



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Peacemaking Offering - Oct. 2

Youth Group Meets  
Oct. 9, 23 & 30

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Learning in Retirement  
Oct. 17-Nov. 1

Camp Carew  
Potluck - Oct. 30

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Recital - Nov. 20

## Church Office Hours

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

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*to our landscapers and waterers for  
our beautiful flower beds.*

It was Thursday morning. . .I was at Panera. . .working on things in the relative quiet (some mornings at Panera are more quiet than others!). I was checking in on Facebook and there were a lot of comments from my friends and colleagues in religious life about the Death Penalty case in Georgia. And a friend of a friend posted: I don't know what to think. . .

And I thought. . .that is awfully brave of you to admit. We have become a culture which is rock solid certain we know what we believe. . .and if we don't believe the same things, you and I, then you must certainly be wrong. We will not be entering into conversation about these things, we will not be open to changing our minds – I have mine made up, and I am right.

Ever heard that from someone? Ever found yourself saying such things? I have – on both accounts.

In the same week, our beloved Facebook changed. (Facebook, for the uninitiated, is an online social community where you can connect with people and groups in real time. We have a presence on FB – First Presbyterian Church Carbondale) The layout, format and how we are granted access to news feeds changed. In the grand scheme of things, this means nothing, and yet it elicited scores of posts about “how horrible it was, how could they change MY Facebook, I didn't ask for change. . .” – you get the idea.

And yet, that is one of the reasons that Facebook has been so popular for so long, the program keeps changing and adapting. Sometimes the changes are relatively small and happen with little complaining. . . but sometimes they are massive, and elicit the complaining wrath of the community – how dare you change my facebook????!! But as a company, they have figured out that if you don't change, you die.

October is the month we remember the Protestant Reformation, and the fact that we are The Church Reformed, always being reformed. Change, not simply for the end of changing - but for and to the glory of God – is firmly rooted in our being as Presbyterians. Conversation about the “right answers” (all the right answers) is an important part of who we are. That we are willing to gather together and seek out God's will – even if it means we have to be uncertain about certain things, or even change our minds – this is all a part of who we are as Presbyterians.

Sometimes I don't know what to think. . . and that is an okay thing. Sometimes change is difficult for me. . .I bet it is for you, too. And yet, if we are not open to the moving of God's Spirit, if we cannot admit that we do not know everything, there is little future for us. . .as a church. . .as a nation. . .in our world. Pray for peace. . .and be open to the moving of the Spirit!

**In sure and certain hope. . .**

*In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ. . .*

The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of

The Reverend Charles Howe

June 10, 1911 - September 12, 2011

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

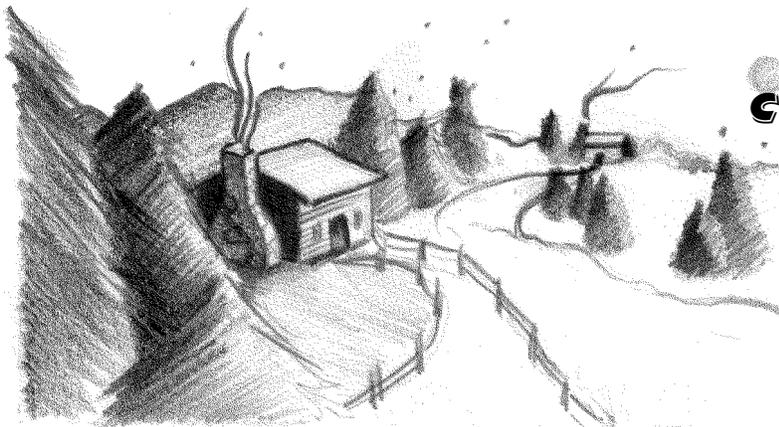
John 11:25-26

**PIANO**

**DEDICATORY  
RECITAL**



To commemorate the generous gift of the grand piano by Bob, Jay and Don Leigeber in honor of Eleanor Leigeber, there will be a dedicatory recital in the sanctuary at **2 p.m.** on **Sunday, November 20**. The recital will highlight different styles of piano music and show some of the versatility of the piano in the "musical world." Many of the keyboardists from our congregation as well as other vocalists and instrumentalists will be featured. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the recital. Plan now to attend.



**CAMP CAREW POTLUCK**

Mission and Fellowship are jointly hosting a potluck at Camp Carew immediately following the fellowship hour on October 30. We will have an opportunity to see the new hogans. More information to come.



*Peacemaking Offering*

This offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings received each year by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This year's theme is: "A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace" (James 3:18) Our Peacemaking Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, which this year is October 2. Twenty-five percent of the Offering will be used for ministries of peacemaking within our church and community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and fifty percent is used by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.



**Laurie's Office Hours  
for October**

Laurie continues to be in the office on Tuesdays from about 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. She will be here on Sundays October 9, 16, and 23. As always, please call to set up a time to talk if you need her. Her cell is 751-1419.

# Here's... **WHAT'S** ... **COOL** ... at **Sunday!** **SCHOOL!**

Our Sunday morning education classes for all ages began with our kick-off on Sunday, September 11. A big thank you to everyone who came to the kick-off and participated in some or all of our learning centers on forgiveness. We hope this chance to experience some of the activities from our new church-wide curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, has whetted your appetite for more! If so, or if you just want to learn more about the Bible, the lectionary, and how we live as God's faithful people, come to a Sunday School class! We have classes for all ages on Sunday mornings.

-Children from birth to 5 years old but not yet in kindergarten meet in the nursery. These children hear a Bible story each week and have different fun activities – music, games, drama, craft – to help them remember the story, followed by lots of time for play.

All of our classes for ages kindergarten to adults are now using our new *Feasting on the Word* curriculum. This curriculum combines Bible study from one of the texts in the weekly lectionary with discussions about how we live faithfully as followers of Christ. All classes will be focusing on the same story each week, and that story will often be one we have just heard in worship. We hope you will plan to join a Sunday School class!

-Children from kindergarten to 2nd grade meet in Room 140.

-Children from 3rd - 5th grades meet in Room 146.

-Youth from 6th - 12th grades meet in the Youth Room.

-Adult Bible Study meets in the Parlor.

-Faith Dialogues meets in the chapel. Following a 4 week series Presbyterians 101, answering every question you ever thought to ask about being Presbyterian and led by Pastor Janice, this class will be using *Feasting on the Word*.

## Kids in Christ

Our annual Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is coming up soon! Start thinking about a fun costume to wear and plan to meet us at the church on Sunday, October 30, from 3 pm to 6 pm. Parents and other adults are welcome to join us as well. We will carpool to our assigned neighborhood, collect for UNICEF, and then return to the church for a simple supper. Hope to see you then!



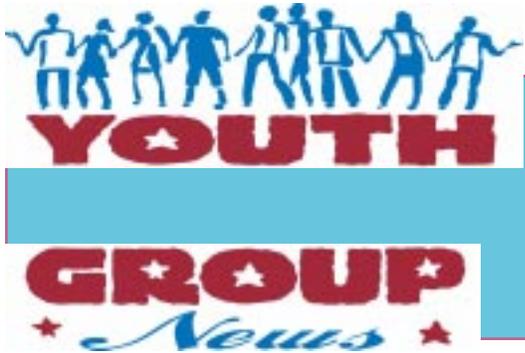
## Halloween Fun

**G**rowing Families in Fellowship (GFF) would like to invite parents and young children (0-12 years) to join us for trick-or-treating on October 31. We will meet at Pastor Janice's house at 5:00 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided while the children listen to stories and engage in Halloween activities. We plan to head out at 5:30 for tricks or treats, arriving back at 6:45 to wrap up activities and to review the goodies. Friends of church members are very welcome.

**F** Questions? Contact Mary Louise Cashel at 713-3404.

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The youth group is planning to meet at church Sunday, October. 9 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and a program on music in the church. We also plan to meet on Oct. 23 at the same time and place. On Oct. 30, our youth are invited to join in an Interfaith youth event.



### *HOST FAMILIES NEEDED*

The **American Boychoir**, located in Princeton, NJ, is regarded as one of the nation's premier choral groups, performing in many concerts across the United States and at international venues. In its history, the choir has performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Berlin Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, The St. Olaf Choir, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, and several opera singers. The choir has had numerous television appearances on NBC's Today show and is featured on sixteen recordings. For more information about the group, see: <http://www.americanboychoir.org/index.php>

The Fall Tour of the American Boychoir includes a residency in our area **Wednesday, Nov. 2-Saturday, Nov. 5**. The boys will be busy during the days with rehearsals and workshops. However, they



need housing for three evenings (Wednesday-Friday.). There are approximately 30 boys in the tour choir and they are housed in groups of 2 or more. These young men have earned reputations as cheerful, polite, and congenial young men both onstage and away. As a host, you will receive complimentary tickets to their performance at SIU the evening of Friday, Nov. 4. If you are able to provide housing or need more information, please contact Kathy Manfredi, 534-2532.



### *Dinner Group*

The Dinner Group took the 5:15 p.m. Amtrak to Centralia and had Dinner at the Historic Centralia House. Twenty people attended despite the less than desirable weather. The group returned to Carbondale on the 8:10 p.m. train out of Centralia and were back in Carbondale by 9:10 PM. It was a whirlwind trip but interesting. Bill & Judy Schwegman were the hosts and it took considerable advanced planning to make it work. Hopefully, everyone had a good time.

The October meeting will be on Thursday, October 20 so mark your calendar and hold the date. Further details as to location, time and host for making reservations will be in the Church Bulletin.

# MaTT



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

Our focus this year in MaTT Club is *The Old Testament- Servants of God*. Our first meeting was all about God Created! Starburst candy triggered our memory about creation as we played *Every Color Under Heaven*. What a sweet way to start the year.

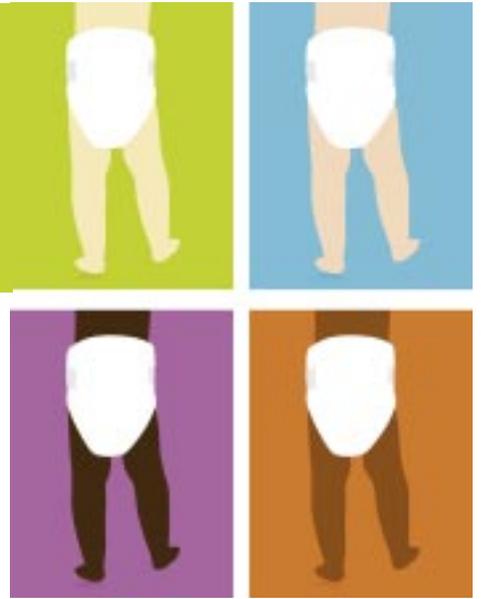
We made up motions to go with the creation story. As I read Genesis 1 the kids acted out the motions. After I asked them to make something, but gave them no supplies, we discussed how God made everything from NOTHING. This is something humans cannot do. Ever. All the raw materials we use to build monuments, sculpt art, and even fix dinner - God made from nothing. We cannot speak things into existence, but God can. And God did!

Each child will put together a notebook this year, coordinating with the stories we study. First we discussed that the mighty works of God continue today. I showed them some pictures, from the newspaper, of animals that have just been discovered. The children drew a picture of an animal, planet, or being they think God has created that has not been discovered yet. Ask them to show you their picture and explain their thoughts.



During craft time we made "creation cross" zipper pulls. Each bead represents a day of creation. the children put them on their backpacks, coats, or jeans. Each time they see the beads they can remember the mighty works of God, and know that they are one of those works.

## Two-Year Anniversary of the Diaper Bank!



The end of August marked the second anniversary of the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois. Since August 2009, we have delivered nearly 70,000 diapers to nine agencies – Pregnancy Matters, Women's Center, Southern Region Early Childhood Programs, Unity Point Family Circle, Adolescent Health Center, Catholic Social Services, Williamson County Early Childhood, Good Samaritan, and Eurma Hayes (for sheltered families after the Cairo flooding). We've received support from Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois, local churches, others and, of course, members of First Presbyterian. The Diaper Bank has been a tremendous ministry of our church!

Yet,

we could do so much more. We are exploring new partnerships with other agencies, including Hispanic Ministries in Cobden, and many of our current agencies report the increasing need in our community. The Diaper Bank needs help with donations, deliveries, fundraising, and other organizational tasks. We will also be forming a board of directors. If you are interested in assisting the Diaper Bank, please contact Jane Swanson at [diaperbanksi@gmail.com](mailto:diaperbanksi@gmail.com) or 457-6654.



Rolanda Quick



Pam Holt



Lisa Hollabaugh

Welcome to our newest members



Presbyterian

Woman

All women of the church are invited to attend the meeting on October 18 at the home of Marion Olsson, 511 Lexington Ct., Carbondale, IL. Dessert and coffee will be served at 1 p.m. prior to fellowship, a brief meeting and the lesson presented by Imogene Beckemeyer.

## DAYCARE

We are looking forward to lots of fun and learning in October!

On Monday, October 3, the Twos, Threes, and Preschool classes will be checking out Fire Station 1 on Wall Street. We like the fire truck and are glad the firemen help protect our homes and school.

Monday, October 10, all the classes, except the infants, will be going to Bandy Pumpkin Patch in Johnson City. We can hardly wait to see all the pumpkins and other fall things!

Tuesday, October 18, is picture day! Starting at 8:30 Miss Mari from Plank's Photo will be taking individual and class pictures. The pictures will be back in plenty of time for Christmas cards.



Our Halloween/Fall party will be Monday, October 31. We get to wear costumes to school and have a parade and party. If the weather is nice, we will parade around the block at 3:15 p. m. After our parade, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for more fun and goodies.



## PRESCHOOL

The preschool is excited to announce that we have hired a new staff member! Lisa Kuta will be working in our Polliwog and Tadpole classes. Lisa is a graduate student at SIU and is working on her masters in Early Childhood Education.

She earned her bachelors degree from Western Illinois University in psychology and sociology. She is very passionate about teaching young children and brings a lot of energy to the classroom. We are glad to have her onboard!



The Tadpole and Frog classes will be taking a field trip to Bandy's Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 21. We will also be having our annual Halloween Sing on Halloween. It will begin at 10 a.m. with songs from our Tadpole and Frog classes, we will also have refreshments and the children's artwork on display. All are invited to join us for this fun morning!





## Gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure from our church family

- Replaced door closer - John Baker
- Converted all Daycare knobs to levers for ADA compliance - John Holt
- Replaced battery in emergency light - Jim Calloway
- Consulting and support for Fellowship Hall acoustics - Ellis Mitchell, Lin Koonce
- Organ repair (20 man hours, \$1,300) - James Neckers bequest

# Up Coming Events

**A**dvent Festival date is December 3.

Mark your calendar. Work on the Float will begin soon. Plans for our hot meal in Fellowship Hall before the Carbondale Lights Fantastic Parade will probably include soup and sandwiches, with hot chocolate available after the parade. Want to be on the float? Want to walk along side our float? Willing to make a pot of soup? Brownies? Sandwiches? Thank you in advance.



**GLENN SCHUBERT  
TO SPEAK**

The Learning in Retirement speaker at the Wednesday, October 19 meeting will be our own Glenn Schubert. His topic: The Real Forensic Science. The Learning in Retirement meeting is at the Dunn Richmond Center and begins at 9:30 a.m. with a coffee hour, followed by the speaker at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Caring and Sharing our space.

October 15 - Bengali Cultural Gathering

October 17 - November 18 Learning in Retirement class on the Civil War

December 1 - SIU School of Music Scholarship Benefit Recital, Civic Orchestra, Eric Lenz and Jennifer Presar, Directors  
Chamber Winds, Christopher Morehouse, Conductor



**You're Invited!**

The Ittner family would love to have you join us on Sat. Oct. 1 for "Celebration & Cinnamon" in thanks for The E-Journey (Earthly Journey) of Bill Ittner, Sharing, music and memories any time between 2-4 pm in Fellowship Hall First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, IL. We hope you'll come.

## PER CAPITA

As we begin to think about the 1912 church budget we need to remember that per capita costs are part of our budget process. Please, take a minute and write a check in the amount of \$37.49 (if you have not already done so) to cover the per capita cost of your membership. It is part of our obligation to the larger Presbyterian community.

Welcome to our  
Reformatting Service

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

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**October 2011**



As the church approached its 50th Anniversary, it needed more space. In 1893, plans were started for buying lots 185 & 186 at the corner of Normal (now University Ave.) and Elm.

A century ago, during 1911, Rev. James R. E. Craighead began an eight years of service to our congregation.