



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary & via Zoom

Followed by Faith Dialogues  
via Zoom

Outdoor Workday - April 9

Pizza & Movie - April 11

Session - April 12

Maundy Thursday - April 14

Sunrise Service - April 17

OGHS - April 17

Dinner Group - April 21

Outdoor Workday - April 23

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## Resurrecting Some Hallelujahs

During a recent sermon, I listed just some of the challenges that we face as a congregation living out our faith in today's troubling times. From the pandemic to inflation to threats of war, even my abbreviated list was daunting. These days seem pretty well crammed to the rafters with anxiety.

I know that I often feel anxious. And I assume that many of you do as well. We really are sailing together in some uncharted waters. We are, at least metaphorically, on the part of the map where it's written, "There be dragons."

Now, I would give up feeling anxious for Lent if it were only that easy. (It is much easier, it turns out, to give up my New Year's resolutions than my anxieties.)

Being anxious isn't *all* bad. In some regards it's helpful to have a heightened sense of what may go wrong. It actually can encourage you to consider some important matters before making impulsive decisions. On the other hand, when our anxieties become too strong a factor in how we live and think, then we can start making decisions which are neither healthy nor wise.

That is but one reason that I like our Presbyterian system for making decisions (a.k.a., polity). As your Covenant Pastor, nearly all of the important decisions I make are with the approval of the session. The wisdom of the group prevails. Ideally, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit prevails. Do we *always* make the best decision? Not always. Do we sometimes let our worries get the better of us? Maybe, but really not very often. Your Ruling Elders on the session are remarkably capable and faithful and wise. It continues to be an honor to serve with them.

If you are feeling anxious about some aspect of the life of the church, please feel free to talk with one of our session Elders and/or with me. Actually, you don't have to be anxious about it at all; perhaps you've just got an idea about something new we could try. Please participate in the life of the church! Sharing ideas, concerns, suggestions, and constructive criticisms is important. Vital even.

The flip side, of course, is being willing to help to make change happen. If you feel that the church should be having more bake sales, are you willing to throw on an apron and let the flour fly?

What I'm really talking about here is energy. This month we celebrate the season of resurrection that is Eastertide. It is no accident that Easter is a springtime holy day for us Christians. It has its roots in Passover, a Jewish festival that Jesus was faithful in celebrating and falls in the spring. That just adds to the promise of renewed energy that we can feel and expend.

There is a tradition in some churches of "burying the hallelujahs" during Lent. The idea is to emphasize the somberness and reverence of the season. But the hallelujahs don't stay buried. They come ringing back into our worship on Easter Sunday! They are resurrected as we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

One of the great blessings of hallelujahs is that they put our worries and anxieties into perspective. It's hard to be anxious when you are singing or shouting "Hallelujah!" with faithful conviction. All those things which we proclaim we believe—that God loves us and guides us and redeems us and sustains us and graciously promises us eternal life—don't leave a lot of room for "but what if all goes terribly wrong?"

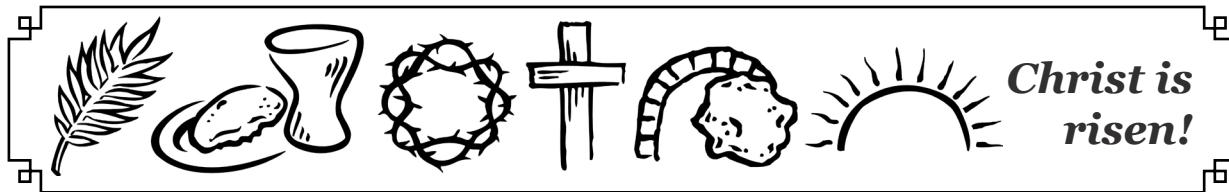
This Easter, let us feed our hallelujahs. Let us put them to work. Let them be the driving force as we live out our faith as followers of Jesus Christ.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

**Palm Sunday** worship is **April 10, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.** If you plan to worship from home, you can pick up a palm from the church office Thursday afternoon, April 7 (contact Barb Stewart to arrange pickup). Palms will also be available in the Sanctuary Sunday morning.

The **Maundy Thursday** service is **Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary; this service will also be available via Zoom.

**Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022** we will have two services. A **6:30 a.m. Sunrise service** (in-person only) will be held on our green space (weather permitting; please dress accordingly). The **9:30am Sanctuary service** will include those worshiping via Zoom. Consider inviting a neighbor or friend to worship that morning. (Faith Dialogues will not meet Easter Sunday.)



Consistent with recent State and CDC recommendations, facemasks are no longer required in the church building but are available for those who wish to wear them, along with hand sanitizer. Please, if you aren't feeling well (even if just a scratchy throat), stay home and join us via Zoom. The church session will provide updated Covid-related guidance as pandemic conditions evolve.



If you worship via Zoom, "Glory to God" hymnals are available for you to use at home. Large-print hymnals and Bibles are available to check out from an Usher.

### Wonder how you can help create meaningful worship experiences?

Many roles are involved on Sunday mornings: Greeters welcome folks at the door; Ushers help with bulletins, microphones and the offering; and the Worship Assistant helps lead the service. And with the new Sanctuary equipment, the "A/V elf" positions aren't nearly as scary as they seem! Talk to Kathy Manfredi or Wendi Zea to learn more about these options.

**The next FIRST SUNDAY COLLECTION is April 3, 2022**, when the Mission Ministry will receive donations for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Carbondale Warming Center, Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME, the PCDC Daycare and Preschool, the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois, and the Carbondale Laundry Project. **You may drop off donations in the Narthex Sunday morning, or drive through the porte cochere and we'll help you unload.** A list of requested items is found on the church website.

#### The FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPONSOR CIRCLE FOR AFGHAN

**NEWCOMERS** is excited to announce that the Church of the Good Shepherd parsonage is ready for our Afghan newcomers. We expect to hear any day when they will arrive. **Thank you** to everyone for your generosity which has allowed us to fully furnish and equip the home. Stay tuned...



This month, visit the Chapel to observe tiny caterpillars slowly develop into beautiful butterflies which will be released Easter Sunday. Our butterflies are called Painted Lady.

**GREETERS ARE NEEDED!** The pool of volunteer greeters has hit an all-time low. If you can spare 20 minutes once every three months, consider joining the ranks of "First Pres" worship greeters. All you need to do is arrive Sunday by 9:10 a.m., welcome attendees with a friendly smile (even if it's behind a mask), and offer a name tag and information card to visitors. That's it. **Please contact Sarah Merideth if you can assist with this easy but important task** at [smmerideth@gmail.com](mailto:smmerideth@gmail.com). Thank you.

**CARBONDALE LAUNDRY PROJECT** held another successful Free Laundry Day March 9 (see photos on pages 6 and 7). **The next Free Laundry Day is Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 10:00 am. to 2:00 p.m.** Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed Valentine's Day Cards to our friends at the Carbondale Warming Center; the Mission Ministry delivered 38 cards with sweet treats attached. **Our special focus for April will be Easter Treats for children at the Women's Center.** Please consider donating chocolate bunnies, small stuffed animals, and other Easter treats.

The **DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS** recently received a \$1000 grant from the Rotary Club of Carbondale.

The Mission Ministry agreed to support PC(USA)'s **MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIANS** activities with a \$500 donation.

**FAITH DIALOGUES** concludes its discussion of *A Time to Grow* Palm Sunday and will not meet Easter morning. Upcoming FD sessions will focus on "The Holy Spirit: Differing Understandings," as Pastor Kerry leads an examination of mainline Protestant, Catholic and Charismatic views.





The Membership Ministry is developing a church photo board with photographs of church members and friends, which will help visitors (and each other) better associate names with faces. We'd like to have photos of as many congregants as possible.

You can participate by 1) submitting a 3"x5" photo of yourself/your family to Sarah Merideth (place it in her church workroom mailbox by the end of April, or 2) our dedicated volunteer photographer Bob Luebbers will take your photo on a Sunday morning during April.

As part of our commitment as a More Light Presbyterians LGBTQIA+-welcoming congregation, we ask that you provide your pronouns (e.g., she/her, he/him, they/them) with your photo. This will demonstrate to visitors and guests that our congregation is welcoming to all. Thank you for participating, and thanks to Bob for his assistance.

## ELDER & DEACON INSTALLATION



March 6 and 13, 2022, Covenant Pastor Kerry Bean installed Elders and Deacons who pledged their service for upcoming 2-year or 3-year terms.

### Welcome Class of 2025 Ruling Elders

Peter Hertzing      John Holt  
Jane Swanson      Wendi Zea  
David Peters (Class of 2024)

### Welcome Class of 2025 Deacons

Mary Jane Brooks  
Rosey Gibbs  
Kitty Trescott



**Thank you to the Nominating Committee**—Phyllis Beck, Brenda Gilbert, Rob Jensen, Brenda Myers, Merit Sullivan and Sharon Wittke—for inspiring leadership among members of our talented congregation; their dedicated service is appreciated.



## SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE... ...one load of laundry at a time

The second Wednesday of every month, **Carbondale Laundry Project** volunteers share quarters, detergent, coffee and fellowship. The March 9, 2022 Free Laundry Day occurred shortly after the state's indoor mask mandate was lifted, and everyone enjoyed trading smiles! We got guests' permission to photograph them along with volunteers including Toni Becker, Bill Martens, Jane Swanson and (not pictured) Rolanda Quick and Ann Warner.





## FREE LAUNDRY DAY

*For people who are homeless or could use financial assistance to do laundry*

We'll provide quarters and soap

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

10 am to 2 pm

Laundry World

Corner of University & W. College  
Carbondale



Carbondale Laundry Project

An initiative of First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale Interfaith Council, & Sparrow Coalition

[carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com](mailto:carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com)



The One Great Hour of Sharing PC(USA) special offering will be collected Sunday, April 17, 2022.

"Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. **The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.** From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope." From PCUSA.org.

Camp Carew scholarships are available again this year; to apply, contact John Baker ([jhbaker36@gmail.com](mailto:jhbaker36@gmail.com) or 618-549-2560). The application deadline is April 19, 2022. Camp session descriptions and registration information may be found at [campcarew.org](http://campcarew.org).



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 - Kitty Trescott	12 - Marta Davis
4 - Ernest "Bo" Sullivan	15 - Maddie Moore
7 - Toni Becker	18 - Craig Heins
10 - Jeff Franklin	20 - Don Leigeber
12 - Jonathon Brooks	21 - Melissa Jensen
	23 - Orlan Brown

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our apologies and notify the office, which helps us keep church records up-to-date.

The **Dinner Group** met March 17, 2022 at Hunan, where about a dozen folks enjoyed a delicious meal and being together once again. Church members, friends of the congregation and their guests are welcome to join us the third Thursday of the month; check the church bulletin announcements for details about the April dinner.

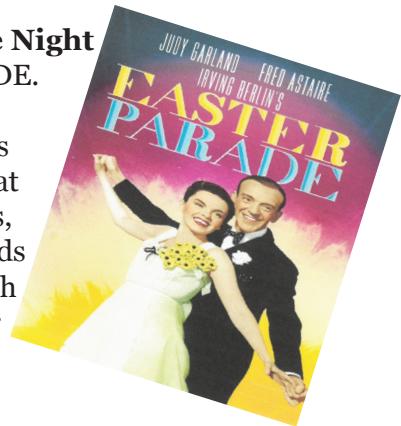
## Spring Outdoor Workdays

Come pitch in at one or both of two upcoming workdays. **Saturday, April 9, 2022**, we'll pull weeds, trim hedges and paint doors on the south side of the church. **Saturday, April 23, 2022** we will rake and spread mulch and finish up any outdoor painting.

Bring your tools, gloves, water and sunscreen. We'll gather at 9:00 a.m. and work 'til noon or so.

The April 11, 2022 **Pizza & Movie Night** will feature 1948's EASTER PARADE.

It may be an oldie, but it's always a delight to watch Fred Astaire on his feet. Quattro's pizza will be served at 6:00 p.m., plus salad, fruit, cookies, beverages and Easter treats. Friends and family are welcome. RSVP with Kitty Trescott at (618) 203-1807 or via email at [trescott@midwest.net](mailto:trescott@midwest.net).



## MARCH 8 SESSION MEETING SYNOPSIS:

We opened the March session meeting with prayer and a devotional reading from Pema Chodron's *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times*. We welcomed the incoming class of Ruling Elders who were given "voice" (but not "vote") since they had yet to complete officer training. We thanked session Elders who are finishing their terms for a well-deserved breather.

We began with a big question addressing whether and how to change Covid-19 protocols in the church building. After lengthy and nuanced discussion, the motion was passed to change the masking protocol from "Masks Required" to "Masks Available." (Our thanks to those who have updated building signage and continued to supply masks and hand sanitizer in strategic, accessible locations.) The Worship Ministry was given the authority to make decisions about how Sunday morning Covid-related protocols might change, moving forward.

We then discussed the configuration of ministries of the session, which has been reduced in size to twelve members, and reviewed plans proposed by the Nominating Committee to re-allocate the number of Elders heading up various ministries. A temporary configuration was established, and the discernment process will continue in April.

Regular meeting business included approval of February minutes and Financial and Ministry reports. Of note:

- New audio-visual equipment is being installed in the Sanctuary.
- Church officer training will be held Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected April 17, 2022.
- The Daycare and Preschool will be asked to again contribute their portions of the church's insurance. (These payments had been waived for 2020 and 2021.)

After a full and productive meeting, the motion was made and approved to adjourn, which we did prayerfully. —Kerry  
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## PCDC DAYCARE NEWS

Our center is super happy that Spring is here. We have enjoyed seeing the trees and plants wake up from their winter slumber and hearing the sounds of all our bird friends. Tweet, tweet—it's such a glorious time of year!

Last month the children enjoyed finishing the unit on winter; they enjoyed finding "gold" from Lucky the Leprechaun and wearing green on St. Patrick's Day. The fun continued during Spirit Week when the teachers and children dressed up for Rainbow Day, Sparkle Day, Flower/Spring attire day, Sports Day, and PJ day...resulting in lots of groovy and creative fashion expressions.

This month we will explore what happens during Spring and learn about growing cycles, plants and trees. We will also begin discussions about our school garden. Finally, we will enjoy an Easter egg hunt; we appreciate if anyone wants to donate eggs for the kiddos to find.



## PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

Our students have enjoyed fun learning opportunities at school and the warmer spring weather. We look forward to walks around the neighborhood to hear birds chirping and see the colorful tulips blooming at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. This month in the Frog class, we are learning about spring and life cycles of plants and frogs, Easter, Earth Day and the weather. In the Tadpole and Polliwog classes, we will be learning more about Spring, bugs, birds and butterflies as well as Easter, Transportation and Farms. We will have our annual Easter activity of dyeing eggs and an egg hunt; the children are fascinated with dunking the eggs in the colorful dyes and watching them transform into exciting colors.

We are now accepting applications for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year and we hope for full classes. Please spread the word about our wonderful preschool to family and friends looking for an exceptional first experience for their child's education.

We're excited to partner with Panda Express in Carbondale Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Enter the fundraiser code or show this flyer when you order, and 20% of sales will be donated to the Preschool. Please share with family and friends, and thank you for your support!



Fundraiser for

### Presbyterian Preschool

20% of event sales will be donated

Established in 1966, we strive to provide a positive first school experience to children ages 2-5.



#### When

Saturday, April 09, 2022

Time: 10:30 AM to 9:30 PM

#### Where

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(618) 457 - 6729



Online

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Bring paper flyer or show it on  
your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Saturday, April 09, 2022



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***There will be a  
CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE  
OF SUSAN CORKER***

***Wednesday, May 25, 2022  
11:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church***



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.

**Dede Ittner reminds all to**  
**"Please use the pew cards or their own cards to encourage members who cannot attend church in person. They need to and will enjoy being connected in this way." Drop it in the offering plate and the church office will add the address (if needed) and mail it for you.**



Financial Report      February 2022

17%

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 81,539.00	\$ 228,824.00	36%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 2,716.96	\$ 16,000.00	17%
Per Capita	\$ 684.00	\$ 2,500.00	27%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 15,111.41	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,376.42	\$ 17,230.00	25%
 Totals	 \$ 89,316.38	 \$ 279,665.41	 32%
Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 954.62	\$ 13,520.00	7%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 12,737.84	\$ 83,936.86	15%
Staff	\$ 10,639.52	\$ 82,969.55	13%
Christian Ed.	\$ 48.87	\$ 3,800.00	0%
Worship & Music	\$ -	\$ 3,875.00	0%
Comm/Administration	\$ 6,501.09	\$ 20,564.00	32%
Property/Capital	\$ 10,149.17	\$ 69,100.00	15%
Christian Nurture	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	0%
 Total	 \$ 41,031.11	 \$ 279,665.41	 15%
Revenues over Expenses	\$ 48,285.27		

**With Covid numbers in decline, please consider returning to in-person worship. We miss seeing and visiting with all members of our church family and welcome everyone's company on Sunday mornings. Feel free to wear a mask for additional safety, as many already do. With Holy Week and Easter Sunday on the horizon, we hope to see you in the Sanctuary soon.**



Passing the peach

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



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"What could I say? They are  
her most Eastery shoes."



**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.