



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunsay Fellowship - 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Sudy - 330 p.m.

Pizza & Movie - Aug. 8

Session - Aug. 9

Laundry Day - 10

Snider Hill Workday
Aug.27

Church Office Hours

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

Phone Extensions:

Rev. Bean 101
Barb 100
Carlyn: 106
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Notes from Kerry for August 2022

Still Seeking Balance

As we head into August, I am still on the search for balance in my life. I will be very happy to take a couple of weeks of vacation this month. I need them. 2022 has been another challenging year at the church. (I think leading any congregation right now would be challenging!) Plus, it has only been a year since my sister Jackie died from Covid-19. And, of course, there was that little fall I took down the stairs and the rehab it has required.

I don't know about you, but I wrestle mightily with thinking I should be somewhere else doing something else. If I am at the office, I start thinking about the folks who'd like visits or calls. Or I think of the list of projects at home. Conversely, when I'm at home, I think about the list of things to do at the office (like writing newsletter articles!) On it goes. Add in the fact that I'm still teaching online for Parkland College, and it gets that much more complicated.

Now, please don't feel sorry for me. I am responsible for cramming all the stuff into my life that I do. Ministry is challenging even in non-pandemic times. Teaching is challenging. Being a spouse and parent is challenging. All these things take energy and attention. I am sure that most all of you can relate what I'm saying to your own life circumstances.

I am a believer in seeking balance in life, even though I struggle to do it. It is important to attend to our spiritual, emotional, and physical health as well as to our vocation. Perhaps this will be easier when I retire, but I see how busy many of you are in retirement and surmise that balance may still be elusive.

At the church this summer we slowed things down a little bit. Worship services have been a little simpler, for instance. Faith Dialogues has taken a hiatus, too. I am currently on Continuing Education (the murder mystery is coming along nicely, thank you) and, as I mentioned, I have some vacation time this month. But, of course, it's just a respite before we get busy with all the activities of the autumn- including the murder mystery, Choir, Faith Dialogues, mission, and so very much more.

I encourage you to keep seeking to find balance as well. Let me know those ways that you are carving out time for prayer and emotional renewal and recreation. I believe that one of the best ways for us to be an effective church serving God is to experience a whole lot of fun and joy while doing it.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Kerry

Fellowship Ministry

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It has been a difficult few years during this pandemic, but we know that the Lord has been with us through everything, and we are grateful for His love, His care, and everyday blessings. As we return to fellowship hall in the coming month, we are reminded of the

importance of family and that the church is our family, and we need to support and care for each other. The pandemic has been hard on all of us and we all need to reconnect and recharge. Fellowship is the perfect place to catch up with one another. In the coming weeks we will be making several changes to the way we approach fellowship at First Presbyterian Church. The church will provide a small brunch in fellowship hall on the first and third Sunday of every month. The idea is to provide more opportunities for members to celebrate life events within the church and to encourage our members to invite more outside guests. One of the goals of small groups ministry is to increase church membership and to showcase the things First Presbyterian has to offer this community but we can't do it without your help. We want to see you in church and in fellowship hall celebrating with us every week introducing your family and friends to the work that we are accomplishing. On the second and fourth Sunday of the month the meals will be potluck and all members are encouraged to bring in any items they would like to share with the congregation. The church will still provide tea, coffee, hot chocolate, as well as cold water on a weekly basis. As we return to fellowship, let's remember the importance of family and community and do our part in making First Presbyterian the best it can be.

Snider Hill Donations

Snider Hill cemetery was founded by a 1/2 acre donation by one of the church's founders, William Richart, to be a "presbyterian burying ground." Because the church does not own Snider Hill, and it is considered a private cemetery by the City of Carbondale (and therefore, not maintained by the City), the landscape and gravestone maintenance of the cemetery is sporadic at best, and "benign neglect" at worst — although First Presbyterian is having a very helpful affect on the appearance of the cemetery.



Small Groups Ministry supports the cause of the cemetery with both research efforts as well as periodic mowing and weed trimming in parts of the cemetery where we know Presbyterian Church members are buried or where we know there are family connections. In 2018 the church received a donation from a family member of one of the other families who care for their parts of Snider Hill. With this donation we designated the funds for Snider Hill Cemetery maintenance. Others have since contributed as well.

On an annual basis we use this newsletter space to remind you that you may designate offerings, memorial gifts, and bequests to Snider Hill in support of our efforts. In the future, these monies may be used for landscape services such as mowing and string trimming, or to reimburse expenses such as gasoline and mower depreciation submitted by a private provider of these services during our workdays. One day we may be able to fund an effort to stabilize and set upright those stones that have fallen.

Contact a member of the church's Small Groups Ministry with questions.

First Sunday Collections

Mission Ministry continues our monthly collection of items on **First Sunday**.

Please continue to bring donations for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Carbondale Warming Center, Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME, Presbyterian Day-care and Preschool, the Diaper Bank, and the Laundry Project.

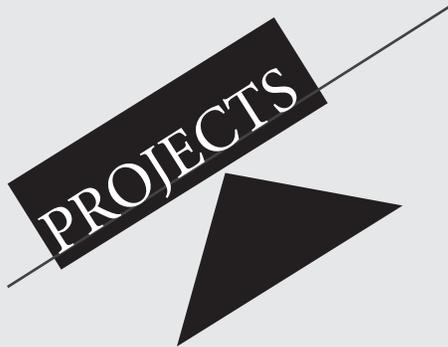
In addition, our **special focus** is on **back-to-school items**. For **First Sunday August 7**, we will focus on items needed by the Presbyterian Church Preschool and Daycare Center, as well as teachers at Thomas School in Carbondale. See the list of needed items on page 10.

As always, you can bring your donations with you to worship on Sunday morning and drop them off in the narthex. Or just drive through the porte cochere and we'll help you unload. A list of requested items is available on the church website.



Carbondale Laundry Project

held its largest Free Laundry Day yet on July 12. Approximately 50 people came in person, meaning we likely served about 75 people overall. We spent \$460 in quarters. People were lined up at 9:30 a.m. and our volunteers were kept busy all the way until 2 p.m. Thank you to everyone who helps to provide this much needed service. The next Free Laundry Day will be August 10. Donations and volunteers are always welcome.



First Presbyterian Sponsor Circle for Afghan Newcomers Update

Over the summer, our Afghan family is continuing to get to know their way around our community and to improve their English. The Presbyterian preschool has been great for the three-year-old boy and big sister has thoroughly enjoyed two weeks of camp with the Carbondale Park District. Thank you for supporting the family financially so the children can engage with other kids their own age.

We are currently seeking more social interactions with the family as well as conversation partners for mom to help her improve her English. If you are interested in being a conversation partner (either in person or virtually) or if you would like to take the family to a local concert, park, ball game, or similar social or cultural activity, please contact Lily Vucinic at lilylilyv12@gmail.com.

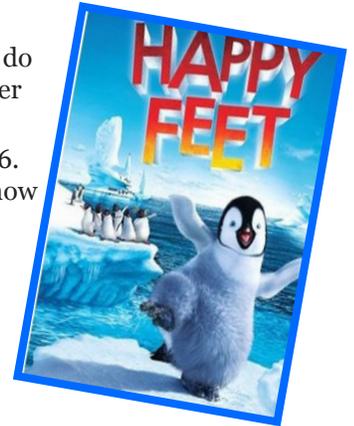
Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, October 30 – It's Murder Mystery Time!

After a COVID delay, the cast of the latest murder mystery play is starting to warm up their vocal cords again and try out their jokes. Be sure to save the evening of Sunday, October 30 on your calendars to see what they are up to. In addition to the entertainment, there will be a silent auction with some amazing items available. The proceeds from this year's murder mystery play will be split between the Warming Center and the Laundry Project.



Pizza & Movie night, Monday, August 8, 6 p.m., in the Lounge. The movie is HAPPY FEET, what penquins do to keep cool & entertained. Take your mind off of summer temps. Bask in the cool of this flick.

Pizza & all the go withs will be ready, on the table, at 6. Bring a friend. Bring the family. Let Kitty Trescott know you are coming.



Who Have You Invited?

Last month Membership Ministry launched a new PR campaign with a mission focus. Many of you have commented on the poster in the narthex, the new brochures, and the pew cards designed especially for visitors. In the July newsletter each member was encouraged to begin the process of inviting potential new members to a mission project, a small group gathering, or to worship.

It's now a month later. Have you invited anyone to a church activity? Are you thinking of people whom you might invite? Did you invite someone and need to invite them again? Wherever you are in the midst of this membership campaign, please be intentional in this mission. As the old saying goes, "MEMbership" begins with "me."

Just as we bring food donations on First Sundays, quarters for the laundry project, and school supplies in August, each of us needs to be actively inviting friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives to join in the life of the church.

Use the new brochure as a talking point to help you introduce our amazing and impactful missions.

Leave it with the invitee so she/he/they have a reminder of our missions as well as the church's address and contact information.



Snider Hill Final Summer Maintenance Day

The Snider Hill Interest Group of Small Groups Ministry has coordinated three cemetery maintenance workdays in 2022 to coincide with the major summer holidays.

Our final workday will be **Saturday August 27**. We'll gather at the cemetery (off Park Avenue east of Lewis Lane) about 9 a.m. and work until 11 a.m. or so. Please bring any garden/weeding tools, work gloves and water. We'll also pick up trash from the woods edges. Many cemetery angels are doing the mowing including our own Ro Quick.

Placing flags to honor a veteran, clearing vegetation from the woods edge to uncover a lost stone, and marking a moment by saying a name are ways to commemorate those who are no longer with us.

Come help maintain the cemetery and clean up for Labor Day. In November, we will have a gathering to lay flags at veteran stones to observe Veterans Day.

For directions or questions, contact Beth Malmquist or Ro Quick.

Serving God's People Red Cross Blood Drive

When a neighboring church had to cancel the blood drive scheduled at their facility the following day, the "First Pres" community really came through and hosted the drive. Thanks to walk-in donors (some of them first-time), the American Red Cross exceeded its collection goal. Presenting donors including Beth Malmquist (pictured) received a St. Louis Cardinals t-shirt and a gift card to the merchant of their choice.

Red Cross personnel have inquired about hosting another blood drive in Fellowship Hall, so hopefully turnout will be even better next time. Healthy donors are eligible to give blood every 56 days, or up to six times per year; visit www.redcrossblood.org for more information or to schedule a donation.



Photo by Lisa Hollabaugh

SI *Pride* MARCH AND CRUISE



SI Pride March and Cruise Continued

Thank you to everyone who gathered on a sunny June morning to show support to participants walking and driving in the Southern IL Pride March & Cruise. Colorful flags and big smiles contributed to a festive atmosphere, and cold water offered to participants was appreciated. First Presbyterian Church is proud to be a More Light Presbyterians member congregation and will host the Southern IL LGBTQ Fest community worship service Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars and consider inviting a friend.



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BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 - Cindy Bean | 10 - Joan Williams |
| 4 - Kathryn Heins | 11 - Keith Beyler |
| 5 - Charlene Scott | 20 - Phillip Wittke |
| 8 - Bill Martens | 22 - Alan Bennett |
| 9 - Lily Vucinic | 22 - Merit Sullivan |
| 10 - John Daly | 25- Kent Brandon |
| 10 - Tracy Heins | 26 - Dorothy Beyler |
| 10 - Ro Quick | 28 - Emily Davis |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4 - Pat and Kathy Manfredi | 25 - Kerry and Cindy Bean |
| 7 - Craig and Tracy Heins | 25 - Harry and Marta Davis |
| 8 - James and Jenny Prest | 30 - Mark and Jill O'Donoghue |
| 9 - John and Dorothy Baker | |

PRESCHOOL

Happy August!

Last month we wrapped up our Summer Session with lots of fun, hands on art and science activities. The kiddos enjoyed foam finger paint, painting with their feet, and a super cool walking water experiment. We were all mesmerized by how the water traveled across the paper towels and created a rainbow of colors.

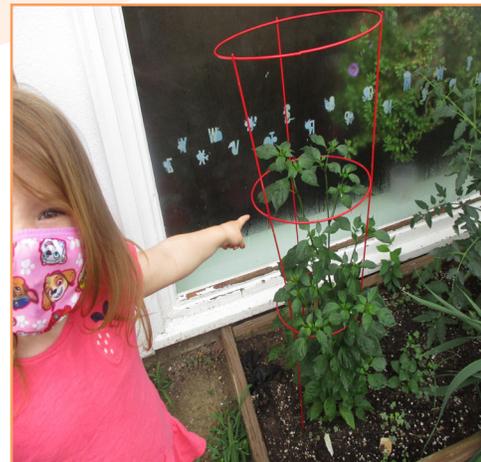




Greetings from the daycare! The children have been staying cool playing in the water tables outside and drinking lots of water. They have also been working hard tending to the garden. Everyday they fill up water bottles and give the plants lots of water to drink. Once they have completed their watering routine, they are always sure to tell the plants they love them and to grow big and tall.

The plants we have this year are: tomato plants (yellow cherry and bushsteak), cucumber, zucchini, snacking peppers, poblanos, gladiolus, morning glory, and popstar. We have some super tall bamboo stalks compliments of Ms. Linda for our morning glory plants to climb- it is amazing to watch them grow. We can't wait until our vegetables are ripe so we can bring them to the table to eat and celebrate our hard work.

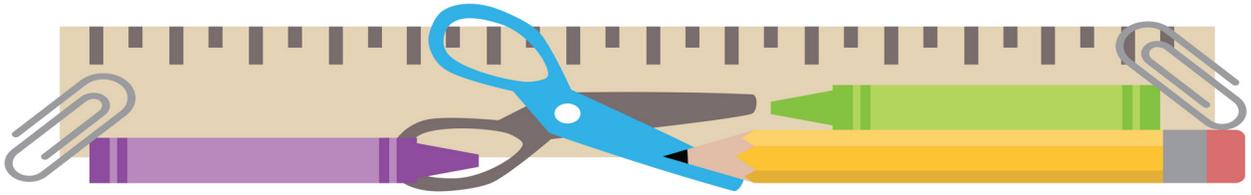
Hoping everyone stays cool and has a nice month ahead.



★ STAFF ★ EVALUATION

Our church's Operations Manual suggests that "staff assessments should be done once a year, usually in June or July." The Personnel Ministry, with the help of other church members, is responsible for conducting the assessments and will report the results to the Session. Importantly, and this is new, this year members of the congregation will have the opportunity to submit comments about each staff member. (Comments received from members of the congregation will not be shared directly with staff members and confidentiality will be maintained.)

Personnel Ministry is beginning the assessment process (we're a little bit late). The staff members being evaluated: Covenant Pastor, the Rev. Kerry Bean; Administrative Assistant, Barb Stewart; and Music Director, Carlyn Zimmerman. Please send your comments, suggestions for improvement, praise and approbation, or other observations to Rob Jensen, Personnel Ministry elder. (E-mail, personnel@firstprescdale.org or mail to Rob Jensen c/o the church.) Please do not send emails or letters to Barb at the church office. Thank you.



BACK TO SCHOOL LISTS

Thomas School (District 95)

- Crayons (Crayola 24 ct.)
- Dry-erase markers
- Elmer's Glue sticks
- Ticonderoga pencils
- Colored pencils

Presbyterian Preschool

- Round tip kids' scissors
- Crayons (smallest pack with just primary colors)
- Markers (smaller box with just primary colors)
- Glue sticks
- Glue bottles
- Water-color paint sets
- Play-Doh
- Paint sticks

Presbyterian Daycare

- Washable markers
- School glue and glue sticks
- "Chunky" crayons and pencils
- Tempera paint sticks
- Tempera paint
- Glitter paint
- Watercolors
- Construction paper
- Large roll of paper
- Sharpies
- Dry erase markers
- Paper clips
- Post-its
- Scotch tape
- Masking tape
- Clear laminate/contact paper





Contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale are tax deductible under 501(c)(3) guidelines (consult your tax professional). Donate on Sunday mornings, by direct deposit or mail, by clicking the "Give Now" button at www.firstprescdale.org or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.

Financial Report June 2022

50% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 134,709.50	\$ 228,824.00	59%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 8,360.84	\$ 16,000.00	52%
Per Capita	\$ 2,053.00	\$ 2,500.00	82%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 15,111.41	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,329.14	\$ 17,230.00	48%
Totals	\$ 153,452.48	\$ 279,665.41	55%

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 5,202.80	\$ 13,520.00	38%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 38,213.52	\$ 83,936.86	46%
Staff	\$ 32,608.47	\$ 82,969.55	39%
Christian Ed.	\$ 838.82	\$ 3,800.00	22%
Worship & Music	\$ 581.73	\$ 3,875.00	15%
Comm/Administration	\$ 9,357.20	\$ 20,564.00	46%
Property/Capital	\$ 32,927.64	\$ 69,100.00	48%
Christian Nurture	\$ 238.11	\$ 1,900.00	13%
Total	\$ 119,968.29	\$ 279,665.41	43%

Revenues over Expenses \$ 33,484.19



The First Methodist Church invites you...

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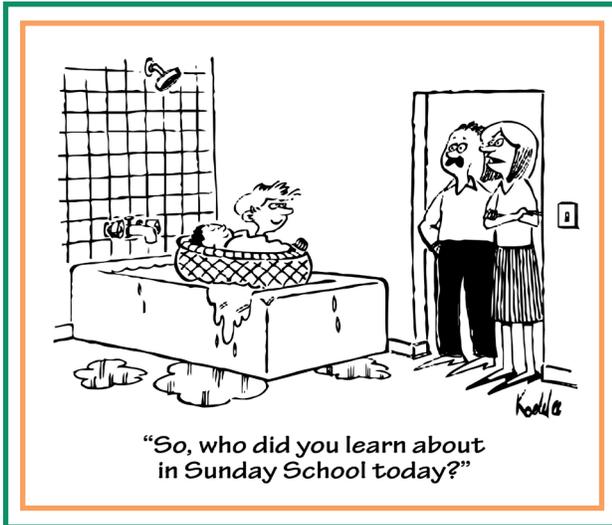
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Charles Sharp of Cookeville, Tennessee began his pastoral service October 1929 and continued until he left in 1943 to be a Chaplain in the U.S. Navy