



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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SI Diaper Drive - Each Sunday in Oct.

Peacemaking Offering - Oct. 3

Youth Volunteer at Food
Pantry - Oct. 8

Pastor Appreciation
Sunday - Oct. 10

Crazy for You - Oct. 16

Youth Food Scavenger
Hunt - Oct. 16

Day Care Photo Day - Oct. 19

Preschool Photo Days
Oct. 20, 21

Dinner Group - Oct. 21

Kids in Christ Trick or Treat
for UNICEF - Oct. 24

Day Care Halloween/Fall
Party - Oct. 29

GFF Trick or Treat - Oct. 31
fifth Sunday Salad
Luncheon - Oct. 31

Children's Bible Presenta-
tion - Oct. 31

Church Office Hours

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

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SI Diaper Bank 110

On Saturday, October 16, plan to join your friends from First Presbyterian at SIU's McLeod Theater production of *Crazy for You*. This rousing musical is George and Ira Gershwin's 1930's hit *Girl Crazy* in modern dress.

It includes all the wonderful Gershwin music. You'll listen to "Embraceable You," "I've Got Rhythm," "I'm Bidin' My Time" and many more wonderful tunes.

The theater wants to confirm our seats by October 8, so sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Regular ticket prices will be discounted 10 to 20 percent depending on how many tickets we sell.

When the price of each ticket is determined (that will be when we know how many tickets we have sold), make a check out to Mary Boyle. Bring your friends! Sign up now! The more tickets we reserve, the less we pay! (Questions? See Mary Boyle or Brenda Gilbert)

SIU McLeod Theater
Saturday, October 16

Crazy for You

Pastor's Page

The weather is finally turning, and my mind goes to my fall stay-cation. I often take one of my weeks of vacation in the fall, and do yard work, get the house ready for fall, catch up on projects, see sights, just relax. It is a nice distraction from my day-to-day calling. This year I will warm up my knees and go at a somewhat leisurely pace. . .so I don't end up needing to visit with my local orthopedist!

October is the month when the church engages in some "getting ready" and "catching up" as well. We are getting ready to make our commitments to God and Christ's church for 2011. We know that these are commitments of money, time and talent. There is *More Than Enough* of all three of these in our congregation. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of how you will use the gifts which God has given you.

October also finds us celebrating *Inspiring Women* with SIU, as our own Mary Simon is among the honorees this year. We around the church know that Mary is an inspiration. . .as she has been inspiring us and the greater community for many years. The Gala celebration is October 23 at SIU. Congratulations, Mary!

Our 2011 Confirmation Class will begin meeting in October. We have at least three high school young people who are preparing to learn more about what it means to be a part of the church family through membership. We have a need for sponsors for these young people - volunteers who will meet with them a few times over the winter months to talk about faith and to work with the Confirmands on a mission project. Would you consider being a sponsor, nurturing the faith of our young people? See me for more information.

The end of the month we will remember and celebrate the saints of our lives who have died in this last year. (October 31) There will be a special insert in the bulletin during the month of October so you can submit the names of those in your life who have died this last year. If you are unable to get to church, and would like someone included on the list, please contact Barb Stewart in the church office.

Finally, I will be teaching a two week Faith Dialogues class beginning on October 31, which is entitled - *Accompany Them With Singing*. The title is in reference to the book by the same name by theologian Tom Long, and it talks about our practices around death and dying, and their connection to our life of faith. There will be an opportunity in the class for participants to examine scripture, prayers, songs, and to talk about plans for their own services of Witness to the Resurrection.

One last note - by the time you get this, Fellowship Hall will nearly be ready for the wondrous construction project. What faith, what grand faith, this church has demonstrated in working together to get this project moving. While we have been promised the room will be available for us on Sunday mornings during the construction time, we need to remain flexible, knowing that due to many things beyond peoples' control, this may not be possible. But how delightful to know that things are moving ahead. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

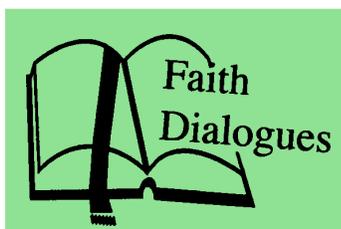
Peace to you!

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

The month of October is Clergy appreciation month. October 10 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. This is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people.



Peacemaking offering is October 3 .
25% remains with our church.



This is the schedule of topics for October. Every Sunday morning after worship and Fellowship, these people will welcome you with their "Dialogue".

September 26 – Jeanne, Nichole, Ana
2010 Triennium

October 3 – Alice Hees
A Life Experience

October 10 – Jane Swanson
Our Missions

October 17 – Suleman Abdiah
A Pakistan Presbyterian

October 24 – Our Budget for 2011

October 31 – Pastor West –
November 7 – Pastor West –



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5th SUNDAY SALAD

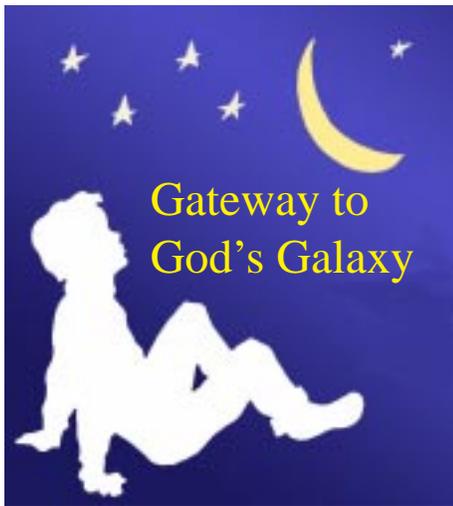


LUNCHEON

There are four months in the 2010-2011 church year which have five Sundays. At 11:45 a.m. on October 31, 2010, the Fellowship Ministry will celebrate the first of these by hosting a salad luncheon to benefit the Diaper Bank. Please bring a salad to share plus diapers to help supply the bank. (Of course, the bank will also accept monetary contributions!)



Bible Study has a Sunday morning gathering in the Parlor following worship and Fellowship time. They are currently reading and discussing *1 Samuel*.



The children are learning about the Twelve Disciples that Jesus chose to be his followers. This is part of the Gateways to God's Galaxy program for children age four through the fifth grade. The group gathers in room 140 after worship for an introductory story and a light snack. In September, they learned about the "Sons of Thunder, James and John". The next two brothers they will hear about are Andrew and Peter. Besides hearing about these brothers, they painted the backdrop for their drama.



Bibles will be presented to the children during the worship service on October 31.



Kids In Christ

All children are welcome to join the group to go Trick or Treating for UNICEF, on Sunday afternoon, October 24. Kids in Christ are the children from age four through the fifth grade. They enjoy occasional group activities together. Plan to meet in Fellowship Hall at 3:00 on October 24. Costumes, of course, may be worn. Be careful of long garments that drag on the ground, and masks that might obscure visibility. Beth Forsberg will lead the group. Parents, friends, grandparents, and any interested others are welcome to join the group. Hot chocolate and pizza will be waiting for everyone when they return to church.



Growing Families in Fellowship

GFF would like to invite parents and young children (0-12 years) to join us for trick-or-treating on October 31. We will meet at Pastor Janice's house at 5:00 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided while the children watch the classic Charlie Brown DVD and we wait for everyone to arrive. We plan to head out at 5:30 for tricks or treats, arriving back at 6:45 or so to watch the remainder of the DVD and review the goodies. Church members and friends are very welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Louise Cashel at 713-3404.





It was great to see everyone again at our back-to-school picnic in September. Here are the plans for October's activities.

October is the month we focus on hunger issues. On the morning of Friday, October 8, we are planning to volunteer again at the food pantry at the University Baptist Church on S. Oakland Ave. We will need a couple of adult volunteers to be with the kids that morning. Please contact Cindy Buys if you can help for an hour or two.

October 16, 2010 is World Food Day. In honor of the day, we will conduct a food scavenger hunt again this year. Be looking for youth to come to your door on Sunday afternoon, October 17, asking for donations of nonperishable food items.

After all our hard work, we will treat ourselves to some Halloween fun on the last weekend in October. Details will be announced at a later date in emails and letters to the youth and their families.

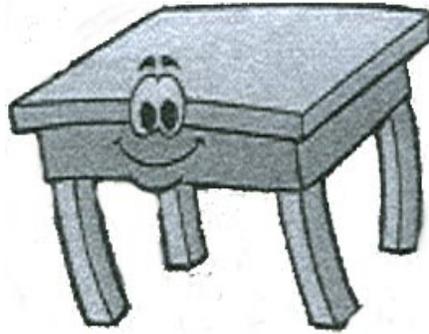
Teens in grades six through twelve meet in the Youth Room every Sunday morning after their snack in Fellowship Hall. Diane Cash is leading the group with material from *The Thoughtful Christian*.



QUENCH
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This group has been meeting Sunday mornings after worship and Fellowship time. This group includes college students and college aged young adults. Check with Kathy Manfredi to see which Sunday mornings Quench is meeting ——— and where.

MaTT Club



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

MaTT Club held its first meeting of the season on September 12. We had eight MaTT Club friends plus an older sister helper. The focus for the evening was "Worshiping in many places and in many ways." We decided that there are indeed many ways to worship including singing, praying, and reading the Bible. Another fun game that was a big hit was "Name That Baa". Instead of playing notes on a piano we "sang" a song baaing like sheep while the other teams tried to guess what song we were performing.

We discussed how David worshipped God by writing psalms. We didn't write any psalms but we did herd some sheep into a sheepfold. And we threw some "rocks" at Goliath. The kids made standup sheep during craft time to remind us that we are indeed God's little lambs and God cares for us.

The memory verse for the evening was *Trust the Lord and worship God always. 1 Chronicles 16:11*. During prayer time, we thanked God for the fact that we can worship God no matter what we're feeling, no matter where we are and no matter who we're with.

September 12 also saw MaTT Club friends serving as ushers during worship. Thank you Carly Hertzling, Kierra Langin, Elwood Prest and Joseph Prest. The children enjoy participating in the worship service. It also serves to emphasize their importance as part of the church family.

MaTT Club's theme this year is *Why we do what we do in worship*. We will learn what components are included in our worship services and why they are included. Our next two meetings will focus on the Call to Worship and Hymns. October 24 MaTT Club will join Kids in Christ and go Trick or Treat for UNICEF. We'll meet back at the church for food, fun and games.

Thank you Brenda Myers, Frances Gilman and Jenny Prest for providing our suppers in September. Thank you Emily Davis, Frances Gilman, Jennifer Langin, Kara Hertzling and Marta Davis for helping the meetings run smoothly.

MaTT Club is beginning its third year. We have almost doubled in

size. We've gone from just me hoping a helper will show up, to a Leadership Team! I'm thankful for Faith Development's encouragement and support of this program. I appreciate help from the congregation too. We love volunteers! We need people to: provide supper (no cooking required), lead craft time, organize games, and lead the lesson. If you would like to volunteer, sign your name on the volunteer list on Faith Development's bulletin board or contact anyone on the Leadership Team.

Flossie Langin
Jennifer Langin
Emily Davis
Kara Hertzling
Frances Gilman
Marta Davis

WOW - WOW - WOW

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 a new school year. Despite our best-laid plans for having a catered meal the meal arrived quite late...apparently due to an accident involving one of the staff at the caterers. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused anyone! The left-overs went to the clients at the Women's Center and we can assure everyone that the food was accepted with heartfelt gratitude.



We had a pre-construction conference with the contractors on September 15 to discuss the various aspects of the project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 4, with completion by the end of the year or sooner. The roof project is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday October 18 and be finished by the end of October.

The first thing to be worked on in Fellowship Hall will be the ceiling. Due to the possibility of objects falling from a significant height it will be necessary to completely close Fellowship Hall to everyone except the contractor's workers and an occasional inspector. All other persons will need to stay out of the room, you can look in the windows but otherwise please stay clear.

The next item to be worked on after that will be the removal of the HVAC duct work not only in the Fellowship Hall but in the Kitchen too, so at that point the Kitchen will have to be off limits also. The contractor will endeavor to "broom clean" the Hall every Friday when he leaves for the weekend so hopefully we will be able to use Fellowship Hall for Sunday Morning Fellowship. There won't be any tables or chairs available however unless the persons doing fellowship want to get out one or two tables and then put them back after they are done. In the "good old days" of fellowship in the Narthex we stood around drinking our coffee and talking so perhaps we need to revisit the "good old days" for two or three months until the project is completed to remind us that the "good old days" perhaps weren't all that good after all.

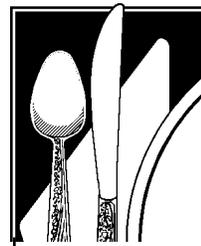
Mary Simon will be happy that Fellowship Hall, as well as other spaces, will soon be brimming with folks studying, vocalizing and tooting—not just eating cookies during fellowship hour.

Learning in Retirement contacted us, toured our facilities and are excited about scheduling classes starting in January.

Through our ongoing relationship with the SIU School of Music involving Susan Davenport and Carlyn Zimmermann, students and faculty will begin scheduling performances in 2011.

As a welcoming Faith Community, we still get to eat cookies on Sunday. Our faith and fellowship make it all happen.

Those cookies are important !



Dinner Group

Sarah and Jim Milford were our hosts for the September Dinner and they took us to Pag's on the strip.

Pagliai's or Pag's for short has recently moved into a new building on the strip right across the street from the "Historic" Dairy Queen. They now have a private room for groups which we used for the 17 attendees which was very nice. A big thanks to Sarah and Jim.

This month (October 21) Bill Schwegman will be making the arrangements for Hal and Evelyn Engelking who were originally scheduled to host the meeting but will be unable to do so. Bill is looking into having the Oct. meeting at either Hunan's or Spinoni's so keep an eye on the Church Bulletin in October for details of the location etc. Looking ahead a little further on the calendar Hippensteels will host the November 18 meeting. We will not meet in December



Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement, an

organization of about 250 semi-retired and retired persons living in the Carbondale area offers courses in various areas. This fall, during Session 2, Dr. Chris Repp will be teaching "History of the Christian Church, from the Reformation to the Modern World" on Tuesdays: October 19 to November 16 at 9:30 to 11:30 at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Call Dept. of Cont. Education at (618) 536-7751 for fee information and registration. We welcome new members!

Day Care

Tuesday October 12, the Two's room, Three's room, and the Preschool room will be going to Bandy pumpkin patch, location in Johnson City.



Tuesday October 19, is Picture Day, we will be doing class pictures plus individual pictures. We will start at 8:30 a.m.

Friday October 29, will be our Halloween/fall party. We will start parading around the block at 3:15 p.m. if weather permits.

I would like to thank First Presbyterian Church for letting me come and speak on Sunday September 19, about the Day Care, and I would like to say thank you for making my family feel very welcome.

Dianna



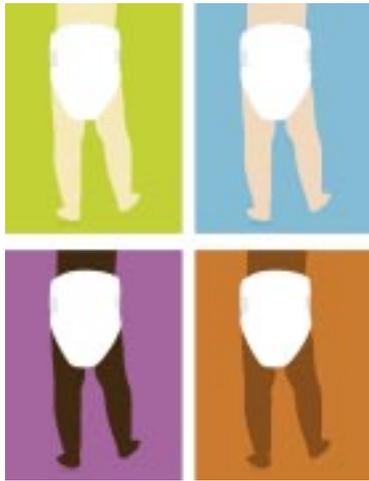
Preschool

The Preschool had a great beginning of the year picnic! The children and parents were introduced and the "Johnny Appleseed" song was sung for the group. The food brought by the parents was so good we are all looking forward to the next get together.

The Frogs and Tadpoles are looking forward to their trip to the Pumpkin Patch in the middle of the month. The Frogs took a walking trip to the Student Center at SIU to the craft shop last month.

School pictures will be taken Oct. 20 and 21 and will be back in time for Christmas.

The school continues to grow—little by little—enrollment is now 30!



**Time for Another Church "Diaper Drive"*

Throughout the month of October, we are collecting diapers for the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois, sponsored by First Presbyterian. Since August 2009, the Diaper Bank has distributed over 25,000 diapers to seven local agencies. Last month alone, we delivered 3,500 diapers, the most ever. The Diaper Bank continues to receive financial support from the Carbondale Kiwanis Club and the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois, and several other churches in our community have sponsored diaper drives. The need for diapers continues to grow, and so we ask for your support!

Each Sunday in October, bring packages of diapers (any brand, any size), 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.

By the time this newsletter comes out, everyone should have signed up a photo appointment. If not, please know that Olan Mills representatives will attempt two calls to each household that did not sign up.



If you would like to be included in the directory, but are unable to attend on the dates Olan Mills will be taking photos (Oct. 8, 9, 11), then please contact Ken Simpson at 618-303-1432 to make alternative arrangements. Finally, for those who have appointments for photos, please be sure to arrive on time. Thanks for participating!



Mission will be selling cookbooks from Good Samaritan House. The proceeds will benefit Good Sam. Please see Judy Dawson, Cindy Buys, or Jane Swanson.



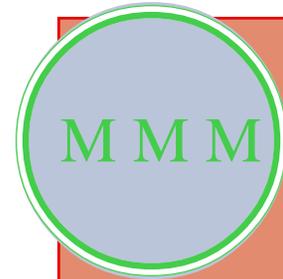
Dianna Hagler is the Director of the Day Care at First Presbyterian Church. She has been a part of this program for twenty years. The program is located in six of the rooms in the basement of our church. The Big Room where the old kitchen had been is great for active play. This Day Care has been a mission of our church since 1972. They are licensed through the Department of Family Service to accommodate up to 48 children. Currently, there are 39 children, ranging in age from six months to five years old. The Day Care is open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. There are eight full time staff members. Each teacher has had a back ground check. During the week, the children are taught specific things: ABC's, colors, numbers, and more. The children just finished learning about insects. They sometimes learn nursery rhymes to match the lesson plan theme. Some times the older children go on field trips to experiece these things first hand.

Di invites all of you to share with them in this Day Care mission of our church. Come downstairs to visit them. Volunteer your time and energy by rocking babies, reading stories, doing art projects, or even helping on the play ground. We hope to sand down the climbing gym, and could some use help with that project. We always enjoy having you join us. Look in the newsletter for words from Di, telling you what they have been doing, and what they plan to do soon. Di says, "Thank you for including the Day Care as a mission of your church and for all you do to help with this wonderful program."



International Mission Trip 2011

Please consider participating in the 2011 mission trip to Costa Rica. We will be participating in a PCUSA sponsored project during the week of June 18-25. The anticipated cost per individual will be approximately \$800. We will need commitments from interested individuals by January 30. More details will follow so stay tuned! Questions? Contact Judy Dawson dawsonstevejudy@aol.com.



“Many of us were deeply touched this summer by the death of Martin Logan, the son of Tom & Jocelyn Logan of Marion Medical Mission. In Martin’s memory, Kathy and Pat Manfredi are taking contributions toward the purchase of several shallow wells. If you would like to contribute toward this cause, please contact Kathy or Pat. Checks are to be made out directly to Marion Medical Mission.”

If you would like to submit an article for this newsletter use:
firstpresnews@gmail.com



Endowment and Memorial Gifts

The church tries to be good stewards of both Endowment and Memorial funds. Endowments are any amount of money left to the church in a person’s will. It is managed by the Presbyterian Foundation or other entity and the church receives a yearly income from that gift.

Memorials are gifts provided by a person’s friends and relatives and a careful accounting of them is maintained by the church treasurer. If there is no designated purpose for the gifts, the Session tries to spend the funds in ways closely aligned with the person’s faith and interests.

Our faith community, right now, uses both these kinds of gifts as we strive to reach out to all God’s people.

OOPS!

Hymn 328: “All Hail the
Tower of Jesus’ Name”

This appeared in some other bulletin, not ours.

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In 1895, The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor had a membership of 104!

By 1959, one hundred years after our first church building was dedicated, First Presbyterian Church had grown from a membership of FIVE to over FIVE HUNDRED.