be "Dialogues" for adults in the chapel; Bible Study in the parlor; Teens meeting in the Youth Room, Sunday School for younger children in room 140, and groups meeting elsewhere that morning or soon after.

It has been a long, hot summer full of changes . We welcome everyone to spend this hour after worship with church family and friends. Carry in your cup and snack to engage in an extension of your Faith Development.

Pastor's Page

Them-Us Radical-Faithful Liberal-Conservative Terrorist

We have been throwing around a lot of words lately. Fear does that to us. Uncertainty does that to us. *You look, sound, dress differently than I do, and I don't understand it, and it makes me uncomfortable and for some reason, I fear you.* Michael Jinkins, the newly elected President of Louisville Seminary, in writing in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, offered the following:

We do indeed live in a time of anxiety - but it is not unprecedented anxiety. Most every age believes its time is the most difficult in history. While it is natural to feel anxious when threatened, anxiety can paralyze us, limit our range of vision and options, and constrain our imaginations precisely when we most need to think creatively. The best antidote to anxiety is perspective. But chronically anxious people have chronically limited perspectives. This is as true for the church as for any other segment of society. Anxiety tends to make us retrench, draw back, retreat, and freeze at the very moments when we most need to explore. ("Adventurous Leadership" in an Age of High Anxiety, by Michael Jinkins, The Presbyterian Outlook, Vol 192, No 17, August 23, 2010)

This congregation has done some remarkable things in the midst of the anxiety of the day. We continue with the building projects (which many are finally understanding as just a normal part of keeping up a building that represents several building projects of the last 100+ years), and we continue to fund them and a healthy budget - even in the midst of the financial anxieties of the day. Now we are challenged to be flexible in the midst of the chaos of contractors and workers throughout the building. . .and rooms not available when we need them to be. But we will do that, and so much more.

The best antidote is perspective, writes Jinkins. . . .and I believe this to be true. With this in mind, it is time for a little perspective in the church - for us to once again talk about the three "formative" questions for church growth and transformation (*Who are we? What are we here for?, and Who is our neighbor?*). This will be a group which will meet once a month, over a meal, to engage in listening to one another, ask one another these (and other) questions about our church and our mission, and gain some perspective about directions for the church for the next few years. This will be a time for us to explore possibilities. . .unlocking the best that God has in store for us.

Our first meeting will be a potluck supper, at my house, on Sunday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. We will share together over the meal, begin practicing our listening skills, and make plans for future meetings. As we meet together we may read an article or chapters from a book which will inform and shape our conversations, and we may choose to meet at a time other than Sunday evening. If will not be able to attend on the 26th, but want to be included in the perspective conversations, please see me. You do not need to be a member of the congregation to be a part of the group, we welcome all who want to listen and share, and gain some perspective on what - in God's name - we are being called to do and to be.

See you on September 26, if not before!



On Sunday, August 22, the congregation approved Session proceeding with borrowing \$50,000 from First Southern bank in Carbondale for the Fellowship Hall and Roof projects and to pay off the old loan with Old National bank. The loan is for five years at 4.85% with payments of \$940 per month. Currently we pay Old National \$760 out of the operating budget so this is only an increase of \$180 per month for the operating budget which should be no problem. This new loan will eliminate our mortgage since the

collateral for the new loan is a CD already on deposit at First Southern and will provide a "road map" to be completely debt free by 2015.

The money contained in the CD on deposit is largely restricted funds and can not be used to pay for the Fellowship Hall which is why the borrowing is necessary. The fund raiser was very successful and has raised over \$110,000, however, the project along with paying off the old loan will cost about \$180,000. The Church has approximately \$20,000 that can be used for the project so with that plus the donations and the loan we were able to reach our goal allowing us to get the project underway.

The necessary paperwork for the loan will be signed soon along with contracts for doing the work. You should start seeing construction in progress in September with a goal of being finished by the end of this year.



Thanks to everyone who joined together on Sunday, August 29 for the second annual outdoor worship service, picnic, art show, and outdoor activities for all ages. The hope for the events was that they would be a heartfelt welcome to everyone as many of us begin the new school year.

Relief for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti



Thanks to everyone who attended the Haiti luncheon, brought a dish to share, and donated to the cause. We raised over \$ 1,500 to send to the Presbytery on behalf of the Haiti people. The Peacemaking offering will be received October 3. 25% of the offering remains with our church to be used for local missions.

This group will meet in the Chapel each Sunday



morning after worship ——— after your time in Fellowship Hall. This is truly a time to Seek, to Share,

and to Serve. Come, meet your church family members as they share their personal stories, their passions, and their spirit:

September 12 - Bonnie Nalley

September 19 - TBA

September 26 - The 2010 Triennium

Experience - Jeannie, Nichole, Ana

October 3 - Alice Hees

Likewise, if you have something that you are willing to share with your church family, please talk to Phyllis Beck or Kitty Trescott. If you have information about DIALOGUES ideas, please pass them along.

Sunday morning Bible Study

will continue their discussion of Colossians. The group meets in the Parlor, following time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Paul had a lot to say to the new churches. His words still bring guidance to today's Christians. Have you read Paul's letters?



FUN IN THE SON

The Fellowship Hall became a Hawaiian beach for the evening for our MaTT Club kickoff, complete with sand, palm trees, and water. The children and their families bowled pineapples down with a coconut, dug for treasure in the sand, used "sandy candy" (pixie sticks) to create layered sand jars, shot the beach ball into a volcano, and raced to see who could put on the most leis in ten seconds. Twenty nine people attended the Luau.

Many people worked very hard to make the evening a success. Thank you setup crew: Joe Cash, Emily and Marta Davis, Kara Hertzling, Abby Langin, Jennifer Langin, Kevin and Serena Loyd, Robbi Seibert and Janet Seibert Lasley, and Bart and Kitty Trescott. Thank you to all who provided game materials and/or helped run games: Anne Barrett, Emily and Marta Davis, Michael Eldridge, Frances Gilman, Kara Hertzling, Serena Loyd, Win Mitchell, Glen and Tracy Schubert, Robbi Seibert and Janet Seibert Lasley, and Kitty Trescott. A big thank you to the tear-down crew: Diane and Joe Cash, Emily and Marta Davis, Michael Eldridge, Kara Hertzling, Jennifer Langin, Serena Loyd, Glen and Tracy Schubert, Robbi Seibert, Janet Seibert



Lasley, and Bart and Kitty Trescott. Special thanks go to Diane and Joe Cash for providing our Luau feast, and Bob Luebbers for taking photos of the event. And last but not least, thank you to all the parents who brought their children for an evening of fun. Our focus this year will be *Why we do what we do in worship*. Our first club meeting will be on September 12 from 4-6 P.M. We will talk about *Worshiping God in Many Ways in Many Places*.

Our first group activity of the year will be to usher during

Sunday morning worship on September 12. Be watching for us in our T-shirts! We're looking forward to a great MaTT Club year!



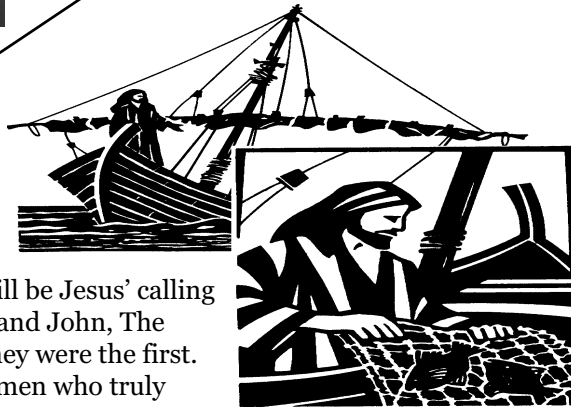
MaTT Club is a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, at the table with Jesus.



Photos by Bob Luebbers



Gateways to God's Galaxy is the Sunday morning Christian Enrichment program for children ages 3-12, preschool through fifth grade. At 10:30, right after worship and Fellowship time, the children gather in room 140 for their introduction, time to snack, and time to hear the story. This year, the children will focus on the Twelve Disciples. Several choices of activities are offered: computer, drama, Bible study, games and puzzles, a movie, art, and music. All of them are designed to be age appropriate, led by a prepared teacher. Questions and offers to help with this program can be given to Michael Eldridge or Kitty Trescott.



September's focus will be Jesus' calling the brothers, James and John, The Sons of Thunder. They were the first. They were the fishermen who truly

became "fishers of men". Drama and art and Bible study and computers will be the activities used this month. We are looking forward to this special time with these children. Thank you for sharing them with The Gateways Teachers.

Growing Families in Fellowship (GFF) invites those with young children to join us for a barbecue/potluck, hosted at the home of Reona and John Daly (585 Brush Hill Rd in Carbondale). We will gather on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 5:00 p.m. for brats, hot dogs and hamburgers. Cupcakes and ice cream will also be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite salad, side dish or anything else to share. Please contact Mary Louise Cashel at 713-3404 if you have questions or need more information.



Help celebrate our Kick-Off by helping the Boys and Girls Club. They need school supplies to distribute to the children in their after school program. The Fellowship Ministry is arranging the school theme centerpieces for our September 12 Fellowship time. All of those school supplies will then be donated to the Boys and Girls Club. Additional items are welcome. Drop them into the basket under the Faith Development bulletin board in the narthex. You can be sure the children will make good use of them.



Teens will meet in the Youth Room from 10:30 to 11:30 Sunday mornings to begin their study of, "The Thoughtful Christian" under the leadership of Diane Cash. Teens in grades 6-12 will enjoy this variety of activities as they explore that Biblical endeavor. Friends of the teens are welcome as well.

Note to youth and families: Below is a letter inviting you to join the First Presbyterian Church Youth Group for a picnic and other activities during the 2010-11 school year. The picnic will be on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 5:30 pm at Turley Park. Hope you can join us! (I will also put copies of the letter in the mail to be sure everyone receives it.)

Cindy Buys



Dear youth and families:

I hope you had a fantastic summer and the school year is starting off well. I am writing to invite you to join in the youth group activities at First Presbyterian Church this fall.

The youth group's first meeting will be on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. We will kick off the year with a picnic at Turley Park. I will supply the meat, rolls, condiments, drinks and paper goods. If each youth could bring some chips, fruit, veggies or salad, that would be wonderful. You are also welcome to bring balls, Frisbees and other games. If it rains, we'll move to Fellowship Hall at church.

We will have our second youth group meeting at church on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. We will make dinner and have a program. The folks who went to Triennium over the summer have agreed to share their experiences with us.

Once again this year, we will meet approximately two Sundays each month. As before, the senior and middle school youth will meet together most of the time, although we may do some separate activities. We are lucky to have Cara Sronce helping us again this year.

I often need parents to help drive youth to some of our activities or to help out in other ways. I ask that each family volunteer to assist with at least one youth group activity during the year. If there is a particular activity you would like to volunteer for, please let me know.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon. As always, if you have questions, please call me at 618-363-2328 (cell) or e-mail me at cbuys@law.siu.edu.

*Sincerely,
Cindy Buys*





First Presbyterian Church is seeking a second child care worker to assist the current worker during church services and special events as required. Please refer interested parties to John Baker (549-2560; jhbaker@siu.edu). Applications will be received until October 1, 2010.

DAY CARE NEWS

We will be starting our annual fund raiser on September 1, 2010. This year we will be selling Butter Braids and Wolf Gang candy. If you would like to order please email us at preskids@frontier.com with your order or call the Day Care at 618-529-1551. We hope to buy supplies and new toys for the center with proceeds from this fundraiser

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for someone to repair pillows and cot sheets and to make some floor pillows.

We will be celebrating Grandparent's Day on Friday, September 10, at 3:15 p.m. upstairs in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.



We had a great time at our Hula Laua, we are sorry if you could not join us. We had ten families who participated in the fun.

PreSchool News

The Preschool is ready to start a new year with their annual Open House, Friday September 3 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The Preschool hired two new teachers over the summer—Susanne Baker and Sarah Smith. Both have BS degrees in education. "Miss Susanne" will be in the 4 year old class and "Miss Sarah" will be in the 2/3 year old class. The Board is excited about having such qualified teachers to add to our staff.

Our annual picnic for the parents and staff will be Thursday Sept. 16 at Turley Park in Carbondale. We will start gathering about 5:15 at the park.

There are still openings in all three classes so if you hear of someone who is looking for an outstanding Preschool be sure and tell them about our program. Classes will start the day after Labor Day.



Church Photo Guide

From September 5-26 members and friends of First Presbyterian are encouraged to sign up for photo appointments in order to have a photo in our new church photo directory. The photos will be taken on October 8-9 (Fri.-Sat.) and 11 (Mon.), 2:00-9:20 p.m. each day. We hope to have strong participation and a directory that well-represents our church family.

Highlights:

- 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.
- No one who has their photo taken by Olan Mills is required to purchase any photos, but may do so if they wish. This schedule will allow those who do order photos to receive them by Christmas.
- Each individual/family who has their photo taken by Olan Mills receives one complimentary 8 X 10 color photo of their choice.
- Each individual/family who has their photo taken by Olan Mills will receive one complimentary color photo directory.
- Our church will receive complimentary photo directories (exact number depends on the number of persons who have photos taken by Olan Mills and the package we select).
- Our church will receive a digital copy of photos from the photo directory, and a copy of software that allows the photos to be merged with the First Presbyterian Church's church management software, both free.



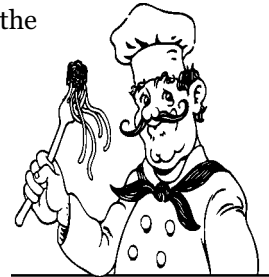
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Our Sound Operators' Guild needs members! We're blessed with good equipment that's easy to use, but we need more operators. John Holt is planning to hold two workshops this fall...the first on Sept. 11 (or 18) and the second on Oct. 9 (or 16). This is your chance to get your hands on some great gizmos and become part of the Worship team. Please speak to John about your available dates, if interested.

DINNER GROUP

The Dinner Group met at Giant City Lodge on August 19 with 32 persons attending. This is the best attendance we have had this year. John Schwegman gave a good talk about the history of Kinkaid Mounds and the ongoing Archeological work taking place there. Bill and Judy Schwegman were hosts and August 19 just happened to be their 56th wedding anniversary. They were married when they were still teenagers.

Next month Sarah and Jim Milford will be the hosts and they plan on taking the group to Pag's. After dinner you can go to the Dairy Queen and get desert and eat it sitting on the wall and remember the "good old college days." Sounds like an exciting evening so be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. for the restaurant group. We will be dining in a reserved room at the recently relocated Pag's (Pagliai's Pizza & Pasta) located on South Illinois Avenue. Parking is convenient and the facility is accessible. Please come prepared to pay cash as we will be billed on one ticket with a 15% gratuity. Phone reservations can be made with Jim and Sarah Milford at 529- 3078 or email sjmilford@verizon.net



Handbells/Handchimes

Our handbells & handchimes have been silent for long enough - it's time to dust them off and being our Fall schedule. Rehearsals will begin at 6:30 p.m. on September 1. If you have a desire to join this choir, either as a regular or a substitute, please call Karen Hippensteel at 684-4292.



CHOIR

Make a joulful noise with the choir! Practice begins September 1 in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. All voices are welcome to join the choir.



The first fall meeting of the "Current Events in a Christian Context" group will be Monday, September 13, at 7 pm in the Church Parlor. All are invited to this gathering where we will share a smorgasbord of our "joys and concerns" as related to current

events in the world, nationally and locally. Come! Share!
For more information contact Harry Davis



Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group

This Small Group is just finishing the discussion of Phyllis Tickle's book, The Great Emergence. Ms. Tickle is a lay Eucharistic minister in the Episcopal Church and the founding editor of the Religion Department of Publisher's Weekly. In this book, she examines a phenomenon she refers to as the Great Emergence, a once-every-500-years trend within Christianity in which a new and "more vital" form of religion emerges. She leaves us with a vision of an exciting future for the church.

Watch for news of the next Book Discussion Group that will meet beginning in October.

Fellowship, Fun, and Food. Planning special activities for the coming year has begun— who wants to help? Each month the fellowship ministry plans something that all members of the congregation can participate in and enjoy. (Sometimes, it isn't even the traditional Presbyterian potluck!) Anyone who would like to join the planning group, please contact Elder Brenda Gilbert or Elder Mary Boyle to get in on the fun. (Hint: Don't wait. We began with the Outdoor Service and Picnic on August 29)!



Ladies, remember to mark your calendars for 6 p.m. Thursday, September 16 for the Fair Ladies of Faith Fall kick-off Build-A- Salad supper to be held in the Church Fellowship Hall. Note the **change of place**.



This event is for any woman in our church who would like to be a part of Fair Ladies of Faith. Everyone brings a salad topping to share and we each build our own salad. Phyllis Beck, Diane Cash and Flossie Langin provide the greens, drinks, and dessert. After eating, we will have conversation to get to know each other and have prayer.

Each lady will be asked to write down her availability for meeting times and days. Ladies will be grouped together according to similar schedules. There will be at least two evening groups and a day group. 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.

*Fair Ladies of
Faith*

Come, enjoy fellowship with other women, and strengthen your faith by being a Fair Lady of Faith. If you are unable to attend the Salad Supper but want to be in a Fair Ladies group please let us know.

Questions? Contact: Phyllis Beck 549-9819
Diane Cash 618-727-4075
Flossie Langin 351-0719



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World Communion

Day will be celebrated on Sunday, October 3. We would like to have breads from several different countries to use in the Communion baskets and also for Fellowship Time tasting. Last year several folks baked bread.

If you would be willing to help this year please contact Flossie or the church office. If you have your own recipe that's good. If you are willing to bake but need a recipe we will provide that for you. We need the bread by Saturday morning, October 2. Please contact Flossie Langin directly at 351-0719, email at flangin57@yahoo.com or call the church office.

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

Virginia L. Whitson

October 6, 1921 – August 7, 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



Income from estates meets important needs of our church. We try to use the money in a way that parallels the life and faith of the individual. The \$13,000 per year income from the Florence Foote estate has helped to refurbish the Parlor where she provided education for the Session. Next year it may provide mission trip funds, remembering Florence's dedication to teaching at Menaul School, an ecumenical college prep school respecting the Christian tradition.

OOPS!

Offertory Medication

This blooper appeared in some other bulletin, not ours.

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September 24, 1859, Daniel and Julia Brush became members of the newly dedicated First Presbyterian Church on Carbondale at 210 W. Monroe Street.

According to a history of the Church, in 1876 there were seventy-nine members on the roll.