



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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The Maine Moose Misdeemeanor

Musical
Murder Moosetery Melodrama
Sunday, October 30
6:30 p.m.

**Donations will benefit:
Warming Center & Laundry Project**

Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Fellowship - 10:30 a.m.
Faith Development - 11:00 a.m.
(dates TBA)

Melodrama - Oct. 30

First Sunday Collection
Nov. 6

Session - Nov. 8

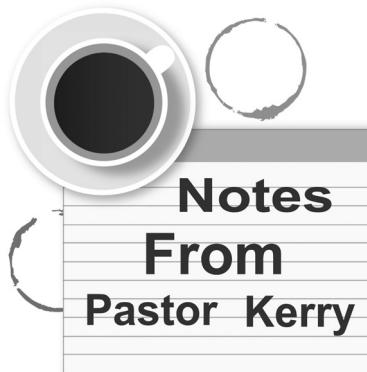
Laundry Day - Nov. 9

Dinner Group - Nov. 17

Stewardship Sunday
Nov. 20

Church Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9:00-11:30 a.m. and
12:30-4:00 p.m.

Phone Extensions:
Rev. Bean 101
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It's the Most Busiest Time of the Year

Well, we've arrived again: the busiest time of the year here at the church. As of this writing, we are just six days from *The Maine Moose Misdemeanor*, a musical murder mystery melodrama fundraiser that really takes a lot of time and energy to produce. If you were attending worship last Sunday, you heard Rob Jensen mark the official start of Stewardship Season. That's right, Stewardship Sunday is Sunday November 20 – and we're not going to let you forget it.

Next of course is our All Saints' Day worship- which is November 6. That leads us into Thanksgiving, Advent (including Advent Vespers), and Christmastide. Never mind that we're still doing all the stuff we do all year-round: worship, choir, faith dialogues, bible study, mission, small groups, fellowship, and on the list goes.

I remind you of all these things not to tire you out but to help us all remember that we are something bigger than ourselves: the church. We are making a positive difference in the community, in the world, and in the lives of our members. Sounds like it's worth all the effort to me.

I recognize that there are priorities and other seasons in your life as well. Sometimes you have to attend to your job or your family, for instance. Cindy and I will be moving this month from our awesome home in Union Hill subdivision to a new awesome home on Reed Station Road. The packing has already started, but it's a long process that takes time and energy of its own.

Sometimes folks need to rest and recharge. Serving the church (that is, serving God through the church) can be wearing and tearing. We do not thank you all enough. So please never feel bad about taking time to revitalize. Jesus himself often got away for prayer and down time. But don't check out altogether. We need everyone's contributions of time, talent, and treasure to be the most effective church we can be.

Finding the balance is the key, isn't it? I know how adept I am at losing my keys. But then I rejoice when I find them again.

In the midst of all this season's busy-ness, take time to slow down when you can, pace yourself, and then get back in the game. We need you and we appreciate you all.

Peace and blessings,

Kerry

A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Seeking the faith, sharing the spirit, serving God's people. Those nine simple words define our mission here at First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale. Indeed, those words define who we are as a church. Year after year members of our congregation share their time, treasure, and talents as they strive to make a difference. And they succeed. They make a difference in the lives of God's people, they make a difference in our local community, and they strive to make a difference in the wider world.

As of course you know, our church needs financial resources to accomplish its goals of seeking, sharing, and serving, that is, making a difference. Over the next few Sundays, leading up to Stewardship Sunday on November 20, we will share some highlights of how your pledge dollars and the activities of our church make a difference in the lives of many, many people.

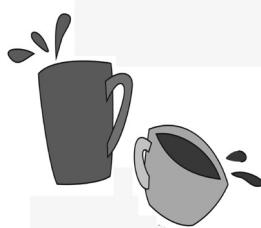
We are a congregation that seeks, shares, and serves. Now, what exactly does that mean? In part it means that our church provides us, its congregation, with an authentic encounter with God through insightful, joyful, and very special worship services. It also means that our church has an impact both locally and far away through our missions. First Presbyterian Church is making a difference in the lives of its members, in the Carbondale community, and far away. Now isn't that exactly what a church is supposed to do – to make a difference – to have an impact? Churches exist to help people worship God, discover meaning in their lives, to help the downtrodden, to bring justice to our communities, and to bring peace to our world. Those things are exactly the things our church does so well. As members of this church, we ask ourselves (and each other) to grow, to change, to believe, and to lead lives that make a difference.



Keeping our church operational is vital in so many ways to our efforts as we seek the faith, share the spirit, and serve God's people. But doing so requires that we invest in our church. That investment includes providing funds for building maintenance, utilities, insurance, and salaries/medical for our dedicated staff members who keep it all running. Your annual donations through your pledge help to maintain the vitality of our church home, which is central to so much of our mission.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what level of giving you feel moved to contribute based on the abundance you have been given. Your pledge will ensure that our church will continue to bring us closer to God and to make a difference in the world.

If at all possible, consider increasing your pledge amount over last year's pledge by 10 percent, to help cover the many increased costs we face due to infla-



Faith Dialogues will meet November 6 and 13. Pastor Kerry will lead us in a discussion of the history, organization, and practices of the Presbyterian Church. Although this discussion is particularly useful for prospective members, it will also be a great review for the rest of us.

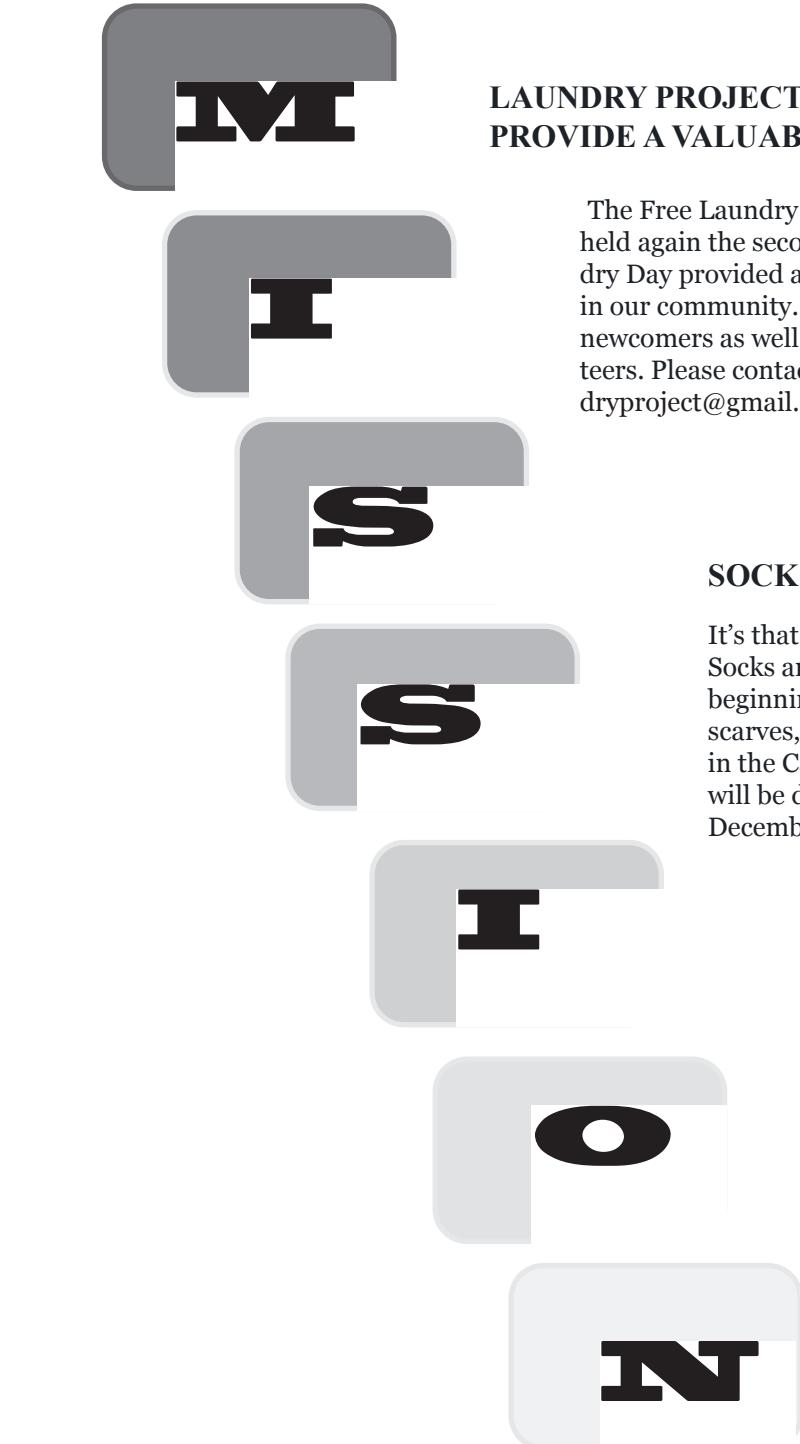
We will still eagerly welcome volunteers to participate in Faith Dialogues and, occasionally, lead a discussion.

Youth Group Leaders Needed

We are still hoping to develop a youth program in the church. We need someone to agree to join in a leadership role. A parent or parents would be perfect in this role.

"FIRST SUNDAY" NOVEMBER 6

For the First Sunday in November, our church will concentrate on a collection of laundry-related items such as detergent, bleach, fabric softeners, and dryer sheets. We will also continue to support our usual ministries, including the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Carbondale Warming Center, Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME, Presbyterian Daycare and Preschool, and the Diaper Bank.



LAUNDRY PROJECT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE

The Free Laundry Day was held Wednesday, October 12 and will be held again the second Wednesday in November. This month's Laundry Day provided approximately 110 loads of clean clothes to persons in our community. Many regulars retuned this month, but there were newcomers as well. Financial donations are welcome as are volunteers. Please contact Jane Swanson or Bill Martens (carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering.

SOCK AND MITTENS TREE

It's that time again. Mission Ministry will sponsor the Socks and Mittens Tree in the Narthex during Advent beginning Nov. 27. Please bring new socks, mittens, hats, scarves, and underwear to hang on the tree for students in the Carbondale Elementary School District. The items will be delivered to the schools during the second week of December.

SAVE THE DATE - ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's Alternative Gift Fair which will be held Sunday, December 4, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center.

LOTS OF FLOCKS!



The Church Sunday School offering for chicks has now gone to Heifer International, where a flock of 10-50 chicks costs only \$20, and a matching grant means that our \$60 will supply SIX flocks of chicks to hungry people in our world. The children seem pleased - one even brought \$\$ from her savings to put in the chick money.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Church School Offerings in November and December will go to the St. Louis Area Foodbank, where \$1 will buy four Thanksgiving or Christmas meals for hungry people in Southern Illinois or Eastern Missouri.

Spirit of Christmas



Carbondale Interfaith Council has again decided that the Spirit of Christmas will be a fundraising effort. First Presbyterian's goal, set by the Interfaith Council, is \$1,625, the same as last year. This number is \$25 times 65, the number of clients we hope to help. The money will be sent to the Interfaith Council to be added to collections from other faith communities and distributed to agencies requesting them. They will either give out gift cards or buy gifts for their clients. Last year, First Presbyterian's contributions were nearly twice our goal, and the total amount from the 13 participating faith communities was \$35,108, far exceeding the goal of \$20,450. This meant CIC was able to disperse more money to the 15 recipient agencies, resulting in additional money per client. CIC also was able to help a family with six children whose home was burned out days before Christmas.

If you choose to support this mission, please put a check in the collection plate or mail a check to the church office with Spirit of Christmas in the memo line, by **November 13**. If you have any questions, please email me at jillhertzing@aol.com.



Membership spotlight

Membership Ministry thanks everyone who participated in the September membership development workshop. If you missed the workshop, please take a few minutes to go to the "For Members" section of the church website (found under "Church Life") and use the online version of the workshop.

At the website you will find a PowerPoint presentation and a two-page handout that will guide you through the same process used at the in-person workshop. **It is essential that we take action now to grow our church, and these materials provide easy steps to enable each of us to do this.**

Jane Swanson shared this message after attending:

"At the membership development workshop in September, Sarah Merideth encouraged us to identify people we might invite to church activities, to be pre-

pared to make repeated invitations, and to coordinate these invitations with other members who know the same people. All very helpful and concrete suggestions, and really quite easy to implement.

An example: Cindy Buys and I both independently thought of the same person who had attended a previous event at First Presbyterian, we each contacted that person with information about upcoming events (including the Murder Mystery), and then emailed one another to encourage the other person to do the same!

A small, first step that may yield results. And I know that we will not only need to follow up with this one individual, but also take the same steps with additional people. But what is happening at First Presbyterian is extraordinary, and we need to let people know!"

Alternative Sunday Service

Sunday, October 2, 2022, First Presbyterian Church welcomed faith leaders from the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, the Church of the Good Shepherd and First Christian Church at the community LGBTQIA+-Affirming/World Communion Sunday worship service. About 100 in-person congregants joined over 50 folks participating via Zoom; afterward, coffee and treats were enjoyed in Fellowship Hall. Special thanks to the Worship Committee members who decorated the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, to pianist Josh Stierley and cellist John Hooker for contributing to the morning's anthem, and to everyone who brought baked goods for fellowship.



November

Birthdays

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| 2 Cindy Buys | 23 Allison Forsberg |
| 8 Judy Beyler | 28 Mary Schmid |
| 14 Denise Brown | 29 Jane Swanson |
| 14 Nick Dellinger | |
| 16 Erin Brooks | |
| 18 Jim Calloway | |
| 23 John Baker | |

Anniversaries

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| 11 Forrest & Barbara Stewart |
| 25 Bill Martens & Jane Swanson |
| 28 Rob & Melissa Jensen |



Last month, the children enjoyed studying, discussing, and doing activities for the fall season. They explored a pumpkin with their five senses, carved it, and named it "Scooby Doobie Silly Kitty Pumpkin". They also enjoyed a dress up day and parade around the corner for Halloween. Our neighbors, Meredith Funeral Home, handed out goodie bags and surprised our little friends. In our Infant Room, our littles are moving and grooving. We have walkers, crawlers, and scooters, exploring and enjoying the amazing world around them.

This month brings a month of giving thanks and expressing gratitude to all around us. We will have a classroom sharing activity and collection for those who are less fortunate. We will also finish our Fall Harvest-Unit.

Our garden's growing season should be wrapping up this month and we will review the many learning opportunities it has taught us this season. We also have extra goodies we would like to share. Please feel free to

take some delicious tomatoes grown with love from PCDC Daycare located in the entrance area.

The center wishes everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are very thankful for everyone who helps make our program possible- the church, the families, the staff, and the community. We are grateful for you



Scooby Doobie Silly Kitty Pumpkin

Photo furnished by Daycare



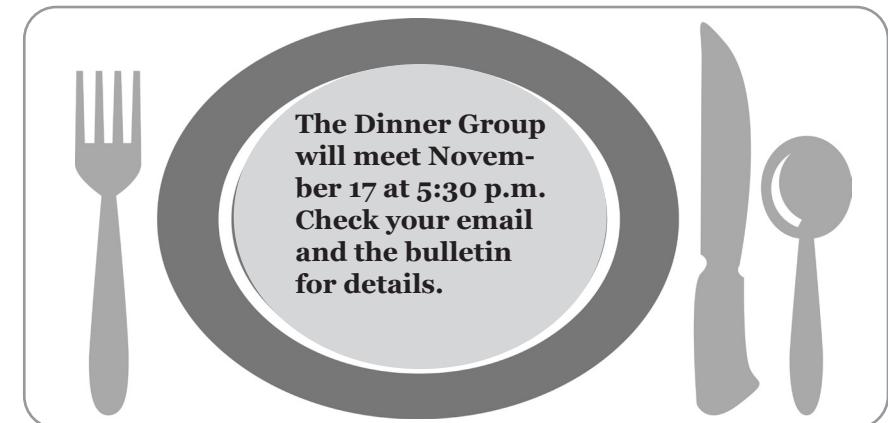
PRESCHOOL

Happy November. We are so grateful for the autumn weather and the splendor of all the shades of yellow, orange and red leaves on the trees. During November, we will be learning about fall, health and our bodies, and Thanksgiving. The Frog class is doing a cultural unit about Día de Los Muertos, a unique, Mexican holiday that honors and remembers our family and friends who have passed. The Frog class also has a field trip planned to attend Story Time at the Carbondale Public Library. It's so wonderful that the library is close by and we can enjoy a short walk over to participate in their community event.

Exciting news, we have hired a new teacher for the Tadpole and Polliwog classes, Mrs. Jessica Pease, who is actually not new to us. Ms. Jessica was born in England and raised in New Zealand. All three of her children attended Presbyterian Preschool and she taught in the Frog class a couple years ago. She has taught the Frog class each year about New Zealand and how to do the Haka. Before having children she was in a professional touring vocal quartet for seven years. She has a Bachelor's in English and graduate course work in creative writing. She loves running, gardening, singing and songwriting. We are excited to have her back as a part of our preschool family and team.

Lastly, just in time for the Christmas season we have partnered with Show Me Dough Fundraising and their delicious pastries, cookies and pizza. The original Butter Braid® pastries come in 7 delectable flavors, perfect for family events, celebrations, or a special treat. The Wooden Spoon cookie dough is pre-portioned for your convenience, no thawing, no scooping, and no mess. Each pizza order comes with two full sized locally manufactured pizzas - enough for the whole family. We will be taking orders through Friday, 11/4/22 and the delivery date will be Monday, 11/14/22 at 11:00 a.m. at the church. An online store link was sent to the church alert email for those who prefer to order online and we have order forms available in the Narthex. We gladly accept donations in lieu of participation in our fundraisers. We appreciate your support for our preschool. Have a blessed November.

**Green Guardians
Responsible Shopping Tips**



Amidst the fall colors, chilly evenings, and plans for Halloween, October is a time when many of us first begin to think about shopping for Christmas. (For those of you who already have all your packages purchased, wrapped, and hidden in a closet – we say “Bah, Humbug!” ☺)

With shortages in the aisles, higher prices for gas and other materials, and a growing awareness of living sustainably, the Green Guardians would like to pass on some eco-friendly suggestions for your holiday shopping this year. Our intention is to share tips to help you be more eco-friendly with your decisions and more sustainable with your personal resources like time, money, and energy. Here are some ideas:

1. Create a budget (this prevents over-spending)
2. Buy less but buy well (check out the list below of eco-friendly companies)
3. Consider re-gifting or choosing an item from your own home (think distinctive collectibles, beautiful old books or items of clothing, vintage jewelry, antique household items, etc. These can be particularly meaningful to family members and close friends.)
4. Choose planet friendly gifts (see the link below)
5. Support small businesses and independent makers
6. Gift an experience rather than a physical gift (museum or garden memberships, tickets to a concert or festival, classes, etc.)
7. If you are shopping online, buy all your items at once (less deliveries, less shipping materials, and sometimes free shipping from the company)
8. Wrap your gifts in materials that can be re-used – cotton tea-towels, Swedish cloths, scarves, bandanas, pillowcases, tins, jars, baskets, etc. If you want to wrap items in paper, consider using old maps, comics from newspapers, or decorated paper bags.

For the eco-conscious consumer, it's important to find the right companies to support. This means a company should have environmentally sustainable practices, fair and just employment policies, as well as have useful products you'll want or need. Eco-friendly companies put a lot of focus on positive social and environmental impact and making their products ethically.

Here is a list of the top 25 Eco-Friendly companies for 2022: <https://pela.earth/blogs/news/top-eco-friendly-companies#2> Whether you're looking for better toilet paper or toys for your pets, you will probably find a company on this list to fit your needs. Still can't find what you want? Try searching “Best Eco-Friendly Companies” or something more tailored to your tastes (chocolates, body care, etc.). As consumers demand more transparency about environmental choices and practices, many companies are now emphasizing their practices and positions.

As Kate Kiely, a spokeswoman for the Natural Resources Defense Council puts it, “There is nothing more aligned with the spirit of the season than thinking about the impact our choices have on the world our children and grandchildren will inherit.” Happy shopping. ~ The GG



Session Synopsis

October 2022

Session met via Zoom on Tuesday, October 11. We began with prayer and a brief devotional.

As usual, we jumped in with some bigger-picture discussions. We continue to work on making sure the relationships between the church and the Preschool and Daycare programs are as strong and healthy as they can be. Sometimes, as with all meaningful relationships, there can be disagreements and issues that require focused attention. We discussed a couple of situations in which there were significant disagreements. (I don't think this is the best forum to go into detail but be assured that the discussions we had were thorough and positive.)

We then moved on to talking about several HVAC units that need replacing in the building. The big unit that heats and cools the Narthex (and some other spaces) is most urgently in need of replacement. Session voted to use \$17,000 in investment funds to pay for a new unit for that space. This unit is supposed to arrive from the factory in November. In addition, there are two much smaller units (only 2 tons each) that will be replaced later- probably in the new calendar year when budget monies are available. These units serve the Diaper Bank Room and a classroom downstairs.

We then moved onto reports from the Clerk, Finance, and the other Ministries. Among the highlights: the financial health of the church is rock solid, Personnel is finishing up evaluations of staff, and everyone seems excited about the upcoming murder mystery.

As always, if you have questions, please let me know.

Kerry





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Financial Report

September

75% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 187,237.60	\$ 228,824.00	82%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 13,574.21	\$ 16,000.00	85%
Per Capita	\$ 2,113.00	\$ 2,500.00	85%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 15,111.41	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 12,134.08	\$ 17,230.00	70%
 Totals	 \$ 215,058.89	 \$ 279,665.41	 77%
Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 6,898.70	\$ 13,520.00	51%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 59,439.87	\$ 83,936.86	71%
Staff	\$ 50,159.17	\$ 82,969.55	60%
Christian Ed.	\$ 911.76	\$ 3,800.00	24%
Worship & Music	\$ 1,156.72	\$ 3,875.00	30%
Comm/Administration	\$ 12,873.23	\$ 20,564.00	63%
Property/Capital	\$ 55,854.07	\$ 69,100.00	81%
Christian Nurture	\$ 535.73	\$ 1,900.00	28%
 Total	 \$ 187,829.25	 \$ 279,665.41	 67%
Revenues over Expenses	\$ 27,229.64		



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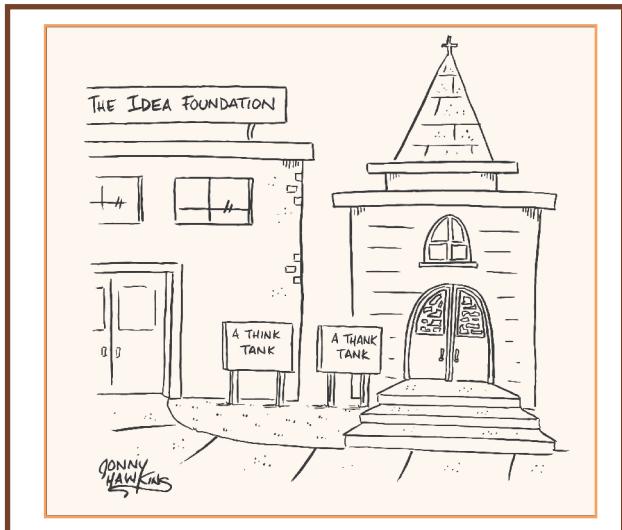
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NOVEMBER 2022



NOVEMBER 1962: Membership that decade grew to 750. Sunday School Class attendance rose to 240.