



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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*We Celebrate!*  
*Janice's 10th*

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# Pastor's Page

*"I just returned from the Happiest Place on Earth in a foul mood. I'm not mad at Disneyland. As always they did everything right, providing an exceptionally magical experience for my family. I'm angry at other customer-facing merchants and businesses who fail to do the simplest things to improve customer satisfaction." So writes Carmine Gallo, in Forbes. Now, Forbes is not my usual read. . .but, yes. . . Disney is - so I was intrigued by what he might say.*

***Be show ready**, he suggests. . .which is one of the Disney keys. "While most Disneyland guests look up at the rides, I look down at the ground. Disneyland is notable for what you don't see—wrappers, gum, or spilled popcorn. I'm always amazed that thousands of people can walk down Disneyland's Main Street and yet it remains spotless. Custodians clean the streets at night so it's "show ready" the next morning. During the day custodians are also hard at work, constantly cleaning, sweeping and picking up. Managers and employees are also trained to make neatness everybody's business."*

***Make every customer feel important**, he tells us. . .which is another key. "Disney employees are trained to be "Assertively Friendly." Disney team members are encouraged to actively seek contact with guests. For example, they will approach an individual who appears confused instead of waiting to be asked for directions."*

Finally, ***Provide communications training***, for your organization. "Every team member at Disney Parks is trained to be an effective communicator. For example, everything at Disney runs right on time—rides, shows, and trains. If the train is a second late leaving the station, the conductor gets on the speaker and explains exactly why the train is delayed and how long it will be until it gets going. The staff is also trained to answer common questions, even if it's "not their job." One Disneyland employee I talked to even knew the times of a show at another end of the park and how long the show would last."

Three simple things that make the difference between an amusement park and the World of Disney. Three simple things that would make the difference between this church and any other church. Is our place **show ready**? Do we rely on the same people to make it so? (Thank you to the thankless few who usually do that!) Did you put something on a bulletin board? Then, plan to take it down after a couple of weeks. Did you use a hymnal on Sunday morning? Then, put it back in the pew rack when you are done. Do we **make every person feel important**? Do we know where child care, Sunday school, and the church offices are? Do we anticipate the questions people might have as they come through our doors? Are we **effective communicators** of the mission and ministry of our church, **and of our faith**?

Carmine suggests: *The next time you complain about how difficult it is to do business in this challenging economy, take a second look at the way you are doing business.* For the church, maybe before we bemoan the loss of glory days and loss of members and our position in the community, we might look at these three **Keys**, and see what we can learn!

Peace to you this Eastertide!

Janice



A rocking chair is available for parents and babies at the back of the sanctuary. We enjoy hearing baby talk during worship, especially comments on the sermon. Anything short of screaming is a blessing. Parents, don't be shy about using it.

## Costa Rica Mission Dinner



### EAT, SHARE, LEARN, GIVE —

The Costa Rica Mission team invites you to a special evening of food and music, Sunday, May 15, 5:00-7:00pm. This is our primary fund raising for the trip. A donation of \$5.00/person (or \$15.00/family) for the meal is suggested. You will enjoy a typical Costa Rican dinner prepared by the mission team, learn about our mission plans, and what you can do to support us before we go and while we are gone. There will be Extra Commitment Opportunities (ECOs) available for those who would like to have a more personal connection to the mission team and their work. Members of the 2005 mission team to Honduras will be on hand to talk about their experiences and their reasons for participating in an international project. When we gather around the table to EAT, SHARE, LEARN and GIVE. . .our lives are enriched and the world becomes a smaller place. . .a place where Christ's love is made known through us. Come, invite your friends and share together!

## More Garden Care Volunteers Needed



So far, we haven't had to worry about watering the flower beds, but we all know we have a hot, dry summer facing us. We have a good start on our list of volunteers to take turns making sure the plants are watered adequately until fall. We need more help to prevent the same people from having the responsibility too frequently.

Please call or e-mail me to add your name. Later on this month I will find out which weeks you will not be in town and then create a master calendar. If you have to change your week, you will have the list of the other volunteers. I will give the newcomers information about where to get the key to the shed and other tips.

This is the current list:

John Hooker  
Bill Martens  
Pat Manfredi  
Ro Quick  
Bill Schwegman  
Gerry Buys  
Nancy Pfaff  
Steve Dawson  
John and Dorothy Baker  
Ken Simpson



Thank you in advance.

Dorothy Baker [jhbaker@siu.edu](mailto:jhbaker@siu.edu) or 549-2560



## MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

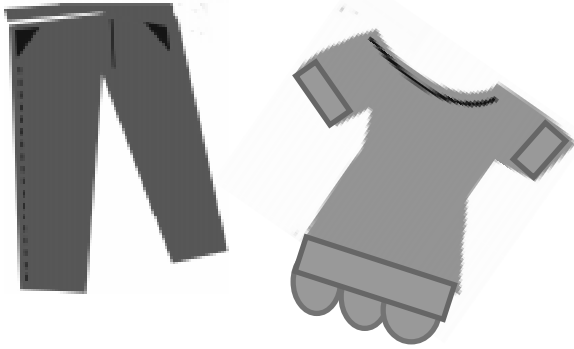


Church Women United will hold a celebration on Friday, May 6 at the Unitarian Church, 105 North Parrish

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Potluck Salad Lunch

12:15 p.m. Celebration Service "Living Our Friendship, Passing on the Key"



## Little Dresses/Little Britches for Africa

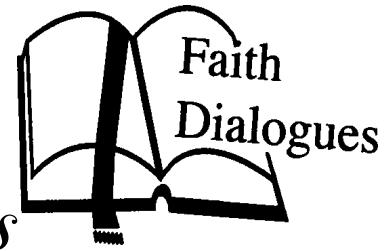
Small Group Ministry is excited to report that First Presbyterian Church in Carbondale will be joining churches from states across the USA in a project called "Little Dresses for Africa". Little Dresses for Africa is a nonprofit, Christian-based organization which provides clothing to the children of Africa and other countries in crisis, when requested, such as Honduras, Guatemala, Philippines, Mexico and Haiti, as well as right here in the US in the Appalachian Mountains and South Dakota.

In addition, there are other ministries that need clothing. Following is the response from Deb Troester who is doing mission work in Africa: "Yes, we could use children's clothing - not just for girls, but for boys and for babies, too. There are around 100 kids between the Bible School and the Theological School, and their parents really can't afford to buy clothing for them. There are 30 students (all but one married), and they all have from one to six or seven children. Each family lives on about \$40 per month or less, plus whatever they can raise in their garden. Obviously, clothing should be for summer-type weather, though long-sleeved shirts and long pants are fine, as long as the fabric is not too heavy."

Samples of the type dresses we will be making are displayed on the Small Group bulletin board in the church narthex. Several of you have already offered fabric or expressed an interest in cutting, ironing, sewing. . . There will be the opportunity to sew either as a group or at home.

We will have a short "organizational" meeting in Fellowship Hall following the worship service on Sunday, May 1. Join us as we launch this new project of providing not only clothing, but HOPE to children in need. Contact Karen Hippensteel (618-684-4282) if you have questions.

## May Faith Dialogues



May 1 – To Be Arranged

May 8 – Pamela Orange – Mentoring – Open Your Heart and Your Home

May 15 – Surprise Sunday – Check the Bulletin to see who.

May 22 – "Music: Unique Instruments, Unique Sounds" - John & Carolyn Hooker

May 29 – More Surprises – Check the Bulletin

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

This group meets in the Parlor most Sunday mornings. They are currently reading and discussing Kings. Bible Study will continue through the summer .



## Presbyterian Women

The Tuesday, May 17, meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at Mim Struzziere's house, 502 Lexington Ct. Carbondale. Diane Cash will present the lesson. All Presbyterian women are invited.

This news from the CWU Hunger sale:  
\$12,280.00 was raised this year.



May is the last month for the children's Sunday morning Christian Education classes for this academic year. Walter Sichel will meet with the children in grades 3-5 in room 140 as they explore Bible personalities and activities. The younger children, age 3 through second grade will be introduced to the last two disciples. Some children might even be able to name or sing them all.

Gateways has its opening and closing activities in room 140 at 10:45 almost every Sunday morning. There is a rotation of activities for all the children including Bible study, art, computers, games and puzzles, and drama. Music and prayers are included in the closing gathering.

#### Camp Carew Scholarship Deadline – May 2

There are only a few days left to turn in your application for a scholarship for Camp Carew. First Presbyterian Church will pay half the registration fee for one week at Camp Carew. BUT, an application for that scholarship has to be in the church office by Monday, May 2.

The Camp Carew booklets are on the counter in the narthex 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.



## Marketplace and Beyond Marketplace

The dates are July 25-29. Mark your calendar. The planning has begun. Marketplace is for children in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade, (fall 2011)

Marketplace is our summertime Christian Education program for children, regardless of church affiliation. The program begins at 9:00 am and ends each day at noon. This year there will be no registration fee. Each family is asked to help prepare for Marketplace or to spend some time with the children during that week. Kitty Trescott will be the coordinator this year. Marketplace theme this year is

Baby Moses in Egypt. There will be eight families, living in those early days of Israel enslavement in Egypt, Hebrews living among the Egyptians. The children will have three activities each morning, reflective of life and activities of those times. The children will make clay bricks to build pyramids, will learn to use carpentry tools, will study the language of the Hebrews and the Egyptians, will produce items representing Baby Moses, and will create art projects representing life in Egypt.

Thank you to all of you who have already offered to help with Marketplace. More people are needed to be the mother or father for a family, and to help with the shop activities. Others are needed to help

with the snack, to help with the drama, to help with the music, and to help with all the preparations. Beginning in May, Marketplace planning meetings will be every Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Drop in to examine materials, to talk about the plans for that week, or to share ideas for Marketplace.

Beyond Marketplace will meet at the same time as Marketplace, for children in grades 6-8 (fall 2011). This program focuses on Carbondale service opportunities, something different each morning. This year, Serena Loyd will be the coordinator for Beyond Marketplace.

# MaTT Club

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

In April, MaTT Club continued our theme of "Why we do what we do in worship" by learning about the final element of our service, the *Benediction*. The Benediction consists of two parts; the *Blessing* and the *Charge*. We learned that the word Benediction means "Good Words". At the end of our worship service the Pastor gives us a blessing that is a reminder that God goes with us as we leave the sanctuary and out into the world. Then we receive a charge to remember that we are God's people and that the job God is giving us is to go out into the world to take care of it and care for each other. This was the last lesson in Teaching Children Worship in the Sanctuary by Joyce MacKichan and Carol Wehrheim.

The children have learned about the worship service. They a Call to Worship, and Forgiveness. These part of the "Faith children will lives. Faith is an long as we live.

Mark your calendars MaTT Club children will share what they during the morning important part of "church family", and important part of never know when

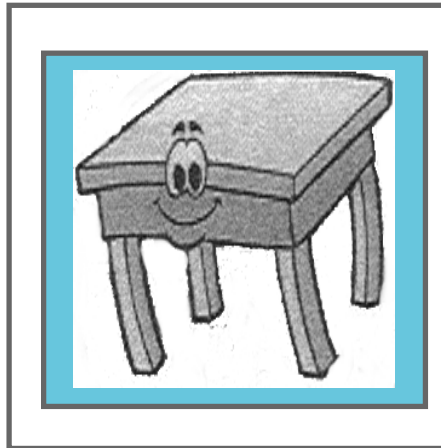
actions, even your attitudes influence the youngest members of our congregation. Please plan to attend worship that morning and show the children your support.

On May 8, the MaTT Club children have a special "Mom and Me" meeting planned. They have invited their mothers to join us to play some games, fix supper together, and make some special crafts.

You will see us again during worship on May 29 when we usher.

It's already time to be looking towards our Fall Kick-Off party which will take place in August. The theme this year will be an African Safari. If you are able to help please let me know. More about this in next month's newsletter.

Thank you Sarah Merideth for providing supper for us April 10.



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for **May 22**. The and leadership Team have learned, with you worship. You are an these children's as such are an their lives. You may your words, your

Flossie Langin  
Emily Davis  
Frances Gilman

Jennifer Langin  
Kara Hertzling  
Marta Davis



## Congratulations!

Cara Sronce

Cara graduates from SIU School of Law on Saturday. May 14

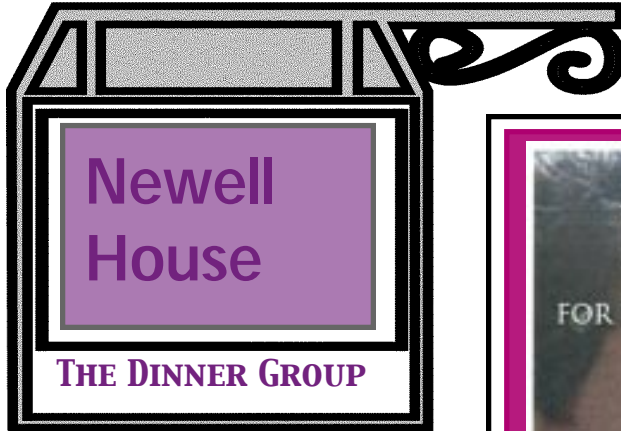
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Saturday, April 30, 2011 5:00 pm at CCHS.

Cancer never sleeps – our team will walk all night. Please support us!

Want to walk? Want to cheer us on? Want to make a donation? Want to purchase a luminary? For more information, see Alisa Simpson, our team leader, or call her at 303-1225.



The Dinner Group attended the Maundy/Thursday Supper in lieu of going to a local restaurant this month. They had intended to go to Newell House. The May Dinner will be at the Newell House on May 19 at 6 p.m. since we are on daylight time. A reminder will be in the May 1 Church Bulletin. May was to be hosted by Bob & Don Leigeber but they have requested that you contact Bill Schwegman for reservations when the time arrives.

A poster for a graduation celebration. It features a photograph of a young man, Michael J. Eldridge, looking down at a book. The text on the poster reads: 'PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD, FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS WE CELEBRATE GRADUATE MICHAEL J. ELDRIDGE FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE THERE WILL BE A BUFFET BRUNCH SATURDAY MAY 14TH 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 310 SOUTH UNIVERSITY AVENUE CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS 62901'. At the bottom, it says: 'In lieu of gifts we will be collecting school supplies for the children in Costa Rica. Please consider bringing pencils, markers, crayons, etc.'



## PRESCHOOL

The Preschool will be having its closing activities during the month of May.

The Frogs will have their graduation and picnic at Turley Park in Carbondale on May 19 at 10 a.m. The Tadpoles will be going to Giant City Stables May 16 at 10 a.m. for pony rides and a picnic. They will have water day on Wednesday, May 18.

The Polliwogs will have ice cream day on Thursday, May 19.

The Preschool had a wonderful year and is looking forward to the start of the new year in the fall.

I want to thank the church for the great experience of being the Director of the Preschool. The last 10 years have been outstanding. The staff and the Response Team have been very helpful. The church needs to be commended on having such a wonderful program as part of their Mission to the community. Suzanne Baker will be the new Director and will do an outstanding job. The program is so lucky to have someone as qualified and interested in the program and willing to take it on along with teaching the 4 year olds. Best wishes to all!

## DAY CARE



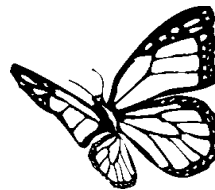
Mother's Day tea party will be on Friday, May 6 at 3:15 pm.

On Wednesday May 25 we will be taking the train to DuQuoin and having supper at Alongi's.

Saturday, June 11 we will be having our annual picnic and Preschool Gradation. Everyone is invited to come.

Our Trik-A-Thon was on Friday, March 25. The children had a good time riding their bikes, walking and running. This year the Day Care will be sending \$1,141.00 to St. Jude. This is a good amount. Thank you to everyone that donated money and helped out.

Thank you, Linda Brandon for taking pictures of the children at the Trik-A-Thon.





## *We Celebrate! Janice's 10th*

Many thanks to the folks who helped celebrate Pastor Janice's 10- year anniversary at FPC—everyone who decorated tables, brought food to share, helped organize and serve, cleared tables afterward, and washed many loads of dishes. You all proved that many hands make light work. Also, a special thanks to our guest speakers Neal Foland, Barbara Bennett, and Jim Calloway, who helped make the occasion a memorable event.

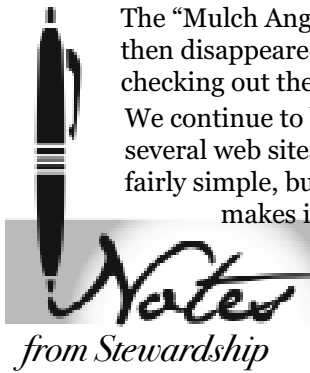
Flossie & Alisa



Photos by Bob Luebbers

The "Mulch Angels" appeared, perhaps slightly later than normal, mulched the flower beds and then disappeared. If you missed the "Mulch Angels" you can at least view the work they did by checking out the flower beds. We thank them for their efforts.

We continue to look into the acoustical situation in Fellowship Hall and have reviewed data from several web sites on the subject. If the problem were to simply make the room quieter it would be fairly simple, but to make it quieter for conversation and lively for music, which is what is desired, makes it a rather complicated problem. At present the best alternative appears to be to obtain or make some acoustical panels that can be hung on the walls for most of the time but removed for musical presentations. We will be collecting cost data for this approach and advise you of our progress. We appreciate your patience and we assure you that we are working to find a solution.



In June, we plan to send the control panel for the Sanctuary lighting to the manufacturer for an analysis and to repair any problems found. We feel that the remaining problems in the system date back to the May 2009 storm that knocked out power and caused a surge through the church wiring. We will try to send the panel on a Monday and have it back by Friday of the same week, but there is no guarantee that we will not have a Sunday without lights. We can possibly move our worship service to Fellowship Hall. You will hear more about this as the date approaches.

**OOPS!**

You are invited to a church wide ladies breakfast on Saturday.

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

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*May, 1885: Carbondale's growth began to slow; however, by 1891 it topped 2000.*

*May, 1906: The debt on the 310 South Normal (University) Church was liquidated.*