



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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

Wednesday Bible Study Classes
 10:00 am w/Bill & J.P. (Lounge)
 (not meeting August 6 & 13)
 6:30 pm w/Rev. Beyler (Conf. Rm.)

First Sunday collection August 3

Hymn Sing Service August 10

Session Meeting August 12 7:00 pm

Free Laundry Day August 13
 10:00 am-2:00 pm Laundry World

Communion August 17

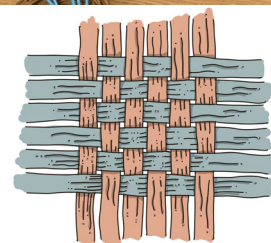
Dinner Group August 21 5:30 pm

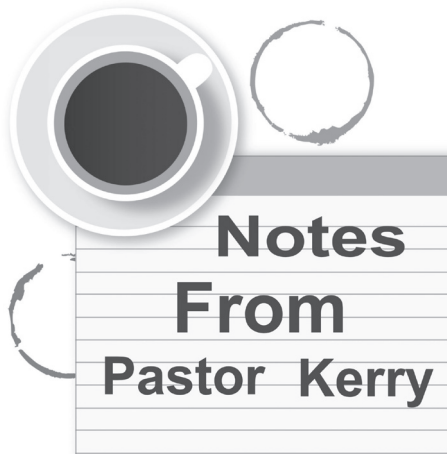
Snider Hill Cemetery Workday
 August 23 9:00 am

Paint and Sip fundraiser for
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 August 23 4:00 pm

Men's Fellowship Meeting
 August 28 12 noon

Ice Cream Social (invite a friend!)
 September 7 4:30pm





Ladies and Gentlemen, Mark Your Calendars!

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to this month and to autumn's cooler temperatures and beautiful changes in foliage. There are many upcoming events to be excited about!

First, I'll be taking a week of Continuing Education time to write the upcoming murder mystery radio play "Intrepid Inspector Iona of Interpol and the Perfectly Pernicious Problem of the Pilfered Portfolio." I enjoy writing these silly concoctions of humor, music and melodrama, almost as much as I like seeing them performed. Rehearsals start in early September, leading up to the big performance Friday, October 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

This month, a hymn sing during August 10, 2025 morning worship will give us the chance to sing some of our favorites, accompanied by Kathy Manfredi at the piano. A Paint and Sip fundraiser with Carol Good is coming up on Saturday, August 24, 2025.

Next month, the Fellowship Ministry is hosting an ice cream social September 7, 2025. The church choir will be back and in full throat. The Worship Ministry has been discussing returning to Camp Carew for a special worship service sometime this fall. My retirement party is Friday, November 14, 2025; then, the following weekend we host Tesserae Chorus's fall concert in the sanctuary.

Before you can say "Pumpkin Pie!"—the holiday season will be upon us! In the meantime, mark your calendars, tell your friends, and join me for five months of festive First Presbyterian fun and fellowship. —Kerry

In sure and certain hope...

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ...

The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of

MaryLuh Fraunfelter

June 1, 1935 – May 29, 2025

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me, will never die. John 11: 25-26



In sure and certain hope...

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ...

The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of

Donald Troy Barrett

January 21, 1956 – July 15, 2025

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Hymn Sing

Sunday
August 10, 2025
10:00 am

*Start thinking
about which of your
favorite hymns you'd
like to sing!*

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale observes **Communion** twelve times per year on dates determined by the session. Remaining communion dates for 2025 are August 17, September 7, October 5, November 23 and December 24.



Vacation Bible School "All About Paul" focused on working and living like people of Paul's time did. A total of eleven children and youth participated in the five-week program. Paul (portrayed by Keith Beyler) appeared each week to tell of his travels, arrests, healings and friends. We learned how people lived with water from only a well or stream, no electricity or stores to buy food or clothing, and threats facing early followers of the way of Jesus. Crafts focused on carpentry, basket making, weaving, pottery, and decorative arts like mosaics, metal work, and leather work. We even tried the Isthmian Games (much like the Olympic Games going at that time). **Thank you** to Judy & Keith Beyler, Kitty Trescott, and helpers for making this year's VBS such a success!

Photo credit: Judy Beyler (incl. cover)



Paint and Sip—With Friends!

The **Mission Ministry** invites you to a **Paint and Sip fundraiser** benefiting Presbyterian Disaster Relief (PDA), the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Join artist Carol Good **Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 4:00 pm** to paint a pre-traced drawing while enjoying wine and finger foods. Cost is \$50 per person. Funds not spent on paint and supplies will go toward PDA's important and increasingly busy work.

Advanced registration is required and is limited to 20 participants. Please contact Peter Hertzing or Orlan Brown for the registration form. Feel free to bring a favorite bottle of wine or enjoy some we will have.



CARBONDALE LAUNDRY PROJECT



Photo credit: Lisa Hollabaugh

Carbondale Laundry Project volunteers include (above) Bill Martens, Liz DiLalla, Ann Warner, Jane Swanson, Lisa Hollabaugh, Pat & Jim Wallace, and Rick Jefferson (Judy Beyler and Paul Logeman are not pictured).

Support this local 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>



Marion Medical Mission News from Jim Calloway, MMM Volunteer



The 2025 well season is gearing up! By the time you read this, I will have attended yet another training session for what will be my seventh three-week stay in Africa. Twenty-seven volunteers from twelve states will join me in sub-Saharan Africa during September and October. The budgeted goal this year is 4,000 wells during a six-week season. Last year the goal was the same, but we actually installed 4,602 wells!

Since 1990, Marion Medical Mission (MMM) has been bringing life-changing clean water to remote villages in Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, and recently, Mozambique. That first year, 150 wells were installed; now we are at the seemingly impossible number of more than 4,000!

MMM is the support organization for a huge program in Africa made up of hundreds of Africans who identify needful villages, then organize and train them to dig wells to very specific requirements. The villagers provide the labor and material. MMM provides only that which the locals can't afford—cement and the hand-pump parts. American volunteers are present at the well installation to verify its location and dedicate it, along with the local community, to God.

Last year in Tanzania, I arrived at a well installation and encountered an old man on his knees, praying. He continued to pray as we went about our work of installing the well. Afterwards, I approached him to ask about his enthusiasm. With great animation he told me that for his entire life, his village had been drinking dirty water out of a hole in the ground. His village had lost people to cholera; children were sick. He had no hope that anything would ever change. But now, MMM had provided clean water to his village. Cholera and disease would be no more. His gratitude was boundless.

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale has long been a supporter of MMM. In past years, four other volunteers from this church have joined me to "go so far, to accomplish so much, in so little time." Through fundraisers, youth programs, the Mission Ministry and individual donations, First Pres has funded many, many wells over the years. I have no doubt this support will continue, and I am blessed to be a part of it by my presence in Africa this year.

***"When We Pray,
We Move Our Feet"***

MARION MEDICAL MISSION

COMMUNITY. CLEAN WATER. CHRIST'S LOVE.



2024 | **4,000**
GOAL | WELLS

An estimated
400,000
of the extreme poor
will have safe drinking
WATER this year

2.2

billion people
worldwide lack
access to safe water

Sub-saharan Africa
has the highest under 5
mortality rate in the world.



Globally, 1800 children
die every day from
water-borne disease.

\$475

provides a village in Malawi, Tanzania
Zambia, or Mozambique with a sustainable
source of safe drinking water



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:27-29

4,280
wells built
in 2023

53,000+
wells built
since 1990

5 MILLION+
people served
(3 million+ children)

- Everything is purchased, manufactured, and administered in Africa by Africans.
- Local villagers dig the wells, make the brick, provide the sand, stone and unskilled labor.
- MMM wells can be built in the most remote areas.
- An MMM well is one the extreme poor know how to maintain and can afford to maintain.



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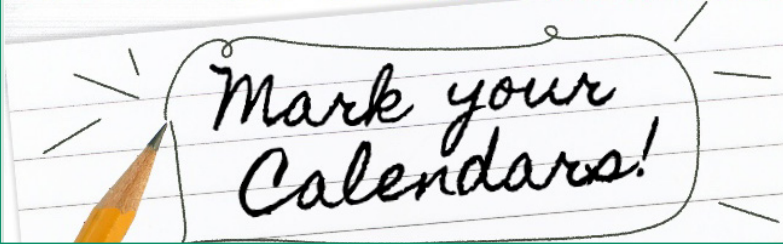




Welcome New Members

Last month we welcomed five folks into membership at First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale. Pictured at left are Dan Schuh & Lizzy Olmsted (with daughter Charlotte), John "J.P." Beyler, Morgan Quick and Darlene Gaskins. We warmly welcome them and look forward to them sharing their friendship and talents with our church family. (Photo credit: Rolanda Quick)

Green Guardians



The Green Guardians encourage us to reflect on how we can observe and celebrate these special days in August.

August is National Water Quality Month—a matter of increasing importance!

August environmental awareness days include:

- 6: Cycle to Work Day & National Tree Day
- 9: Forest Fire Protection Day & National Garage Sale Day
- 10: International Biodiesel [Biofuel] Day
- 11: Mountain Day

- 20: Ecological Debt Day
- 24: Vesuvius Day
- 25: National Park Service Founders Day
- 30: National Beach Day

August species support days include:

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| 5: Tomistomas | 10: Lions | 12: Elephants & Hirolas | 13: Wolves |
| 19: Orangutans | 21: Honey Bees | 26: African Wild Dogs | 30: Whale Sharks |

Featured Day: August 31 — National Diatomaceous Earth Day

Diatomaceous earth is used to filter swimming pools, control insects in gardens, and clarify sugar and syrups, among other uses. Learn more: nationaltoday.com/national-diatomaceous-earth-day



Although the **church choir** has July and August off, Music Director Dr. Deborah Burris has kept busy teaching a five-week class on music fundamentals, ear training and sight reading (left). She's also been organizing and cataloguing six filing cabinets full of sheet music with help from Marta Davis, Lisa Hollabaugh and Ann Warner. Choir rehearsals resume in September.



July 16, 1975 was **David Warner's** first solo flight; since then he has maintained a perfect flight safety record. Last month surrounded by family and friends, David was awarded the **Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award**. Ann Warner was presented with the Wright Brothers Award Spouse Pin in recognition of her love and support.



Photo credits: Lisa Hollabaugh

Last month the **Dinner Group** met at Red Lobster in Marion. Eleven were in attendance including Kitty Trescott's sister Teddy visiting from Arizona and her great-granddaughter Liliana from Indiana. The food and fellowship were fantastic!

The restaurant for our **August 21, 2025** gathering has not been determined, so watch your email and the church bulletin for details.

Each month we pass an envelope collecting money to donate to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. So far this year we have collected \$693 to help feed families in our community. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.



Snider Hill Cemetery in Carbondale was founded as a "presbyterian burying ground" via a 1/2 acre donation by church founder William Richart. The church does not own Snider Hill, which is considered a private cemetery and is not maintained by the city. Over time, landscape and gravestone maintenance has been sporadic. First Presbyterian Church, along with families with ties to the cemetery, have had a helpful impact on cemetery upkeep.

The **Small Groups Ministry** supports a research interest group and periodic seasonal grounds maintenance. In 2018 we received a donation from a Snider Hill family member which seeded a fund for ongoing cemetery maintenance. You may designate offerings, memorial gifts and bequests to this account in support of these efforts. Thank you!

In the future, these funds may be used for landscaping services such as mowing and tree trimming, and to reimburse expenses such as gasoline for private providers during our workdays. One day, we may be able to fund an effort to stabilize and set upright headstones that have fallen. (Photo: Wendy Mapes)



The final summer **Snider Hill Cemetery Workday is Saturday, August 23, 2025**. We'll meet at 9:00 am at the cemetery (off Park Avenue east of Lewis Lane in Carbondale) and work for an hour or two. Bring a weed trimmer (if you have one), trash bags, brooms, work gloves and water. Thank you to Bob Burton and Rolanda Quick for their conscientious mowing of the cemetery grounds.

This November, we'll return to Snider Hill to place flags on graves in observance of Veterans Day.

PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

During June and July, the **Presbyterian Preschool** summer sessions for 3-6-year-olds were well-attended, with 12-14 students participating in each session. We studied the ocean, art, camping and animals; we also got in lots of play time including a few water days on the playground.

We've hired two new teachers. **Angela Walker**, a former Head Start teacher, is taking on the role of Director of Student and Families. **Hannah Smith**, a former Kindergarten teacher from Shawnee Elementary School, will teach in the Frog class along with Ms. Lia. Welcome!



Rolanda Quick (above) used her tractor to deliver sand donated by a neighbor of Deb Burris's. Preschool kiddos (right) enjoyed helping move buckets of sand into the sandbox.

Photo credit: Lisa Hollabaugh (bottom left); other photos provided by the Preschool.

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



S.I. Learning in Retirement





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 or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.

Financial Report June 2025**50% of the year completed**

Income Line	Income YTD	Annual Budget	
Pledges	\$ 103,280.88	\$ 203,400.00	51%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 5,246.68	\$ 13,600.00	39%
Per Capita	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,800.00	63%
Transfer From Investments	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 55,961.68	36%
Other	\$ 35,983.16	\$ 19,700.00	183%
Total Income	\$ 165,650.72	\$ 294,461.68	56%
Expenditure Line	Expenditures YTD	Annual Budget	
Mission	\$ 2,530.00	\$ 11,570.00	22%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 43,599.43	\$ 90,531.26	48%
Staff	\$ 41,785.95	\$ 81,800.42	51%
Faith Development	\$ 806.93	\$ 2,200.00	37%
Worship & Music	\$ 568.31	\$ 2,325.00	24%
Communication/Administration	\$ 10,834.47	\$ 16,800.00	64%
Facilities/Capital	\$ 33,688.11	\$ 87,335.00	39%
Christian Nurture	\$ 357.50	\$ 1,900.00	19%
Total Expenditures	\$ 134,170.70	\$ 294,461.68	46%
Income over Expenditures	\$ 31,480.02		

The June 24, 2025 meeting of the session opened with prayer and a devotional.

We reviewed the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)'s revision of the MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile), focusing on pastoral candidates' experience levels and pastoral compensation package ranges. Hearty thanks was given for the good and faithful work of the PNC, which will keep the congregation abreast of the search process as it unfolds.

We also discussed adjusting compensation for affiliate choir members to ensure they are paid comparably to other area churches.

The session will meet again in August. —Kerry

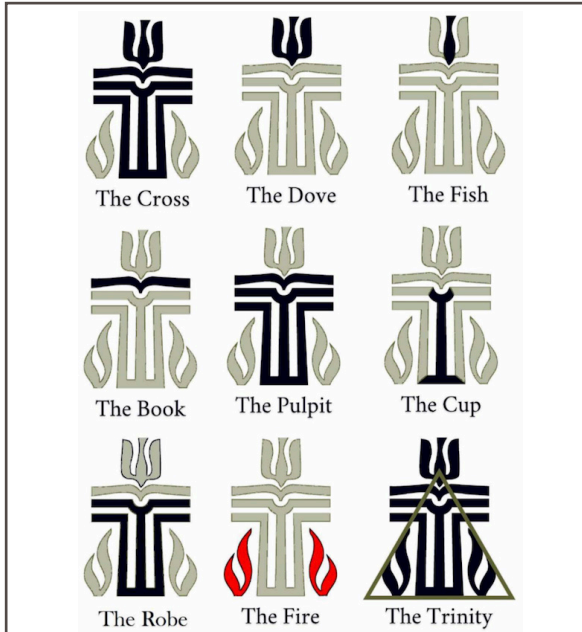


Session Synopsis



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The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seal (above left) is comprised of the symbol, the basic components of which are cross, Scripture, a descending dove at the upper part of the cross, and flames on either side of the lower part of the cross. It is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. In I Corinthians, Paul described the church as a body with many members, illustrating the pluralism of the church and the many gifts which God gives to its members. So also the seal's individual parts, when taken together, form an encompassing visual and symbolic unity.