



The Carbondale *Presbyterian*

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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Followed by Coffee Fellowship
Faith Dialogues - 10:45 a.m.
In the Sanctuary & via Zoom

Church Workdays April 1 & 8

Palm Sunday - April 2

Maundy Thursday Service -
April 6 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 9
Potluck Picnic 11:30 a.m.
Evergreen Park Pine Tree Pavilion

Session Meeting - April 11

Free Laundry Day - April 12

Dinner Group - April 20

"Watercolor Aplenty" Art Exhibit
Fellowship Hall - April 22 & 23

Bible Study - Wednesdays
3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Tai Chi - Thursdays 10:00 a.m.

Choir Performs - April 2, 9 & 23

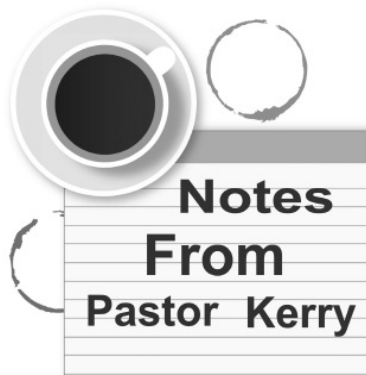
Church Office Hours

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

Phone Extensions:

Rev. Bean 101
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*Easter
Joy*



The Old, Old Story

Well, it's here again, the *actual* most wonderful time of the year: Easter! (Of course, I'm speaking from a traditional Christian perspective here. If you prefer another time of the year- say, National Bologna Day on October 23- that's perfectly okay as well.)

My point is that it is the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah on Easter Sunday that gives the fullest meaning to our Christian faith. It is a great and gracious gift from God that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us". But Jesus did not only teach and heal and work for justice while here on earth. As the PCUSA Confession of 1967 puts it:

*In giving himself freely for them, Christ took upon himself
the judgment under which all people stand convicted.*

And further:

*God raised Christ from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.*

Of all the good news we've ever heard, this is the best. This is the heart of the matter. This is the foundational tenet of our faith. This is where you open your bible and turn to John 3:16.

Of course, another important tenet of our faith is that we are supposed to *share* this great news of exceeding joy with those around us. One way that our congregation excels at is by doing and supporting mission. You will never know the full number of people you have helped through your prayers and work and financial gifts for the mission of the church. But God knows. That is enough.

This month, this (hopefully) glorious month of April with its beginning of Eastertide, please join us for worship, fellowship, mission work, and sharing the amazing news that God loves all the people and creatures of this world.

Sure, it's an old, old story. But, it has the power to make everything a new creation.

Happy Easter, one and all!

Kerry



April 2, Palm Sunday – Come be a part of our palm processional at the beginning of the service.

April 6, Maundy Thursday – We will share a simple meal of bread and soup at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a service and communion at 6 p.m.

April 9, Easter Sunday – We hope you will join us for the morning service at 9:30 a.m.

April 9, Easter picnic – Please join us for a potluck picnic at Pine Tree Pavilion in Evergreen Park. Festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Join Us for a Pot-Luck Picnic on Easter Sunday!

You and your goodies are invited to attend a Pot-Luck Picnic Sunday, April 9 at the Pine Tree pavilion of Evergreen Park. The festivities will begin at 11:30am.

Bo, of Fellowship Ministry, has put up a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can get an idea of who's bringing what. Please fill out a slot when you get a chance.

I am planning to bring a big thermos of water and a couple of games. You are welcome to bring yard games, card games, or board games along with your food and serving ware, etc.

Please join us for relaxation and fun at the park.

Kerry

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

"For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope." For more information, visit the PCUSA website on Special Offerings: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>. Please give generously.



Joys and Concerns

Worship Ministry is reviewing ways to restore a more personal and spontaneous time during the Joys and Concerns section of our worship services. Throughout the period between Easter and Pentecost, you will have the option of sharing Joys and Concerns either verbally or on the pre-printed cards at the back of the sanctuary. Those who worship on Zoom will continue to share them with the zoom greeter prior to the beginning of the service. Joys and Concerns will continue to be a part of the Prayers of the People portion of our service.

Faith Dialogues will complete discussions surrounding The Desert of Compassion on April 2.

We encourage participation in the Green Guardians program April 23. We are making plans for dialogues at the end of April and in the month of May. More information will follow when it is available.



MISSION

"FIRST SUNDAY"

April 2, our focus will be laundry supplies for Free Laundry Day as well as monetary donations to support FPC's meal preparation at Feed My Sheep (make checks available to First Presbyterian and write "2nd Tuesday meal" in the memo line). In addition, we will continue to focus on our other local missions including the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Carbondale Warming Center, Presbyterian Daycare and Preschool, and the Diaper Bank

FREE LAUNDRY PROJECT

The March 8 Free Laundry Day served 45-50 people and volunteers assisted with over 100 loads of laundry. We also were blessed to receive \$290 in donations collected by the Rotary Club of Carbondale and \$375 from the Jackson-Williamson County Rotary Club. The next Free Laundry Day will be April 12, 2023. As always, contact Ja... Swanson or Bill Martens (carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering.

UPDATE ON THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

The Presbyteamians raised almost \$7,000 for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser for the Carbondale Warming Center. The total amount raised in our local community is almost \$30,000. Thank you.

POSSIBLE MISSION TRIP

Mission Ministry is planning a weekend mission trip to Calvert City, KY in summer 2023 to aid in ongoing relief efforts following the tornado that struck that area in December 2021. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mission Ministry for more information

AFGHAN REFUGEES UPDATE

Afghans who fled after the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021 were mostly allowed to enter the United States on a temporary basis. To allow them to remain on a more permanent basis, the Carbondale Area Interfaith Refugee Support (CAIRS) group is advocating for the passage of the Afghan Adjustment Act. If you are willing to support this effort, please sign the petition online at carbondalecairs.com. The petition asks Representative Bost, particularly in his role as chair of the house Veteran's Committee, to advocate for the passage of the Afghan Adjustment Act to assist the Afghan families in Carbondale and around the United States.

YOU ARE INVITED to a one-year anniversary celebration **picnic** with our Afghan families at Turley Park Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. There is no program, just time to meet and celebrate.

FEED MY SHEEP

As Feed My Sheep transitions to new management, First Presbyterian Church members will be cooking meals for the Warming Center the second Tuesday of each month. Other churches have also volunteered to cook on a regular basis. Our first day was on March 14, and we had fun while preparing two meals for 40+ people. We plan to add a second day per month. If you would like to volunteer, contact Ann Warner or Jane Swanson for more details.



Photo by Jane Swanson

The 2023 schedule for Camp Carew is now available online at Campcarew.org. First Presbyterian will offer scholarships, as usual. Contact John Baker at jhbaker36@gmail.com for scholarship information.



Bon voyage, Jean!



We wish the best to longtime church member Jean Puliam who recently left the area to move closer to family in Virginia. Contact the church office for Jean's new address, so we can all keep in touch.



UPCOMING CHOIR DATES

April 2 "O Jesus, Every Moment" (Philip W. J. Stopford)

April 9 "An Easter Anthem" (Christopher Boodle) &
"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" (Mark Hayes)

April 23 "I Must Tell Jesus" (Mark Hayes)

The choir rehearses at 8:30 a.m. on the above Sundays. **All are welcome.** See Choir Director Carlyn Zimmermann for anthem copies or with any questions.

CHOIR SECTION SPOTLIGHT

Bass choir section vocalists are (from left) Nyghél Byrd from Charlotte, North Carolina, who earned his Master's Degree from SIU's Choral Conducting program. Caden Cole, from Centralia, is a Junior in SIU's Vocal Music Education program. Michael Lynd of DuQuoin studies Music Education at SIU. Mitchell Brandon of Herrin is majoring in Music Education at SIU with a minor in Theater and performs with the Paducah Singers. Next month: Nothing but Treble.

Photo by Lisa Hollabaugh



April 1 we will meet to clear out all the beds and foliage around the church. April 8 we will gather to spread mulch. The mulch will be delivered to the parking lot and Ro will then carry it to the beds via her tractor bucket. April 8 is the day before Easter but if enough folks help out it shouldn't take long and the church will look great for the big day.

Please give these days some thought and let Ro know if you can be available for either day (or both). We usually work from 9-noon. There will be coffee, juice and snacks for a break. Thanks to all who have helped in past years, and feel free to stop by for coffee, sweets, conversation and to give moral support to the workers.



Birthdays

3 - Kitty Trescott	12 - Marta Davis
4 - Bo Sullivan	18 - Craig Heins
7 - Toni Becker	20 - Don Leigeber
10 - Jeff Franklin	23 - Melissa Jensen
12 - Jonathon Brooks	23 - Olan Brown

Green Guardians focus on Earth Month

It started in 1970 as Earth Day. We now talk about Earth Month. First Presbyterian Green Guardians encourages everyone to keep the environment in mind by investing in our planet. This can be done through many initiatives, such as planting trees, voting, participating in cleanups, ending plastic consumption, practicing climate literacy and consuming sustainable fashion. Here are some fun events throughout the month:

Saturday, April 15 2-4 p.m. at First Christian Church, Monroe and University — New Electric & Plug-in Hybrid Car Show.

Saturday, April 22. Earth Day Puppet Parade and Earth Day celebration sponsored by the Carbondale community — at Attucks Park, 800 N. Wall Street. There are workshops in advance to create your puppets. Flyers are on the table at the Green Guardian bulletin board. Sounds like fun.

Sunday, April 23. Join us for a Potluck in Fellowship Hall featuring a zero-waste focus and meatless entrees. It's amazing what you can do with beans, fish, nuts and grains. Bring a favorite dish, or look one up on the web. Consult with your vegetarian or vegan friends. And, BRING those friends. We'll gather about 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a fun time with new recipes (perhaps) and sharing some Earth Day tales. Perhaps our "green space" trees will be in bloom.

Also on April 23 — Spring Into Action Ecofair 2-5 at Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship.

Stay tuned for Faith in Place Earth Month Vigil April 27 details.





Last month, the children enjoyed doing a tie-dying activity for color week, dressing up for spirit week, celebrating St. Patrick's Day, talking about Spring, and learning about farm animals. Lucky the Leprechaun brought



the children some kindness coins from the end of the rainbow and the highest amount found was 39. They missed seeing him as he was very fast, but we had fun looking for him and enjoyed finding the coins he left.

This month we will be celebrating Easter, learning about weather, life cycles, gardens, and plants. We are excited for Easter and to also have the Easter Bunny visit and have an egg hunt. As the weather gets warmer, we will also be start-

ing and preparing the garden for some delicious foods. Hooray for farm to table.

Photos furnished by Daycare



Stay tuned for our Spring flower fundraiser coming up in mid to late April with McNitt Growers in conjunction with PCDC Preschool. Be sure to get your bright and beautiful spring and summer flowers and support our schools. The Daycare will also be doing a new green fundraiser that allows people to purchase gift trees that will be planted and can be gifted for any occasion. They stay involved with the process and allow purchasers to view the tree throughout its stages as well as even visit it/them if so desired. We are excited to be participating in this new fundraiser and will provide further details soon. We thank you in advance for your support.



PRESCHOOL

Happy Easter. The Frog class is continuing to explore life cycles of frogs and plants with a special project of planting and growing sunflower seeds. Our large classroom windows provide a wonderful space for the kiddos to observe and care for their seedlings. We always look forward to our annual walk around the neighborhood to listen to the birds chirping and to visit the colorful tulips in bloom at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The Frog class will also learn about Earth Day and the many ways we can help and protect our planet as well as learning about weather. The Tadpole and Polliwog classes will be learning about weather, feelings, farms, and flowers. They are looking forward to a special field trip to one of our student's horse farm. We will have our annual Easter activity of dying eggs and a fun-filled egg hunt. The children will also enjoy the task of dunking the eggs in the colorful dyes and watching the eggs transform into vibrant colors.



Photo furnished by Preschool

This month we are excited to host our first Preschool Prom. In years past we have had an annual Spring Carnival as a great way to promote our preschool program and invite current and prospective families to enjoy a fun-filled evening together with games and food. Preschool Prom will be Friday, April 28 from 5-7 p.m. We will enjoy dancing, family friendly games, and activities, pizza and cookies. There will also be a silent auction and class art canvas sale.

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We have a couple great ways to support our preschool as well as the daycare this month. The preschool and daycare are partnering with McNitt's Growers for our annual Spring Plant Sale. We will be taking preorders for beautiful hanging baskets, planters and all sorts of plants/flowers/herbs. Skip the home & garden stores and get your flowers, items for your garden, gifts, and decorative plants while supporting our programs. We will make sure to update everyone once we have the sale dates set. Please share with family and friends as well.

Lastly, we are now accepting applications for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year and with the increase in enrollment this year we hope to have full classes. Please spread the word about our wonderful preschool to



Presbyterian Preschool

Established 1966
310 S. University Avenue
Carbondale, Illinois
(618) 529-1264
www.carbondalepreschool.com

Now Enrolling for Fall 2023!

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 morning program for your little ones
- ✓ Small class sizes & certified teachers
- ✓ Explore: engaging, hands on learning, Science, Math, Literacy, Spanish, & Art

All Classes:

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Early care 8:00AM - 8:30AM

Tuesday/ Thursday: 2 year old class (Polliwogs)

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

Monday - Friday: 4 year old class (Frogs)

Call (618) 529-1264 or
Email director@presbyterianpreschool.net
to Set up a Tour!

Licensed by Illinois Department of Children and Family Services



Carolyn Hollabaugh's "**Watercolor Aplenty**" art exhibit is Saturday and Sunday, April 22 & 23, 2023 in Fellowship Hall.

This is Carolyn's seventh exhibit since moving to the area eleven years ago and the second time her art has been displayed at the church. Come Saturday to mingle with Carolyn, enjoy

wine and nibbles, and discover creative artwork at reasonable prices.

Clockwise from left: "Early Snow," "Moon Rising" & "Cello Magic;" photos courtesy of the artist.



APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
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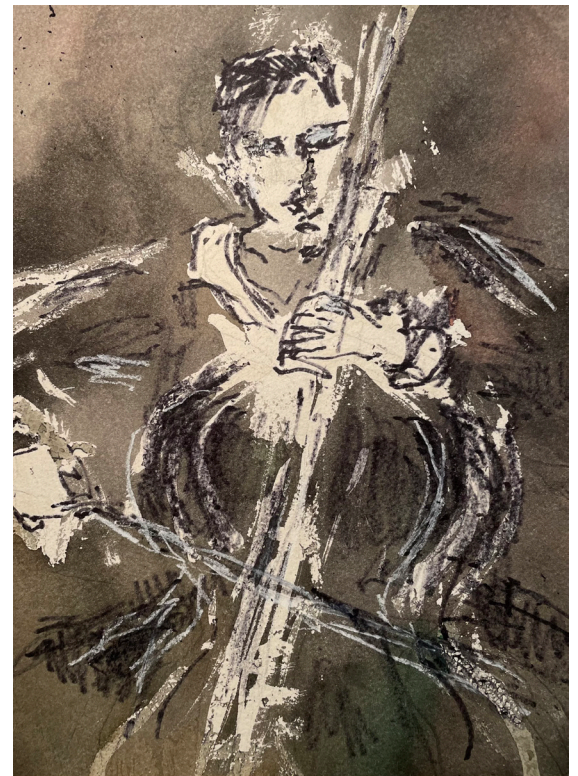
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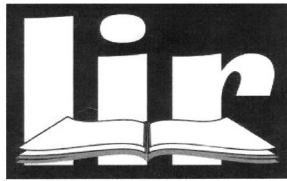
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Contact Jessica at:
coordinator@carbondaleunited.org
for more information

See us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/prideinactionsouthernil>





S.I. Learning in Retirement

(SILIR) is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a luncheon at Giant City Lodge April 19.

The luncheon will follow the SILIR meeting presentation (10:30-11:30) by Kay Ripplemeyer-Tippy. She will talk about the Civilian Conservation Corps and Giant City. While the presentation is free and open to the public, the luncheon fee is \$20. If interested in attending the luncheon, one must register and pay by April 14. For registration information call 618-536-7751 or email SILIR@siu.edu."

Dinner Group

We will meet at Cummare's in Murphysboro Thursday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. Please email Jill Hertzling, jillhertzling@aol.com, if you are planning to attend.



Session Synopsis

March's session meeting was short but sweet. After our opening prayer, we watched a funny but insightful video by *The Skit Guys* about a couple who invite/pressure their neighbors to come to church on Easter and are then totally flustered when the neighbors say "yes".

Here are a few of the items we discussed:

- ☐ We approved the display and distribution of *Mainstream* magazine that features a lot of information about LGBTQIA+ communities in Illinois and Iowa- including Carbondale and the surrounding area.
- ☐ We are working on getting banners made for the area near the main entrance that will display our congregation's name and our affiliation with More Light Presbyterians. We also discussed displaying our mission emphases, etc.
- ☐ We elected Rob Jensen to serve as Clerk of Session.
- ☐ We set Sunday, March 26 as the date to install church officers.
- ☐ We agreed to continue to use CDC guidelines as the basis for making our masking policies for folks in the church building.
- ☐ We looked at a first draft of a Guest Group User Contract which will help us to keep track of when groups will be using the facility and to make sure they understand their responsibilities in terms of clean-up, etc.

In other business, the minutes and financial reports were approved as were the reports of the various ministry teams. No actions were taken, but we are keeping abreast of the need of another HVAC unit that services rooms in the Preschool and Daycare areas of the building.

We adjourned with prayer, and we're looking forward to our new Ruling Elders joining us for our next meeting on April 11.

Kerry



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Financial Report February 2023

17% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 86,350.86	\$ 226,700.00	38%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 2,071.17	\$ 5,000.00	41%
Per Capita	\$ 120.00	\$ 2,200.00	5%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 37,736.96	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,694.45	\$ 16,830.00	28%
Totals	\$ 93,236.48	\$ 288,466.96	32%

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ -	\$ 13,270.00	0%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 13,139.72	\$ 86,428.19	15%
Staff	\$ 12,321.74	\$ 87,179.77	14%
Christian Education	\$ 165.75	\$ 3,050.00	5%
Worship & Music	\$ 23.98	\$ 3,475.00	1%
Comm/Administration	\$ 5,948.57	\$ 19,064.00	31%
Property/Capital	\$ 5,578.04	\$ 74,100.00	8%
Christian Nurture	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,900.00	6%
Total	\$ 37,287.80	\$ 288,466.96	13%

Revenues over Expenses \$ 55,948.68

Oops

For brunch, we need to borrow pancake girdles.

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



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From the Session minutes April 21, 1907: *A written report on the spiritual growth of the members and the burning desire for the Salvation of Souls as never before known in the history of the church.*