



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.
In the Sanctuary & via Zoom
Followed by Faith Dialogues
via Zoom

Wednesday Bible Study
3:30 p.m. via Zoom

First Sunday Collection - May 1

Session - May 10

Laundry Project - May 11

Pizza and Movie - May 16

Presbyterian Women - May 17

Dinner Group - May 19

Snider Hill Cemetery
Workday - May 21

Susan Corker Memorial
Service - May 25

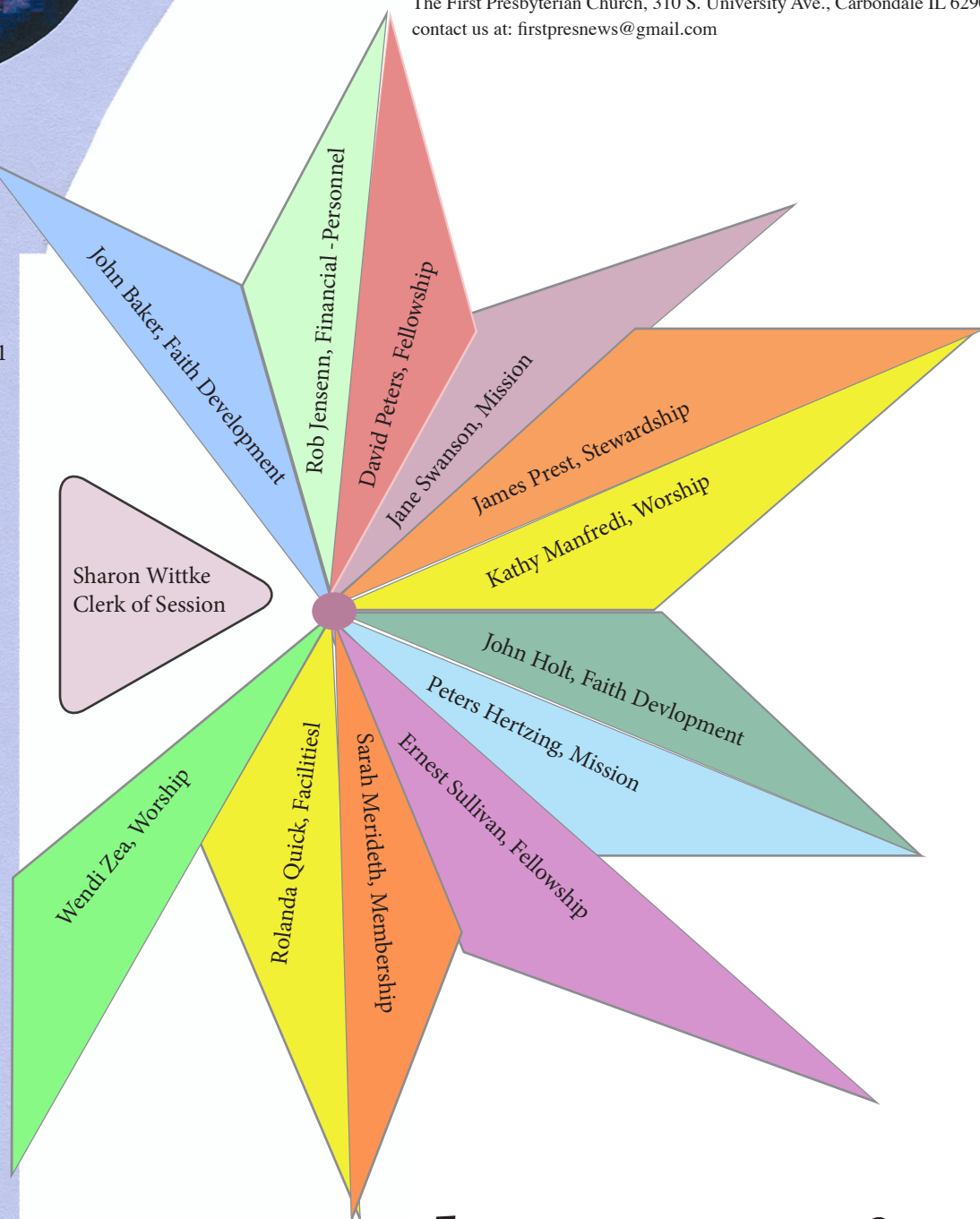
Pentecost Offering - June 5

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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Meet the Session

Notes from Kerry for May 2022

And Now for Something Completely Different...

Instead of the usual pastoral article with an inspirational theme, I thought I'd share with you a few random (though hopefully pithy) thoughts as April slips into May.

1. When you are filling out the Congregation Worship Survey, your comments are just as important as the scores you mark --maybe even more important.
2. Please give some prayerful consideration to becoming an Audiovisual Worship Assistant. This is a responsibility best carried by many hands because we are committed to providing hybrid-style worship for the long haul.
3. Thanks to everyone who helped with the cleanup days in April. The church building and grounds are looking more spiffed up than ever.
4. We have started some in-depth conversations between the Preschool, the Daycare, and the Church with the goal to establish open lines of communication and create relationships that are mutually supportive and mutually accountable.
5. It is wonderful that the Afghan families have finally arrived and are starting to begin new chapters of their lives here in Carbondale. Thanks to all of you who have been participating in the CAIRS program and helping set up the homes for these families.
6. Unfortunately, my recent knee injury had absolutely no effect on my golf game.
7. As Mother's Day approaches, I am reminded that I had a great mom, I'm married to a great mom, and my daughter-in-law is a great mom, too.
8. In the immortal words of Elton John and Bernie Taupin: "Butterflies are free to fly. Fly away. High away. Bye-Bye."

Have a blessed and merry month of May, everyone!

Kerry



The annual **Pentecost** special offering will be collected June 5. Forty percent of these funds will be dedicated to mission ministry right here in our community.

Faith Development



Zoom discussions will resume May 1. Pastor Kerry will lead us in learning about "The Holy Spirit: Differing Understandings." We will conclude May 22.

There will be a Summer hiatus during which the Seeking Ministry will be considering ways to approach blended in-person/Zoom dialogues when we resume in the Fall. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.



SNIDER HILL WORKDAYS

The Snider Hill Interest Group of Small Groups Ministry will be coordinating three cemetery maintenance workdays in 2022 to coincide with the major summer holidays. Our first workday will be Saturday, May 21 to be ready for Memorial Day May 30. Our second workday will be Saturday June 25. Our final workday will be Saturday, August 27 prior to Labor Day weekend. Each workday we'll gather at the cemetery (off Park Avenue east of Lewis Lane) about 9 a.m. and work until 11 a.m. or noon. Please bring garden/weeding tools, brooms, work gloves, trash bags and water. We will also pick up trash from the edge of the woods. Rolanda Quick and Bob Button are planning to mow the cemetery sometime before each workday. For directions or questions, contact Ro Quick or Beth Malmquist. Help us spruce up the cemetery for major summer holidays. In November we will again place flags on graves of veterans in observance of Veterans Day.

A Surprise Joy!

A Testimonial

Having Zoom so available has been wonderful since the shut-down began. We have been able to conduct business and take turns chatting before each event. We got used to raising our hands when we wanted to speak....most of the time. Some of us have worn slippers during church services! When any of us has been out of town, we could join in...even from Poland.

However, I was taken by surprise when it became clear that honest-to-goodness inertia had set in. Zooming was just so easy. When we attended the first in-person Sunday service, I was surprised at the real joy I felt at being able to greet many members of our church family in person. Everyone was mindful of distancing and masking, but being together during the service and leisurely chatting before and after was noticeably special.

I am looking forward to more and more of the church family feeling comfortable with returning to the in-person services. Easter Sunday was a good indicator that we're on our way.

Dorothy Baker

Susan Corker's Memorial Service is Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a Celebration/Lunch to which all are invited. The Corker children thank the "First Pres" family for their support and comfort at the time of Susan's passing.

MISSION

Update on the First Presbyterian Sponsor Circle for Afghan

Newcomers

By the time you're reading this, our family will have arrived in Carbondale. We are sponsoring a woman and her two children, who are 8 and 3 years of age. Thank you to everyone for your generosity which has allowed us to fully furnish and equip the house. We look forward to continuing our support of the family.

MISSION

Carbondale Laundry Project

held another successful
Free Laundry Day April 13. Thirty participants did about \$200 worth of laundry. The next Laundry Day is the second Wednesday of the month, May 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

MISSION

First Sunday Collections

Mission Ministry continues our monthly collection of items on First Sunday, May 1, including donations for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Carbondale Warming Center, Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME, Presbyterian Daycare and Preschool, the Diaper Bank, and the Laundry Project. 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.

A Thank You from Andrew:

Andrew Nyongesa is grateful to First Presbyterian Church. Thanks to our support, he is about to complete a college degree in computer science at the Presbyterian University of East Africa. Below is the text of a recent email from Andrew (for whom English is a second language):

Hello The First Presbyterian Church?

I am Andrew Nyongesa from Kenya. I'm really grateful and emotional for your financial support for my studies. May God bless You . even more together with Mum Ann who has really been of blessings to me.

Thank You Church! Happy Sunday. Andrew

Andrew is the oldest of four children of poor subsistence farmers. When he is home from college, he stays and helps at his high school, Living Hope. Andrew would not have been able to attend high school, much less college, without support from American sponsors and churches.

Living Hope High School serves qualified teenagers from families too poor to afford school fees for their children. The school was founded by an American woman in 2009. Despite starting humbly with a box of chalk, four textbooks, a fellow Kenyan teacher, and two buildings, the residential school has grown to prominence in the region.

The compound now has dormitory buildings, classrooms (with electricity), sports fields, a pavilion, a deep well, textbooks, and 14 certified Kenyan teachers. All student costs are covered by sponsorships. In addition to their studies, students tend the cow and chickens, maintain fields of sweet potato and kale, keep bees, and plant bamboo for fuel. Sometimes they make bricks for new structures, paint the mud walls of existing structures, gather bananas, or shell peanuts. Living Hope hires local workers, buys food from local farmers, assists with disaster relief locally, and offers health and education programs for the community.

Living Hope is aptly named. Like Andrew, the young people there come from seemingly hopeless backgrounds. Yet they gain skills, knowledge, and confidence to go forth in their communities. The school has produced teachers, a dentist, a contractor, a hardware store owner, an agriculture specialist, a nurse. . . and soon an IT specialist.

One might say that Living Hope High School is doing God's work in "helping the least of these." Yet there is no "least" about those involved. The young people are armed with hope for the future and the tools to make that future happen. First Presbyterian is a small part of making that future possible.

For more information, visit <http://www.livinghopehighschool.org>.

Submitted by Ann Warner, Mission Ministry



Join us for Pizza & Movie Night Monday, May 16, at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room (aka THE LOUNGE). Pizza from Quatros will be ready to eat at 6, along with salad, fruit, cookies and a beverage choice.

This is a 1995 production, based on a true story, about Mr. Holland's success in creating a high school orchestra. It was not what he wanted to be doing, but economic demands led him in this direction.

To let Kitty know you plan to be there, contact her via phone or text, (618-203-1807) or email Trescott@midwest.net. Family and friends are welcome. (There is no charge).

The Dinner Group will meet at Carbondale's Don Sol Restaurant on Giant City Road Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Sharon Wittke at sharonwittke@gmail.com or (618) 893-1869.

Worship participants recently gathered for a congregational photo, courtesy of Bob Luebbers. Our church membership currently stands at 98 Members (four of whom reside out-of-state or out of the country) plus four Affiliate Members (who retain primary church membership elsewhere, two of whom live outside of the area). To learn more about joining in membership with First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, please reach out to Covenant Pastor Kerry Bean or Elder Sarah Merideth.



Holy Week featured Maundy Thursday worship with communion and the Chair of Elijah (constructed by John Holt and painted by Cindy Burroughs) left symbolically empty in anticipation of Elijah's coming to announce the Messiah's arrival. Fronds were waved Palm Sunday morning to honor Jesus's victorious entry into Jerusalem. Easter morning, the Sunrise Service was moved indoors due to chilly temperatures; later, the Children's sermon highlighted Faith Development's project featuring butterflies which were later blessed and released.



HOLY WEEK



Photos by Lisa Hollabaugh



BIRTHDAYS

3 Forrest Stewart
7 Joseph Prest
12 Linda Brandon
13 Barbara Stewart
15 Ann Warner
17 Wendi Zea
18 Kellyn Daly
23 Sharon Wittke
23 Kara Hertzing
28 Jacob Buys

ANNIVERSARIES

13 David & Brenda Gilbert
25 Orlan & Denise Brown
30 Gary & Sarah Merideth



Photos by Lisa Hollabaugh

WORKDAYS



Volunteers at the April 9 and April 23, 2022 workdays weed-eated, pulled weeds, raked tree trimmings, spread mulch and did touch-up painting. We didn't get photos of everyone but extend our sincere thanks to all who pitched in.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A SPLASH MAKES

The exterior of our historic Sanctuary recently enjoyed an overdue and refreshing upgrade. Professionals from Judge Services soft-pressure washed the sandstone blocks which have stood since the church's construction in 1905. Tuck pointing was completed by Brick Works Masonry & Concrete staff who removed and replaced damaged mortar between blocks. Thank you to Facilities Ministry Elders for coordinating these repairs, which together cost approximately \$7,400.



Photos by Rolnda Quick



Green Guardians Environmental Moment

Now that the threat of frost is finally behind us, it's time to get into the garden. Whatever your size availability... lots of growing awaits. You might think: beds, containers, vegetable plots, patio edges, or window boxes. A very small space can provide food for butterflies, caterpillars, and birds. How can we help save God's gift to us through our environment at the same time, you may ask? When making your plans this season, try to incorporate some native plants into the mix. These are the best suited plants for our local birds and insects, and are adapted to the climate in our area. Once established, they need much less attention, and most importantly, much less water. Natives provide food for pollinators, provide insects for baby birds (insects have more protein than beef), and seeds later on for everyone. Keep a wildlife-friendly mindset when you are considering changes to your landscape this season. Wildlife-friendly means it supports pollinators, supports the food web, sequesters carbon, and protects our

watershed. By providing food, cover, and sheltered spaces for raising young, we are helping create a continuous food web. A native, wildlife friendly habitat doesn't need to look unkept. Our sensibilities change as we observe how nature uses what we provide. Even just mowing a border around an area we want to enhance with prairie plants will allow that area to look maintained.

So start small...think of replacing a patch of lawn with a plant attractive to pollinators. This mindset also means thinking differently about the traditional "pest." Rather than resort to chemicals to get rid of this insect pest, think about it in the continuum of the food web. That caterpillar or chewing insect might be an important pollinator. Or, it might be an important food source for those birds you enjoy seeing as they are feeding their chicks. Almost all baby birds eat exclusively caterpillars and other insects. Let's help protect our environment.

We cannot believe we are at the end of our school year. The school year has zoomed by and we are excited for summer break and our Summer Session. If you know families with children ages 2-5, we still have plenty of room in our summer and fall classes. Please send them our way.

This month we look forward to the warmer weather and sunshine and celebrating all of our mother figures on their special day. Each class has planted sunflower seeds and we are taking extra special care of them and learning how our plants need water and sunlight to grow. We are excited to see all the sprouts coming up and will be giving these plants to all our mommas for Mother's Day. The Polliwog class will be learning about plant cycles and insects. The Frog class will enjoy a special themed Yoga week, the countdown until graduation, and the bitter sweet sendoff to Kindergarten. We will have a lovely celebration for our preschool graduates with a special sing and potluck at Evergreen Park Thursday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful women of our church and our PCDC programs.



PRESCHOOL

See our flyers for our summer program and fall enrollment on page 10. Check out our MOD Pizza fundraiser as well.

DAYCARE

Our center had a great month full of activities and celebrations. The kiddos had a wonderful Easter egg hunt full of surprises. The egg hunt started outside, but the Easter bunny was worried about the rain, so there weren't any out there. Just then, we got a call that the Easter bunny had left them somewhere inside. We decided to try the Big Room. As we came down the stairs, we saw that we were on the right track, because there were bunny prints leading down to the Big Room. After we followed the footprints, we found the eggs had been hidden all around the room. There were some up, down, and all around. The children enjoyed finding them and looking at their surprises inside. The egg hunt was followed with delicious treats and goodies in the classroom. We are thankful to have had a safe and happy celebration with one another. We celebrated Earth Day and talked about many ways to take care of our Earth. We also enjoyed taking part in the butterfly activity and watching the process that occurs. The children were amazed and we even named the little caterpillars/butterflies (Winnie, Romeo, Power Ranger X, Minnie, Cat, etc.). Thank you to all involved with making that happen and thank you to those who took part in our flower fundraiser with McNitt growers. The flowers are beautiful. This month, the center will continue to study the season of Spring, discuss the many things that happen during the season, look for all the May flowers following the April showers, and begin a study about trees.



Photos furnished by Daycare

May 2-May 6 is Teacher Appreciation Week. We encourage everyone to express appreciation to our teachers as they work toward building the fundaton for our children's educational journey and life.



Session Synopsis

April 12, 2022

After opening with prayer and a brief devotional, we got right down to business. In fairly short order, I must say, the session adopted a new structure that combines the existing ministries into a framework using the "Seeking, Sharing, and Serving" rhythm of the church's mission statement. A fourth "S"- *Sustaining*- was also created. This new pattern is designed to create more teamwork and creativity among the ministries.

We developed a list of big picture items to focus on for the remainder of 2022: the church facility, growth in membership, greater presence in the community, better understanding community demographics, and several other items.

The reports from the clerk, the treasurer, the ministry teams, and the covenant pastor were approved. Among the highlights: tuckpointing and pressure washing on the exterior of the building has taken place, the Chapel will be converted into a children's Church Education space, the Afghan families should be arriving in Carbondale shortly, Fellowship Time is returning (immediately after worship), and a "trashless picnic" will be held on the greenspace June 5 - organized by the Green Guardians.

After all that fun, we adjourned and closed with prayer

-Kerry

PRESCHOOL FLYERS



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Financial Report March 2022

25% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 95,691.00	\$ 228,824.00	42%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 3,687.92	\$ 16,000.00	23%
Per Capita	\$ 1,564.00	\$ 2,500.00	63%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 15,111.41	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,599.56	\$ 17,230.00	27%
Totals	\$ 105,542.48	\$ 279,665.41	38%

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 1,654.62	\$ 13,520.00	12%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 19,106.76	\$ 83,936.86	23%
Staff	\$ 15,759.60	\$ 82,969.55	19%
Christian Ed.	\$ 68.82	\$ 3,800.00	2%
Worship & Music	\$ 190.64	\$ 3,875.00	5%
Comm/Administration	\$ 7,428.95	\$ 20,564.00	36%
Property/Capital	\$ 13,942.19	\$ 69,100.00	20%
Christian Nurture	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	0%
Total	\$ 58,151.58	\$ 279,665.41	21%

Revenues over Expenses \$ 47,390.90

Oops

Work Day: Bring rakes and gardeing sheers.

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



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APRIL 1882: Southern Illinois State Normal University had some Church members affiliated with the college. Their "Model School" gave children a sound education for a modest fee.