



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am in person/Zoom
w/Childcare & Children's Church School
Worship via Zoom: 824 8455 3329
Joys & concerns: pray@firstprescdale.org
Followed by **Coffee Fellowship**

Teachings of the Spirit
with J.P. Russell & Bill Martens
Wednesdays 10:00 am Lounge
(No meeting October 14)

Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays 6:00 pm

**World Communion Offering &
First Sunday Collection** October 4

Stated Session Meeting October 8

**Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
(PSEI) Big Conversation:
Evicting the American Dream**
October 10 10:00 am Fellowship Hall

Office closed October 12

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

Dinner Group October 15 5:30 pm
Don Sol Mexican Grill

Choir Performs October 18 & 25

Presbyterian Women
October 20 1:00 pm

Presbyterian Men October 22 Noon

**Deadline to submit names for
All Saint's Sunday** October 25

LGBTQIA+-Affirming Worship
October 25 5:00 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

**An Evening at Home: Music
Shared Among Friends and
Family** October 27 7:00 pm

Daylight Savings Time ends
November 1 (Set your clocks back one
hour Saturday night, October 31!)

*Sunday worship services
are livestreamed via Zoom
and are later posted on
our YouTube channel
[@firstprescdale](https://www.youtube.com/@firstprescdale)*



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*This is the moment
and it belongs
to God*

What are you chasing?

What are you hungry for?

Whose are you?

What does love require?

Step in!

**Stewardship Pledge Sunday
is November 1, 2026**

Dear First Pres Family of Faith,

Last week was one of those weeks. There were people in the hospital. There was a funeral to prepare for and lead. There were all the other things that don't stop needing attention simply because something more urgent has appeared. My usual time off disappeared somewhere along the way.

I did manage to carve out a couple of hours when I was officially "off duty"—and spent them assisting my brother with a building project I'd promised to help with. This probably tells you something about me: Given a little open space, apparently, my instinct is not necessarily to rest. It's to find something else to do.

I like to be busy. I like to keep moving. I like to solve problems, make things, and figure out what comes next. There is something deeply satisfying about standing back at the end of the day and saying, "There. We did something." And, friends, I have noticed that many of you are not terribly different.

This may be one reason our recent sermon series GIVEN has been slightly counterintuitive for us. For the past several weeks, I've asked us to notice what we have received...to remember...to recognize grace...to pay attention to the people who made a way before we arrived...and to sit for a while with the strange truth—that so much of what sustains our lives came to us before we could earn it, choose it, or do anything about it.

Then, I've had the audacity not to let us immediately turn it into an action plan. For people who like to do things, this is perhaps a particular form of spiritual torture! But I think the waiting has mattered.

There is a difference between immediately asking, "*What should we do?*" and first taking the time to ask, "*What have we been given?*" If we skip the first question, it's awfully easy to charge ahead carrying only what we happened to notice. We can become so eager to build the next thing that we forget to look carefully at what is already in our hands.

But eventually, gratitude needs somewhere to go. Eventually, remembering turns us toward the future. Eventually, we get to ask: "*Now what?*" That's where we're headed next.

This month, our new sermon series, **THIS IS THE MOMENT: Investing Our Lives in What Matters Most**, will let us do what some of us have probably been itching to do for weeks: turn toward what comes next.

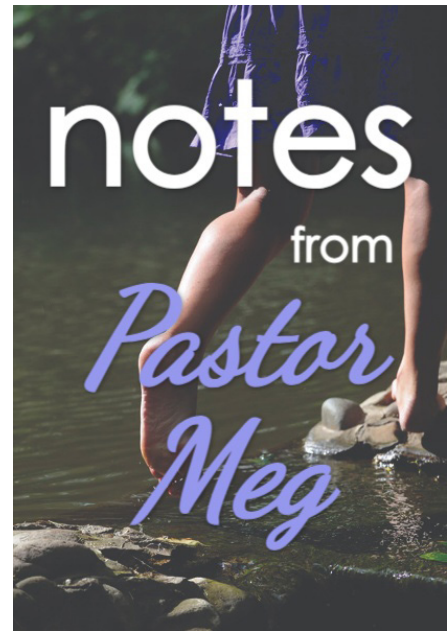
If GIVEN has invited us to recognize what has reached our hands, THIS IS THE MOMENT asks us to consider what we will do with it. What deserves our attention? What possibilities will we nurture? What will receive our energy, our resources, our imagination, and our love? What are we willing to put ourselves behind?

Those are stewardship questions, of course. Yes, some of the answers involve money. But before they are financial questions, they are questions about how we live in response to grace.

Maybe that's why we needed to begin by sitting still. Before we decide what to build, it helps to notice what we've been given to build with. Before we rush toward the future, it helps to remember who made it possible for us to stand here. Before we ask what God wants us to do next, perhaps we needed some time simply to notice what God has already done.

We've done some remembering. We've practiced receiving. We've paid attention to what has reached our hands. And now? Now we get to do something with it. I have a feeling we're going to like this part.

See you soon! —*Pastor Meg*





Some moments announce themselves.

Others look ordinary while we're living them. Only later do we look back and realize: That was the crossroads. That was when something shifted. That was when a possibility became a direction. That was the moment.

We believe this is one of those moments in the life of our congregation. Not because of any single event, program, person, or decision...but because something is moving among us.

We're at the beginning of a new chapter of pastoral leadership. There is fresh energy in our worship and music, drawing people into new kinds of participation and possibility. We are asking new questions about our relationship with our neighbors, and our community. We are discovering both a deeper sense of who we are and a growing curiosity about who God may be calling us to become.

And all of this is happening in a world hungry for communities of belonging, meaning, courage, justice, beauty, and hope.

There are moments when the task of a congregation is to tend faithfully what has already been built. And there are moments when something opens. This is the moment.

This fall, those words will become the refrain of our stewardship season—**THIS IS THE MOMENT: Investing Our Lives in What Matters Most.** They come in part from a song we'll sing together throughout these weeks. But the song doesn't stop with declaring the importance of the present. It makes another claim: ***This is the moment. And it belongs to God.*** Those two truths belong together.

This moment matters. What we choose...what we nurture...what we are willing to invest—they matter. The decisions we make now may set trajectories that extend far beyond what we can presently see.

But this moment does not belong to us. It belongs to God. So our task is not to predict the future or control it. Our task is to recognize the possibilities before us, listen carefully for God's invitation, and decide how faithfully and courageously we are willing to respond.

The people who came before us had moments like this, too. They made decisions whose consequences they could not fully know. They invested in ministries, buildings, relationships, people and possibilities. We are living inside some of those decisions today.

Now the moment has reached us. Years from now, perhaps someone will look back at this season in the life of our congregation and recognize something we cannot yet see. That was when they decided. That was when they invested. That was when something began.

We don't know what they will say. That's the nature of a moment like this. We only know that this moment has been given to us.

First Pres family: This is the moment. And it belongs to God.

Stewardship Pledge Sunday is November 1, 2026.



An anonymous lifetime church member recently contributed \$92,353 to replace rubber and mansard roofing and the sanctuary roof. Their great generosity funding this essential facility maintenance exemplifies the spirit of faithful stewardship! Watch for photos next month.



In sure and certain hope...

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

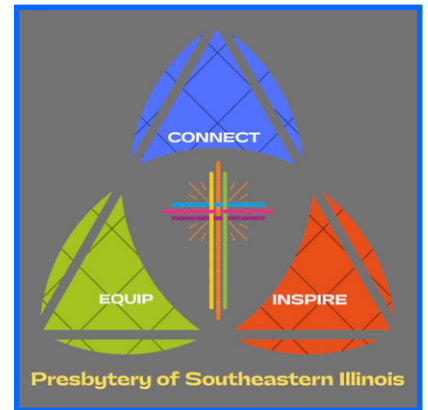
The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of

Janice "Jan" Kay Wolfe Danley

November 18, 1958 – September 23, 2026

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

Saturday, October 10, 2026 presents two opportunities for Presbyterian education and fellowship. From 10:00 am–1:00 pm in fellowship hall, the **Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois (PSEI)'s Big Conversation** will feature the award-winning documentary *Evicting the American Dream*. Lunch will be provided; preregistration is required at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhEM_jPyPomefCfSFvBTiDh5-ZoeDkSsRykMoYYT_5XAeQ/viewform



You are invited to a
Presbyterian Women
Synod of Lincoln Trails



Fall Gathering

Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

Virtual on ZOOM

11am ET / 10am CT

Hear from Dr. Sarah Leer who writes the Bible Study *Suggestions for Leaders* to accompany the 2026-2027 PW/ *Horizons Bible Study* "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians." Dr. Leer will bring us insights on this theme that apply whether you are using this Study or not!



We will also have updates from Carol Winkler on 2027's PW Churchwide Gathering and Mission Project: Thank Offering.

TO REGISTER, scan the QR code, or email
jhopkins4616@sbcglobal.net



Internet access is needed for Zoom. There is no cost and you do not need to belong to a formal PW at your church to attend! See you there!

Also at 10:00 am on October 10, 2026, the **Synod of Lincoln Trails hosts the Presbyterian Women (PW) Fall Gathering via Zoom**. This event is open to all regardless of PW affiliation. See registration details at left and consider logging in with a friend.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

If someone you have loved has died since October 31, 2025 and you would like to have them remembered during worship on All Saints' Day (November 1, 2026), submit their name and date of death to the church office by October 25, 2026.

FALL BACK

November 1, 2026 2:00 am



As reported last month, the Mission Ministry is pursuing certification as a Hunger Action Congregation. In reviewing our church's work, we realize how much this congregation does to learn about and alleviate hunger, and provide witness and advocacy to address hunger. Of course, much

more needs to be done. Again this year, Mission will be organizing a **Bread for the World letter writing campaign** to members of Congress to advocate for legislation that will decrease hunger in the United States and around the world. Learn more about this initiative at <https://www.bread.org/>.

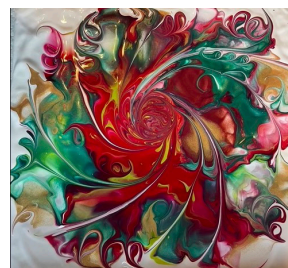
The **First Sunday collection** October 4, 2026 will continue its focus on local ministries including the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, Feed My Sheep, the Carbondale Warming Center and the Diaper Bank of Southern Illinois, and others. Need remains great, especially in light of reductions in federal aid. We welcome nonperishable food items, hygiene supplies, diapers and other essentials, as well as monetary donations to these ministries. Look for the shopping carts in the narthex.



The Mission Ministry will host a **Paint and Sip fundraising event Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 1:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall** featuring guest artist Mary Ann Wildwood. Participants will paint a tile to take home.

The suggested onsite donation of \$50 covers the cost of materials; proceeds will support church hunger projects. Simple refreshments will be provided. Consider bringing a smock to protect your clothing.

All are welcome, but **reservations are required; call or text Dori Jefferson at 618-203-6696 by November 1, 2026 to RSVP.**



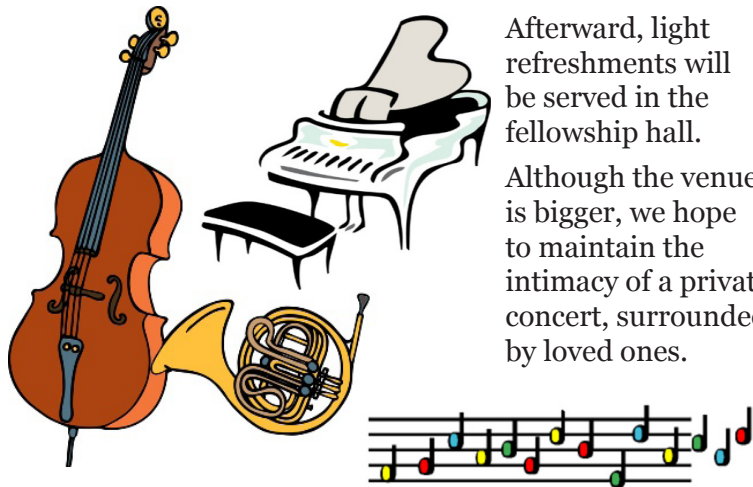
Participants will choose one of two color schemes: Autumn or Christmas. Please let Dori know your choice.



Carbondale Laundry Project donations are needed and welcomed in support of this essential ministry. Free Laundry Day is the second Wednesday of every month, when an average of \$500 in quarters is spent. This ministry is seeking a new coordinator (contact Jane Swanson or Bill Martens to discuss). Purchase **Tru-Earth Laundry Eco-Strips** at church or online at <https://tru-earth.sjv.io/CarbondaleLaundryProject>.



Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary, you're invited to ***An Evening at Home: Music Shared Among Friends and Family.*** When this idea first arose, a simple soiree-style evening in a private home was planned. As we considered whom we might invite, it became apparent we needed a larger concert setting!



Afterward, light refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.

Although the venue is bigger, we hope to maintain the intimacy of a private concert, surrounded by loved ones.

AN EVENING AT HOME

MUSIC SHARED AMONG FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Tuesday, October 27 at 7PM
First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale

FEATURING WORKS BY:
Faure
Gershwin
Gillie
Gounod
Neuling
Villa-Lobos
and others

WITH MUSICIANS:
Dottie Eddis
cello
AJ Bernal
horn
Kathy Manfredi
Piano

ANTHONY GRAY COLLABORATIVE PIANO RECITAL

With
David Dillard, Eric Mandat and
Jiyeon Lee

OCTOBER 10, 2026
5:00 P.M.
OBF RECITAL HALL *



*OBF: Old Baptist Foundation on the SIU campus

JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE
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BAND & ORCHESTRA Fall Concert

DATE:
Sunday,
October 25, 2026

TIME:
2:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
F-Wing Conference
Center

ADMISSION:
Free and open
to the public



We extend a warm welcome to our newest choir members
Emily Mach, Sandy Starnaman and Jason McClure (pictured at right fifth, sixth & ninth from left).



Last month the choir kicked off its Fall 2026 season with moving performances including "He Hideth My Soul," which was also sung at Jan Danley's memorial service. Sunday morning's performance of this piece featured guest cellist Abigail Eads (pictured at left with Kathy Manfredi on piano). More exciting instrumental collaboration is planned this season!

It's not too late to lend your voice to the choir (even if you can barely carry a tune).

Check out musical performances you missed (or re-live your favorites) on YouTube @firstprescdale.

(Photos: Morgan Quick, Joshua Whitehurst)

A World Without Immigrants?

What would that mean for Southern Illinois?

Join Southern Illinois Immigrant Rights Project (SIIRP) and Carbondale Area Interfaith Refugee Support (CAIRS) as we explore what exactly Southern Illinois would look like if our country were to truly "build a wall".

Saturday, October 10, 2026

1:30-3:30 pm

at Don Luna Event Center
2141 S. Illinois Ave., Carbondale

Admission is free. Refreshments will be provided.
Join us in building compassionate community.



Dinner Group meets at Don Sol Mexican Grill

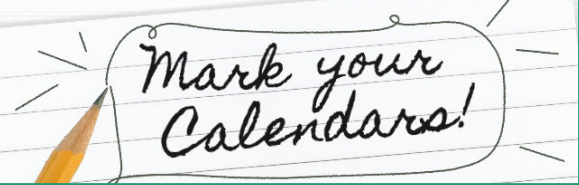
October 15, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

RSVP: jillhertzing@aol.com.

The WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING
will be collected October 4, 2026 in support of
racial and gender justice, peacemaking,
global witness, and ecumenical and
interfaith relations.

The Green Guardians believe we are stewards of God's magnificent Creation, charged to take good care of the environment and its inhabitants. These October days provide opportunity for awareness and action.

Green Guardians



No Disposable Cup Day & World Animal Day (Oct. 4) / World Habitat Day (Oct. 6)

Energy Efficiency Day & National LED Light Day (Oct. 7)

International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (Oct. 13)

International E-Waste Day (Oct. 14) / International Day of Climate Action (Oct. 24)

World Sustainability Day (Oct. 28)

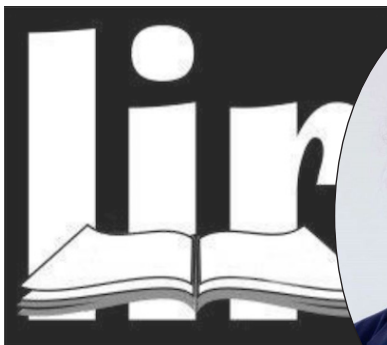
October species awareness days:

Raccoons (Oct. 1) / Badgers (Oct. 6) / Octopuses (Oct. 8) / Okapi (Oct. 18) / Sloths (Oct. 20),

Earthworms & Reptiles (Oct. 21) / Wombats (Oct. 22) / Snow Leopards (Oct. 23),

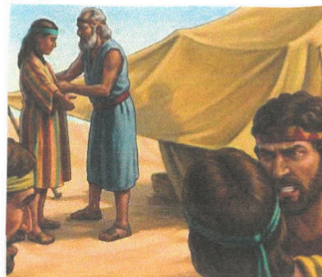
Gibbons & Freshwater Dolphins (Oct. 24) / Lemurs (Oct. 30).

October has a host of days devoted to a focus on individual species. Choose your favorite(s) and celebrate!



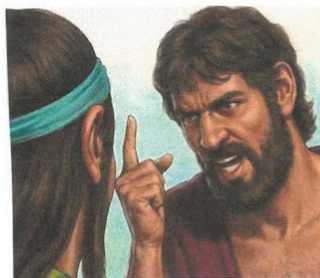
S.I. Learning in Retirement

Carol Samarah, JD, CCEP (above right) is featured at the **October 21, 2026 meeting of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement**. Samarah is the inaugural NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) Program Director for the Southern Illinois University system and will discuss the Act's impact on higher education. This free 10:30 am presentation follows a 9:30 am coffee hour at Epiphany Lutheran Church at 1501 W. Chautauqua in Carbondale (photo provided).



CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

We are ready to look at the fascinating story of Joseph and his brothers - from Joseph's beautiful coat and bragging to his brothers through the brothers getting rid of him. Then we'll pick up with Joseph in Egypt, right through to his brothers coming to Egypt for food and Joseph forgiving them all. The story has it all - from acts that hurt others to the possibility of forgiveness. Do invite someone to join us!



OCTOBER IS LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH

QUEERSTORY IN THE MAKING 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THU, OCT 1 KICKOFF CELEBRATION 7 - 8:30 PM 3rd Floor Rotunda, Morris Library March to the kickoff with Saluki Rainbow Network from the Communications Building. Arrive by 6:15, march at 6:30.	FRI, OCT 2 QUEER CINEMA: A NICE INDIAN BOY Doors at 6 PM, Starts at 6:30 PM Sharp Museum Auditorium, Foner Hall	MON, OCT 5 SAFE ZONE: CORE CONCEPTS 1 - 3 PM Room 150/160, Student Services Building	WED, OCT 7 GUEST SPEAKER: TRANS VETERAN AND AUTHOR HEATHER O'MALLEY 5 - 6:30 PM Room 752, Morris Library	THU, OCT 8 CLOSETS ARE FOR CLOTHES/ THIRST-TEA THURSDAY NOON - 3 PM Paulette Curkin Pride Resource Center, Student Services Building	FRI, OCT 9 RAINBOW HQ OPENING 2 - 6 PM 900 E Walnut St Ste 8, Carbondale
SAT, OCT 10 "10'S ACROSS THE BOARD" DRAG BALL 10 PM Varsity Center Ticket link at the QR Code	SUN, OCT 11 SIU PRIDE: COMING OUT SOCIAL 3 - 5:15 PM Student Services Building Pavilion Join the annual Coming Out Day Photo at 5 PM!	TUE, OCT 13 QUEER CINEMA: MY EMPTINESS AND I Doors at 6 PM, Starts at 6:30 PM Sharp Museum Auditorium, Foner Hall	WED, OCT 14 WHAT HAPPENED AT COMPTON'S CAFETERIA? 1:30 - 3 PM Hall of Presidents and Chancellors, Morris Library	THU, OCT 15 HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP 2 - 4 PM Room 170, Student Services Building	SAT, OCT 17 HOMECOMING LGBTAILGATE 3 Hours Before Game Student Tailgate Area Check the QR Code prior to event date
MON, OCT 19 NAME + GENDER CORRECTION SESSION 5 - 7:30 PM Classroom 139, Morris Library	TUE, OCT 20 PANEL DISCUSSION: FINDING YOUR CHOSEN FAMILY 4 - 6 PM Room 150/160 Student Services Building	WED, OCT 21 INTERNATIONAL PRONOUNNS DAY 10 AM - 3 PM Paulette Curkin Pride Resource Center, Student Services Building	WED, OCT 21 PRIDE PATRONS: CURKIN CIRCLE DONOR RECEPTION 6 PM Tedrick Welcome Center	SUN, OCT 25 LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING WORSHIP SERVICE 5 PM Epiphany Lutheran Church	MON, OCT 26 INTERSEX AWARENESS DAY 3:30 - 5:30 PM Room 170, Student Services Building
WED, OCT 28 IDENTITY AFFIRMING CRAFTS NOON - 2 PM Room 150/160 Student Services Building	THU, OCT 29 QUEER CINEMA: THE BABADOOK Doors at 6 PM, Starts at 6:30 PM Sharp Museum Auditorium, Foner Hall	FRI, OCT 30 DRAG SHOW SPOOKTACULAR Doors at 7 PM, Show at 8 PM Student Center Ballrooms	FRI, OCT 30 NO SHAME THEATER: ROCKY HORROR NIGHT 11 PM Moe Theater, Communications Building	SAT, OCT 31 SPOOKY SALUKI COSTUME DANCE 7 PM - 10 PM Student Center Ballrooms	SAT, OCT 31 ROCKY HORROR SHADOW CAST 11 PM Varsity Center



←←← **EVENT DETAILS, DESCRIPTIONS, AND MORE** →→→

WEEKLY MEETINGS (STUDENTS ONLY)

KALEIDOSCOPE: LGBTQIA+ SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP
 MONDAYS AT 4 PM IN STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING 170
TRANSITIONS SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP
 WEDNESDAYS AT 2:30 PM IN MORRIS LIBRARY 400A

SALUKI RAINBOW NETWORK
 TUESDAYS AT 5 PM IN MISSISSIPPI ROOM, STUDENT CENTER
 OCT 6: QUEEN HISTORY ICONS/BOARD GAMES, OCT 13: DRAG HISTORY, OCT 20: HISTORY OF STONEWALL, OCT 27: GAME OF WINTERWOLF



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
**PAULETTE CURKIN
 PRIDE RESOURCE CENTER**

In Partnership With

Saluki Rainbow Network, LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Council, Safe Zone Program, Southern Illinois Queer Archive, Saluki Furry Society, SIU Foundation, DITO - Downstate Illinois Trans Organization, Student Multicultural Resource Center, Hispanic/Latino Resource Center, Black Resource Center, Vice Chancellor of Anti-Racism Diversity Equity and Inclusion, SI C&E, Counseling and Psychological Services, Wellness and Health Promotion Services, Sharp Museum, Big Mud De-Medusa, No Shame Theater, Rainbow Cafe, Veterans Services, Varsity Center, Epiphany Lutheran Church



Our preschool year has started out wonderfully, as students have adjusted to new routines and begun to develop beautiful friendships. This month we'll be learning about the season changing to fall, and pumpkins, farms, fire safety and dinosaurs.

We have a special field trip planned to visit a pumpkin patch, with opportunities for fun-filled, hands-on learning about pumpkins and where they grow. A hay ride through the pumpkin patch will conclude with pumpkin picking for the kids to take home. We'll also have a special visit from The Carbondale Fire Department to learn about fire safety. Our Halloween parade is Friday, October 30, 2026 at 10:45 am, followed by our fall sing at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall; we hope you'll join us!

A special thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Mum Sale. Please keep your eyes out for our Show Me Dough fundraiser; you'll find order forms on the table near the glass doors under the porte-cochère at the beginning of November.

We wish everyone a SPOOKTACULAR October!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/4	Lucas Daly	10/2	Lizzy Olmsted & Dan Schuh
10/6	Jill O'Donoghue	10/28	John & Reona Daly
10/12	David Gilbert		
10/15	Kelly Donnigan		
10/18	Beth Davis		
10/24	Jay Brooks		
10/25	Morgan Quick		
10/28	Charlotte Schuh		
10/31	Elizabeth Hamilton		

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



Contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale are tax deductible under 501(c)(3) guidelines (consult your tax professional). Donate on Sunday mornings or by mail, click the "Give Now" button at www.firstprescdale.org, or scan this QR code with your smartphone camera. Consider automating your giving by setting up a recurring bank, credit/debit card, or retirement fund transfer (call church office for information).

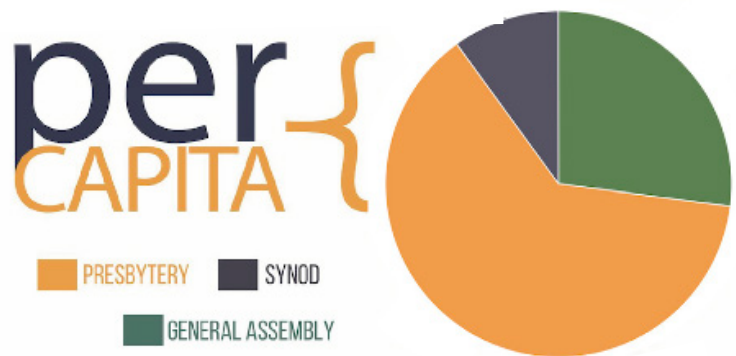
Financial Report August 2026

67% of the year completed

Income Line	Income YTD	Annual Budget	
Pledges	\$ 150,716.00	\$ 196,372.00	76.75%
Nonpledge & Cash Offerings	\$ 9,040.12	\$ 12,500.00	72.32%
Per Capita Contributions	\$ 1,952.00	\$ 2,400.00	81.33%
Transfer From Investments	\$ 59,310.47	\$ 59,310.47	100.00%
Other (e.g., Interest, Endowments)	\$ 12,166.50	\$ 18,950.00	64.20%
Total Income	\$ 233,185.09	\$ 289,532.47	80.54%
Expenditure Line	Expenditures YTD	Annual Budget	
Mission	\$ 3,034.00	\$ 10,098.00	30.05%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 41,696.47	\$ 79,463.41	52.47%
Support Staff	\$ 59,793.22	\$ 95,203.43	62.81%
Faith Development	\$ 123.99	\$ 1,400.00	8.86%
Worship & Music	\$ 2,887.77	\$ 3,728.00	77.46%
Communication/Administration	\$ 11,312.87	\$ 17,496.00	64.66%
Facilities/Capital	\$ 75,048.62	\$ 89,800.00	83.57%
Christian Nurture	\$ 1,109.53	\$ 1,500.00	73.97%
New Pastor Moving Expense	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$ 195,006.47	\$ 300,688.84	64.85%
YTD Income over Expenditures	\$ 38,178.62		

We appreciate everyone who has paid their **2026 Per Capita apportionment (\$42 per church member)**. Per capita supports Presbyterian Church (USA) activities at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels and is required of all PCUSA congregations, based on the number of church members on the rolls. When members contribute their own per capita, budget funds are freed up for operational, mission and worship expenses.

The church office can confirm whether your per capita is up-to-date. Write your check to First Presbyterian Church with **per capita** in the memo line. **Thank you!**





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https://pcusa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6FoErapySMG-UlvF6GBUmG

Why "Presbyterian" Will Never Be a Political Party: A Churchwide Study Series

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WITH GUESTS THE REV. DENISE
ANDERSON AND FLOR VÉLEZ-DÍAZ

OCTOBER

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STATE & CITIZEN: THEIR MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

WITH GUESTS THE REV. DR. AIMEE MOISO
AND ACSWP CO-CHAIRS REV. JEROMEY
HOWARD AND REV. SUE TRIGGER

OCTOBER

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THE CHURCH'S ROLE IN CIVIL SOCIETY

WITH GUESTS THE REV. JIHYUN OH AND
THE REV. JIMMIE HAWKINS

2026



OCTOBER



Presbyterians celebrate Reformation Sunday the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. In Scotland, the Protestant Reformation was led by the great reformer, John Knox (1514-1572). In 1559, the Lords of the Congregation militarily occupied cities including Perth and Edinburgh, and elected Knox minister of St. Giles Cathedral. They later asked Knox and his colleagues to write a confession of faith: *The First Book of Discipline of the Scots Confession*, which was adopted by Parliament in 1560 and remained official Scottish theological doctrine until 1647, when it was superseded by the Westminster Confession. Learn more at www.pcusa.org/rs.