



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Fellowship - 10:30 a.m.  
Faith Dialogues - 11:00 a.m.  
(Resumes Sept. 11)

Wednesday Bible Study - 3:30 p.m.

1st Sunday - Sept. 4

Session - Sept. 13

Laundry Day - Sept. 14

Dinner Group - Sept. 15

Membership Workshop -  
Sept. 25

**Church Office Hours**  
Monday through Thursday  
9:00-11:30 a.m. and  
12:30-4:00 p.m.

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September 25

## And We're Off!

As I'm writing this, two big things have begun. The first is rehearsals for this year's murder mystery (more about that in a moment), and the second is my vacation- which I wrote about in the last newsletter. Actually, by the time you're reading this, I may well be heading *back* from Florida, having spent more than a week with much of my family. I am hoping to be tan and rested- and full of stories of new adventures.

But now, let's talk about *Intrepid Inspector Ilse of Interpol and the Maine Moose Misdemeanor: A Moosetery in Two Acts...* This is the second murder mystery melodrama we have staged since I've been serving with you as Interim/Covenant Pastor. We were all pleasantly surprised at how well *Murder By Malbec* went in 2019, including the level of financial support you all provided for hunger programs local and national. But the biggest benefit of all, I think, was how it pulled the church together- and provided a real spark of energy.

I hope *The Maine Moose Misdemeanor* does the same this year. Many of you are already involved in the cast and crew. Others will be helping with publicity, hospitality, and childcare. We still need folks for the production: running lights and managing props, for instance. Let me know if you want to join in the fun.

The show opens (and closes) Sunday, October 30 in Fellowship Hall. We've already had two read-through rehearsals, and I can tell you the FH is just as lovely (and echo-y) as ever. This year the proceeds will go to the Carbondale Warming Center and the Carbondale Laundry Project. Donations will be taken as you enter the door for the performance. We are planning to have a silent auction for baked goods, as well, and you can even win a cool prize for guessing the identity of the cunning criminal behind all the shenanigans. The **big** news is that Gerry and Cindy Buys are donating a week in their cabin in the beautiful woods of Maine as a raffle prize. (All the pertinent details will be shared in the October Newsletter.)

The plot of the show is that (on a dark and stormy Halloween night) the Marble Moose Monument, a huge and priceless marble statute in Caribou Cove, Maine, is surprisingly and impressively stolen. Since it is so valuable, the thief (or thieves) will stop at nothing to attain it, including murder. All of the action takes place at the Nookencranny Cabin, in which a small family, a bunch of so-called tourists, and three diligent officers of the law- including Inspector Ilse and Dr. Bob- find themselves in increasingly dire (read "silly") situations. No one is to be trusted and all rules of quality playwriting are pointedly ignored.

It's a big deal, my friends. We aren't moosin' around.

Let me share the cast list with you before I start packing in earnest. We welcome back such thespian luminaries as Kathy Manfredi, Beth Forsberg, John and Carolyn Hooker, Rob and Melissa Jensen, Al Bennett, Kitty Trescott, and Dori Jefferson. Newcomers to our stage this year include: Lance Forsberg, Elizabeth Hamilton, Sam Foskey, myself, and Lizzy Yander. It is going to be such fun that I can hardly contain myself.

All right, I am finally off on that vacation. You should be circling Sunday, October 30, at 6 p.m. on your calendar for the most amazing reader's theatre-style musical murder mystery melodrama that you're going to see all year (in our Fellowship Hall). More details to come, y'all, but I can't wait to get back and get started.

(Okay, I can wait a little bit...),

Peace

*Kerry*

In sure and certain hope...

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

*The church family extends sympathy to  
the family and friends of*

John Holt

September 21, 1943 - August 4, 2022

*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



## Membership Ministry

Plan to attend the Membership Development Workshop Sunday, September 25, at 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you care about the future of our church, you won't want to miss this important workshop.

The membership ministry will be discussing our critical need to grow church membership and, more importantly, will be providing specifics about just how to do that. The entire workshop will take about 90 minutes, and light refreshments will be served. Please add this date to your calendar and be sure to attend.

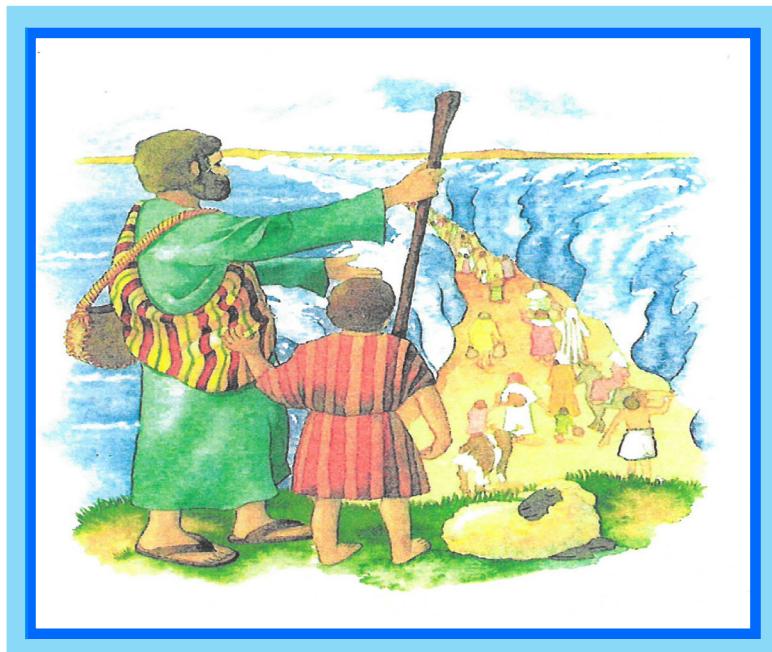
## Faith Development

### Sunday Morning Class for Children

Starting September 4, when children leave the sanctuary after Children's Time, they will be learning the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt. Stories will begin with the baby Moses and cover his call, the plagues, the escape through the Sea of Reeds, and the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.



Activities will include puppets, art, computer, cooking, and drama. Volunteers to lead one Sunday's activity are needed.



If you know a child without a church home, please extend an INVITATION to join us.



Faith Dialogues will resume Sunday, September 11. We will meet in person at the front of the sanctuary and by Zoom. In order to permit participants to fully enjoy Fellowship Time, we will begin at 11 a.m.

This fall, we will base our discussions on articles from the current Christian Century magazine. The particular article selected will be announced a week in advance. Online subscriptions for Christian Century are available at a special rate of \$9.95, but only if requested at [www.christiancentury.org/homebrew](http://www.christiancentury.org/homebrew).

Please contact John Baker if you have questions.

## LAUNDRY PROJECT

The Carbondale Laundry Project continues strong with another successful Free Laundry Day in August. Approximately 50 people attended and we spent \$350 in quarters. Special thanks to Jane Swanson, Bill Martens, Rick Jefferson, and Ro Quick for volunteering. New volunteers and donations are always welcome.

## FIRST SUNDAY

September is First Presbyterian's month to focus on donations for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, so please bring extra items for Good Sam on First Sunday, September 4. In addition, we will continue to collect items for the Carbondale Warming Center, Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME, Presbyterian Daycare and Preschool, the Diaper Bank, and the Laundry Project,

## AFGHAN UPDATE

It's back to school time for our Afghan family. The three-year-old boy will attend a full-day Head Start program and his eight-year-old sister will attend Thomas School. With the children in school, mom will be able to focus more on English language lessons and perhaps some paid sewing opportunities.

## SPECIAL DAYS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

The **International Day of Peace** is September 21. In honor of that important time, we will collect the annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering** Sunday, September 25. From the PCUSA website: "The Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world." Keep an ear open for messages of peace all during the month of September.

# MISSION PROJECTS

## DIAPER BANK

The Diaper Bank is nearing another milestone of distributing 400,000 diapers. The Kiwanis Club made the Diaper Bank the focus of their August fundraising. Thank you to the Kiwanis and everyone else who has supported this important ministry over the years.

# Like Bacon, only Better.

**Join the Choir**

New members welcome!

## Dinner Group

will meet Thursday,  
September 15 at 5:30 p.m.  
The restaurant is to be de-  
termined - more informa-  
tion will follow.



It's time to begin planning for Student Spirit Sacks. If you know of a college student in our congregation or affiliated with our congregation, please send their full name and school address to Sarah Merideth at [smmerideth@gmail.com](mailto:smmerideth@gmail.com)

Packages of goodies or possibly gift cards will be sent to the students prior to the holidays and final exams.

The church choir, under the direction of Carlyn Zimmermann, will perform selected Sundays this fall. Everyone is welcome to join rehearsals in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. on choir performance Sundays: August 28, September 18, September 25, October 16, October 23, and October 30, 2022 (subsequent dates TBA). Carlyn is also coordinating rehearsals for those interested in performing during the LBGTQ-Affirming Community Worship Service October 2, 2022; please reach out to Carlyn for more information.



No Pizza and a movie in September



### Birthdays

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7 - John Hooker         | 2 - Peter and Kara Hertzing |
| 9 - Rich Zimmermann     | 3 - Gerry and Cindy Buys    |
| 10 - Mimi Williams      |                             |
| 12 - Carolyn Hollabaugh |                             |
| 24 - Mikell Miskell     |                             |
| 25 - Sue Bailey         |                             |
| 25 - Rob Jensen         |                             |
| 28 - Grant Hertzing     |                             |

### Anniversaries



We have had a busy month. The children have been saying goodbye to some friends moving on to school and welcoming new friends in their class. They have also been working hard continuing to take care of the garden and enjoying eating some delicious tomatoes- grown with love.

Our littlest littles have begun babbling, rolling over, almost crawling, signing, and walking. Such accomplishments- we are so proud of all of our kiddos.

This month we will focus on getting to know one another, learning about our school, talking about individuals, and focusing on achieving more developmental milestones.

Thanks everyone who donated school supplies for our center. We appreciate it very much.

We are looking for qualified individuals to join our team. Anyone interested is welcome to apply. Please have them call (618) 529-1551 or email a resume and transcripts to: [pcdcdaycare@firstpresdale.org](mailto:pcdcdaycare@firstpresdale.org). Thank you for your help.

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.

American Red Cross

## First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall  
310 S. University Avenue  
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

**Thursday, September 1, 2022**  
**1:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
for more information and  
to schedule your donation.

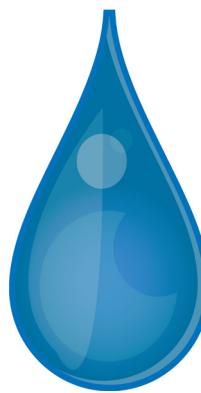
Walk-ins are welcome!

We give blood. Will you?

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## A Cool Drink of Water



*When we turn on the tap to get a cool drink of water, brush our teeth, take a shower, or water our plants, where does that cool drink of water come from? It may come from a groundwater source such as an aquifer or a well, or it may come from a surfacewater source such as a lake, river, spring or reservoir.*

*And where does that water come from? Well, Earth's blue color when seen from space is due to approximately 70% of it being covered by water. This water on earth is the same water it has had for a few billion years. No new water is ever created. Of that 70% of water on earth, only 2.5% of it is freshwater and even some of that isn't available to us as it is frozen in the polar caps and glaciers. Essentially less than one percent of all water is freshwater and this scant one percent is found in our lakes, rivers, and aquifers.*

*So if all the water we have on earth is all that exists and we can't make more, and we only have a little less than one percent thinking from locally to globally. Marion Medical Mission sub-Saharan Africa, New York, sources are under increasing pressure. One of the more visible signs of droughts and impact not only those that afford water.*



*When we, as a congregation, support the building of wells in Malawi and other areas, we recognize that whether we live in California, or Illinois, water is a precious resource. Our water pressure due to pollution, population growth, and global warming results of global warming shows up in an increase in the intensity and frequency of droughts and floods, which are devastating events for some communities and are directly affected, but all of us. We all need access to clean, affordable water.*

*What can we do? To act as good stewards of our planet, protect and conserve our water resources. Green Guard-*

*we can take one or two small steps to help. I hope you will read and act on the following tips.*



Conserving water indoors:

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, soaping up in the shower, or shaving.
- Challenge yourself to a less than 5 minute shower. Every minute with the faucet off saves at least two gallons of water.
- Install a low-flow or WaterSense labeled aerator and showerhead.
- Consider baths a luxury...they use 35-50 gallons of water compared to 10-15 gallons for a shower.
- If you have a dishwasher, use it, and only run it when full. Don't pre-rinse your dishes.
- If you wash dishes by hand, don't let the water run while washing.
- Run your washing machine only when full.



Apollo Nine astronaut Rusty Schweickart said it well, "We aren't passengers on Spaceship Earth, we're the crew. We aren't residents on this planet, we're citizens. The difference in both cases is responsibility."



## PRESCHOOL

September marks the start of our school year and we are excited to see our returning students and meet new little friends and their families. We will have our Open House and Registration Day Thursday, September 1, 2022. This is a wonderful time for new and returning students and families to visit their classrooms and meet the teachers. We look forward to our annual Ice Cream Social mid month at Evergreen Park to enjoy ice cream sundaes with all the delightful toppings and to gather together as

a school family. We would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies last month. Your generosity and support are such a huge help to our program. Thank you. Like, follow, and share our Facebook page for all our preschool happenings, events and fundraising. Please lift up our preschool in prayer and pray for our students and teachers for a safe and flourishing school year. Thank you for your prayers and support.

# Presbyterian Preschool

*Established 1966*



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ENROLLING!**

*"This is the Best Kept  
Secret in Town"*

Presbyterian Preschool strives to offer our children the finest educational experiences to encourage growth emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually in a non-denominational environment of love and acceptance.

### Preschool Ages 2-5

*Presbyterian Preschool offers:*

- ✓ Half-day programs for your little ones.
- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ Certified teachers
- ✓ Explore: Spanish, art, music, and hands-on learning

All classes 9AM – Noon

Early care 8:00AM - 9:00AM

Tuesday/ Thursday: 2 year old class (Polliwogs)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 3 year old class (Tadpoles)

Monday thru Friday: 4 year old class (Frogs)

**Call (618) 529-1264 or Email to Set up a Tour!**

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In recognition of October as LGBTQ History Month, Rainbow Cafe is hosting the first annual Southern Illinois LGBTQ Fest. The weekend's events kick off with a Ballroom Extravaganza Friday evening, September 30, 2022 on the SIUC campus. Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 1:00-5:00 p.m., vendors and free entertainment will be found at the Washington Street Venue in downtown Carbondale, followed by evening afterparties at partnering

venues. Sunday morning, October 2, 2022, First Presbyterian Church will host the community LGBTQ-Affirming worship service at 9:30 a.m. Come show your support at one or more of these events.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS  
**LGBTQ FEST**

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## Session Synopsis

August 8

We opened the meeting with a prayer and the devotional, which was a reading of Psalms 133 and 134.

The discussion items for our meeting included the following:

- Positive aspects of our church, such as the growth of the Preschool and Daycare programs, the good health of our finances, the return of Fellowship, better use of basement space, and the enhancement of Zoom worship because of new electronic devices.
- A continued discussion about Covid-19 safety protocols, and the expectation that this topic will be revisited as needed in the future.
- We expressed deep sorrow for the loss of John Holt and much gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to our church.
- Ro Quick gave two walk-through tours of the building during the past month, highlighting the amount of storage space now available in the reorganized basement. The sewage system will likely need repairs/replacing (particularly the clay pipe under the front lawn) sometime in the near future. We're all very grateful for the tremendous job the Facilities Elders are doing to keep the building clean and well-maintained.
- We continued to think about our building in terms of its historical identity as a downtown church near campus and close to the people it served with its various missions.

During the business portion of the meeting, the Minutes and Financial reports were approved. The church is in good shape financially, thanks to all who have generously given to pay for recent Fellowship Hall repairs and cleaning.

Session also approved holding a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on September 1, sponsorship of the October LGBTQ Festival, and collecting the Peace and Global Witness Offering, Sunday, October 2.

In the near future Membership Ministry will hold a workshop designed to educate the congregation about inviting potential new members to church activities and Bo Sullivan will lead a Green Guardian initiative on how to cut down on food waste. Rehearsals are underway for the October presentation of our Murder Mystery.

Judy Beyler will lead worship on August 21, 2022, while Kerry is on vacation.

Submitted by Sharon Wittke, Clerk of Session



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## Financial Report July 2022

58% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 161,328.50	\$ 228,824.00	71%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 10,281.88	\$ 16,000.00	64%
Per Capita	\$ 2,113.00	\$ 2,500.00	85%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 15,111.41	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 11,573.62	\$ 17,230.00	67%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 185,297.00</b>	<b>\$ 279,665.41</b>	<b>66%</b>
Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 6,632.80	\$ 13,520.00	49%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 46,702.03	\$ 83,936.86	56%
Staff	\$ 39,062.74	\$ 82,969.55	47%
Christian Ed.	\$ 838.82	\$ 3,800.00	22%
Worship & Music	\$ 581.73	\$ 3,875.00	15%
Comm/Administration	\$ 10,881.45	\$ 20,564.00	53%
Property/Capital	\$ 37,554.39	\$ 69,100.00	54%
Christian Nurture	\$ 303.11	\$ 1,900.00	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 142,557.07</b>	<b>\$ 279,665.41</b>	<b>51%</b>
Revenues over Expenses	\$ 42,739.93		



Comfort all those who morn....

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



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September  
2022

A large, stylized cursive "September" is written across the page. Above the letter "e", there is a horizontal row of colorful apples in various shades of red, yellow, and green, with some leaves. Below the "September" text is the year "2022".

Following Pearl Harbor, due to WWII, our Presbyterian men, women, and even children began to be involved in the "The War Effort".