



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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We are a More Light Presbyterians LGBTQIA+-affirming faith community — [www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org)

**Sunday Worship** 10:00 am  
with Children's Church School  
Zoom Link 824 8455 3329  
Email Zoom prayer joys & concerns to  
[sanctuaryimac@firstprescdale.org](mailto:sanctuaryimac@firstprescdale.org)  
Followed by **Coffee Fellowship**

**Bible Study with Bill & J.P.**  
Wednesdays 10:00 am Lounge

**Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays 6 pm

**LGBTQ+ History Month** kicks off  
October 1 See calendar on page 8

**World Communion Sunday,**  
**First Sunday and Peace & Global**  
**Witness PC(USA) Special Offering**  
October 5

**Choir performs** October 5 & 26

**Free Laundry Day** October 8  
10:00 am-2:00 pm Laundry World

***Intrepid Inspector Iona of Interpol***  
***and the Perfectly Pernicious***  
***Problem of the Pilfered Portfolio***  
**Fundraiser** October 10 7:00 pm  
Desserts & beverages at 6:15 pm  
Also via Zoom—Link on page 2

**Congregational Meeting**  
October 12 following Worship

**More Light Monday Webinar**  
***Why Pronouns Matter***  
October 13 6:00 pm via Zoom  
Preregistration information on page 6

**Session Meeting** October 14 7:00 pm

**Dinner Group** October 16 5:30 pm  
Hunan Restaurant

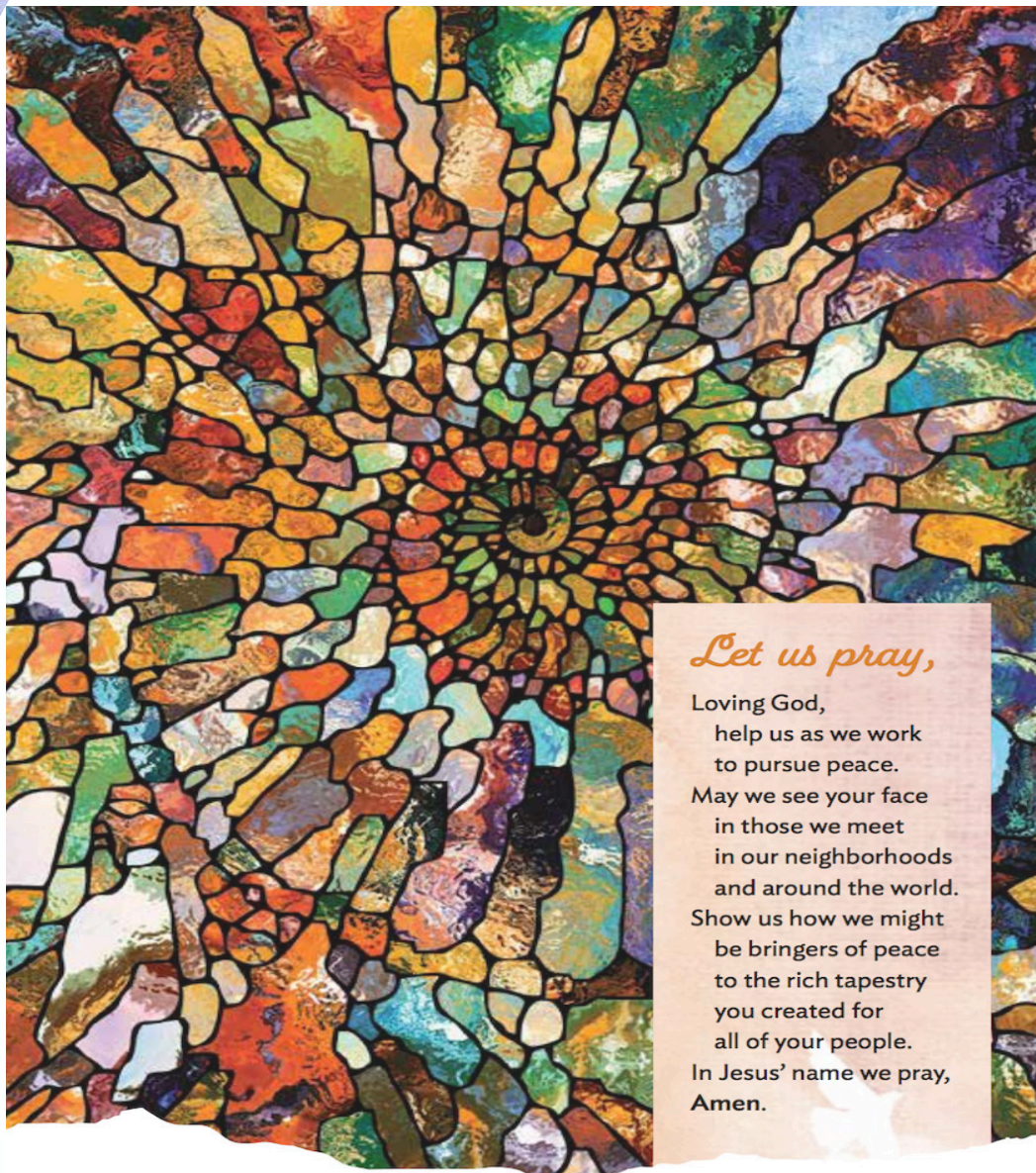
**40s & Under** October 18 6:30 pm  
Blend Tea & Crepe Lounge

**Presbyterian Women**  
October 21 1:00 pm

**Men's Fellowship Meeting**  
October 23 12 noon

***Pride & Purpose* Affirming Worship**  
October 26 5:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church

**Stewardship Pledge Sunday**  
November 2



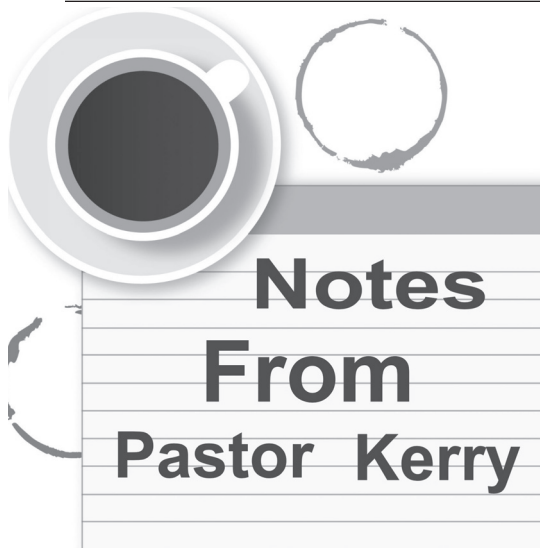
## *Let us pray,*

Loving God,  
help us as we work  
to pursue peace.  
May we see your face  
in those we meet  
in our neighborhoods  
and around the world.  
Show us how we might  
be bringers of peace  
to the rich tapestry  
you created for  
all of your people.  
In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION





### ***The Last Radio (Play)?***

I'm excited for our upcoming murder mystery musical melodrama ***Intrepid Inspector Iona of Interpol and the Pernicious Problem of the Perfectly Pilfered Portfolio***. We open (and close!) Friday, October 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.



The show will be performed as radio theatre in front of a live (and Zoom) audience. The plot is simple: Some no-gooder has broken into the Folger Library in Washington, DC and stolen the First Folio—an extremely valuable collection of William Shakespeare's plays...but they didn't stop there. A series of booby-traps have been set, to dissuade any crime solvers from actually solving the crime! Will time run out before the Folio is lost forever, and the villainous villain makes a clean getaway? It's a perfect case for Intrepid Inspector Iona and her stalwart sidekick Dr. Bob. Mayhem, hilarity, and dubious Shakespearean references ensue.

Come support your church friends including Denise & Orlan Brown, Beth Davis, Marta Davis, Rosey Gibbs, Carolyn & John Hooker, Kathy Manfredi and Kitty Trescott. Other talented folks joining us are Jennifer Burke, Sam Foskey and Granger Odum. I'll be creating sound effects and other fun features.

Donations benefiting the Carbondale Laundry Project and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) are welcome. Seating is first come, first served. Doors open at 6:15 pm for desserts and beverages in Fellowship Hill, before you make your way into the sanctuary for the 7:00 pm curtain. Some lucky attendee will even win a drawing for a moderately-fabulous prize! We'd love to see you there or via Zoom (<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86869009586>). —Kerry

The Peace & Global Witness Offering brings us together to pursue peace in our own communities and around the world.

**25%** of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

**25%** of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

**50%** of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe

The Peace & Global Witness PCUSA Special Offering will be collected Sunday, October 5, 2025.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for  
your participation in the  
Peace & Global Witness Offering.



## TIME TO SOAR—Stewardship Pledge Season is upon us

Our 2025 church budget is looking good so far. Review of the August Financial Report (see page 9) reveals that we're generally on track with respect to projected income and expenses for the year. One-time income sources have helped, and we've had to spend only about 40% of the annual amount projected for repairs and replacements.

### Our 2026 asking budget allows for a 5.3% increase in overall spending:

- The Board of Pensions has raised our dues for medical coverage and pension.
- Our facility insurance premium has increased—in part (as in previous years) due to the Presbyterian Preschool on the premises, and consistent with national trends.
- We are now paying the going rate for affiliate choir members/section leaders.
- We hope to provide cost-of-living and modest merit pay increases to our Administrative Assistant and Music Director.

Compensation for a new pastor remains unknown and will be subject to congregational approval. The session has approved the payment of pastoral search expenses from unbudgeted reserve funds. If you would like to make a contribution to cover some of these expenses, this would be most welcome.

**Stewardship Pledge Sunday is November 2, 2025.** Thank you to all who are paying their pledge via direct debit from their bank account, which is efficient and predictable for the donor and the church. **If you are not already, please consider contributing by direct debit in 2026.**

Your Stewardship Committee: Keith Beyler, Peter Hertzing & Rob Jensen

**The Mission Ministry is delighted to report that we have raised over \$2800 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** through the recent Paint & Sip fundraiser. We thank everyone for their generosity, especially Dori Jefferson and her supporters for leading this event.



**Feed My Sheep** volunteers including Lily Vucinic and Ann Warner (right) sliced bucketloads of donated peaches headed for the freezer. (Photo: Kara Dunkel)



**Mission appreciates your donations of school supplies for the Presbyterian Preschool and Carbondale schools.** (Photo: Cindy Buys)

## CALLING ALL DESSERTS

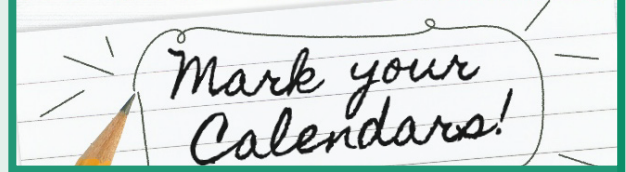
**Mission is soliciting donations of desserts and beverages to be enjoyed prior to the Radio Theater Play October 10, 2025. Please deliver these to Fellowship Hall by 5:30 pm that evening.**





*The Green Guardians encourage us to reflect on observing and celebrating the environment this month. Try doing an internet search to learn more about these special dates in October.*

## Green Guardians



**Oct. 1:** World Vegetarian Day

**Oct. 4:** No Disposable Cup Day & World Animal Day

**Oct. 6:** Energy Efficiency Day

**Oct. 7:** World Habitat Day

**Oct. 13:** International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction

**Oct. 14:** International E-Waste Day

**Oct. 16:** World Food Day

**Oct. 22:** Sustainability Action Day

**Oct. 23:** International Snow Day

**Oct. 24:** International Day for Climate Action

## Congratulations



Worship Accompanist **Jiyeon Lee** (left) is now an Assistant Professor of Practice at Southern Illinois University and received the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award from John A. Logan College in May. (Photos: Facebook)



Last month the **Dinner Group** (right) met at The Turn at Kokopelli Golf Course in Marion for good conversation and tasty food. Some new faces added laughter and fresh stories to our evening. This month we return to **Hunan in Carbondale on October 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm.** Email [jillhertzing@aol.com](mailto:jillhertzing@aol.com) if you'd like to join us. (Photo: Jill Hertzing)



**Jim Calloway** (above) was commissioned September 28, 2025 for his upcoming trip to Africa with Marion Medical Mission from October 12- November 2, 2025. (Photo: Morgan Quick)





Al Bennett, Ben Egan, Shadi Frick, Grant Hertzog, Kyle Loring, Kathy Manfredi, Chris Rigdon and Emanuel Terrazas (left) added spirited accompaniment to the choir's performance of "Hear the Joyful Sound" led by Music Director Dr. Deborah Burris.



Kelly Donnigan and Sarah Merideth (above) sported sisterly smiles in stylish summer skimmers.

Rolanda Quick and Carol Good (below) pruned and planted mums in the rear flower bed.



Guests enjoyed a quiet moment in Fellowship Hall (above) during a dinner celebrating the progress of the Afghan family supported by our CAIRS Sponsor Circle.

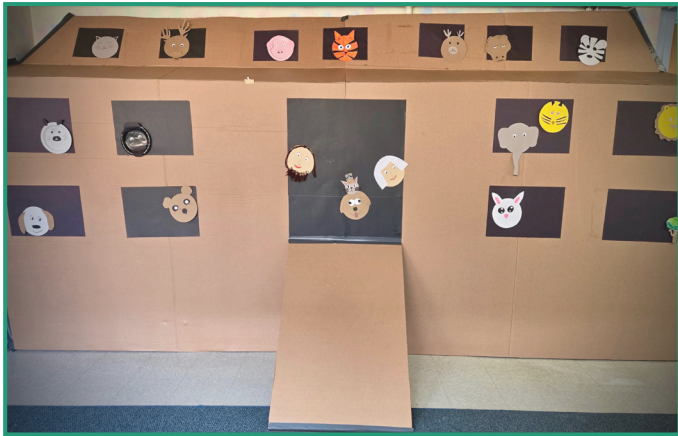


Photos:  
Lisa Hollabaugh,  
Morgan Quick



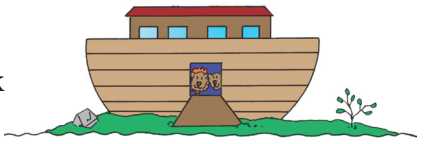
Old and new church friends (above) enjoyed ice cream under a clear late-afternoon sky at the Fellowship Ministry's Ice Cream Social.





Last month, **Children's Church School** looked at Noah's story. One of our projects was this ark (photo at left by Judy Beyler) for which children crafted the animals peering out. We also created an origami dove and a special rainbow to take home to celebrate God's amazing, ongoing love for us.

This month we're happy to welcome **new teachers** Brenda Gilbert, Lizzy Olmstead and Morgan Quick who will continue with our paid assistant Violet Ottwell.



## WHY STATING PRONOUNS MATTERS

IT HELPS EVERYONE FEEL INCLUDED AND RESPECTED

IT ACKNOWLEDGES SOMEONE'S PRONOUNS AREN'T ASSUMED

IT ENCOURAGES FOLKS TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN GENDER

IT'S A WAY TO SHOW FOLKS YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT BEING AN ALLY

IT ENSURES FOLKS GET EVERYONE'S PRONOUNS RIGHT

## MORE LIGHT MONDAYS

This month's More Light Monday Zoom webinar ***Why Pronouns Matter*** is **October 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm**. We'll learn how sharing our pronouns (such as when introducing ourselves, or on nametags) conveys God's loving "Welcome" to members, visitors and guests of all gender and sexual identities. Preregistration is required at <https://forms.gle/3x9CsFiqw7VDdjQA9>.

As those who seek to be welcoming in the name of Christ, we hope to see everyone in our midst as themselves, as children of God. Creating space where people name their pronouns not only shows our welcome, but also invites people to share their full selves with us and with God.



Membership Elder Jan Danley is **updating the member photo board**. If you'd like to provide a new photo (or have one taken), reach out to Jan.



**A Called Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following worship **Sunday, October 12, 2025** to elect a Nominating Committee.

Rev. Kerry Bean, Moderator  
Rob Jensen, Clerk



## 40s & Under

A special night out for church folks in their **40s and under** is planned **Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm** at **Blend Tea & Crepe Lounge in Carbondale**. Elizabeth Hamilton will be in touch with participants beforehand and will lead conversation about possibilities for a potential new First Presbyterian group.





## Session Synopsis

We opened the **September 9, 2025 meeting of the session** with prayer and a short reading from Clarence Jordan's *The Cotton Patch Gospel*.

- The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)'s report indicates that the initial set of matches yielded no interview candidates; ongoing review of matched candidates continues.
- Tracy Heins's transfer of membership to Salem (IL) Presbyterian Church was approved.
- The 2026 Asking Budget was reviewed. The Finance Committee, Treasurer and I are working to ensure that 2026 giving pledged during the upcoming Stewardship Campaign will match budgeted figures. The session will vote on the final 2026 budget in December.
- A new Nominating Committee needs to be selected and will be tasked with finding Elder and Deacon candidates for next year.
- All reports were approved and we adjourned with prayer. —Kerry



(Photos provided)

Our first month of the new preschool year has featured several new faces among students and teachers. Families enjoyed refreshing sundaes at last month's Ice Cream Social at Evergreen Park.

This month we look forward to a field trip to Bandy's Pumpkin Patch with its giant slides, bins of corn kernels, and trampoline. We'll take a hayride to see where pumpkins grow and pick out a small pumpkin to take home.



Join us for our **Halloween Costume Parade, Sing & Potluck Friday, October 31, 2025 at 11:00 am** for fun costumes and festive songs.

This year we look forward to growing, learning, and making new friends together. There are still a few spots available, so if you know of anyone, please tell them about our quality preschool program that also offers full-day options.





# LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

## October 2025

### History Will Repeat. We Won't Retreat.

#### 1 WED Kickoff at Campus Lake

Becker Pavilion at Campus Lake | 2-4:30 PM

#### 2 THU Queer Salukis Townhall

Ohio Room, Student Center | 7-9:30 PM

#### 3 FRI Queer Cinema: Pelo Malo

Sharp Museum Auditorium | 5-7:30 PM

#### Mean Girls: A No Shame Theater Show

Moe Theater, Comm Building | 10:45 PM

#### 4 SAT "Of Love Forbidden: An Exhibit of Lesbian and Gay Literature"

Hall of Presidents, Morris Library | 1-3 PM

#### 6 MON Transition Your Closet

Curkin Center, Student Services Building | 12-4 PM

#### 7 TUE Safe Zone LGBTQIA+ History

Student Services Building 170 | 3-4:30 PM

#### Name + Gender Correction Session

Morris Library 139 | 5-7:30 PM

#### 9 THU The Great Trivia GAYme

Student Services Building 170 | 1-3 PM

#### 10 FRI KEYNOTE: Jeanette Mott Oxford

Guyon Auditorium, Morris Library | 3-6 PM

#### 11 SAT Carbondale Pride Fest

Carbondale Pavilion & Washington Street | All Day

#### 13 MON Craft and Kiki with CAPS

Student Services Building 170, 1:30-3:30 PM

#### 14 TUE Queer Cinema: Portrait of a Lady on Fire

Sharp Museum Auditorium, Faner | 7-9:30 PM

#### 15 WED International Pronouns Day

Curkin Center, Student Services Building | 10 AM - 3 PM

#### School of Theater and Dance Presents Falsettos

Moe Theater, Comm Building | 7:30-10 PM

#### 17 FRI Women, Gender, and Sexuality Symposium

Room 1326, Faner | 5-8 PM

#### 21 TUE Preserving Pride: Building a Southern Illinois Queer Archive

Student Services Building 170 | 1-2 PM

#### 22 WED Waffle Wednesday

Curkin Center, SSB 145 | 11 AM-1 PM

#### 23 THU Healthy Queer Relationships

Student Services Building 150 | 1:30-3:30 PM

#### 24 FRI Closing Reception: Queer Stories, Queer Spaces

Sharp Museum, Faner | 5-8:30 PM

#### 25 SAT LGBTQ Tailgate

Student Tailgate Area | 11 AM-2 PM

#### Spooky Saluki Costume Dance

Student Center Ballrooms | 7-10 PM

#### 26 SUN Intersex Awareness Day

Gaia House Interfaith Center | 3-6 PM

#### Pride Affirming Worship Service

First United Methodist Church, 5 PM

#### 27 MON Safe Zone Retreat

Student Services Building 150/160 | 8 AM - 4 PM

#### 28 TUE You Better Werk: Queer Career Panel

Student Services Building 150/160 | 1-2:30 PM

#### 30 THU Queer Cinema Spooktacular: Cuckoo

Sharp Museum Auditorium, Faner | 7-9:30 PM

#### 31 FRI Rocky Horror Shadow Cast

Varsity Center | Midnight

#### Weekly Meetings (Students Only)

Kaleidoscope: LGBTQIA+ Support Group  
Mondays at 4 PM in Student Services Building 170  
Saluki Rainbow Network  
Tuesdays at 6 PM in Mississippi Room, Student Center  
Transitions Support Group  
Wednesdays at 3:30 PM in Morris Library 480A

Event Details,  
Descriptions  
and More



#### In Partnership With:

Saluki Rainbow Network · LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Council · Safe Zone Program · Southern Illinois Queer Archive · ILQIS - Alternative Lifestyles Identities and Sexualities · Saluki Furry Society · DITO - Downstate Illinois Trans Organization · GRIS - Golden Rainbows of Illinois South · Southern Illinois Pride Collective · Student Multicultural Resource Center · Hispanic/Latino Resource Center · Black Resource Center · Vice Chancellor of Anti-Racism Diversity Equity and Inclusion · Cine Club · Counseling and Psychological Services · Wellness and Health Promotion Services · Special Collections Research Center · Sharp Museum · School of Theater and Dance · Women Gender and Sexuality Studies · First United Methodist Church



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
PAULETTE CURKIN  
PRIDE RESOURCE CENTER

## S.I. Learning in Retirement

At the **October 15, 2025** meeting of **Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement** Illinois Supreme Court Justice David K. Overstreet will discuss the Court's inner workings and his role as liaison to Court committees, boards and commissions.

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



On Behalf of the Interfaith Council, we invite you to, once again, participate in "SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS".

A time to give thanks for all we have been given. And a time to share with others. The donation campaign runs from October 5, 2025 - November 16, 2025.

14 Faith Communities join together to provide "Christmas" to clients and residents of 14 Local Agencies. Your generous donations provide comfort and joy to many individuals in our community.

We are again collecting money to support this event. The money collected will be distributed among these agencies and staff will provide gifts to their clients and residents.

THANK YOU for your continued support throughout the years.







**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](http://firstprescdale.org) or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.**

**Financial Report August 2025****67% of the year completed**

<b>Income Line</b>	<b>Income YTD</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	
Pledges	\$ 139,594.74	\$ 203,400.00	69%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 6,714.96	\$ 13,600.00	49%
Per Capita	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,800.00	70%
Transfer From Investments	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 55,961.68	36%
Other	\$ 40,764.91	\$ 19,700.00	207%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 208,334.61</b>	<b>\$ 294,461.68</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Expenditure Line</b>	<b>Expenditures YTD</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	
Mission	\$ 4,310.00	\$ 11,570.00	37%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 57,552.79	\$ 90,531.26	64%
Staff	\$ 54,648.89	\$ 81,800.42	67%
Faith Development	\$ 806.93	\$ 2,200.00	37%
Worship & Music	\$ 718.31	\$ 2,325.00	31%
Communication/Administration	\$ 12,431.23	\$ 16,800.00	74%
Facilities/Capital	\$ 52,574.18	\$ 87,335.00	60%
Christian Nurture	\$ 1,027.73	\$ 1,900.00	54%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 184,070.06</b>	<b>\$ 294,461.68</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Income over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 24,264.55</b>		

**October Birthdays**

10/4 Lucas Daly  
 10/6 Jill O'Donoghue  
 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

**October Anniversaries**

10/2 Lizzy Olmsted & Dan Schuh  
 10/28 John & Reona Daly

*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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### The First Presbyterian Church Radio Theatre of the Air

presents

#### *"Intrepid Inspector Iona of Interpol and the Pernicious Problem of the Perfectly Pilfered Portfolio"*

A Reader's Theater-Style Murder Mystery Musical Melodrama

**Friday, October 10, 2025 7:00 pm**  
**Doors Open at 6:15 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale**  
**310 South University Ave. Carbondale, IL**  
**Beverages and Desserts served**



**Donations gladly accepted!**

**All proceeds go to support the Carbondale Laundry  
Project and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**



In November 2013, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act legalizing same-sex marriage in Illinois effective June 2014. That month the PC(USA) General Assembly voted to allow pastors to perform marriages in jurisdictions where it was legal, and this was approved by presbytery majority in March 2015. The June 2015 Obergefell v. Hodges Supreme Court decision legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. Since 2014, two of the last four weddings officiated in our church sanctuary have been between same-sex couples.