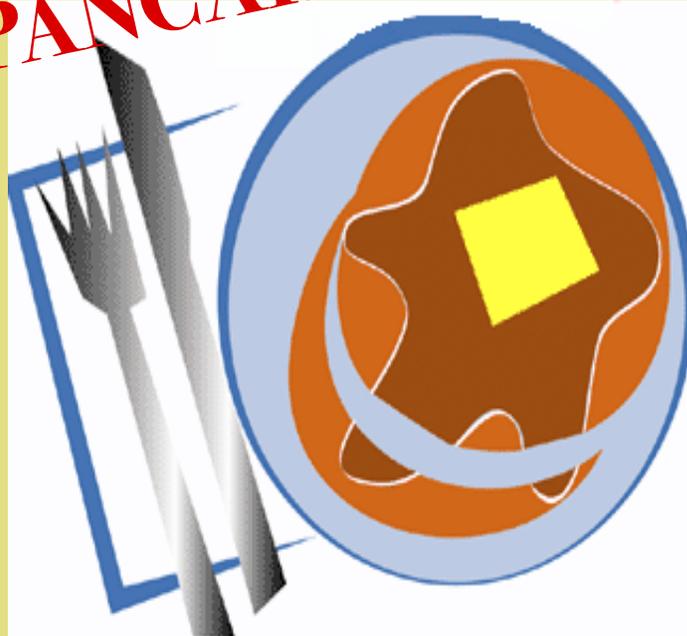




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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



CWU Celebrates
World Day of Prayer
Mar. 4

Lenten Book Study
Mar. 6-Apr. 10

Marketplace Planning
Meeting - Mar. 7

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 8

Restaurant Group - Mar. 17

Day Care
Trik-a-Thon - Mar. 25

Youth Group
Progressive Dinner - Mar. 27

Carbondale History Presentation
March 27

Pastor Janice's
Anniversary Celebration
April 3

CWU Hunger Sale - April 8-9

Church Office Hours

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

Phone Extensions:

Janice 101
Carlyn: 106
Barb 100
SI Diaper Bank 110

The BIG fellowship event for March is the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper . Starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, pancakes and pancake games will highlight the celebration in Fellowship Hall. The youth of the church will be serving as chefs, and the rest of the fellowship committee will be helping out and supervising games. Games? How about pancake relays, distance and accuracy events, and who knows what else. Come join the fun.

Mary Boyle, Brenda Gilbert, Margo Tesch

Pastor's Page

Looking to Lent --

There has been some conversation in our congregation as of late about spiritual disciplines, or practices in the life of the church. It seems that we threw the baby out with the bath water when we decided to engage in some reformation, and it has left our protestant church life a little out of touch. . .with the life of faith about which Jesus spoke, about the ways we encounter God and live holy and faithful lives, about how God's Spirit is truly present with us in this life of faith. Our churches don't know the theological significance of some of the most basic of practices in the life of the church. So, this Lenten Season, we are going to explore some spiritual practices. . .through our worship on Sunday morning and possibly in our lives throughout the week.

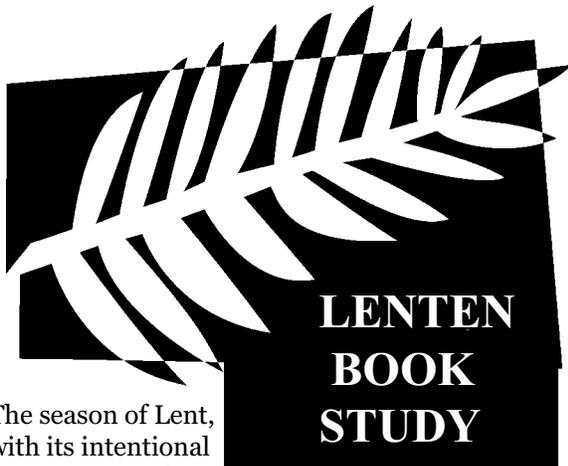
As we reflect on the traditional texts of the Lenten Season, we will do so with an eye to disciplines like fasting, keeping the Sabbath holy, and prayerful discernment. We will explore rich traditions of biblical reading. This Lenten season will be a time for you to reorient yourself to the life of faith, a traditional theme of the Lenten Season.

We will begin our Lenten Season with a combined Ash Wednesday service at Church of the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ 515 S Orchard Drive, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. This meditative service will include Taize chants, the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. All are welcome.

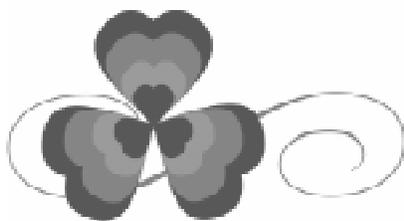
I especially appreciate Good Shepherd's welcome of us for this special service during the time of my recovery from knee surgery. Thanks, too, for all the warm wishes and assistance during these days.

As we approach this Holy Season, may we do so with an open heart, open mind, and open life. . .waiting for God's spirit to speak to us and lead us!

Pastor Janice

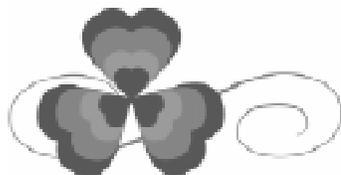


The season of Lent, with its intentional focus on renewing the Christian life, is a natural season to add some additional reading as your preparation for Easter. To this end, Small Group Ministry is arranging a Book Study to be held on Sunday evenings during Lent, March 6 thru April 10. The study group will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a pot luck dinner followed by book discussion from 7 - 8:00 p.m. Please consider making this time of study and fellowship a part of your Lenten season even if you know you cannot attend all six meetings. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Small Group bulletin board in the narthex.



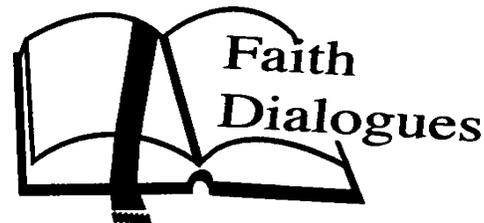
RESTAURANT GROUP

Nineteen members of the Restaurant Group, hosted by the Hippensteels, met at the Lone Star Steak House on Feb. 17, for food and fellowship. Next month, the Montavanis have arranged for the group to meet at the Mississippi Flyway on March 17 at 5:30 p. m. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be a menu item as this will be St. Patrick's Day.



Janice will celebrate her tenth anniversary of being our pastor on April 3. Plan to celebrate with us at a potluck immediately following worship. Christian Education has been canceled for the day. Enjoy the food and fellowship and thank Janice for being our pastor. There will be a basket for cards. Mark your calendars now! Watch for more information.

Our Pastor's Anniversary Celebration



March 3 - Karen Hippensteel will introduce the marvels of the bells and chimes that have enhanced the music program for several years.

March 20 - Anne Dillard will talk about the Presbyterian Preschool Program that has been part of our church mission for decades.

There are no presentations scheduled yet for March 13 and 27.



MARKETPLACE

A planning meeting will be held on Monday, March 7, 6:30 in the Youth Room. This is a good time to let Kitty Trescott know that you will help with the summertime program. We will also brainstorm ideas for activities and projects. This year's focus is on baby Moses.

A leader is needed for BEYOND MARKETPLACE, the program for children in grades 6, 7, & 8 that meets the same time as Marketplace. The focus of this program is community service, each morning engaging in some activity. There are usually fewer than ten children in the program, and always eager and willing to be helpful. Consider taking on this endeavor.

CAMP CAREW SCHOLARSHIPS

It is not too soon to look at the summer calendar to see if and when your children and grandchildren will be going to Camp Carew. Once again, First Presbyterian Church will offer scholarships to pay half the cost of the week at Camp Carew. See Kitty Trescott for the application forms for those scholarships.



Jitendra Gahan is the child supported by our church via Child Fund International.. Each month, offerings brought by the Gateways children and others are used to send money to help support Jitendra and his family. The amount is small, just \$28 a month. This money is used for more than just the boy. His whole family benefits. They receive seed and tools to grow food for themselves and to sell. They get medical care, instruction, clinics, and preventive health measures. The entire community gathers occasionally for activities, medical advice, care of their animals and social events. Know that what you do to help Jitendra helps his family, his school, and his entire community.

WE DID IT!

With the incredible support of our congregation, the youth group surpassed its fundraising goal by raising a record amount of **more than \$2000** for Good Samaritan Ministries on Souper Bowl Sunday. We can't thank everyone enough for their hard work and generosity that makes this event possible.

Here is the schedule of youth events for this spring:

March 8: The youth will be flipping pancakes at the Shrove Tuesday supper. Come experience again the cooking talents of our youth!

March 27: Progressive Dinner. We had so much fun last year that we'd like to have another progressive dinner again this year. If you would like to host one course of our dinner (e.g., appetizers, soup, salad, entrée, dessert, please contact Cindy Buys)

April 9 and 10: We will revive our tradition of pretzel making for Lent, which reminds us to be in prayer. The youth will meet Saturday evening, April 9 to make the pretzels and will give them to the congregation during Fellowship on Sunday morning, April 10.

April 24: The youth and their families are invited to be part of the annual Easter picnic and hike at Giant City State Park.

April 30: First Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring a team again this year in the Relay for Life to fundraise for cancer research. The youth are invited to walk as part of the Presbyterians' team. Please let me know if you have any questions, Cindy

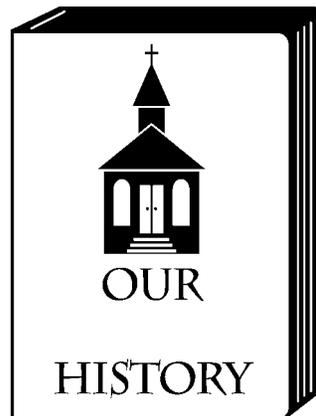


TIP Hospice is in need of caring volunteers to visit patients and their families. No previous experience is necessary. Comprehensive training is provided as well as ongoing support and



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education. Volunteers may choose assignments that suit their time and interests. Please contact Jennifer Seaman at 1-800-371-3885 or via e-mail at Jennifer.Seaman@vnatip.com.



Save the date!

Remember that First Presbyterian will be a part of the Preservation Commission of Carbondale's event on Sunday, March 27, to encourage people to learn ways to share and

preserve local history and culture. The free event will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center at 200 S. Illinois Ave from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church will have a display along with others and the CCHS Choir will perform a short concert of vintage songs led by our own Carlynn Zimmermann.

MaTT

In February, MaTT Club continued our theme of "Why we do what we do in worship" by learning about the *New Testament* reading and the *sermon*. We learned that the word testament means promise. The Bible contains the stories of God's promises to God's people over thousands of years. I reminded the children that we, today, are also God's people and God is still making and fulfilling God's promises.

The children learned about the (Presbytery provided) lectionary and how Janice uses it to choose the scriptures (including those from the *New Testament*) that will be read during worship. The children learned that the reader has a responsibility to become familiar with the words before they read to the congregation. However we, the listeners, also have a responsibility! Our job is to listen for the "good news". We practiced saying "Thanks be to God", which shows we are glad to get to hear about Jesus. Our memory verse for the *New Testament* reading was: *Read (the Bible) all the days of your life. Deuteronomy 17:19*

On February 27 we talked about the *sermon*. The children learned the reason for having a sermon is so that we can better understand what God is saying to us in the Bible. The sermon is the time during worship that Pastor Janice explains (or teaches) us, and helps us understand, the Bible readings we just heard. Pastor Janice then goes on to explain how those stories are important to us today. Our memory verse for *the sermon* was: *The one whom God has sent speaks the words of God. John 3:34*

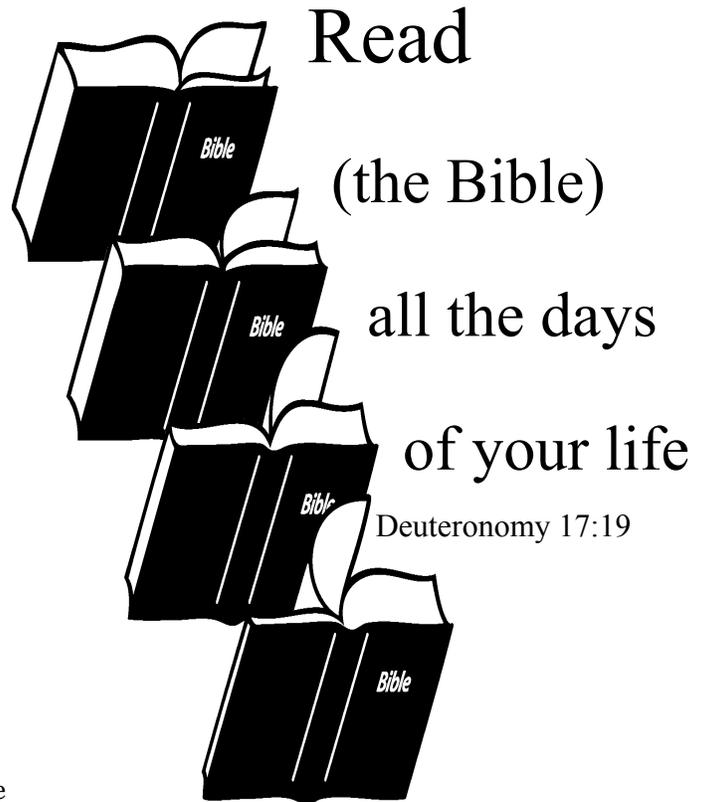
March will see us focusing on the *Offering & Doxology* and the *Prayers of the People*.
Happy Birthday Julia Oberg (March 29).

Thank you Jennifer Langin, and Sarah Merideth for providing suppers for us in February. Thank you Marta for heading up game time, and Kara for taking care of craft time on Feb. 27. Thank you Kara for organizing the children in preparation to usher that morning.

Flossie Langin
Emily Davis
Frances Gilman

Jennifer Langin
Kara Hertzling
Marta Davis

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



Thanks to the congregation for supporting the Costa Rica Mission Trip.

The following members will be representing our congregation in Costa Rica.

Phyllis Beck
Joe Cash
Steve Dawson
Michael Eldridge
Rosey Gibbs
Morgan Isaiah
Dori Jefferson
Robert Martens
Greg Schubert
Tracy Schubert
Jane Swanson
Janice West



Preschool

The Frogs will continue their studies of different countries in the month of March. They will be talking about Africa, Ireland, India and Australia. The Frogs will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a small party.

The Tadpoles and Polliwogs will be talking about dinosaurs. They will also be talking about Spring and the different bugs, birds and butterflies that come back when the weather is warmer.

The Polliwogs will be having Parent/Teacher conferences Tuesday March 29. The Frogs will have school that day.

Classes will not be held the week of March 14-18 because of Spring Break. See everyone back the March 21 for the last part of the school year. Enjoy the vacation!



Day Care

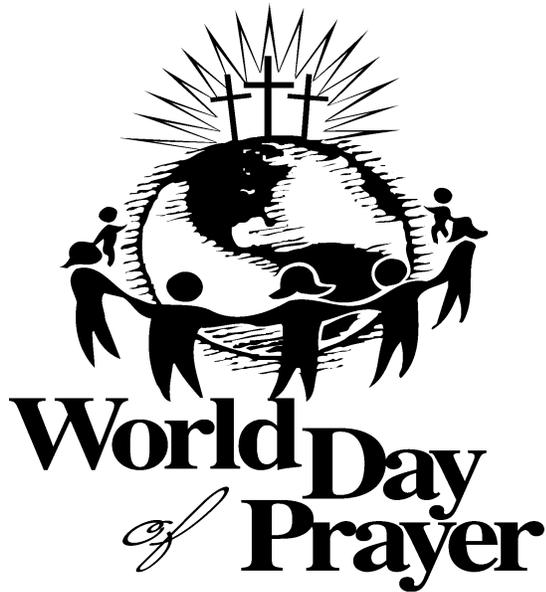
The month of February was filled with lots of fun. We enjoyed both our Valentine Day Party and the field trip to Dr. Durr's Dentist office.

In the month of March we look forward to our annual Trik-a-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This is so much fun for the children because they get to bring their bikes to school. On Friday, March 25, the children will be riding their bikes around the big room. If anyone would like to come and help us count laps as the children ride around the big room, their help would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking for double seat strollers. If anyone has any that they would like to donate or sell please let us know.

Friday March 11, Carbondale Police Officer Amber Goddard and McGruff the crime dog will be here at 10 am. Everyone is welcome. The Day Care will be hosting a Family fun night on Friday March 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

The Day Care would like to give a great big Thank You to Carol King for sewing us new sheets for our cots and to Joe Cash for helping the Day Care do some repairs. Thank you both.



Church Women United of Carbondale will celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4, at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Chautauqua, Carbondale. The observance will begin at 10:30 am with Bible Study led by Alice Winters. A bring-your-own sack lunch will follow at 11:30 am. The worship celebration, scheduled for 12:15 pm, will lift up the theme written by the women of Chile: "How Many Loaves Have You?" All women are invited to participate.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. The service will begin at the first sunrise on March 4 in the Pacific region and follow the Earth's orbit, shining its light in turn around the world.

All are welcome!

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA

"Changing lives one little dress at a time . . . Making a Difference"

"Little Dresses for Africa is a nonprofit Christian based organization which provides relief to the children of Africa. Simple dresses are made out of fabric or pillowcases and distributed through the orphanages, churches and schools in Africa to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are *worthy*."

Small Group Ministry has posted samples of these easy-to-make dresses on the bulletin board in the narthex along with a sign-up sheet to assess interest in this project. Participation might be by sewing (either with a group or at home), by providing materials, by contributing to the cost of supplies. . .

To read more about this project, check out their website: littledressesforafrica.com



The group will meet on March 15, at the home of Win Mitchell, 1301 Old West Main St. There will be dessert and coffee served at 1 p.m. followed by the lesson presented by Charlene Scott

Presbyterian Women

Administrative Assistant, Barbara Stewart, was recently certified as a Notary Public in the State of Illinois.

She will be happy to assist members and friends of the church in need of Notary Services.



April 8-9

Are you ready for spring? You know spring is coming when Church Women United announces plans for its annual World Hunger Sale. The giant yard sale and auction will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 8-9 at the Newman Catholic Student Center, 715 S. Washington, Carbondale. The sale hours are 12 noon to 6 pm on Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The live auction will be Saturday at 10 a.m. featuring antiques, collectibles and much more, including beautiful limestone planters. Gorgeous hanging and bedding plants from McNitt's Greenhouses will be sold on Saturday. Sandwiches and baked goods will be sold both days.

Donations of usable items of all sorts are needed - household items, electronics, furniture, books, toys, jewelry and clothing. Donations of baked goods, plants and auction items are especially welcome. If you have something special to donate that might be considered for the auction, please call Chair Margie Parker at 549-7193 by March 30 so it can be advertised to attract high bidders! All donations can be taken to the Newman Center on Wednesday and Thursday April 6-7.

Over 200 volunteers are needed April 6-9 to help with a great variety of tasks: transporting tables and racks; hanging posters; cooking or baking; sorting and pricing clothing, books, toys, jewelry and household goods; checking out computers and electronics; cashiering; recycling; and packing up. We encourage you to consider how you can help and sign up with your church coordinators, Imogene Beckemeyer or Frances Gilman, or call Margie at 549-7193.

Last year \$13,600 was raised to support nine local and six worldwide agencies that feed hungry people: Good Samaritan Ministries, Bethel AME's Feed My Sheep, Senior Citizens Meals-on-Wheels, the Women's Center, Attucks Community Services and "I Can Read" tutorial programs, New Zion Baptist Church's summer food program, the Guadalupe Fund for farmworkers, DYA Family Advocacy Services, CROP, UNICEF, ECHO, Heifer Project, Marion Medical Mission, and For Kids' Sake (orphans in Bangladesh).

Since 1975 this Sale has been supported by the churches and community, raising over \$200,000. With your help this great tradition will continue to be a success.

Special Needs: Auction Items, Baked Goods, Plants, Soup or Casserole to feed the workers, and Pick-up Trucks.

Work Schedule

Please call Margie Parker at 549-7193 to volunteer.

Wed. April 6: 9:00am - 8:00 pm: Receiving and sorting donations
Thurs. April 7: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm: Receiving, sorting and pricing donations
Fri. April 8: 9:00 am - 12:00 n: Sorting and pricing donations

Fri. April 8: 11:30 - 6:00 pm: Selling
Fri. April 8: 6:00 - 7:00 pm: Straightening up

Sat. April 9: 7:30 am-1:00 pm: Selling
Sat. April 9: 1:00-6:00 pm: Boxing leftovers for the Thrift Shop,
Returning tables, etc., setting up chairs





Our service providers give back in support of our congregation.

Zach Hill who plows and mows, donated one month of free mowing last summer.

Quality Clean who keeps our building clean, donated the finishing and five coats of wax for the new kitchen floor.

With gratitude, we thank these contractors for their support of our church ministries.

SUNDAY
MARCH 13



Time to
Spring Ahead

The Per Capita Assessment is a per member amount that all congregations pay to the Presbyterian Church USA. The Per Capita Assessment this year is \$37.91 per member or \$7,847.37 for our church this year. The amount assessed each congregation is based on requests from presbytery, synod and General Assembly and is used to fund the various activities and functions of each entity. The Per Capita Assessment is part of our budget and contributions to that budget line help us to fund our obligations to the Presbyterian Church.

OOPS! Perhaps they meant "survey"

**KIDZONE Volunteer
Surgery**

This blooper appeared in some other church publication - not ours.

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March 17, 1856: An election was held establishing Carbondale officially as a "town". Daniel H. Brush was named Clerk of the City Board.

March 28, 1952: Lots to the north of First Presbyterian were purchased for planned "expansion".