



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Janice's Celebration
April 3

Hunger Sale - April 8 & 9

Easter Flower Orders Due
April 18

Camp Carew Work
Days - April 16 & May 21

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GFF Easter Egg Hunt -
April 24

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Offering - April 24

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Forms Due - April 30

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Church Office Hours

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

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Carlyn: 106
Barb 100
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We Have A New Face in the Office And A
New Voice on the Phone

Barbara Stewart started June 1st as our new
Secretary / Bookkeeper. Barbara lives in
Carbondale with her husband Forrest. Barbara
worked for H & B Block and was the Principal
of the school. She moved to the area...

Barb's 10th Anniversary Celebration



Pastor's Page

I've been reading in an Alban Institute book recently - it is entitled The Wisdom of the Seasons, and it is a compilation of stories of church in transition - both "good" and "bad" transitions - and how the church stories relate to particular times in the church year. The wonder and waiting of Advent. . . the expectation come to fulfillment of Christmastide. . . the sense of calling which pervades the first section of Ordinary Time. . . the penitential reflection of Lent. . . the celebration of the Resurrection. . . the daily life of summer Ordinary Time. . . it was all there, in the stories of these churches.

There was death. . . as described in Holy week - churches which knew they needed to close the doors and allow God's Spirit and the handful of faithfuls to inhabit another space and ministry. There was the church which began to understand it's calling through the stories of calling we encounter in the winter after Christmas. Honestly, it wasn't the book I expected it to be. I thought it was a book with liturgy - prayers, responses, suggestions for worship - and not a book about church transformation. I was surprised at what I found when I started to read it. But then I thought. . . .

What is the season we find ourselves in, here at First Presbyterian?

I think we might just be in the winter calling time of Ordinary Time. . . when the texts draw us time and time again to the stories of Jesus calling the disciples, and God calling the "greats" of our faith history. Those stories of call ask us all to consider those three great "formative" questions about our life as a church - *Who are we? What are we here for? Who is our neighbor?*

For a church being called by God. . . I don't think there are any "higher" questions to ask. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord - may our life together be anything but Ordinary.

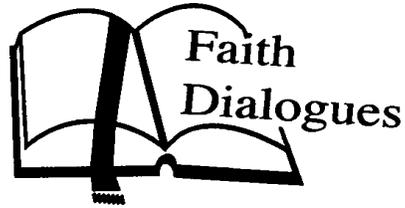
Peace be with you –



EASTER Picnic

Join us on Easter Sunday at Giant City Park (site #2) for an Easter Sunday Potluck. Bring a dish

to share and your own dishes, silverware, cups, and any other tableware that you need. Also bring any outdoor games that you have that would be suitable for this outdoor area such as horse shoes. There is playground equipment for our smaller members. The eating will begin around 1:30 p.m.



Faith Dialogues Topics for April

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↓ April 3 - No Dialogues - recognition lunch for Pastor Janice

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↓ April 10 - Lent and Easter - what we do, why we do it

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↓ April 17 - Dennis Howell - along the Appalachian Trail

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↓ April 24 - Easter - No Dialogues presentation



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be made on Easter Sunday. Starting on the last Sunday in March, Minutes for Mission will be highlighting this offering's importance in sustaining the mission of the church. Don't forget to pick up a Fish Basket. They will be available the last Sunday in March. Also check the calendar on the last page of this newsletter to learn what your gifts can accomplish.



The Personnel Ministry is pleased to announce the arrival of two new staff members. The Reverend Laurie fields is joining us as a part-time Director of Faith Development. She will be with us ten hours a week. Please take time to seek her out and welcome her on Sunday morning. (If she isn't available on a particular Sunday, it is because she is preaching elsewhere.)

Jennifer Langin is officially on board as the second child care worker on Sunday morning. You already know Jennifer as a member of the church, but be sure to tell the how much you appreciate her additional commitment.



GFF



Growing Families in Fellowship (GFF) invites families of young children to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at the church on April 24. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin immediately following Easter Sunday service and will be held at the church. Bring a bag or a basket and hop along!



Carew Scholarships

Camp booklets are on the counter near Fellowship Hall. Sessions begin in June and run to early August. They are for children already attending school; some are short term day time only programs, others are resident camp with 5 nights in cabins or tents. It is always a rewarding experience at this Presbyterian Church camp. We are at an advantage in that the camp is so close to Carbondale, just north of the entrance to Giant City Park

To encourage consideration of this program, our church offers scholarships to children attending Camp Carew. The scholarship pays half the registration fee for one of those weeks at camp. Michael Eldridge has the scholarship application forms. They are due back at church by the end of April. Any child who has been there before can tell you what they thought of their time at Camp Carew.

Marketplace and Beyond Marketplace



Have you marked your calendar for **July 25-29**?

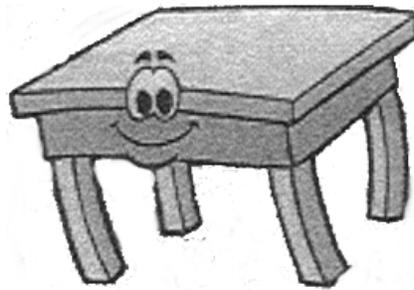
Our thanks to those of you who have already said you would help that week. Still needed are people to be "mothers" and "fathers", shopkeepers for ten of the shops, help with drama, help with music, and all the preparations. An adult for Beyond Marketplace is still needed, too. Please talk to Kitty Trescott about helping and ideas for that week.

Our next planning meeting is Monday, April 4, at 6:30 in the Computer Room. We will be stuffing envelopes and deciding which "shops" to set up, designing the brochure, and deciding what materials will be needed. Your help in discussing these things and making decisions is appreciated. Our theme this year is Baby Moses. Already we are looking for photos and pictures having to do with Egypt and/or Moses. If you have been there and would be willing to lend your travel treasures, that would add to the atmosphere of our setting. Any costumes, jewelry, household items, or other artifacts from that site would be wonderful to borrow, as well.



NEW HOGANS! For years the youth of the church have enjoyed Camp Carew, the Presbytery's summer camp at Little Grassy Lake. This year, much-needed new hogans are being built which will make more comfortable and attractive accommodations for the campers. Stay tuned for opportunities to contribute financially, but for now, work days have been scheduled on **April 16 and May 21**. If you would like to help, please talk to Reona Daly to get more details.

MaTT Club



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

In March, MaTT Club continued our theme of "Why we do what we do in worship" by learning about the *Offering, Doxology, and Prayer of Dedication*. Our memory verse was *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give.* *2 Corinthians 9:7a*

At our March 13 meeting, we played some St. Patrick's Day games straight from Scotland. Ask the children to tell you about throwing the caber and the stone toss. Then we had an Offering Trail treasure hunt to find out the path our money offering takes from start to safe.

During lesson time we discussed where the money goes after it is placed in the safe. The children learned that we give money because God loves us and we want to say thank you to God for loving us so much. Jesus said "Love one another". We decided some ways to do that are totake care of our church building, help people who need help, and tell others about God's love.

Next we learned what the words to the Doxology mean. We brainstormed who "creatures here below" and "heavenly hosts" are, naming those close to us. Then we sang the Doxology together.

We wrote our own Prayer of Dedication and hope to share it with you May 22.

Our March 27 meeting covered the *Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer*. Our memory verse was *My heart tells me to pray.* *Psalms 27:8*

April 10 will see us focusing on the *Benediction*. MaTT Club will not meet on Easter Sunday.

Thank you David and Carol King and Michael Eldridge for providing suppers for us in March. Thank you Rosey Gibbs for providing body art for us on March 13.

Flossie Langin
Emily Davis
Frances Gilman

Jennifer Langin
Kara Hertzling
Marta Davis

Janice Turns Ten!

It's hard to believe, but April 1, 2011 marks ten years since Pastor Janice first joined us in 2001. We will celebrate this landmark event with a potluck lunch and program after worship on Sunday, April 3. If you would like to participate in the "Roast & Toast," please contact Flossie Langin or Alisa

Simpson. Also, if you're reading about this event for the first time, please feel free to join the lunch even if you are not able to bring a dish to share. All are welcome to help us celebrate this landmark in Pastor Janice's life and in the life of the church.



The Dinner Group met on March 17 at the Mississippi Flyway with 20 persons present. It was St. Patrick's Day so several wore green and some actually had corn beef and cabbage! Gene and Mary Mantovani were the hosts. Good job Gene and Mary, thanks.

Dinner Group to Newell House

The April Dinner will be at the Newell House on April 21 at 5:30 PM. Tim Langdon, Marion Olsson and Mim Struzziero will be our hosts. Check the Church Bulletin in April for the phone number to call for reservations.



Cooks Extrodinaire

The Shrove Tuesday (otherwise known as Fat Tuesday!) pancake supper was a huge success, if you judge by the amount of pancake batter on the floor, and the returns to the griddles for second and third helpings! Approximately 50 eaters enjoyed the pancakes, sausages, and fruit served to them by the youthful chefs, appropriately dressed in chef coats. Our thanks to Schnuck's for the donation of the syrup and pancake mix.



Special thanks to the at-large Fellowship members for their help: Brenda Myers, Michael Eldridge, Kitty Trescott. And also thanks to Danielle Dawson, Katrina Buys, Jacob Buys, Nicole Wood, and Allison Forsberg, the chefs!

The Jackson County Relay for Life will take place April 30, 5 pm - May 1 5:00 am at CCHS. We could use more team members....care to join us? If you're willing to collect \$100 and walk at least part of the twelve-hour event, please pick up a collection envelope from Team Leader Alisa Simpson in the narthex after church. If you're not able to walk during the event, please consider donating whatever you can to a team member who is walking. Checks in any amount are accepted! Also, luminarias are available for \$10 and can be purchased in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one lost to cancer. Please help us support all the research and other projects of the American Cancer Society by helping us reach our goal of \$2500. As of March 20, Team members are:

Wendi Zea	Gloria Franklin
Sarah Merideth	Beth Forsberg
Lily Vucinic	Carol King
Rosey Gibbs	Brenda & Hurley Myers
Karen Hippensteel	Alisa Simpson

Please make contributions before April 27, as that is the date money must be turned in. The event begins April 30 at 5:00 pm with a Survivors' Lap, followed by a Caregivers' Lap. If you haven't attended this event before, I suggest you attend in support of church members who will be walking this lap together. Our team will walk all night because cancer never sleeps. For more information, call Alisa at 303-1225.

Relay for Life

Don't Forget the CWU Hunger Sale
April 8 & 9
Live Auction Saturday at 10 a.m.

Volunteers needed!
Call Margie Parker at 549-7193

"Thank God for Dirty Dishes,
They have a tale to tell.
While others are going hungry,
We're eating very well.
With home and health and happiness,
I shouldn't want to fuss.
For by this stack of evidence,
God's very good to us."

~author unknown

Ernest J. and Mary C. Simon Endowment Fund



Mary Simon was thinking about her First Presbyterian faith community years ago when she made her estate plans. As a result, the Ernest J. and Mary C. Simon Endowment Fund will "support and advance the development of the music program" at our church. The principle, invested with the Presbyterian Foundation, will provide approximately \$3,000 each year for our music ministry. A growing number of "Saints" provide us with both essentials and enhancements and we say, "Thank you to Mary for careful planning and Thanks be to God."

Offering Hymn: "I Know
That My Redeemer Lieth"
G. F. Handel"

This appeared in some other church publication - not one of ours.

Easter Flowers



Easter is just around the corner. It's time to place your order for Easter flowers. Flowers will be displayed in the chancel after Good Friday. You are encouraged to take your flowers home, or give them to someone, after Easter morning worship. Flower prices are as follows:



Single stem Lily	\$15
Double stem Lily	\$28
Tulips	\$14
Hyacinth	\$14
Azalea	\$28



Daycare

Ordering deadline is April 18. Watch for flower order forms in the bulletin, or call or email Barb Stewart in the church office.

If you missed family fun night you missed a great time. We had a great turn out.

Preschool

The Preschool will be open in the fall for the 2011-2012 school year. Suzanne Baker will be combination teacher/director. For the fall that means that the staff of 5 will now be a staff of 4. The Board feels that with the drop in student population this change will enable the Preschool to continue operating at its present level.

Miss Lucia is in Ireland for the rest of the school year to be closer to her son who will be graduating from high school there. Miss Mandy (Moore) will be taking her place. Miss Mandy has a Masters in Communication but has switched to education as a major at this time. We are excited to welcome her to the staff.

The Children are starting to get ready for Easter. Several projects are in the works and they are looking forward to our annual Easter egg hunt on the play ground.

All the classes will be talking about the following themes.
April 4-8 Gardens/plants
April 11-15 Dinosaurs
April 18-22 Easter/Earth Day
April 25-29 Farms/Animals

Thursday April 21, will be our Easter party/egg hunt at 3:15 in the big room. Everyone is welcome.



Trike-A-Thon
Benefit for
St. Jude's

Happy Easter to all from the Preschool

Holy Week, 2011

Opportunities for Worship and Fellowship

Palm/Passion Sunday (April 17)

9:30 a.m. - *Worship*

-Text: Matthew 21:1-11; Matthew 26:17-56a; Matthew 27, selected verses

-Sermon: **Walking the Walk**

Join us in worship at 9:30 a.m. Meet us in the Narthex and Chapel wing at 9:15 a.m. for our Palm Procession, or take your seat to watch the pageantry.

10:45 - Christian Enrichment for all ages --

Children, Youth and Adults is held after fellowship, with infant and toddler care available all morning.

Maundy Thursday (April 21)

5:30 p.m. - *Supper*, 6:00 p.m. - *Worship*

Our evening begins around table in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring soup or bread to share. Our evening continues with a service of prayer in the Sanctuary. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be shared.

Good Friday (April 22)

12 noon - *Worship*

We join ecumenically with our sisters and brothers across the denominations for worship at noon, at **First Presbyterian Church**. Local leaders in the Christian churches will lead us in our worship.

Easter Day (April 24)

9:30 a.m. - *Worship*

Text: Matthew 28:1-10

-Sermon: Deep in Wonder and Full of Joy

-Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Join us in celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. During worship we will receive and dedicate our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. Our Choral Blessing Response for the morning will be Handal's Hallelujah Chorus. All are welcome to assemble in the Chancel during the final hymn to sing the chorus together. Musical scores will be provided.

10:45 a.m. - *Fellowship*

All are invited to a time of Fellowship immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. An Easter Egg Hunt in the play yard (for our young children) will begin immediately after worship. Children will gather in the Narthex. There is no formal Christian Enrichment classes this morning, but infant and toddler care is available all morning.

1:00 p.m. - *Easter Potluck Picnic*

Hop over to Giant City Park, and gather at Shelter #2 for our annual Easter potluck picnic. We will begin eating at approximately 1:30. Bring a dish to share, your own plates, cups and utensils, lawn chairs and your preferred outdoor recreation gear, and relax with the church family.

Dear Friends -

During this Holy Season we invite you and your family to join us for worship and fellowship as we both ponder and celebrate our Lord's death and resurrection. Holy Week and Easter are such very important parts of our Church Year that we want to share this time with you. If you do not have a church family, we invite you to come and worship with us.

Great peace to you, Janice C. West, Pastor

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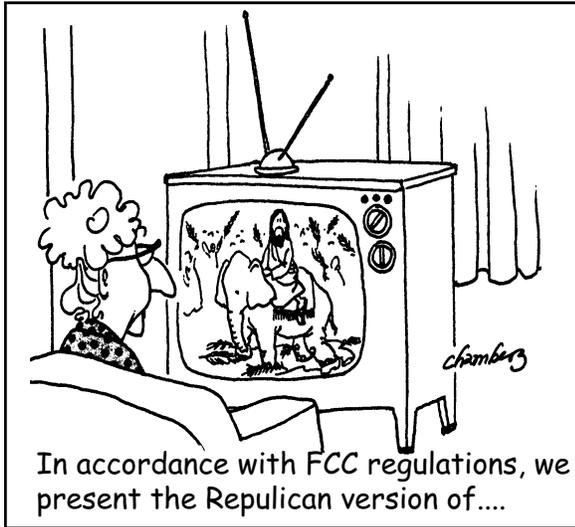
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April 29, 1866: Colonels Brush and Ingersoll were marshals of the first Memorial Day celebration held in Carbondale's Woodlawn Cemetery.

April 3, 1891: James Monroe Campbell served on our first "Board of Trustees". He built a hotel that was the forerunner of the current Newell House.