



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m.  
Faith Dialogues - 10:45 a.m.  
In-person & via Zoom

Tai Chi - Resumes March 2  
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

"First Sunday" -  
Donations collected March 5

Choir performs - March 5

Free Laundry Day - March 8

Daylight Savings Begins -  
Sunday March 12

Session Meeting -  
Tuesday March 14

Preschool Fundraiser  
at MOD Pizza - March 26

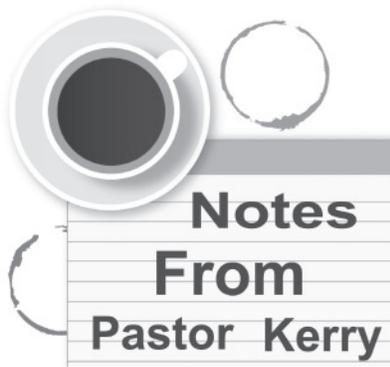


## Church Office Hours

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

## Phone Extensions:

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## Re-Lent-ing?

I have been a church pastor for most of the years since my ordination back in 1991. After some quick math, I estimate that I've written more than 21 years' worth of newsletter articles like this one. And every February or March, the theme is always the same: the importance of the season of Lent.

Along those lines, in the February 26, 2023 worship bulletin, I re-ran one of my favorite Lenten cartoons. It's entitled "The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer." We see a parishioner receiving the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday as the Rector says, "Remember that you are dust, but a very high quality sort of dust."

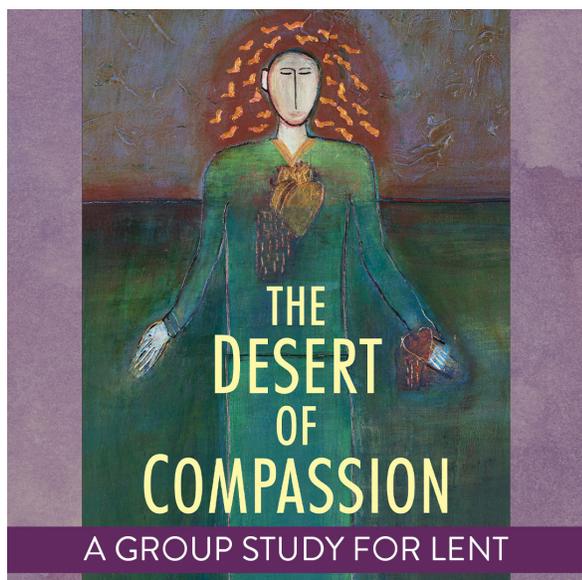
I reason that cartoon so appeals to me is that it highlights the tension we have in the church: that we are made in the image of God and beloved by God but that we are mortal--at least in the physical sense. Lent challenges us to remember that we are not--nor ever have been--the ones in charge. God is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Our attempts to control things usually don't turn out well. Witness the long list of problems we face as a species here on earth. From Authoritarianism to Zealotry and every letter in between.

Every Sunday as we worship we are called to confess our sins and repent. But Lent challenges us to stop and seriously think about the consequences of our individual and collective sin. And there are always consequences. In Peanuts, Charles Schultz once wrote that "the wages of sin is auuugh!" The bible, of course, is even more definitive than that.

This Lent I think it would be wise and helpful for us to set aside a little time each day or each week to remember just how "dusty" we really are. That, despite our best efforts to live good and godly lives, we just can't do it. If you're not comfortable with the idea that sin is passed from generation to generation, then think about all the ways we participate in the degradation of the earth's environment or turn a blind eye to someone in need.

We rely on the grace of God. There is no good thing apart from God's grace. Lent is time ripe for contemplating the depth of that reality. Year after year.

Peace and blessings,  
Kerry



**FAITH DIALOGUES** resumed February 26, 2023 with a discussion of *The Desert of Compassion* by Rachel M. Srubas. Copies of this book of daily Lenten meditations and weekly discussion topics are available in the church workroom.

Faith Dialogues meets weekly during Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom (use the Sunday Worship Zoom link). We hope you'll join the discussion!

### UPCOMING CHOIR DATES

- March 5** A Call to Silence (Craig Courtney)
- April 2** O Jesus, Every Moment (Philip W.J. Stapford)
- April 9** Christ is Risen! Aleluia! (Mark Hayes)

The choir rehearses at 8:30 a.m. on the above Sundays. **All are welcome!** See Choir Director Carlyn Zimmermann for anthem copies or with any questions.

### CAMP CAREW

This summer, First Presbyterian Church will again offer scholarships to Camp Carew, located on Little Grassy Lake nine miles south of Carbondale. Scholarship application forms are available upon request to [jhbaker36@gmail.com](mailto:jhbaker36@gmail.com). Find the 2023 camp schedule online at [www.campcarew.org](http://www.campcarew.org).

## Welcome to our new Worship Accompanists

**Dr. Jiyeon Lee**, from Seoul, South Korea, earned her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Chung-Ang University; a Master of Music in Collaborative Piano from Sung-Shin Women's University, South Korea; a Master of Arts in the Piano Accompaniment Performance program at the Royal Academy of Music in London; and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Collaborative Piano from West Virginia University. Dr. Lee currently accompanies the SIUC Concert Choir and works with students in the SIUC School of Music.



**Jackson Love** is based in Huntsville, Alabama and has played keyboard for and conducted multiple local and national touring companies in the Huntsville area. Since coming to SIUC in the Fall of 2021, he has continued playing in musical theater productions and the performing arts. He is currently completing his second year in

the Master of Music in Theory and Composition program at SIUC.

## MISSION MINISTRY UPDATES

### CARBONDALE LAUNDRY PROJECT

The February 8, 2023 Free Laundry Day served 40 guests, as volunteers assisted with over 80 loads of laundry. We were blessed to receive \$114 in donations. The next Free Laundry Day is Wednesday, March 8, 2023; contact Jane Swanson or Bill Martens ([carbondaletlaundryproject@gmail.com](mailto:carbondaletlaundryproject@gmail.com)) if you're interested in volunteering.

### DIAPER BANK

The Rotary Club of Carbondale recently presented Jane Swanson (pictured with Cindy Buys, right) with a \$1000 check for the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois.



*What an amazingly generous congregation we have...*



### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The annual Souper Bowl of Caring in February (pictured at left) raised \$3000 for Good Samaritan Ministries to fight hunger in our community.

### COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

The Presbyterians raised over \$6500 (and counting) for the Carbondale Warming Center during the "Coldest Night of the Year" fundraiser on February 25, 2023 (see photos at right). **Donations will be accepted through March 31, 2023 at [www.cnoy.com](http://www.cnoy.com) (click "Donate," then search for "Presbyterians").** Thank you to the team members and everyone who participated and contributed!

### MARCH 5 "FIRST SUNDAY"

On the First Sunday of March, we'll continue to focus on our local missions including the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Carbondale Warming Center, Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME, the PCDC Daycare and Preschool, Carbondale Laundry Project, and the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois.

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN TURKEY & SYRIA

On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck near the Turkey-Syria border. More than 50,000 people have lost their lives and this earthquake is estimated to affect more than 23 million people. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is distributing winterization items (blankets, mattresses), food items and medicines. Please consider supporting this effort by making a financial donation at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/turkey-syria-earthquake/>.

### POSSIBLE MISSION TRIP

The Mission Ministry is considering a mission trip to Calvert City, Kentucky during Summer 2023, to aid in ongoing relief efforts following the tornado that struck that area in December 2021. Interested? Contact the Mission Ministry for more information.

### FEED MY SHEEP

Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME has been an important part of our community for 20 years; since the onset of the pandemic, they've provided two meals per day to the Carbondale Warming Center, four days per week. Feed My Sheep's main cook and organizer will retire at the end of March, and other Carbondale faith communities are being encouraged to be part of Bethel's ministry of feeding the hungry. Please pray for Feed My Sheep during this time of transition, and watch for more information about how "First Pres" might assist.

Photos courtesy of Cindy Buys



Carbondale Warming Center Executive Director Carmalita Cahill (in green, above) led walkers down Walnut Street and Lewis Lane.



After the walk, participants enjoyed a light meal courtesy of the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office. Pictured at left are Jill Hertzling, Beth Malmquist, Brenda Myers, Rolanda Quick and Peter Hertzling.



**The Presbyteamians** raised the most donations among 33 teams supporting the Carbondale Warming Center, which exceeded its \$20,000 fundraising goal. Team members included Beth Malmquist, Jill and Peter Hertzling, Kathy Manfredi, Sarah Merideth, Cindy Buys, Jane Swanson and Brenda Myers (not pictured).

## UNDERSTANDING CARBON OFFSETS

### *From the Green Guardians*

We globally-privileged Americans have many tools to help us mitigate our contribution to global warming, including reducing electricity use, buying fewer new products, traveling more wisely, and reducing the consumption of animal products.

One tool many overlook is the use of carbon offsets. **A carbon offset is a credit that a person buys to decrease their carbon footprint.** When one's number of carbon offset credits is equal to their carbon footprint, that person or organization becomes carbon-neutral.

How do carbon offsets work? Remember Mark from Brooklyn? As with his diet, Mark needs to know his overall carbon footprint. Below is a list of carbon calculators which are easy-to-use and yield results in minutes, revealing the monetary cost to offset a particular behavior or product. (They can also be used to determine lifestyle changes, as we learned in last month's Green Guardians article.)

Mark chooses offset projects to finance. These projects include support for "green" businesses that put money into research and development, as well as carbon mitigation and environmental justice projects. Educational programs, reforestation projects, electric bicycles, eco-friendly wood pellets for heating...the projects are many and diverse.

And it's not nearly as expensive as one might think: Mark wants to visit his son in Dallas, so he inputs in the calculator one round trip medium haul flight (1391 miles). He learns this will produce 0.72 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, which he can offset for only \$11.23.

Supporting carbon-neutral and carbon-mitigating projects is crucial. It's also important to invest in environmentally responsible companies (financial advisors can assist in this regard). While the most drastic carbon reductions will ultimately come from changes in industry and government, individual behaviors matter.

We know it's true that God does not expect us to feed every hungry person or shelter every homeless one, but we must do our part to treat God's creation and God's people more justly.

### **Carbon calculators:**

[native.eco/for-individuals/calculators](https://native.eco/for-individuals/calculators)

[www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/](https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/)

[8billiontrees.com/carbon-offsets-credits/carbon-ecological-footprint-calculators/carbon-footprint-of-meat](https://8billiontrees.com/carbon-offsets-credits/carbon-ecological-footprint-calculators/carbon-footprint-of-meat)

### **Carbon offset programs:**

[www.investopedia.com/best-carbon-offset-programs](https://www.investopedia.com/best-carbon-offset-programs)

[native.eco/product-category/carbon-offsets/](https://native.eco/product-category/carbon-offsets/)

[thegoodtraveler.org](https://thegoodtraveler.org)

[climatestewardusa.org](https://climatestewardusa.org)





**Tai Chi** resumes Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall beginning March 2, 2023. A small donation is suggested (but not required) for Cindy Burroughs who will return as our instructor. All are welcome, including beginners. Please join us and consider bringing a friend!



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." This painting in the Education Wing hallway certainly draws our children to Christ's attention. The above photo was taken of our Sunday School kids observing Jesus and the children.

Photos courtesy of Rolanda Quick and Kitty Trescott

## MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- 3/4 Peter Hertzog
- 3/5 Gary Merideth
- 3/6 Pat Manfredi
- 3/12 Bill Baumann
- 3/12 Pam Holt
- 3/13 Tracy Prosser
- 3/24 Dorothy Baker
- 3/28 Beth Malmquist
- 3/30 Susan Davenport

### Anniversaries

- 3/2 Lance and Beth Forsberg
- 3/15 Bob and Elena Luebbers
- 3/23 Ronald and Beth Malmquist
- 3/24 Jay and Mary Jane Brooks



# DAYCARE

Greetings and salutations from your friends at the Daycare. We are excited to begin the month of March and are looking forward to Spring bringing warmer weather and beautiful sights and sounds.

Last month, the children and staff enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day, Black History month, US presidents, and engaging in fun cooking activities. The children were very proud of their creations. They also enjoyed building a snowman named "Mr. Snowman."

This month, we will be discussing colors, Spring, farm animals, and celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We are excited to see if Lucky the Leprechaun will come to visit and bring us some gold from the rainbow (Lucky is a quick leprechaun so you have to pay attention and look carefully). We will also be enjoying having a Spring spirit week where center staff will dress up in Spring attire, sparkles, tie-dye and PJs, to name a few. Stay tuned for information about our upcoming Spring fundraiser as well.

We're excited about our new carpet in the Infant Room; the littles have been breaking it in nicely as they are now learning to walk. Thank you to Jim Calloway and Gary Merideth for helping us complete this project.

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful month ahead.



Photos provided by Daycare

# PRESCHOOL

Happy March; we look forward to Spring and cannot believe we only have three months of the school year left! We had a wonderful February celebrating love, friendship and family.



This month, the Frog class will learn about dental health, the upcoming spring season, and the life cycles of plants, frogs and butterflies. The Polliwog and Tadpole classes will learn about dinosaurs, Dr. Seuss week, opposites and weather.

Please consider supporting the PCDC Preschool at our upcoming restaurant fundraiser at MOD Pizza in Carbondale on March 26, 2023 (see flyer below). We hope everyone has a wonderful month ahead.



**FUNDRAISE YOUR HEART OUT**

**RAISE SOME DOUGH**

**JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING**

**ORGANIZATION NAME: PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL**

**FUNDRAISER DATE: March 26, 2023**

Bring this flyer in or order online through the MOD app or website and use the provided coupon code and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support their great work!

**MOD PIZZA**

**ADDRESS: 1370 E Main St  
Carbondale, IL 62901**

**FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES20**

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD Pizza identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, take out, or delivery when ordered through MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>. ©2023 MOD Super Fast Pizza, LLC. All rights reserved.

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## Session Synopsis

As usual, the February session meeting opened and concluded with prayer, I read a short devotional, we heard reports from the ministries and voted on motions.

What followed was a lengthy and at times intense discussion about a request from the Daycare Board: that the Daycare be allowed to enforce a stricter masking policy than the facility-wide policy mandating masks only when local COVID-19 transmission rates are high. We appreciated the Board following the procedure of submitting a written request and providing a representative to our meeting. I can tell you that the Board has been working hard in these past months to become more proactive and meet their administrative responsibilities (which is greatly appreciated)!

I am not going to use this space to recount the discussion, as much of what was said needs to be held in confidence. After a close vote, the request did not pass; there are still questions that need to be answered regarding this issue. I encourage you all to thank your Ruling Elders who serve on the session for their willingness to stay in conversation, even when it became uncomfortable and we disagree with one another. This requires the commitment to relationship which is the hallmark of good and faithful leadership.

I reported to the Daycare Board the results of the session's discussion and vote. Continuing to open up lines of communication and finding new ways to work together are ongoing priorities for your session and its moderator.

Kerry

## PER CAPITA

It's that time of year again when our church pays its *per capita* apportionment. For many of us, the *per capita* remains something of a mystery. We know that it's important; we recognize that we need to pay it every year, and that we always pay the full amount required of our church. But many of us don't really understand just what it is.

Maybe it might help a little to think of the *per capita* as a kind of utility bill. Just as we have to pay our electricity, water, and phone bills to receive the benefits of these services, so also we need to pay our *per capita* apportionment so that our Presbyterian system can provide services to our church and to our congregation. The *per capita* is one way that our denomination equitably shares the costs of maintaining the whole Presbyterian community. The *per capita* supports our denomination's mission at all levels. It is one of the necessary links that connects all Presbyterian congregations.

The 2023 *per capita* apportionment for each member of our church is \$40.00. Of this, \$9.85 is allocated to the General Assembly, \$3.81 goes to the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the vast majority of our *per capita* assessment stays with our local Presbytery. Of the total, \$26.34 will go to the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.

We Presbyterians understand that our missions and our witness for the gospel is more effective when we do it together, rather than as one church trying to go it alone. Together, through the connections and services of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination, our congregation has access to a huge array of resources from our Presbytery and from General Assembly to help us as we seek the faith, share the spirit, and serve God's people.

This year the Financial Ministry is asking you to contribute your share to the *per capita* by writing a check to the church for \$40.00, for each member of our congregation in your household. In this way, First Presbyterian of Carbondale can fulfill its obligation to our denomination without having to take much-needed funds away from our programs and missions.

Thank you,

Rob Jensen, Financial Ministry Elder



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](http://www.firstprescdale.org) or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.

Financial Report January 2023

8% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 43,800.00	\$ 226,700.00	19%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 1,021.74	\$ 5,000.00	20%
Per Capita	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00	0%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 37,736.96	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,336.95	\$ 16,830.00	26%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 49,158.69</b>	<b>\$ 288,466.96</b>	<b>17%</b>

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ -	\$ 13,270.00	0%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 6,133.47	\$ 86,428.19	7%
Staff	\$ 5,880.98	\$ 87,179.77	7%
Faith Development	\$ -	\$ 3,050.00	0%
Worship & Music	\$ 23.98	\$ 3,475.00	1%
Comm/Administration	\$ 657.58	\$ 19,064.00	3%
Property/Capital	\$ 2,315.00	\$ 74,100.00	3%
Christian Nurture	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,011.01</b>	<b>\$ 288,466.96</b>	<b>5%</b>

Revenues over Expenses \$ 34,147.68

**March 12**

**Spring**

**Ahead**



**Oops**

She is recovering from a broken humorus.

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



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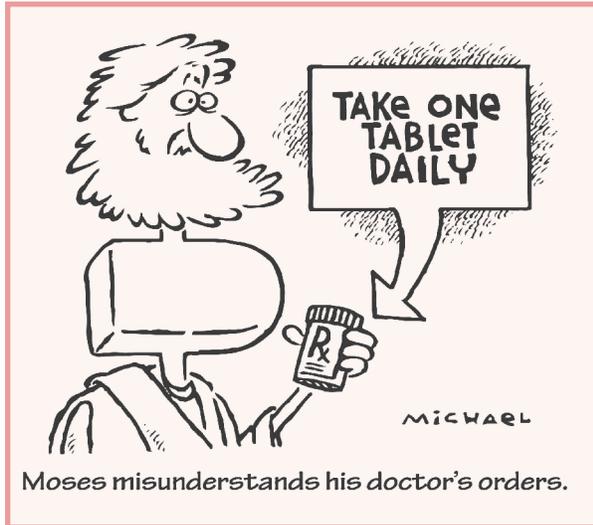
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From the Church Session minutes March 25, 1908:  
*“Chappel [sic] report by Miss A. Templeton was given with deep interest and concern for the work in that part of the City.”*

Editor’s note: Miss Templeton (an Aunt of David Kenney) was a missionary who supervised a chapel supported by First Presbyterian at 310 West Birch Street.