



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
w/Children's Church School & Childcare
Zoom ID 824 8455 3329
Followed by **Coffee Fellowship**

Choir Rehearsal Tuesdays 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study Classes
10:00 am w/Bill & J.P. (Lounge)
3:30 pm w/Pastor Kerry (Zoom)
6:30 pm w/Rev. Beyler (Conf. Rm.)

Camp Carew Scholarship
Application Deadline May 1

50th Annual Sale to Fight Hunger
May 2 9:00 am-6:00 pm &
May 3 9:00 am-2:00 pm
University Mall (former Old Navy)

Starts & Stripes — Songs by
American Composers Concert
May 2 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Nicholas "Nick" Dellinger
Memorial Service
May 3 1:00 pm (also via Zoom)

First Sunday collection May 4

Session Meeting May 13 7:00 pm

Free Laundry Day May 14
10:00 am-2:00 pm Laundry World

Dinner Group May 15 5:30 pm
St. Nicholas Brewing Co. MDH
Southern Illinois Airport

Snider Hill Cemetery Workday
May 17 9:00 am

Choir performs May 18 & 25

Presbyterian Women Meeting
May 21 1:00 pm

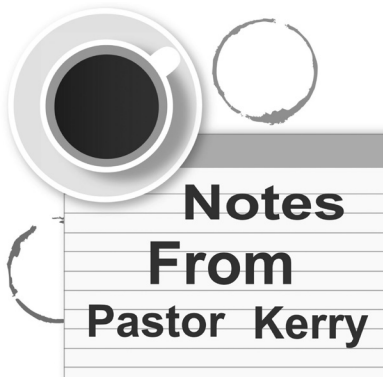
Men's Fellowship Meeting
May 22 12:00 noon

Imogene Beckemeyer
Memorial Service
May 30 1:00 pm

SNIDER HILL CEMETERY SPRING WORKDAY



SAT. MAY 17, 2025 9AM



Please, Sir, May I Have Some More?

Have you ever thought about how many times you've done a routine task over the years—or decades? Just how many times have you taken the garbage out...or brushed your teeth...or mowed the grass?

Writing church newsletter articles isn't exactly a routine task (in the sense that they are trivial)...but I do create one or two newsletter articles every month. This is something I've done for the better part of thirty-four years now. Collectively, that's a lot of paragraphs, sentences and words produced.

Since I enjoy writing, this is not an onerous job. The biggest challenge is thinking of something new and interesting to write about. My preaching professor in seminary taught us that pastors basically have five or six sermons that we keep re-hashing over our career. Surely, the same must be true of newsletter articles. (Come to think of it, how many pastoral newsletter articles have you read in your lifetime? Do they all sort of run together in your memory?)

I am realizing that as my retirement date draws closer, there are parts of my vocation I will be glad to set down and not pick back up. While I'll certainly miss the people and leading worship, I will *not* miss worrying about potential budget shortfalls and failing HVAC units!

Let us make the most of these last seven months we have together. Together, let us continue to seek the faith, and share the Spirit, and serve God's people with energy. Let us work and play and worship with joy. And let us never—ever—tire of good jokes and bad puns. —Kerry



The Ol' Skool Gospel Jamboree Choir (left and below, with Kathy Manfredi) lent their joyful voices and inspiring message to a special Sunday evening worship service last month, followed by a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall.



Volunteers are needed

for Church Women United's 50th Annual Sale to **Fight Hunger** May 2 from 9:00 am-6:00 pm and May 3 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at University Mall.

Helpers (especially with trucks!) will also be needed at the end of the sale to distribute unsold merchandise.

Contact Katie Carl at (618) 925-2252 or hungersalecwu@gmail.com (see page 7).

MISSION Updates

For **First Sunday May 4, 2025** the Mission Ministry requests items frequently used by the First Presbyterian Church cooking team the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at **Bethel AME's Feed My Sheep** program. We also welcome financial contributions (note "2nd Tuesday" in the check memo line).



Canned items—*Tomato sauce, tomato paste, diced tomatoes, mixed vegetables, black beans, fruit*

Bottled ranch dressing **Salsa** **Butter**

Granulated bouillon (beef, chicken, vegetable)

Mayonnaise **Worcestershire sauce**

Quick oats **Elbow macaroni, other small pasta**

Cake mixes, canned frosting **Silicone spatulas**

Dried spices—*dill, rosemary, parsley, paprika*

Meats—*Hot dogs, Kielbasa, turkey sausage, tuna*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**You Shall Be Called
Repairers of the Breach**

— ISAIAH 58

*The One Great Hour of Sharing
PC(USA) Special Offering
was collected Easter Sunday.*

*\$3972 will support the
Presbyterian Hunger Program,
the Presbyterian Committee on
the Self-Development of People
and Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance. Thank you!*

The Carbondale Laundry Project continues its essential service to the community. Last month volunteers served 45 guests and spent \$460. We received a donation of \$364.80 from the Neighborhood Co-op Grocery and \$500 from a community supporter! Email carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com to volunteer at the next Free Laundry Day May 14, 2025. You can support this ministry by purchasing Tru-Earth laundry eco-strips at church or online at <https://tru-earth.sjv.io/CarbondaleLaundryProject>

CARBONDALE LAUNDRY PROJECT



Children's Church School finished our Holy Week game using giant dice in the downstairs hallways as we reviewed events from Palm Sunday until Jesus's death. On Easter Sunday we learned about symbols of Jesus's resurrection. We made cookies in the shapes of eggs, butterflies and bunnies, before going outside to draw these in chalk under the portecochère (perhaps you noticed them as you left worship).

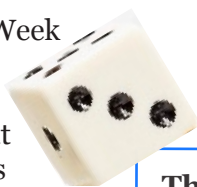
Next we'll look at Jesus's visits to numerous people after Easter, noting Peter's forgiveness by Jesus. Then we'll move on to Paul's sharing of the good news about Jesus.



Aryah and Amira (right, with Rolanda Quick) were among six children waving fronds as the choir sang Palm Sunday.



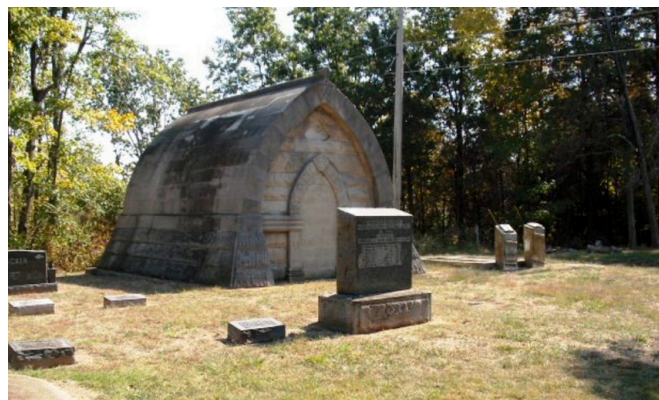
Brass quartet Nick Lyon, Emanuel Terrazas, Ainsley Pierce and Kyle Loring (above) added fanfare to Easter morning's special music.



The Snider Hill Interest Group Small Groups Ministry is coordinating three cemetery workdays coinciding with major upcoming holidays. **Saturday, May 17, 2025** we will clean up and place flags on veterans' graves in preparation for the May 26 Memorial Day holiday. We'll work again on **Saturday, June 28, 2025** and **Saturday, August 23, 2025**, prior to Labor Day weekend.

Meet at Snider Hill cemetery (off Park Avenue east of Lewis Lane) around 9:00 am and plan to work 2-3 hours clearing graves and picking up trash from the woods' edges. Please bring garden/weeding tools, brooms, work gloves, trash bags and water. Rolanda Quick and Bob Burton plan to mow the cemetery ahead of time. For directions or questions, contact Beth Malmquist or Rolanda.

We hope you'll join us to help spruce up the cemetery for the major summer holidays. Later in November, we will again place flags on veterans' graves in observance of Veterans Day.



**S.I. Learning
in Retirement**

The featured speaker at the **May 21, 2025 meeting of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR)** is Marsha Griffin, a senior-level Community Outreach Liaison with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. Her presentation regarding common scams will review government imposter, grandparent, text, prize and sweepstakes scams. She will also discuss identify theft risks and telephone best practices.

This presentation at Epiphany Lutheran Church (1501 Chatauqua in Carbondale) is free and open to the public. A 9:30 am coffee hour will be followed by the one-hour presentation starting at 10:30 am. Contact Diane McIntyre at (618) 536-7751 or email silir@siu.edu with questions.



Recycling & Composting

The Green Guardians

remind us that Carbondale has a recycling center that should be the envy of all municipalities our size, even catching the attention of new owners. **CRC Southern Recycling** targets facilities needing certain recyclable products for their manufacturing, and plans to expand its services even further. This helps ensure that discarded items—including those difficult to recycle—don't end up in a landfill.

In addition to **No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles** (which have long been accepted for recycling), CRC accepts **Nos. 3-7 plastics**. These cannot be placed in curbside recycling bins but can be taken to CRC at 300 W. Chestnut Street in Carbondale. The same goes for **No. 1 clamshell packages**. All of this is good news for the environment; CRC is even looking in to recycling styrofoam!

Remember to take your stash of **No. 4 flexible plastic bags and wraps** to Schnucks to ultimately be repurposed into Trex composite planking (see the Green Guardians display in the Narthex) for details).

The Green Guardians continue to offer the **compost bin** placed along the alley north of the church. Bring your vegetable trimmings and any non-meat/non-dairy items to the bin. Remove stickers from vegetables and fruit, and no trash please! We turn it over about once a month and should have some compost ready by the summer.

The Green Guardians encourage us to research and observe **May environmental awareness days of special interest:**

May 10 - Windmill Day
May 16 - National Love a Tree Day
May 16 - Endangered Species Day
May 20 - World Bee Day
May 22 - International Day for Bird Diversity

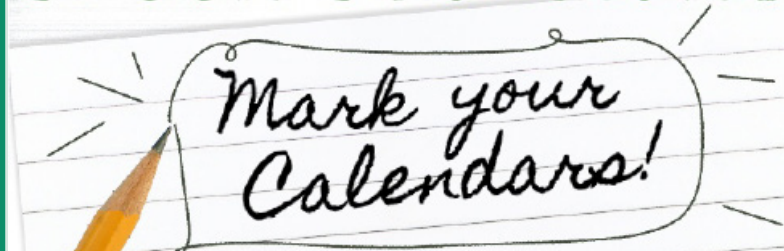
Weeks of note:

May 4-10 - International Compost Awareness Week
May 12-16 - Water Saving Week

Species recognition days:

May 2 - Tuna
May 3 - Leopards
May 3 - Wild Koala
May 8 - Donkeys
May 23 - Turtles
May 25 - Otters
May 28 - Dugongs
May 31 - Parrots

Green Guardians



PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

The 2024-2025 school year has flown by! The Preschool Spring Fling (photos below) was great fun and a big success. We will honor our Preschool graduates with a special concert and potluck at Evergreen Park Friday, May 16, 2025 at 10:30 am. We're excited for summer break and our upcoming summer session.

This month we will learn about insects and yoga. The Frog class is counting down to graduation and their bittersweet send-off to kindergarten. We look forward to sunshine and warm weather, and to celebrating all of our mother figures on their special day—Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful women of First Presbyterian Church and to the mothers of our beautiful students.

If you know of families with children age 3-6 years old, we still have room in our summer and fall 2025-2026 classes; please help spread the word. Photos provided by the Preschool.



Session Synopsis

We opened the April 2025 meeting with prayer and a devotional reading from Cynthia Campbell's *Meeting Jesus at the Table*.

Newsletter Editor Lisa Hollabaugh encouraged all of the ministries to submit content and photos for the newsletter by the 20th deadline; she is willing to create articles from emailed notes and bullet points.

We approved building use requests for upcoming musical performances April 27, 2025 for The Ol' Skool Gospel Jamboree Choir, and November 23 2025 for the Tesserae Queer+ Chorus.

Other topics of discussion included:

- The Nominations Committee will search for a candidate to fill the empty Elder slot created by a resignation.
- The Operations Manual for the church is undergoing revision, with the goal of having an up-to-date version ready for the new Pastor.
- We discussed possible ways of asking outside groups or agencies to use building office space, which would better utilize church resources and perhaps create a little revenue.
- We received and approved financial reports and reports from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), various ministries, and me. —Kerry

50th Annual

SALE TO FIGHT HUNGER

SPONSORED BY CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF CARBONDALE

WHEN

Friday May 2 -- 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday May 3 -- 9 am to 2 pm

WHERE

University Mall FORMER OLD NAVY STORE

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

- Tuesday Apr. 29, 10 am – 4 pm
- Wednesday Apr. 30, 10 am – 6 pm
- Thursday May 1, 10 am – 1 pm
(No clothing accepted on Thursday).

Pull up to the double doors near the FedEx drop-off box, and volunteers will help you unload.

TO VOLUNTEER:

**Call/text Katie Carl 618-925-2252,
email hungersalecwu@gmail.com,
use the QR code, or visit
<https://signupschedule.com/hungersale2025>**



For more info find us on Facebook at Church Women United in Carbondale, or just search for Hunger Sale!

Donors include: Silkworm, SIU Credit Union, The Thrift Shop, Burris Disposal

SILENT AUCTION

**Starts Friday, ends
Saturday at 11am**

SALE ITEMS

Jewelry, electronics, baked goods, décor, furniture, tools, housewares, clothes, toys, books, bulbs and plants, more

HALF - PRICE SPECIALS ON SATURDAY!

BENEFITS:

**Good Sam Food Pantry,
Feed My Sheep
(Bethel AME),
Victory Food Pantry,
Senior Citizens' Meals,
The Women's Center,
C'dale Warming Center.
M'boro Food Pantry
S.P.I.N., For Kids Sake
World Central Kitchen, more**

**View sale items & updates
on our Facebook page—
follow:
Church Women United of
Carbondale**



Tesserae
Southern Illinois Queer+ Chorus
PRESENTS
**SONGS BENEATH
A RAINBOW'S
LOVELY ARCH**

FEATURING WORKS
EXCLUSIVELY BY QUEER AND ALLY COMPOSERS
INCLUDING
JEAN-BAPTISTE LULLY,
ABBIE BETINIS, COLE PORTER,
& BILLIE EILISH

MAY 4TH, 2025 - 5PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CARBONDALE
FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED
RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION AT 4:15 SPONSORED BY
RAINBOW CAFE LGBTQ CENTER

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Financial Report March 2025**25% of the year completed**

Income Line	Income YTD	Annual Budget	
Pledges	\$ 67,604.88	\$ 203,400.00	33%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 2,736.53	\$ 13,600.00	20%
Per Capita	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,800.00	36%
Transfer From Investments	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 55,961.68	18%
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,041.63	\$ 19,700.00	26%
Total Income	\$ 86,023.04	\$ 294,461.68	29%

Expenditure Line	Expenditures YTD	Annual Budget	
Mission	\$ 300.00	\$ 11,570.00	3%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 20,277.89	\$ 90,531.26	22%
Staff	\$ 18,338.31	\$ 81,800.42	22%
Faith Development	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00	0%
Worship & Music	\$ 315.00	\$ 2,325.00	14%
Communication/Administration	\$ 6,807.48	\$ 16,800.00	41%
Facilities/Capital	\$ 18,054.34	\$ 87,335.00	21%
Christian Nurture	\$ 42.89	\$ 1,900.00	2%
Total Expenditures	\$ 64,135.91	\$ 294,461.68	22%

Income over Expenditures \$ 21,887.13



May Birthdays

5/3 Forrest Stewart
 5/7 Joseph Prest
 5/12 Linda Brandon
 5/13 Barbara Stewart
 5/14 Archer Beyler
 5/15 Ann Warner
 5/17 Wendi Zea
 5/18 Kellyn Daly
 5/23 Kara Hertzing

May Anniversaries

5/13 Brenda & David Gilbert
 5/25 Denise & Orlan Brown
 5/28 Judy & Keith Beyler
 5/30 Gary & Sarah Merideth

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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Reverend Kerry Bean (pastorkerry@firstprescdale.org)

Friday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale
**Free admission, donations greatly appreciated*

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Stars & Stripes
Songs by American Composers

with works by William Billings, Chen Yi, Adolphus
Hailstork, Jean Berger, and Queen Lili'uokalani

— ★ ★ ★ —

featuring
Carley Jo Goggins, Soprano
Faith Wagner, Alto
Scott Johnson, Tenor
Harrison Gilberti, Bass

presented by
MAROON
Resonance

in collaboration with
**First Presbyterian
Church of
Carbondale**



On May 5, 1953, the final plans were made for a \$100,000 Centennial Advance Program. Plans for the new \$70,000 education wing were drawn by Gale Henderson, architect of St. Louis.... The original stone is to be removed from the north and west side of the present north wing of the edifice and used on the front elevation of the new education building. This will make the entire University Street front of the same appearance.