



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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We are a More Light Presbyterians LGBTQIA+-affirming faith community — [www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org)

**Sunday Worship** 10:00 am  
with Children's Church School  
Zoom ID 824 8455 3329  
Email Zoom prayer joys & concerns to  
[sanctuaryimac@firstprescdale.org](mailto:sanctuaryimac@firstprescdale.org)  
Followed by **Coffee Fellowship**

**Wednesday Bible Study Classes**  
10:00 am w/Bill & J.P. (Lounge)  
1:30 pm w/Pastor Kerry (Zoom)

**Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays 6 pm  
beginning September 3

**First Sunday** Collection September 7

**Communion** September 7

**Radio Theater Rehearsal**  
Septembr 7 2:00 pm

**Ice Cream Social** September 7 4:30 pm

**More Light Monday Webinar**  
**Support our Trans Siblings (101)**  
September 8 6:00 pm via Zoom  
(Preregistration information on page 3)

**Session Meeting** September 9 7:00 pm

**Free Laundry Day** September 10  
10:00 am-2:00 pm at Laundry World

**Choir performs** September 14 & 28

**Presbyterian Women**  
September 16 1:00 pm

**Dinner Group** September 18 5:30 pm  
The Turn Restaurant & Lounge  
Marion, Illinois

**Roundtable Discussion** with the  
session to discuss pastoral transition  
September 21 during Fellowship

**Men's Fellowship Meeting**  
September 25 12 noon

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025  
4:30 PM ON THE  
GREEN SPACE

BRING  
TOPPING(S) OF  
YOUR CHOICE  
AND INVITE A  
FRIEND!

HOSTED BY THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY







## ***Can You Solve a Perfectly Pernicious Crime?***

It's almost time for the premiere of ***Intrepid Inspector Iona of Interpol and the Perfectly Pernicious Problem of the Pilfered Portfolio!***

### **Here are the details:**

**What:** First Presbyterian's Radio Theatre of the Air's latest and greatest production ***Intrepid Inspector Iona of Interpol and the Perfectly Pernicious Problem of the Pilfered Portfolio.***

**When and Where:** Friday, October 10, 2025. Doors open at 6:15 pm with desserts and beverages in Fellowship Hall. The show starts at 7:00 pm sharp in the sanctuary and will be livestreamed via Zoom.

**How:** There is no reserved seating; donations are not required but are greatly appreciated.

**Why:** For the fun of it (of course!) and to support two very worthy causes: the Carbondale Laundry Project and PCUSA's Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

**Who:** A cast of tens, including Denise & Orlan Brown, Jennifer Burke, Beth & Lance Davis, Marta Davis, Sam Foskey, Rosey Gibbs, Elizabeth Hamilton, Carolyn & John Hooker, Kathy Manfredi, Granger Odum, Kitty Trescott and maybe even me.

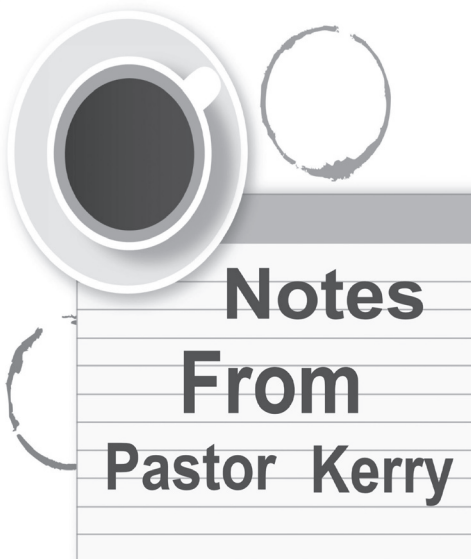
On a dark and stormy night, the priceless First Folio of William Shakespeare's plays have been stolen from the Folger Museum in Washington, DC; the next morning, Professor Art Smart meets a grisly (and probably well-deserved) demise. There are plenty of suspects: British botanist Ophelia Nightshade, Bella Rooska (who is definitely not a Russian spy), grad student Kate Kismee, actor Jack O. Beann, tourist Sam Sojourner, and art trader Cleo Commodity.

Other important characters include museum director Paige O. Plenty, Head of Security Lyle Locketight, and of course, our intrepid dynamic duo Inspector Iona and Dr. Bob, Medical Examiner. The story is told by our endlessly patient Narrator with help from the Sound Effects Technician and the Fine Corinthian Chorus of Aphrodite, Desdemona, and Persephone.

Can our heroes solve this perniciously problematic case before the crass criminal kills again and absconds with the precious portfolio? Probably not, but it sure will be a hoot to watch them try. And you know what they say: "All's well that ends."

Rehearsals begin Sunday afternoon September 7, 2025. In the coming weeks, be on the lookout for promotional materials including the Zoom link which we encourage you to share, so that friends in far-flung places can join in the frivolity. Mark your calendar, brush up your Shakespeare and help get the word out.

Egad, it would be great to have a full house on performance night! —Kerry



# UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR *Nominating Committee*

With input from the congregation, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) completed the required Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) form, which provides an overview of our church and what we're looking for in a pastor.

Our MDP has been uploaded to the Church Leadership Connection ([clc.pcusa.org](http://clc.pcusa.org)) and Midwest Call Finder ([midwestcallfinder.org](http://midwestcallfinder.org)) websites.

We received an initial twenty-five algorithmically-generated matches identified only by a number. Each match is accompanied by the candidate's answers to five narrative questions, as well as information regarding their work history and educational background.

For each match, we have the option to either "Invite to apply" or "Will not consider." When we choose "Invite to apply," those candidates receive notice and are asked to respond within fourteen days whether they will apply, or decline. As of August 20, 2025, some of our invited matches have declined.

In the meantime, we receive new matches which the PNC reviews and in turn, invites more candidates to apply. It's an ongoing process...and as we've been told, this is all "in God's time."

You're invited to a **roundtable discussion about the pastoral transition with members of the session during Fellowship on Sunday, September 21, 2025**. Also, feel free to approach any PNC member (Cindy Buys, Harry Davis, Pat Manfredi, Lily Vucinic and Wendi Zea) with questions.

Want to help First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale be an affirming faith community welcoming folks of all sexual orientations and gender identities? This fall, **More Light Presbyterians is hosting a series of More Light Monday Zoom webinars** the second Monday of the month at 6:00 pm local time (upcoming topics are listed on page 10).

You can participate in one or more of these webinars but **preregistration is required**. Consider signing up and bookmarking the Zoom link for later.

The series kicks off this month with **Support our Trans Siblings (101)** on **September 8, 2025**. Register at <https://forms.gle/FpnCbtJjQmJUyoxWA> or by visiting [mlp.org](http://mlp.org) and clicking on "Programming."

## MORE LIGHT MONDAYS

Join us for our first More Light Monday Conversation:  
Support our Trans Siblings (101)



AVERY ARDEN  
They/Them



KATE DAVOLI  
They/Them

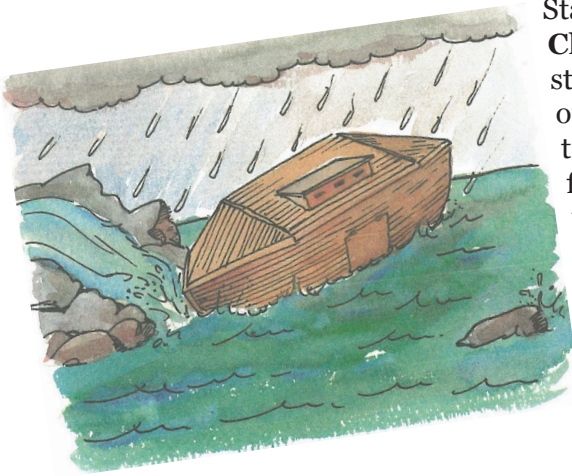
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
6:00 PM (CDT)

MORE INFORMATION  
email — [hello@mlp.org](mailto:hello@mlp.org)



WEBSITE  
[www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org)





Starting September 7, 2025, **Children's Church School** students will explore the story of Noah and the Ark. We'll try to comprehend its 450 foot-long size and will work on a rather large ark ourselves. We'll do a lot with rainbows which represent God's enduring love for us.



## PAINT & SIP FOR PDA



The Mission ministry raised over \$1000 for Presbyterian Disaster Relief at last month's **Paint & Sip** event led by Dori Jefferson.



Clockwise from lower left: Cindy Buys, Kathy Manfredi, Ann Warner, Carol Good, Orlan & Denise Brown (photos: Dori Jefferson & Lisa Hollabaugh)



# S.I. Diaper Bank Milestone



The **Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois** recently reached a milestone of a half-million diapers distributed since it was launched in 2009! The S.I. Diaper Bank supplies diapers to low-income children and families in Southern Illinois and serves as a central location to collect and store donated diapers. It partners with local agencies which distribute diapers to their clients (the Diaper Bank does not directly provide diapers to individuals or families). Donations of diapers, pull-ups, wipes and cash contributions (to purchase diapers) are welcomed.

## ADULT LITERACY IN THE U.S.

1 in 5 adults  
lack basic literacy skills

### How can I help?

John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois continues to seek volunteers to assist in **tutoring in adult literacy**. Some participants are native English speakers who need to strengthen their literacy skills. Others need assistance with English as a second language. For more information contact JALC Literacy Counselor/Facilitator Shanda Sylwester at (618) 985-3741 ext. 8414 or shandasylwester@jalc.edu.

We are pleased to report that our **Sponsor Circle Afghan family** is now eligible to apply for lawful permanent United States residency (a.k.a. "green cards"). Thanks to a very generous donor, the application fees will be covered for the entire family!

## AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY SUPPORT

## LAUNDRY DAY

**Free Laundry Day** resumed August 13, 2025 when volunteers served 44 guests and spent \$430 in quarters. A move to a new laundromat location is under consideration. Email [carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com](mailto:carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering. Support this ministry by donating quarters at the Fair Trade kiosk in Fellowship Hall or by purchasing **Tru-Earth laundry eco-strips** at church or online at <https://tru-earth.sjv.io/CarbondaleLaundryProject>





Beth Corker (above) accepted brother John Corker's award with assistance from an American Sign Language interpreter (photos: Lisa Hollabaugh).



First Presbyterian Church Music Director **Dr. Deborah L. Burris** was inducted into the Carbondale Community High School (CCHS) Hall of Service & Leadership and past church member (and Deb's former student) **John S. Corker** (Class of 1981) was inducted into the Hall of Achievement at the Black & White Ball benefiting the CCHS Education Foundation.

Deb Burris (below) was presented with her award by CCHS District 165 Superintendent Daniel Booth.



Come one, come all to an old-fashioned **ice cream social** **Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 4:30 pm.** We'll gather on the outdoor green space for fellowship and plenty of ice cream.

Please bring lawn chairs and an ice cream topping(s) of your choice and (if you have one) a portable tent to cast some extra shade. The Fellowship ministry will provide ice cream, cold drinks and tableware.

Be sure to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join the fun. This is a great way to introduce potential members to your church family. We hope you'll join us!



First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale is delighted to welcome Mary Louise Cashel's return to church membership. She is pictured in April when she received the 2025 Women of Distinction Award from SIUC College of Health & Human Sciences Dean Robert Morgan and Chancellor Austin Lane. Congratulations and welcome back, Mary Louise! (Photo: Russell Bailey)





Covenant Pastor Kerry Bean will retire at the end of the year, but we'll be celebrating with him early **Friday evening, November 14, 2025**.

The Fellowship Ministry is planning a special celebration including a dinner. If you'd like to donate funds toward a gift, please give these to Dori Jefferson (in person, or place in her workroom mailbox) by the end of September.

Look for an invitation in your email inbox in early October. We look forward to celebrating Kerry's 34 years of ministry and the future of our congregation.



Join the **Dinner Group Thursday September 18, 2025 at 5:30 pm at The Turn Restaurant and Lounge** located at the Kokopelli Golf Club in Marion, Illinois. Our group consists of couples and singles, and all are welcome to join us for conversation, good food and fellowship. Email [jillhertzing@aol.com](mailto:jillhertzing@aol.com) for more information or to reserve a spot.

*The Green Guardians encourage us to research, learn, share and celebrate these special days in September.*



**September includes two weeks designated for green thinking: *World Clean and Green Week* (September 17-23) & *Recycle Now Week* (September 19-25).**

**September environmental awareness days include:**

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| <b>9/1</b> Anniversary of passenger pigeon extinction (1914)                                      | <b>9/4</b> National Wildlife Day                            |
| <b>9/5</b> Amazon Rainforest Day                                                                  | <b>9/6</b> Federal Lands Cleanup Day & World Shorebirds Day |
| <b>9/7</b> International Day of Clean Air (for Blue Skies) & Thylacine and Threatened Species Day |                                                             |
| <b>9/15</b> Greenpeace Day                                                                        | <b>9/16</b> Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol (1987)     |
| <b>9/16</b> International Day for the Preservation the Ozone Layer                                |                                                             |
| <b>9/17</b> International Microorganisms Day                                                      | <b>9/18</b> World Water Monitoring Day                      |
| <b>9/20</b> National Cleanup Day & International Coastal Cleanup Day                              | <b>9/21</b> Zero Emissions Day                              |
| <b>9/22</b> World Car-free Day                                                                    | <b>9/23</b> National Temperature Control Day                |
| <b>9/26</b> World Environmental Health Day                                                        | <b>9/27</b> National Crush (a Can) Day                      |
| <b>9/27</b> Anniversary of Rachel Carson's <i>Silent Spring</i> (1962)                            | <b>9/28</b> World Rivers Day                                |
| <b>9/29</b> International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste                                 |                                                             |

**September days for special species awareness include:**

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| <b>9/6</b> Hummingbirds & Vultures       | <b>9/12</b> Dolphins  | <b>9/20</b> Red Pandas  |
| <b>9/22</b> Elephants, Rhinos & Tamarins | <b>9/24</b> Bluebirds | <b>9/26</b> Cassowaries |



## S.I. Learning in Retirement

Psychotherapist and wellness expert Barb Elam is the featured presenter at the **September 17, 2025 meeting of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement**. She will share simple yet powerful tools and practical techniques for navigating personal stress and cultural pressures in today's fast-paced world.

This free presentation begins at 10:30 am at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 Chautauqua Street in Carbondale. A coffee hour will begin at 9:30 am. (Photo provided.)



We opened the August 12, 2025 meeting of the session with prayer and a short devotional reading. We were happy to be joined by our newest ruling elder Jan Danley who is leading the Membership ministry.

I asked session members how they were feeling as progressed through the pastoral leadership transition; responses revealed a mixture of excitement and anxiousness about the future. We decided to include the congregation in this discussion at a roundtable with session folks during Fellowship on Sunday, September 21, 2025.



## Session Synopsis

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is busy reviewing dossiers of potential pastoral candidates. While there is no clear timetable to the process, PNC members are encouraged upon initial review of many candidates' backgrounds and credentials (see article on page 3 for more details).

We approved a request for the use of Fellowship Hall for a private birthday party next January, which prompted discussion about reviewing policies for groups renting our facilities. Minutes, financial reports, ministry reports, and my report were reviewed and approved. Church finances appear to be in good shape as we head into the fall and Stewardship pledge season. —Kerry

## WELCOME NEW PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL TEACHERS



Photos provided.

**Mrs. Hannah Smith** (left) graduated from SIUC with an Elementary Education degree and later earned an Early Childhood Endorsement; she has taught kindergarten for the past two years. Mrs. Hannah enjoys reading, crafting and long walks.

**Mrs. Angie Walker** (right) has a degree in Early Childhood Education and taught preschool-aged children for several years. Mrs. Angie has two grown children and enjoys traveling, family time and the outdoors.







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

<b>Financial Report July 2025</b>		<b>58% of the year completed</b>	
<b>Income Line</b>	<b>Income YTD</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	
Pledges	\$ 126,637.74	\$ 203,400.00	62%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 5,893.19	\$ 13,600.00	43%
Per Capita	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,800.00	63%
Transfer From Investments	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 55,961.68	36%
Other	\$ 39,926.04	\$ 19,700.00	203%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 193,596.97</b>	<b>\$ 294,461.68</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Expenditure Line</b>	<b>Expenditures YTD</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	
Mission	\$ 4,310.00	\$ 11,570.00	37%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 50,654.11	\$ 90,531.26	56%
Staff	\$ 49,219.06	\$ 81,800.42	60%
Faith Development	\$ 806.93	\$ 2,200.00	37%
Worship & Music	\$ 568.31	\$ 2,325.00	24%
Communication/Administration	\$ 11,696.32	\$ 16,800.00	70%
Facilities/Capital	\$ 45,889.75	\$ 87,335.00	53%
Christian Nurture	\$ 1,027.73	\$ 1,900.00	54%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 164,172.21</b>	<b>\$ 294,461.68</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Income over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 29,424.76</b>		

## September Birthdays

9/7 John Hooker  
 9/8 Anne Barrett  
 9/10 Mimi Williams  
 9/12 Carolyn Hollabaugh  
 9/25 Sue Bailey  
 9/25 Rob Jensen  
 9/28 Grant Hertzing

## September Anniversaries

9/2 Kara & Peter Hertzing  
 9/3 Cindy & Gerry Buys

*If we missed your special day,  
 please accept our apologies and  
 notify the church office so we  
 can update our records.*



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 Rev. Kerry Bean ([pastorkerry@firstprescdale.org](mailto:pastorkerry@firstprescdale.org))

### More Light Mondays! 6:00 pm Zoom (see page 3)



SEPTEMBER 8TH

**Support Our  
Trans  
Siblings (101)**

OCTOBER 13TH

**Why  
Pronouns  
Matter**

NOVEMBER 10TH

**Cultivating  
Community**

DECEMBER 8TH

**Navigating  
Holidays &  
Family  
Gatherings**

JANUARY 12TH

**Breaking the  
Binary in  
Liturgy**

# SEPTEMBER



In 2006 the session of First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale approved the affirmation of mission *SEEKING THE FAITH, SHARING THE SPIRIT, SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE*. This message guides the church's actions, calling us (among other things) to dynamic and meaningful worship; to wrestling with difficult issues of faith; to finding and nurturing God's gifts in each other; to protecting God's earth; and to giving generously of our time, talent and treasure. This message was woven into the intricate quilt which visitors and regulars admire hanging in Fellowship Hall.