



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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## ***A Different Look This Month!***

Yes, our newsletter looks different this month! Our editor, Linda Brandon, is enjoying a much deserved vacation! We greatly appreciate all the time and effort she puts in to give us a great newsletter each month. Thank you, Linda! We are looking forward to your return.

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## ***Put the Date on Your Calendar!***

### ***Hat Day at Church is Sunday, February 14!***

Fellowship Ministry will host Hat Sunday February 14. Please wear a hat to Church and join in the fun. After Church, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a "Mad Hatter's Tea" (okay, really just Fellowship/Coffee Hour). Awards will be given for hats in the following categories:

Most Glamorous Women's Hat

Best Man's Hat

Best Child Under 12-years-old Hat

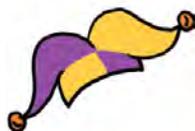
Best Teen's Hat (13 to 19-year-old)

Funniest or Most Outrageous Hat

Best Handcrafted Hat

Best Antique Hat

Be prepared to have your picture taken in your hat. Questions? Contact Anne Barrett.



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## ***Volunteers are needed to host Fellowship/Coffee for 2016!***

The sheet for first quarter is on the Fellowship Board in the Narthex. If you would like to volunteer for an upcoming special celebration, such as a birthday, graduation, or wedding anniversary, please contact Beth Forsberg or Anne Barrett so the special date can be saved for you.

# Pastor's Page

A mere ten days into the new month and we begin the Journey to Jerusalem. It seems like it was just yesterday that we celebrated Christmas, (*wasn't it just yesterday? No, that was just when I finally put away all the holiday decorations*) and now we are rushing into Lent. How is this happening?

We know how it happens. It all has to do with the date for Easter, which is determined by - *the Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox*. You count back. . .and there it is, February 10, Ash Wednesday – the day that starts our Journey.

I would invite you to think about the season in terms of steps on a journey – steps forward and steps back. On the page which follows is an excerpt from the University of Michigan website ><https://ginsberg.umich.edu/content/privilege-walk-activity>< which details an exercise which is often done with students about the concept of privilege. They note:

*Every statement addresses some small privilege that is based on gender, race, ethnicity, class, or sexual orientation. The small statements in this exercise have added up to divide people into different locations in this room. Similarly, small privileges in society place individuals in different places in society. . .Interestingly, privilege tends to be invisible to those who are privileged. That is, when we receive privilege based on race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other factor, we tend to not recognize the boosts in position that accumulate over time from those privileges.*

Participants are invited to line up across the room, and upon agreement or disagreement with the statement, step forward or backward in response. Then the next statement is read and answered, and then the next. Sometimes a student will step forward one, only to step back the next two times. Other times a student will only keep stepping forward, or keep stepping back. It is fascinating to see what unites us, and what divides us. We may think our journeys are similar, but little things may truly set us apart.

Jesus walked in the real world of his day. So do we. We walk in a real world, each one of us marked by the real things that have happened in our lives. I invite you to read a statement a day during Lent, and keep track for yourself – one up, one back. . .where are you in relation to that starting line? I believe that it is important for us, as people of faith, to be thoughtful and clear about not just who and where we are, but who and where we are in our world, and in relation to our the needs of our sisters and brothers in this our shared world. Our Lenten Sermon series is going to deal with some of these issues this year – Our being the People of Faith in the Real World. Let's see where we stand this Lent.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Janice". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

## **Privilege Walk Activity**

Participants stand in a straight line in the middle of an empty room. Tell participants that some statements might be of a sensitive nature for some individuals, and that they do not have to respond to any statement that is uncomfortable. Read the statements below.

**If your ancestors came to the United States by force, take one step back.**

*If there were more than 50 books in your house growing up, take one step forward.*

**If you ever felt unsafe because of your sexual orientation, take one step back.**

*If you believe that you were denied employment because of your race, gender, or ethnicity, take 1 step back.*

**If you believe that you were paid less because of your race, gender, or ethnicity, take one step back.**

*If you were ever stopped or questioned by the police because of your race, take one step back.*

**If you have ever felt uncomfortable about a joke directed at your gender, take one step back.**

*If you can show affection for your romantic partner in public without fear of ridicule or violence, please take one step forward.*

**If you were embarrassed about your clothes or house while growing up, take one step back.**

*If your parents or guardians attended college, take one step forward.*

**If you were raised in an area with crime and drug activity, take one step back.**

*If you have tried to change your speech or mannerisms to gain credibility, take one step back.*

**If you are able to move through the world without fear of sexual assault, take one step forward.**

*If you can legally marry the person you love, take one step forward.*

**If you were sexually active with several people and it would improve your social reputation in other people's eyes, take 1 step forward.**

*If you are reasonably sure that you will not be denied access to jobs or political resources because of your gender, take one step forward.*

**If you are able to be drive carelessly without someone attributing it to your gender, take one step forward.**

*If you are relatively sure you can enter a store without being followed, take one step forward.*

**If you are reasonably sure you would be hired based on your ability and qualifications, take one step forward.**

*If your family automatically expected you to attend college, take one step forward.*

**If you have ever traveled outside the United States, take one step forward.**

*If your parents worked nights and weekends to support your family, take one step backward.*

**If you can buy new clothes or go out to dinner when you want to, take one step forward.**

*If you get time off for your religious holidays, take one step forward.*

**If you have a foreign accent, take one step backward.**

*If you can walk alone at any time of day or night in Saratoga without thinking about safety, take one step forward.*

**If you went to galleries, museums, and plays with your family, take one step forward.**

*If you attended private school or summer camp, take one step forward.*

**If you were raised in a single-parent household, take one step backward.**

*If you studied the culture of your ancestors in elementary school, take one step forward.*

**If members of your gender are portrayed on TV in degrading roles, take one step backward.**

*If you have been a victim of sexual harassment, take one step backward.*

**If you have been a victim of violence because of your race, gender, class, or sexual orientation, take one step back.**

*If you ever went on a family vacation, take one step forward.*

**If you have ever had a maid, gardener, or cleaning service, take one step forward.**

*If you can walk past a construction site without being looked up and down or catcalled at, take one step forward.*

**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

David Ford Lee Rendleman

April 23, 1929 – December 25, 2015

*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*

**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

Glenn Schubert

November 20, 1958 – January 3, 2016

*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*

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**Welcome new members!**

At our January Discovery Class, the Session welcomed three new members. Be sure to greet and welcome them when you see them!

**Craig Heins** comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is retired from the Department of Corrections for the State of Illinois, and joins his parents – Randall and Kathryn, and his sister, Michelle Crews, here at the church.

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**Cindy Fields** comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is employed as office support at the SIU Foundation, and has already been active in the Yarning to Make a Difference Group here at the church.

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**Ann Williams** comes to us by Letter of Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church in Murphysboro. She is a retired psychologist, who comes out of retirement for special assignments, as needed.

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

The January weather may be cold (or warm depending on which day you are remembering), but MaTT Club is a warm place to be on a winter day! As our bulletin board said, we did indeed warm up with a cup of cocoa and the Good Book.

'Look forward and obey God' was the focus of our first meeting of the year, as we heard the story of Lot's wife. We decided whether she turned into a pillar of salt was not the main focus of this story, but rather when God tells us to do something, even if it is scary, we should not hesitate to do what God commands. After discussing the meanings, the children glued the Ten Commandments, printed on pillars of salt, into their binder books.



During game time every one tried to run forward while looking backward. Not so easy! They decided that you could definitely go faster if you were looking forward. After that they knocked down 'pillar people' with 'balls of burning rock'. We ended game time with "Four Corners" using the categories of Salt Pillar, Salt Shaker and Rock Salt. Those in the chosen corner had to taste salty water, name foods that are salty, tell where salt comes from, name some uses of salt, etc...

Each child drew a winter picture and glued Epsom salt on their picture to represent snow.

(Photos by J. Langin)

On January 17, we gathered in the kitchen to make soup as we heard the story of Jacob and Esau, who sold his birthright for a bowl of soup. We started by pairing up and each pair choosing a peaceful way to determine who would "be the winner" and get a baggie of candy. One group ran a race, another played rock, paper, scissors. And the third team tested to see who could stand on one leg the longest. After listing possible ways to choose between two options, we discussed the possibility of sharing or gifting.



Gathered around the kitchen island, the kids peeled potatoes, cut up squash, and opened packages of corn, peas and green beans as we heard the story. We discussed how damaging sibling rivalry can be, and talked about how God wants us to treat our family members with kindness. I told the children what 'the birthright' and 'the blessing' were and why they were important in the time of this story (see information below)\*. It is hard to believe that Esau would give that all away for a bowl of soup- no matter how hungry he was or how good it smelled! Together we brain stormed ways to be helpful and kind to our siblings. Then the children wrote those ideas on vegetable patterns which they then glued onto their binder book page. And the soup was delicious- just the right thing on a cold day.

Kara provided materials for each child to make their own soup bowl during craft time.

Thank you Kitty Trescott and Flossie and Jennifer Langin for providing supper in January. Thank you Jennifer for taking pictures while Rosey has been gone. Thank you Kara for leading craft time.



\*Information taken from article by Todd Clipert: Since Esau was the firstborn son, he was entitled to receive the birthright. The birthright was two-fold. First, it included a double portion of the inheritance from the father. Second, it included a special ceremonial blessing from the father. Receiving the birthright, the firstborn would become the head of the family, and would have charge of the family, including the family property. He would be responsible for the welfare of the younger sons, the widow, and any unmarried daughters. He would exercise considerable authority over the other members of the family. The blessing that he received would also place him in a special covenant relationship with the Lord. During the Patriarchal period when Jacob and Esau lived, God dealt directly with the heads of the families. The Hebrews counted the blessing given by the father to be very important, and considered it an oral contract, which was just as binding as a written contract.

In the case of Jacob, it appears that he did not actually inherit any property from his father, even though he did buy the birthright from Esau for a bowl of pottage, a kind of bean stew. What Jacob did receive from Isaac was the blessing planned for Esau. The blessing, a sort of last will and testament, promised that Jacob would have lordship over other nations. The blessing Jacob received promised him divine protection, so that whoever cursed Jacob would be cursed, and whoever blessed Jacob would receive the blessing of God.

## The Dinner Group

The Dinner Group met at Hunan's Thursday, January 21, with Mary Mantovani as our hostess. The winter weather reduced our attendance from a planned 22 down to an actual 15 diners. Judy Schwegman gave our blessing. The food and service were good as usual and we were on our way home by 7 p.m. We took up our traditional donation for the Food Pantry and \$100 was received.

The Corker's will be our February 18 hosts and they are going to take us to Grumpy's Smokehouse Bar-B-Q located at the intersection of IL. Rte. 13 & IL. Rte. 148 near the Williamson County Airport. This will be a first for the Dinner Group so plan on joining us for some really good Bar-B-Q and conversation.

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### Pizza and Movie Night

*Note the change in the regular date.* In February, Pizza and Movie night will be Friday, February 12. The movie, CHRISTY, will be shown. See the article about small groups for a thorough description of this video. Pizza will be hot and ready at 6:00, accompanied by salad, fruit, cookies, and maybe more. As soon as the meal is finished and everything is cleaned up, we will head downstairs to watch CHRISTY. Be sure to call Bart or Kitty Trescott: 203-1807 or email: trescott@midwest.net so we know how many will be sitting around the table that night.



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### Easter Potluck Picnic at Giant City

What better way to keep the Easter Celebration going after the Church service than to attend the Annual Easter Potluck Picnic at Giant City State Park on March 27? Shelter #3 has been reserved for us at Giant City State Park to continue the celebration. Please bring a picnic-type dish to share along with your own table service and beverage. A picnic tablecloth may come in handy, too. Bring your lawn chairs and equipment such as a croquet set, soccer ball, baseball glove, or badminton set to enjoy some fun and fellowship after we eat. There are grills available, just remember to bring charcoal and matches. Lunch will begin at 1:00 pm. Meet at the shelter anytime after 12:30 pm.

Don't know where Giant City State Park or Shelter #3 is located? Take Giant City Road south or Highway 51 south then follow the map at <http://www.troop52.org/Maps/GiantCity.htm> . Hope to see you there! Please contact Anne Barrett or Beth Forsberg with questions.

## Mission Ministry

### Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy offering (one of the four PC(USA) special offerings each year) was collected on Sunday, Dec. 20. A total of \$2,996.00 was contributed by our congregation and will be sent to the PC(USA) for financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families, and to enable deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Thank you for your generosity.

### Marion Medical Mission Shallow Wells 2016

Any member of our church who is interested in volunteering to participate in this program in 2016 should contact Mission Ministry (Ken Simpson, John Jarvis, Jane Swanson, Cindy Buys, Imogene Beckemeyer) as soon as possible.

### Souper Bowl of Caring February 7, 2016

This is an annual event to raise awareness and support for local community issues including homelessness, hunger, and poverty. Sunday, February 7, is Super Bowl Sunday – which means it is time for our annual Souper Bowl. The youth of our church will be collecting donations for Good Samaritan Ministries as well as making yummy soups for you to enjoy. Due to popular demand, there will be more Tortellini Soup and Taco Soup this year – so plan to come February 7, enjoy some soup, and support our youth as they raise money to help the hungry here in Carbondale.

In addition to our church's involvement, be on the lookout for others in the community collecting for this worthy cause.



### Youth Mission Trip to Heifer Ranch in Arkansas Summer 2016

The Mission and Faith Development Ministries are planning a youth mission trip to Heifer Ranch June 15 – 19, 2016. The group will meet at the church for an overnight stay June 15, drive to the Ranch the morning of June 16, participate in the Heifer Ranch Global Challenge June 16-18, and be home the evening of June 19. They hope to do something educational yet fun on the way home between the afternoon of June 18 and 19.

All middle school and high school youth are invited to go on this trip and should have received information already. There are still a few spots available – if you are a middle school or high school youth interested in going on this trip, please talk to Laurie Fields as soon as possible.

A Lock-in for youth and adults going on the trip is planned for the weekend of February 13-15. Exact dates and times will be sent to all youth who are signed up.

### Thank-You Notes

We recently received thank you notes from two agencies to which we recently sent financial support: Adult Senior Services, and ELCA (the latter for support of Deb and Joe Troester in Africa).

### Famine/Starvation in Malawi

Our church has recently focused on Malawi, having a major fund-raiser and three volunteers who traveled there to help Marion Medical Mission with well installation in the area. In addition to their ongoing need for clean drinking water they have another major need: food. Recently, central Malawi has experienced severe drought that destroyed much of the maize (similar to corn) that forms the basis for their diet. Therefore, the people are experiencing severe famine; many individuals are starving. We ask that you consider helping to feed these hungry people by writing a check to First Presbyterian (put "Malawi Hunger" in the memo line, or sending a check to Marion Medical Mission (write "Malawi Hunger" in the memo line...their address is: Marion Medical Mission, 1412 Shawnee Dr., Marion, IL 62959). One family can be fed for an entire month for \$15.

## Small Groups Ministry

Get connected at First Presbyterian. This is the first article in a series introducing you to the numerous opportunities to plug into Small Group Ministries. There is something for everyone, whether for adults, teens, young children, women, men, musicians and historians. And there is more coming up in the next few months.

Movie Night Group ... Meets at 6 p.m., usually on the third Friday of each month. Originally hosted by Joe and Diane Cash, the torch was passed to Bart and Kitty Trescott three years ago. Kitty says, "Be sure to show up at 6 p.m. because that is when Bart is taking the pizza out of the oven." The evening begins with a prayer in Fellowship Hall before devouring tasty pizza, salad, fruit, and cookies. This is a time for sharing stories, personal faith, and relaxing at the end of a long week. The group then moves to the movie theater in the basement to watch and discuss the movie.

This may be the best movie house in town because it was renovated with genuine movie seats and strip lights and comes with fresh popcorn and a free movie. It was constructed when Judy Beyler was Associate Pastor. For several years the Movie Theater was part of the multi learning curriculum of Christian Education and kids would watch CDs or VHS cassettes of Veggie Tales or other Christian videos.

Movies are chosen by group suggestion or by Bart and Kitty. The selection process avoids sex and violence (common ingredients in today's culture) and always stresses a message where the human condition meets the crossroads of Christian faith, such as divorce, grief, loneliness, child abuse, unemployment, etc. "We strike a balance between the touchy feely Hallmark TV Channel and the more salty style of Spielberg's award winning Schindler's List, or Steven King's Shawshank Redemption", says Kitty with her hearty trade mark chuckle.

The January movie was *About a Boy*, starring Hugh Grant, portraying a cynical, immature young man who is taught how to act like a grown-up by a little boy.

The February movie will be *Christy*, a historical fiction novel by Christian author Catherine Marshall set in the fictional Appalachian village of Cutter Gap, Tennessee, in 1912. The novel was inspired by the story of the journey made by her own mother, Leonora Whitaker, to teach the impoverished children in the Appalachian region as a young, single adult. The movie explores faith and mountain traditions such as moonshining, folk beliefs, and folk medicine.

Watch for Movie Night reminders in the church bulletins and a group email one week in advance. For more information, contact Kitty Trescott at [trescott@midwest.net](mailto:trescott@midwest.net) or 203-1807.



(Photos by B. Luebbers)

## Faith Development Ministry

### Laurie's Hours for February

Laurie will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays in February and on Sundays February 7 and 21. If you need to talk to her, please stop by on a Monday or Thursday, call her at 618-751-1419, or e-mail her at: [laurie@firstprescdale.org](mailto:laurie@firstprescdale.org) (If you are coming on a Thursday, please let me know ahead of time. I am serving as our Presbytery's Vice-Moderator in 2016 and have meetings more often on Thursdays – and I don't want to miss your visit. Thanks! Laurie)

### Sunday Morning Schedule

Everyone is encouraged to join us for Faith Development classes on Sunday morning. Classes are available for all ages on the following schedule:

Kindergarten - 5th graders - will begin worship with their families until the Children's Sermon. After the Children's Sermon, they will be dismissed to Children's Worship, a time for them to learn and grow together. They will rejoin their families before the end of the worship service.

Youth (grades 6 - 12) will have Sunday School following worship in the Youth Room.

In February, the Youth class will finish *Understanding the Bible* with Brenda Gilbert and will start *Politics* with John Baker. All youth are encouraged to attend and to offer suggestions for future topics of study.

Faith Dialogues (for adults) will meet in the Chapel following worship. This spring we will be learning about other faiths and how we can work together across ecumenical and interfaith lines. We will begin with a study of Islam in February. All adults are welcome to join our group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study (for adults) will meet in the Parlor, also following worship.

### Faith Dialogues

From now until May, the Faith Dialogues class is going to be doing a longer-term study on ecumenical and interfaith relationships, aiming to understand more about the beliefs and practices of other religious groups and how we can better work together for the benefit of the larger world. We plan to spend 2-4 weeks studying a faith and then have an outside speaker from that faith come to share with us. We will begin with looking at Islam and hope to have someone from the local Islamic community with us in early March. All adults are encouraged to attend Faith Dialogues as we learn and grow together.

### Youth Sunday School

We have started a new series of Sunday School sessions for youth based on some suggestions we received from young people. They asked for more relevant topics.

The first session has been dealing with "Understanding the Bible." January 31 will cover the epistles and February 7 deals with Revelation.

The next four weeks deal with "Politics." We will discuss how the church and our faith relate to governments and elections. This ought to be fun in an election year.

We look forward to having all of our young people join us. We want this to be interesting to them and we need their participation for this to happen.

Youth and adults are encouraged to contact us with suggestions for improvement and expansion of the program.

Brenda Gilbert

John Baker

## **Lenten Devotionals**

Copies of *Be Holy*, the Lenten Devotional for this year, will be available on February 7, ahead of the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 10. This year's devotional for adults is written by Brian Coulter and offers a brief daily reflection, scripture reading, and prayer. We will also have a Lenten Devotional for families called *An Illustrated Lent*. The Faith Development Ministry hopes that these resources will be helpful to the congregation as we draw closer to God in the holy season of Lent.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendars – Vacation Bible School is coming the week of June 6-10. We will meet from 9 am to noon each day to talk about the surprising ways we meet Jesus. All children and youth of the congregation are invited to come and bring a friend.

## **Camp Carew**

Summer is coming – and with it another year of camping at Camp Carew. Brochures are now available in the church office and on-line at [www.campcarew.com](http://www.campcarew.com). We have scholarship money available for children and youth from our congregation to attend camp – more information will be sent to families in February.

## **Worship Ministry**

We have hardly put away all of our Christmas decorations and now it's already time to think about Lent and Easter!

Easter is early this year (March 27) so that means that Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is also early. Ash Wednesday is February 10. To commemorate this special day in the church year, we will hold our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Much like last year, there will be stations set up around the Sanctuary to allow you to have personal worship experiences while preparing to begin the journey to the Resurrection. Pastor Janice will impose ashes on all those who wish to have them. Please join us for this unique worship experience.

Also, please circle Wednesday, March 9, on your calendars. On that evening, the Worship Ministry Team is planning to hold a special Taizé vespers service from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. to provide time for each of us to reflect on our individual Lenten journeys. Taizé is an interfaith worship community in France where music is the centerpiece of the each service. Taizé songs, which we have sung many times at First Pres, are short, reflective pieces that are chanted over and over so that you can draw the words into your heart and experience God's presence in a very personal way. If you have never participated in a Taizé service, we encourage you to join us on March 9<sup>th</sup> for a very meaningful Lenten experience.

### **Worship Ministry Team**

Peter Alexander and Wendi Zea, Elders  
Lisa Hollabaugh and Kathy Manfredi, At Large  
Carlyn Zimmermann, *ex officio*  
Pastor Janice West

# February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:30am - Worship 11am - Sunday School	1	2 7pm - Ovretrs Anon	3 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	4	5 5:30pm - FOB	6 9:30am - KISS 12pm - Debtors Annon
7 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Fellowship 11am - Sunday School 12pm - Yarning Group 4pm - MaTT Club	8	9 7pm - Ovretrs Anon 7pm - Session	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12 5:30pm - FOB 6pm - Movie Group	13 9:30am - KISS 12pm - Debtors Annon
14 Lent 1 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Fellowship 11am - Sunday School	15	16 1pm - Presby Women 6:30pm - Faith Dev 7pm - Ovretrs Anon	17 6pm - Daycare Board 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	18 5:30pm - Dinner Grp 6:30pm - GS Ldr Mtg	19	20 Newsletter Deadline 9:30am - KISS 12pm - Debtors Annon
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On the thirteenth of February in 1854, Reverend Josiah Woods organized the "First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale". Two were gentlemen and three were ladies. "From this time on, for several years, the *infant church* faced experiences incident to new churches." Occasionally, a minister would come to preach.

2016 marks the 162<sup>nd</sup> year of our church history.