



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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MaTT Club Swim Party - June 3

Dinner Group - June 16

Day Care Father's Day Luncheon - June 17

Miner's Game - June 24

Costa Rica Mission Trip
June 18-25



Relay for Life
the
PresbyTEAMians



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9:00-11:30 a.m. and
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Pastor's Page

Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities!

(Luke 12:48, The Message)

Sometimes I think we Christians would be better off without the difficult words of Jesus! Not really, but the reality is this - once we notice, pay attention to, are confronted by the difficult words of Jesus, our world, our lives become much more difficult. Take these words. . .many of us know them as *those to whom much has been given, much is required*. When we use those words, we focus on the word "required" and what is being demanded of us. Something is being demanded of us. But when we think of it as our "responsibility" - well, we see ourselves as a part of a large whole, and we know that we have a part in the well-being of the whole. *Greater gifts, greater responsibilities!*

We've asked a lot of you as of late. We've asked you to consider gifts to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the earthquake and tsunami (and their aftermath) in Japan. We've asked you to give to PDA for the victims of tornadoes in Alabama and the flooding here in our region and the south. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was collected on Easter. We've asked for ECO (Extra Commitment Opportunities) for Costa Rica, and will be collecting for relief in Joplin, Missouri and the aftermath of the tornado which devastated the community. We've invited you to bring in school supplies that we can take with us to our sisters and brothers in Costa Rica, and asked you to consider getting supplies for the clean-up buckets. We have asked a lot of you - of us - as of late.

And you have responded -we have responded- with generosity and grace! You, who have great gifts to share with the world. . .we are sharing with open hearts, and arms, and lives. Thank you. . .thank you. . .THANK YOU!

A month from now, the thirteen "missionaries" we commissioned during the Costa Rica dinner, will be preparing to return to Southern Illinois. Most of them are taking time off work - either vacation or unpaid leave - to embark on this trip, this work, this building of relationships. There are still spaces to fill in on the prayer chart for the week. . .the chart can be found in Fellowship Hall, and you are invited to take a prayer bookmark with you once you sign up. There is space available for more school supplies. We are preparing for each member of the team to take an extra suitcase of supplies. . .and are grateful for the gifts you are providing. There is still some need for ECO (Extra Commitment Opportunities) - to reduce the costs for the participants. Envelopes for these gifts can be found in Fellowship Hall, and can be left in the offering plate, or brought into the church office. Thank you for your special support of the team.

So, on Sunday, June 5 during the Fellowship Hour, we'll be putting together the Clean-Up Kits, and making lists of items needed to fill out the supplies we've already collected. These will then go to the Presbyterian Church in Marion, which will serve as a clearing house for these items. If you are bringing items in for the Kits, please bring them by this date! *Great gifts. . . great responsibility. . .great service. . .great love.* Thanks for sharing your greatness with the world!

Join your friends at a Southern Illinois Miners game. We have 50 tickets for sale for the Friday, June 24, game at Rent One Field in Marion. (We chose a Friday because that's when they have fireworks!!) So bring the kids. Sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board in the narthex so we'll know if we need more tickets.

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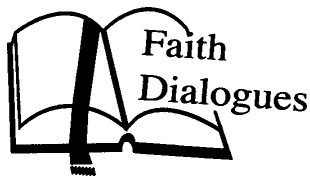


BALL GAME!



On July 16, we'll be enjoying the McLeod Summer Playhouse production of **The Sound of Music**. Tickets are reduced in price depending on how many we buy, so let's have a really good-sized group at the theater in July.

In August, our Back-to-School Ice Cream Social is planned for the Sunday, August 21. We don't know where it will be held yet—any suggestions? Anyone wanting to help on this committee see either Mary Boyle or Margo Tesch. Volunteers are very welcome.



Faith Dialogues will break for the summer, until after Labor Day.

Sunday morning Bible Study will continue through the summer months. Bart Trescott will lead those discussions. They are currently reading and discussing I & II Kings. The group meets in the Parlor right after Fellowship time. Feel free to bring your coffee with you. Discussion usually runs for about an hour.

Quench might meet occasionally during the summer, but will fall into a more regular schedule after Labor Day.



Personnel Committee

The Personnel Ministry has started conducting the annual evaluation of paid staff members. The following staff will be evaluated:

- Janice West – Pastor
- Barbara Stewart – Administrative Assistant
- Carlyn Zimmerman – Music Director
- Sara Squires – Child Care
- Jennifer Langin – Child Care

Laurie Fields, Director of Faith Development will not be evaluated this cycle, since she has just started in her position.

Once again, we are soliciting thoughtful input from members of the congregation with respect to the performance of these staff members. We appreciate both positive statements and suggestions for improvement. It is most helpful if we receive your comments in writing.

Thank you for helping us with this important task.



Thanks,
To All of You

All of us in The Faith Development Ministry extend our thanks and appreciation to all the people who have been involved in the programs that are part of Faith Development. Every week, Christian education opportunities are available after worship: Faith Dialogues, Bible Study, Youth Class, and Gateways classes. At least once a month additional opportunities have extended Faith Development - Kids In Christ, MaTT Club, Quench, and Confirmation class. During the year, there have been special events for everyone. Your leadership in these programs has been vital to their success. Your participation in these programs has made it enjoyable for everyone. Thus, Faith Development Ministry members say "Thank You" for all you have done to support all these activities and programs .



Sunday morning Christian Education programs for children and teens will break for the summer. After Memorial Day there will be activities available in room 140, but not in formal settings. There are always movies available, computer programs to select, books to read, and games and puzzles to try. However, formal instruction will be on hold until after Labor Day. The children in Gateways have been introduced to the Twelve Disciples. They may not know all their names, but they know that some were fisherman, that some were well educated, that some were brothers, that Jesus called them all, and that some were more special than others. They know that one betrayed Jesus. They know that some had questions for Jesus and needed proof. They know that these Disciples helped Jesus and traveled with Him. It would be interesting to hear how the Gateways children answered your questions about these Twelve. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who brought children to Gateways and applauded all they did .

Marketplace and Beyond Marketplace



CAMP CAREW

Booklets showing the schedule of Camp choices are on the counter in the Narthex. Many children received scholarships from First Presbyterian church to help with their registration fee. It will be wonderful to hear what happened during their times at camp.

Kids In Christ

has nothing planned for the summer months right now, but who knows, perhaps a chance to go to a movie together, to go swimming, or to take a hike will occur. Beth Forsberg will contact you about possible ventures during the summer months.

Registration forms for these two Summertime programs are included in this Newsletter and have been mailed to others. Additional forms are available in the church office or from Kitty Trescott, and Serena Loyd, coordinators of the two programs, respectively. This year there will be no registration fee. Marketplace needs your help , July 25-29, from 9:00 to noon. "Mothers" and "Fathers" are still needed to head the families of children. Shopkeepers and helpers are needed for several of the shops. See Kitty if you have time to help make this Marketplace come alive. Preparing materials will be ongoing for the next two months. Every Monday at 6:30, a small group meets at church to sort, cut, organize, and assemble what will be needed for Marketplace. Your help is welcome. No need to call ahead; just come. Beyond Marketplace will be doing community service that week. Help in organizing transportation and materials is always welcome.

MaTT Club

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

May was a busy month for MaTT Club. Since our first meeting fell on Mother's Day this year we had a "Mom and Me" special Mother's day celebration. The whole meeting centered around the MaTT Club children and their moms.

We started the evening off with some games to test Mom and child's eye-hand coordination. They tossed beanbag flowers into a flower pot. Thanks

Win Mitchell for making the beanbags for us. Then moms and kids tested their bowling skills with flower bowling pins. Later we played flower BINGO. Everybody learned to identify some new flowers.



For supper each mother-child pair drew from the flower pot to see what part of supper they were responsible for. Joseph made our appetizer with some help from his mom, Jenny, who was also helping Elwood make dessert. Carly and her mom, Kara made pear "mice" for our salad. Kierra and her mom, Jennifer, made our entree, BBQ muffins. Marta made real lemonade for us to drink. We are blessed with many wonderful cooks in MaTT Club!

Kitty Trescott took a picture of each mother and child. Thank you, Kitty. The kids then made decorated photo frames for their pictures. After supper Marta led the children in making a flower wreath for their moms. Everybody had a great time.

May 22 the MaTT Club children shared what they have learned this year during the morning worship service acting as scripture readers and worship assistants. As we studied each segment of worship the children wrote their own Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness, Offering Sentences, Prayer of Dedication, and Prayers of the People. Each child worked hard, practiced much and did a fabulous job! Thank you, their church family, for uplifting them in the receiving line.



As a reward for working so hard this year, MaTT Club went to Hot Wheels Skatium Sunday afternoon. The children enjoyed roller skating and playing games. We came back to the church for supper prepared by Brenda Myers. Thank you Brenda. Our end of the year Family Event Swim Party will be June 3 from 5-7 pm at the home of Kent and Linda Brandon.





Costa Rica Dinner

The funds raised to support our mission to Costa Rica: \$2443.00

Laity Sunday speakers



Speakers' topic: When Jesus Became Real to Me

Pictured left to right: Bill Martens, Pastor West, Michael Eldridge, Kitty Trescott, John Holt and Sue Baily.

Confirmed



Nicole Wood, Danielle Dawson, and Katrina Buys were examined by Session and were commissioned into full membership of the church. Michael Eldridge led the confirmation class.

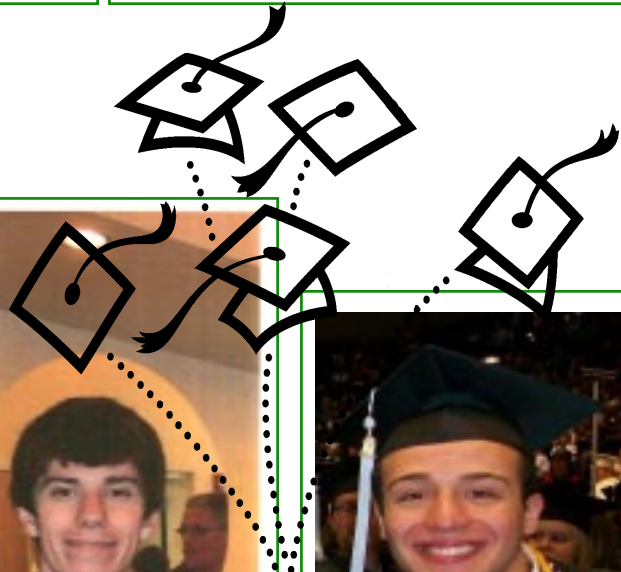


Cara Scronce: Juris Doctor SIU with Cindy Buys



Andrew Mikell Miskell B.A.in Economics SIU with his grandmother Irene Robinson

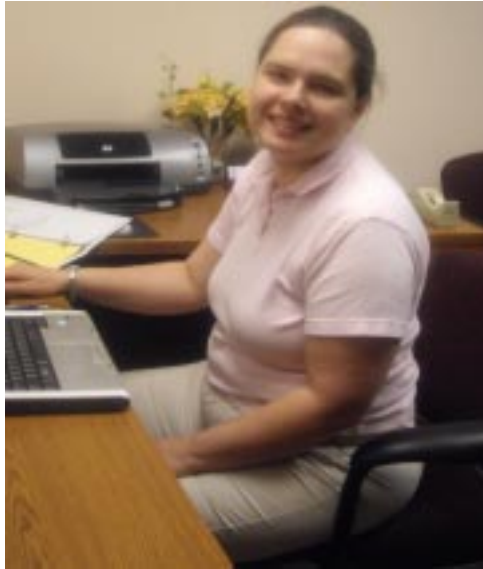
GRADS



High School grads: Robert Martens, Nick Owen and Brandon Mims



Michael Eldridge: BS in Ed SIU



For June, I will in the office on the following days:

June 7
June 14
June 21
June 28

Laurie's Office Hours

I will also be here on Sunday, June 19.

I am usually in the office during the week by around 9, and stay until 4 or so. However, if you need to meet with me at another time please call (751-1419) or email me (laurie@fields-halva.org) Thanks!

Laurie Fields, Director of Faith Development.



Update on the Diaper Bank

May was a busy month for the Diaper Bank! On the “output” side, we distributed over 7,000 diapers in May, including three deliveries to the shelter set up at Eurma Hayes for the flood evacuees from Cairo. This number is approximately twice our typical monthly delivery. Luckily, we also had a fantastic month on the “input” side. Unity Point Family Circle (a program that is a regular recipient of diapers) sponsored a diaper drive competition within the school, and contributed over 2,500 diapers and \$467 in cash. We also received \$1,000 from the Rotary Club (thanks to Cindy Buys) as well as \$700 in individual contributions. All of the cash donations are used to buy diapers. Since we began in August 2009, we have distributed over 55,000 diapers to nine local agencies. Thank you for your continued support of the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois!

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Presbyteamians raised \$2211.00 which was a bit short of their goal of \$2500.00, but there is still an opportunity to give. It's not too late to contribute...contributions made in First PresbyTEAMians' name before August 31 will count toward our goal.

Relay for Life Walkers-PresbyTEAMians:

* Wendi Zea (all night)
Ken & * Alisa Simpson (all night)
Carol King
*Gloria Franklin, assisted by David King
Sarah Merideth
Cindy Buys, Katrina, Jacob...
Beth Forsberg, Allison, Ethan
Brenda and Hurley Myers
Karen Hippensteel
Dan Owen and *Lily Vucinic

(*Margo Tesch walked with her own team from DeSoto, as did Carly)

The Daly family walked with another team)

* **walked the survivor's lap**

Day Care

Over half our families joined us for our trip to Du Quoin. We had a great time both on the train trip and having dinner at Alongi's Restaurant.



Water play starts June 1 for the following classes the Toddlers, the Twos, the Threes, and the Preschool room.

Our annual picnic/ Preschool Gradation will be held on Saturday, June 11. It will be out at Castle Park from 11:00-?

The Preschool class will take a field trip to the SIU craft shop in June.

I  *Dad*

Our Father's Day Luncheon will be held on Friday June 17, we will begin our meal at 11:30 am We hope that all the fathers can join us in this celebration.

We are going to Magic House in St. Louis and then out to eat on Saturday, June 18. We will be leaving at 7:30 am and returning between 8:30- 9 pm.



Dinner Group

I have made arrangements for us to eat at the Mississippi Flyway at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 16. We will be served in a private dining room and we may order individually from the menu. Please contact Tom Jefferson by Tuesday, June 14, by either telephone or e-mail, for reservations. I don't have an answering machine, but do have caller ID; so if you call when I'm out, I can reconnect with you. I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR MESSAGE EITHER WAY, SO THAT WE'LL BOTH KNOW WE HAVE CONNECTED.

More Summer Plans for the Dinner Group



Seventeen people attended Dinner at the Newell House on May 19 and just visited and talked about things in general.

The July dinner will be hosted by the Reverend Deborah Troester and Dr. Joseph Troester who will be home from Africa for the month of July. After the dinner at Giant City Lodge on July 21 at 6 p.m. the Troesters will give a brief talk about their work in Africa over the past two years. You won't want to miss this one so mark your calendar.

In August we are going to try something "radically" different. We are going to catch the 5 pm Amtrak from Carbondale and go to Centralia arriving there about 6 pm and walk about a block to the Centralia House for Dinner. We will need to be back at the Centralia Station by 8 pm to catch the south bound Amtrak back to Carbondale arriving there about 9:30 pm. The tentative date for this adventure is Thursday, August 11 which a week earlier than we normally meet. We will have more details out on the cost in next month's Newsletter. We already have eight people who say they want to go on this adventure. Who said Seniors aren't adventuresome? We hope to attract some of the younger crowd too so if you have not been on a train lately or never ridden one this is your chance.

Thank you!

I was both delighted and surprised by the amount of school supplies that were collected for the Costa Rica Mission Trip during my graduation party on May 14. I am constantly amazed by the generosity, love and support that this congregation displays. I am sure that the supplies we take with us will greatly enhance educational experiences of both teachers and children in Costa Rica. I look forward to sharing stories from the trip with you. Again, thanks for all that you do!

Michael Eldridge

OOPS!

To be part of this exciting musical, you must make plans not to attend each Wednesday.

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

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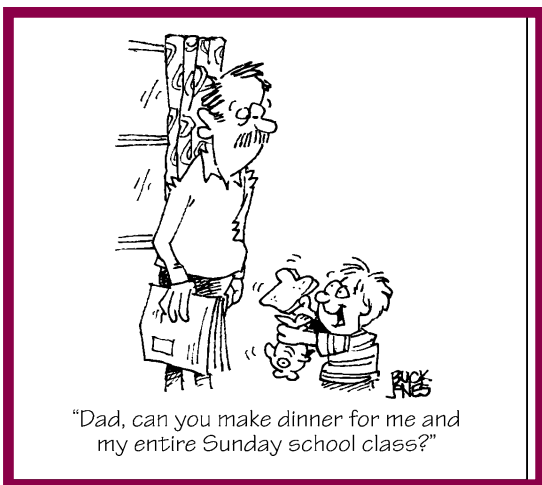
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June 8, 1969: Many members of the Church were on the SIU faculty. They were shocked when the "Old Main" building on campus was destroyed by arsonists.

In 1941: Seventy years ago, "The Ladies Sunday School Class" purchased red velvet "hangings" for the platform at the front of the church.