



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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9:00-11:30 a.m. and
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These folks spent the week of June 19 working with the Poas congregation in Costa Rica to improve the church's Sunday School classrooms, in addition, they delivered school supplies to the children.



The Costa Rica Contingent

Pastor's Page

Well, we Presbyterians have been in the news again. In our Presbyteries, we have been voting (in the affirmative) on an amendment to the Constitution which relates to ordination standards, and a New Form of Government section to the Book of Order (which is Part Two of our Constitution); and (in the negative) regarding the inclusion of the Belhar Confession in our Book of Confessions (which is Part One of our Constitution). A few words about all this. . . .

We used the Belhar confession in our worship services this last year in our Affirmation of Faith. It is a beautifully worded confession which speaks out about unity in Christ, reconciliation through our Lord, and the need for justice to flow out of our understandings of unity and reconciliation. In order to include a confessional/creedal statement in our Book of Confessions, once a General Assembly (GA) recommends adoption of a statement it takes a super majority of 2/3 (115) of the Presbyteries to affirm the statement. . . and even then, it must return to the next GA, and be ratified there before it can be considered "approved." The final votes are in, and it did not receive that super majority. So this time around, it will not be sent along to be included in our set of confessional standards.

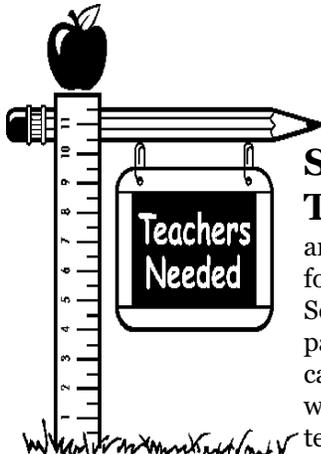
The new Form of Government (nFoG) will replace the current "G-Form of Government" section of the Book of Order. The "W-Directory for Worship" and "D-Rules of Discipline" sections have not been replaced. When this change takes place (July 10, 2011) the Form of Government section will be greatly reduced in size and restriction, allowing for congregations to work out how best to be engaged in some of the practical things of our life together. Instead of being seen as a restrictive document (you *shall* do this, you *must* do this. . .) there is a general umbrella provided for the Church, and the local Session can make some decisions about how we live under this "umbrella." Your Session is studying the nFoG this year and will be working on some of the areas of our life together which need immediate attention. If you would like to read nFog, you can check it out at: http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments.pdf or call the church office and Barb will make a copy for you.

Finally, Amendment 10-A was approved by a majority of the Presbyteries. 10-A removed the fifteen year old language of "fidelity and chastity" (*Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.*) and to replace the section with the following: "*Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, pre-paration, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.*"

This is, in short, what has really gotten us in the news. What the church has done is to return to the traditional language for calling & ordination. This amendment returns to the ordaining body, the right and responsibility to ordain and install into office in the church all those who submit to the Lordship of Christ and are called by God (through the voice of the congregation & presbytery) to serve. This opens, for full inclusion in the life of the church, those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans-gendered. Our Moderator of the General Assembly, Elder Cynthia Bolbach, in a recent blog offered the following: *I want to be sure that everyone understands what Amendment 10-A does, and does not, do. Amendment 10-A allows, but does not require, an ordaining body to determine that a candidate who is in a committed same-sex relationship is eligible for ordination -- assuming that the candidate desires to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ "in all aspects of life." That, to me, sets the bar pretty high. . . .I believe that there are central Gospel messages that we all affirm: our God is a sovereign God who has acted in history and continues to act today. Jesus is Lord.*

I am eager to have conversation with you about all of these pieces of our life together as Presbyterians. Stop by. . . .give a call. . . .

Pastor Janice



Sunday School Teachers

Teachers needed: We are now recruiting teachers for all ages for Sunday School for the fall. We are particularly in need of caring adults who are willing to help

teach our elementary aged students on a regular basis. If you are willing to help with this age – or any other – please contact Laurie in the church office or at 751-1419, e-mail laurie@fields-halva.org.



Don't Forget!
Please pick up your pictorial directory from the table in the Narthex.



It's Show Time!

We are going to purchase tickets for July 16 (that's a Saturday night) for the McLeod Summer Playhouse performance of **The Sound of Music**. Tickets are regularly \$25, but if we purchase 10 or more, the price is \$22.50; if we purchase 20 or more, price is \$20; and if we purchase 30 or more, price goes down to \$17.50! Let's go sing with the nuns! Cut off date will be July 8.



Rocking Chair Needed

You may have noticed the rocking chair in the back of the sanctuary. It provided an alternative for mothers who don't really need to remove infants to the parlor, and it was well received. Unfortunately, that rocker was borrowed from the nursery and had to be returned. Perhaps you have an unused rocker gathering dust in your attic or basement? If so, please let Alisa Simpson or John Holt know...we'll even pick it up from your home and deliver it for you.



Marketplace and Beyond Marketplace

Setup for Marketplace will begin Saturday, July 23 at 9:00 am. Pizza and brownies will be part of the lunch break. We will set up "tents" for the families, tables for the shops, hang the shop signs, and stock the tents and shops with their supplies. Please come to help with this setup even if it is just for an hour or so.

It is always exciting to see the transformation of Fellowship Hall. Marketplace needs your help that week, July 25-29, from 9:00 to noon. "Mothers" and "Fathers" are needed to head the families of children. Shopkeepers and helpers are needed for several of the shops. See Kitty if you have time that week to help make this Marketplace come alive. Preparing materials will be ongoing for the next month. Every Monday at 6:30, a small group meets at church to sort, cut, organize, and assemble what will be needed for Marketplace. Costumes will be sorted. Name tags will be assembled. Materials for the shops will be collected. Your help is welcome. No need to call ahead; just come.



Beyond Marketplace will be doing community service as part of their program. Serena Loyd would appreciate an extra hand each morning as the group gets ready to go to its venture for the day. Registration forms for these two Summer time programs are included in this July 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.

Laurie's Office Hours

For July, I will be in the office on the following Tuesdays:

July 5	On these days, I
July 13	should be in from
July 19	around 9 a.m. to
	around 4 p.m.

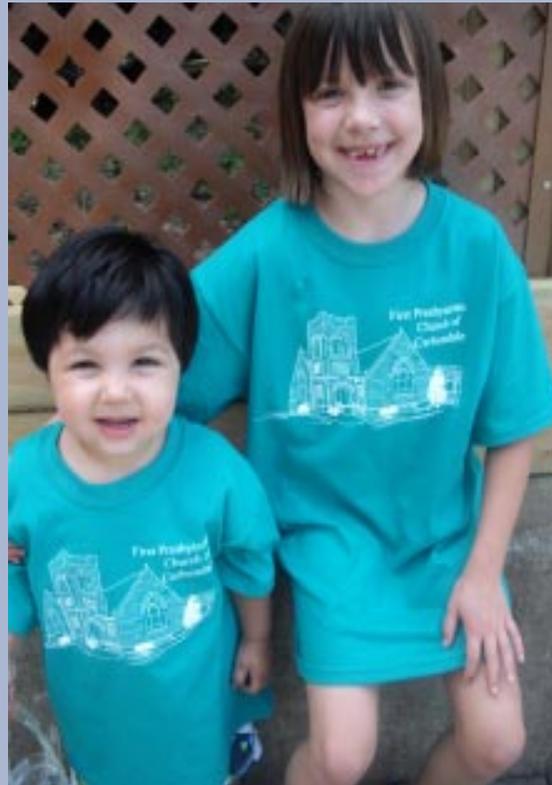
If you need to meet with me, feel free to stop by or call or e-mail to schedule a time. My cell is 751-1419 or my e-mail is laurie@fields-halva.org.

The week of Marketplace, July 25 – July 29, I will be at Marketplace on Monday, July 15 and Friday, July 29. I will also be in worship on Sunday, July 24. I am preaching in other congregations the other Sundays in July.

Sunday, September 11, 2011

Sunday Morning Education Kickoff. We will commission teachers in worship and have a church-wide time of fellowship and education following worship in Fellowship Hall.

Church T Shirts



Did you know our children — infants through college age — have been given blue T shirts with a picture of the church on the front? The membership committee hopes they will be our "living" advertising. There will be an opportunity later this year to order yours.

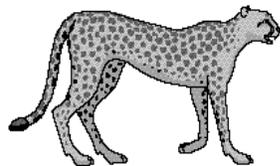
MaTT Club

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

Thank you for the many words of praise and encouragement to the children after the MaTT Club Sunday worship service, May 22. The children worked hard studying the parts of worship this past year and writing the truly a unique opportunity for them to church family, as they realized just how church.

Our last meeting was spent roller then coming back to the church for Myers. Thank you Brenda. Thank you,

We ended the year with our annual swim party at the home of Linda and Kent Brandon. This is a family event including those who will be entering kindergarten next year. Thank you Richard and Jill Hertzing for providing our supper that evening. Thank you Kent and Linda for the use of your pool.



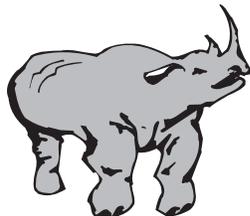
It's been a great year and I thank my Leadership Team for all their encouragement, support and help.

Looking Ahead- Our Fall Kickoff party will be an African Safari on Sunday, August 28. This is our biggest event of the

year. All MaTT Club children, including those entering kindergarten, and their families are invited.

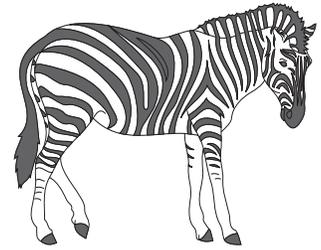
I always need lots of help so that my Leadership Team can enjoy the event with their children. I need help to set up the day before and help running the games (think school carnival) during the event. We'll be throwing water balloon at the hippo, tossing rings over the rhino's horn, digging in the meerkat (sand) mound for insects, and taking a twilight tour of the savanna. Please consider volunteering. If you aren't able to help on that day I have several projects that need to be prepared ahead of time. Could you help with those?

I need empty plastic jars with lids, the size of 18 oz. peanut butter jars, for the *Giraffe Craft* table. If you can help please let me know.

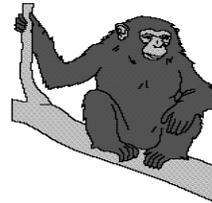


I also need a rhinoceros head (like a child's swim ring) for the *Rhino Toss*.

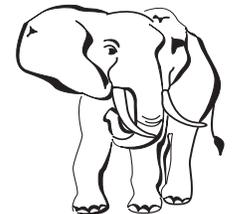
Another item I need is 3-4 stuffed/beanbag zebras, about the size of beanie babies. Wildebeest, antelope, or elephant would work too. I want to use only animals in realistic colors- no pink, blue, or purple animals please!



prayers and responses. This was feel closer to all of you, their they fit into the life of THEIR



skating at Hot Wheels Skatium, supper provided by Brenda drivers.



Little Dresses for Africa

Join us for a good cause, good fellowship and good fun. The Little Dresses for Africa Sewing Group will meet Thursday July 21. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to work on our sewing project from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Please bring your sewing machine, iron, ironing board, thread, seam rippers, etc. The sewing project is very easy so you don't need to be an experienced seamstress to join the group. If you don't know how to sew, folks that know how to iron, how to use scissors and how to pin are needed, too! Lunch will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. If there you have any questions please contact either Karen Hippensteel, 684-4282 or Anne Barrett, 457-0123.



Day Care

Please mark your calendars!

July 4 - CLOSED in celebration of the Independence Day holiday

July 16 - MINERS' GAME at 4:05 pm —all are welcome—
signup sheet is on the main hall door

July 25-29 - MARKETPLACE for the preschool class (9:00 am-Noon)

Special thanks to John Holt and Joe Cash for putting Day Care cribs together.

We are proud to announce that the Presbyterian Child Development Center Daycare has received a 2 star rating from the Illinois Department of Human Services placing us in the top 20% of all rated centers in Illinois. 11,000 licensed family child care homes and 5,542 centers are eligible for rating on the Quality Rating Scale. There are also 30,128 exempt providers in the state.

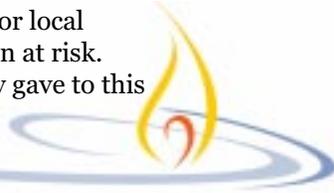
In addition, Dianna Hagler, director of the PCDC Daycare, has received her Illinois Director Credential. This credential is earned through validation of accomplishment in five components of competency. Level I requires an Associate Degree, Level II a Bachelors' Degree, and Level III a Masters' or other Advanced Degree. Only 900 directors in Illinois have received Director Credential. Di has received her Level I award and is continuing work toward Level II.

Heartfelt congratulations to the Center, Director, Staff and Families!

The amount given for the offering was \$2,500. \$1,000 will be available for local programs designed to help children at risk.

Thanks to all who so generously gave to this special offering.

Pentecost Offering



Birthday wishes for Naomi Manering. June 23 was her 99th birthday.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, July 31 First Presbyterian will be participating in a dinner at Epiphany Lutheran Church in honor of Deborah and Joe Troester. Both Deborah and Joe will speak.



DINNER GROUP

The Dinner Group met at the Mississippi Flyway on Thursday June 16, with Tom Jefferson as our excellent host. There were 25 diners and Jean Pulliam gave us a report about a visit to David Kenney that she and Bob had made recently. She reported that David had a very nice place but needed more people to talk with, so if you happen to be in the St. Louis area and have some extra time you might go by David's and say hello.

The July meeting will be held at the Giant City Lodge on July 21 at 6 PM with Reverend Deborah Troester and Dr. Joseph Troester as our guest hosts and speakers. They will brief us in about what they have

been doing in Africa the past two years after dinner. Reservations may be made by calling Bill & Judy Schwegman or E-mailing them at BJSJCS@Aol.Com The Shawnee Room has been reserved for this dinner. Two years ago we had 30 people attend a similar meeting, so let's all turn out and make a good showing for the Troester's.

Don't forget August 11 is our big train trip to Centralia House for dinner. We will have some advance information on the bulletin board in the Narthex soon.





News from our friends – Ik Seon Suh has taken a leave of absence from Marquette University in order to fulfill her Fulbright residency requirements. She has moved to Mexico City, and will be a visiting professor in her field of Business Administration and Accounting for two years.

Yi Ren continues her work at Scranton University (Scranton, PA) as an Assistant Professor in Accounting. She and her husband have just bought a house!

It is wonderful to hear about what is happening with our church family!!



Worshipping with Children

by Laurie Fields, Director of Faith Development

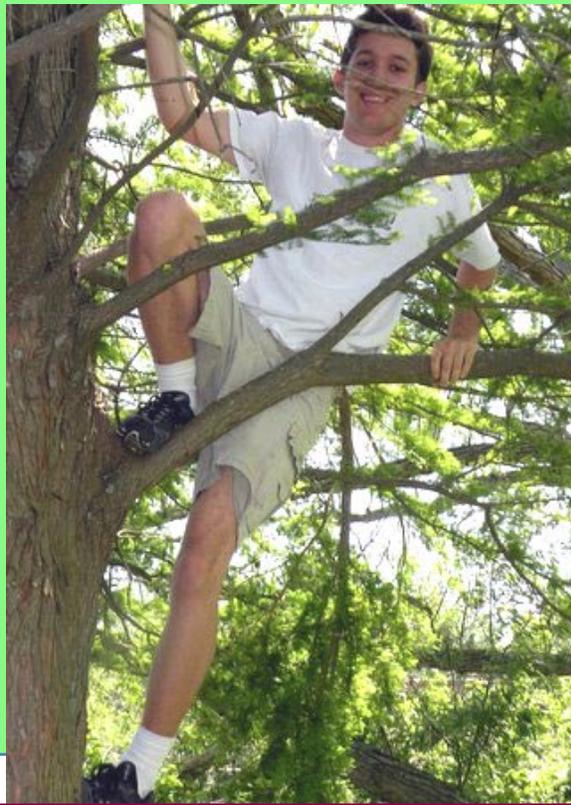
As a faith community, the most important thing that we do each week is gather to worship God. First Presbyterian is the first church I have been involved with in years that begins Sunday morning with worship instead of education – and I love that our Sundays begin together in the sanctuary. This is what shapes and defines us as children of God, as followers of Christ – that we gather and worship.

This gathering includes all ages – from young to old we worship together. As a parent, I know that it can be difficult to worship with young children. Yet, children belong in worship, because it is the regular participation in the life of the church through worship that shapes our children, and ourselves, into more faithful followers of Christ. In order that our children might be able to participate more fully in our worship, we have bags hanging outside of the sanctuary for them to use during worship. These bags contain children's Bibles, a book that explains our worship service, a notebook, and pencils and crayons. Soon there will also be bookmarks, to mark the hymns and scripture passages, and a list of

suggestions for writing or drawing about during the service. These are not toys, nor busywork – these are tools to help our children engage in worship so that their lives can be shaped by our common life together.

I would encourage everyone to take the time to welcome our children warmly each Sunday. Let them know that you are glad to see them. Encourage them to take a worship bag and, if you notice a child near you writing or drawing during the service, ask them afterwards if they would share with you what they have been doing. Take the time to listen to them, and encourage their thinking and praying and worshipping, as we all gather together to praise our God.





Photos by Bob Luebers

Memorial Day Picnic Revisited





On July 15, the Church Women United will celebrate its 60th Anniversary with a dinner at First Presbyterian Church, 310 S. University Ave. in Carbondale. The buffet dinner will be catered by Bethel AME Church and the menu will include roast brisket of beef, chicken breast on wild rice, mixed green vegetables, red skinned potatoes, salad rolls and dessert.

Details about the program will be forthcoming, but it will include musical entertainment as well as a tribute to the accomplishments and leadership of Church Women United in Carbondale over the years. Tickets are \$15, and checks should be made out to Church Women United in Carbondale. Reservations should be made no later than July 11. To purchase tickets, contact your CWU church representative, or Martha Ellert at msellert@aol.com or 521- 0613.



OOPS!

New Year's Hymn:
Heave on Earth

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

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July 5, 1854: The first train "chugged" into Carbondale. A big celebration was planned. It ended with a premature, VERY memorable explosion of the huge fireworks display!

July, 1857: The D.H. Brush family moved into their grand new home on W. Main St. Two years later Daniel and wife Julie became members of First Presbyterian Church.