



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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CIM Hikes - Oct. 5

Yarning to Make a Difference
Oct. 6

Murder by Malbec - Oct. 6

Church Cleanup - Oct. 12

Coffee Sale
Mid Oct.

Dinner Group - Oct. 17

Pizza & Movie - Oct. 25

Spirit Sacks - Oct. 27

Laundry Project begins
Nov. 12

Church Office Hours

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

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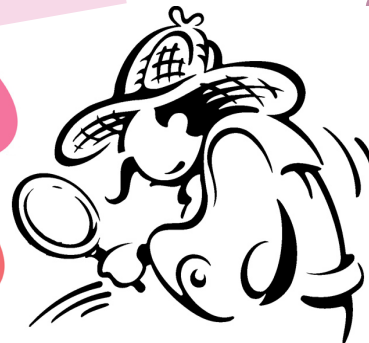
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MURDER BY MALBEC



THE TRAGIC TASTING
ROOM TREACHERY

one and only performance!
OCTOBER 6, at 7 p.m.



NOTES FROM KERRY

October is Sweet!

You'd never know by the warm September weather that autumn has officially begun. But it has. I read it on the internet. And, of course, October is the most autumn-y month of all!

The Murder Mystery

You're probably tired of hearing me promoting our musical murder mystery melodrama *Murder By Malbec* like a carnival barker. But you can rest easier as the production date is now upon us. So one last time: please attend *Murder By Malbec* Sunday, October 6, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Donations will be gratefully accepted and all the profits will go to support the Good Samaritan Food Pantry and the PCUSA Hunger Program. There will also be a dessert auction. Refreshments and popcorn will be served. Desserts will be available at intermission. You can bring your own bottle of wine. Right now we're planning on seating around 100 folks. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.- and there is no reserve seating. A fabulous grand prize goes to the first person to guess the conniving killer! I hope you will move heaven and earth to join us!

Important Session Conversations

I'd like to think that *everything* we discuss in session is important, but our ongoing health and safety conversations seem particularly relevant. We are researching various available resources and options when it comes to making sure our church building is as safe as can be- while balancing the need to be a welcoming place for members, community folk, and groups who meet here. It's a complicated task with a lot of moving parts. I am hoping that we will soon have made some decisions about security and safety, but I'm also pretty sure that even the best solution won't seem like a perfect solution to everyone. Please feel free to ask me or session members about specifics (which I won't get into here in print)- and give us your feedback. We would love to hear from you.

Trigger: The Ripple Effects of Gun Violence (Movie and Faith Dialogues)

I'm sure you'll read more about this in other articles in the newsletter, but I want to encourage you to make the time to attend the October Faith Dialogues that will focus on gun violence. Further, we will be hosting a community gathering in November which will feature another showing of *Trigger*, a discussion afterward, and an interfaith worship service. Details are still being planned, but I will make sure you are in the loop.

But Wait There's More!

Read the newsletter! You'll be blown away by all the activity and mission work that we're doing here at First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale! Please invite your friends and folks you meet to join us for worship and fellowship and all the ministry we do in service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, and speaking of sweets and October (aka Halloween), I am particularly partial to peanut M&Ms. Just sayin...

Kerry

LAUNDRY PROJECT

Mission Ministry is ready to launch the Carbondale Laundry Project, beginning **Tuesday, November 12**, and continuing the second Tuesday of each month at Laundry World (corner of University and W. College). This project provides free laundry services for homeless individuals in our community (and other people facing financial challenges), and is supported by the Sparrow Coalition and the Carbondale Interfaith Council.

Here's what we need to get started:

- ☐ Volunteers to assist from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (we'll provide training)
- ☐ Donations of laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and bleach
- ☐ Quarters for the washers and dryers

Please contact Mission Elders, Lily Vucinic or Rick Jefferson, if you are interested in becoming a laundry volunteer or donating supplies, and watch for donation bins at church.



Beginning mid-October, we will have Equal Exchange fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate available to purchase on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. This is the same brand of coffee served during Fellowship, but available in 12 oz. bags of drip grind or beans. Equal Exchange is a nonprofit organization that supports small farmers and producers, and our purchases support the Presbyterian Hunger Program as well as local mission projects. Stop by the Fair Trade table in Fellowship Hall for more information.

Stewardship CAMPAIGN

EARLY WARNING!

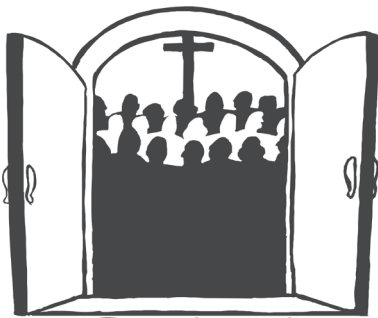
The 2019 stewardship campaign is almost upon us.

In the past few months members of the Stewardship Campaign Committee have heard stories about how our church has touched the lives of many of our members through our interesting and inspiring worship services, ministry to those who are sick or in need of support, and friendships with fellow members of the church. Every day our church fulfills its mission of seeking the faith, sharing the spirit and serving all of God's people. And, importantly, our church is doing all of this with energy, imagination, intelligence, and of course love. Seeking, sharing, and serving are the three pillars of our church that guide our programs, our missions, and our love of God. This year the Campaign Committee is not planning to send you long and detailed letters listing all the many good works of our church and then asking for your financial support. Rather, the committee has opted to focus only on our three pillars: SEEKING, SHARING, and SERVING. Stay tuned as the 2019 campaign progresses. We hope that you will continue to support God's work not only on Sundays but throughout each week as well as we continue to have an impact on our members, in our local community, and around the world.

Rob Jensen, Sarah Merideth, Jane Swanson

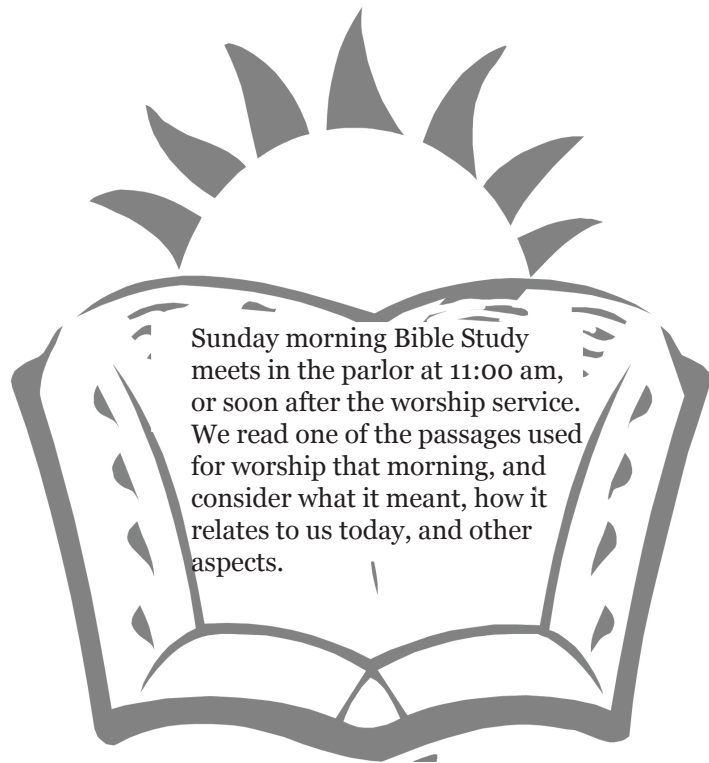
FAITH DIALOGUES IN OCTOBER

The month of October is devoted to the problem of gun violence, by viewing *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence*, a video produced by PC-USA. This documentary examines the ripple effect that a single shooting has on survivors, family, community, and society. "It is a story told from the perspective of those who have been directly impacted and those who are called daily to respond to this ongoing tragedy. The documentary frames gun violence as both a disaster and a public health issue, and addresses the critical issue of gun violence prevention by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate and lifting up the voice and experiences of those who seek common ground and a new way forward" (description from the film's website). Each Sunday, we will view and discuss a portion of the video. Please join us for this important topic.



Ask the Elders

Our first "Ask the Elders" gathering, held September 15, during Faith Dialogues, was a great success. Several topics were discussed, including the timing and process of searching for a permanent pastor, the efforts of a church health and safety committee, and issues related to building security and ongoing maintenance. Our goal is to be more transparent with what occurs during Session meetings and to encourage open communication between the church leadership and the rest of the congregation. We plan to hold similar meetings once per quarter, with the next one scheduled for January 2020.



Saturday, October 12, - Along with **Stewardship Ministry, Christians in Motion** will hold our fall church cleanup. We will have indoor and outdoor tasks from 9 a.m. to noon. Come for fellowship and work!

COLLECTION FOR 2019 STUDENT SPIRIT SACKS

Beginning Sunday, October 27, a table and crates will be set up in our church hallway for your donations for Student Spirit Sack treats. Treat idea lists will be available there.

REMEMBER that we rely on church members to give us the names of family college-age students that you would like to receive a SACK.

IF these need to be mailed, addresses must be provided to Dede & Jonathon ASAP.

Out-of-town mailing must be done during the first week in December.

Choir members and other frequent college-age visitor's names should also be provided well ahead to both: dedeittner@gmail.com & drakedobson@yahoo.com

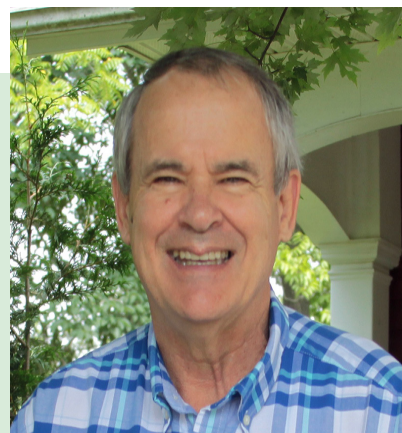
Thanks to Jonathon Brooks for his continued support for this project.

"SSS" will be stuffed Sunday, December 1, in Fellowship Hall after Church.



Sharon and Phil Wittke have joined us via transfer from the Cobden Presbyterian Church. Be sure to meet them and welcome them to First Presbyterian.

Phil and Sharon Wittke moved to their home near Cobden in 2010. Sharon retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2011, and Phil retired from a career in auto



parts management in 2014. Their children and grandchildren live in Hawaii, Oregon, Texas, North Carolina and Missouri, so they always have interesting places to visit. Phil enjoys his two dogs and a cat, and Sharon spends much of her free time painting folk art.

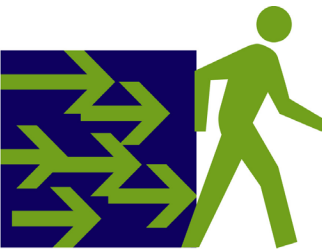
Christians in Motion Small Groups Ministry

Saturday, October 5, we'll feature walks in two or three of the Green Earth trails in Carbondale. Close by and beautiful, these walks are short and walkable for all abilities. Chautauqua Bottoms, Brush Hill and Oakland Prairie are currently on the agenda. We will meet at church at 10:00 and decide on car pools as necessary. Sign up at easel in Fellowship Hall.



For those interested, the Keep Carbondale Beautiful Tree Sale and Green Earth's Native Plant Sale are also scheduled October 5, at the Town Square pavilion. See the flyer in Fellowship Hall.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



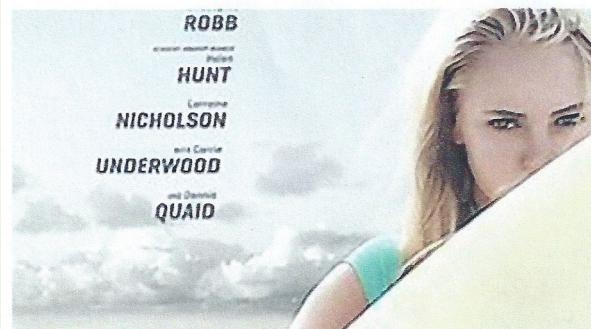
Membership Ministry encourages all church members to fill out a **Personal Emergency Information Sheet** to keep on file in the church office.

On this form you may list your updated contact information, as well as names and numbers of others who should be contacted in case of a personal or family emergency. You may also note the names of individuals to whom you have provided a house key, your doctor's name and phone number, and any medical conditions or other information which may be relevant in case of an emergency.

This sheet is kept securely on file in the office of First Presbyterian Church. At the discretion of church staff, your information will be shared with responsible persons who are requesting it solely for your benefit. If you have any questions, or to request a paper or digital copy of the form, please contact Barb Stewart in the church office at office@firstprescdale.org or fill out the form on page 9 of this newsletter and turn it into the church office for safe keeping.

Pizza & Movie Night in October will be Friday, October 25. **Please note** that this is a week later in the month than usual. The movie will be **SOUL SURFER**, the true story of the teen aged girl who lost an arm while surfing. She went through a lot, but overcame her loss and became an inspiration to many.

Pizza, fruit, salad, beverages, and cookies will be served at 6 p.m. Then we will move to the comfort of the Youth Room to watch the movie on that big screen. No charge, nothing to bring (except friends and family). Please let Kitty Trescott know that you all plan to attend: call 203-1807 or send email to: Trescott@midwest.net.



SOUL SURFER

John and Caroline Hooker were our hosts at Flame Restaurant in Carbondale for our September 19, dinner. We had 17 diners including two guests, David and Nancy Fligor, of rural Carbondale. David is the retired manager of Kinkaid Lake west of Murphyboro.

John Hooker gave the blessing and we recieved our usual donations for the food pantry for those less fortunate. Since the food service was rather slow we had plenty of time to visit. We also discussed possible sites for future meetings.

Bill and Judy Schwegman will host the group October 17, at Hunans. Please call 457-6637 or email bjsjcs@aol.com to let them know you will be part of the group.

DINNER GROUP

Air Conditioning Funds Update

This past summer saw the replacement of the air conditioning system serving the church Sanctuary, resulting in a more efficient and reliable cooling system.

The final expense associated with this major renovation was \$44,637. To date—and through the substantial contributions of church members and friends—a whopping \$42,064 in funds have been raised! Those who would still like to contribute are asked to indicate “Air Conditioning” in your check memo line.

The “First Pres” Church family is known for pulling together in times of need, and the church Session and Stewardship Ministry says THANK YOU to everyone for their generosity!

Special thanks to
Charlene Scott
for faithfully directing
our participation
for over 30 years!



And thanks to all our other
wonderful volunteers
past & present!
Keep bringing the meals,
comfort and smiles!



Sunday, September 1, during fellowship time, the church recognized and honored the many members of our congregation and other volunteers who have served the local Meals on Wheels Program.

PRESCHOOL

We would like to start off with a very special thank you to the Simonds Family and E.T. Simonds for their generous donation of several wheelbarrows of sand to fill our playground sandbox! The kids have a blast digging in the sand and making sand cakes. Thank you so much for the generous gift.

We have had a great first month of preschool. All the children have adjusted nicely to their new classes, teachers and routines. In October, we will be learning about the season changing to fall, pumpkins, fire safety and dinosaurs. We have special field trips planned for Bandy's Pumpkin Patch and a visit to the Fire Station. Our field trips provide the students a fantastic opportunity of hands on learning about pumpkins, fire safety and the important job of firefighters.

Lastly, just in time for the fall season we are selling mums again this year. We had such great success with our sale last year and appreciate everyone's support in purchasing their mums from us. A local Amish farm

in Murphysboro is supplying our mums and we are now taking orders until Sunday, September 29, for church members and friends. We are selling yellow, orange, bronze and pink 10 inch plants for \$10 each. Pickup day will be Friday, October 4 between 11 and 12 a.m. We appreciate your support for our preschool. Have a wonderful October.



Presbyterian Preschool Chrysanthemum Plant Sale



10-inch Mums \$10 each!

Available to preorder in select colors:

- Yellow
- Orange
- Bronze
- Pink

Preorders will be taken NOW until FRIDAY,
September 27, 2019

Pick Up Day: Friday Oct. 4th

Order forms available at Presbyterian Preschool or contact the director by phone 529-1264, Remind App, or email director@presbyterianpreschool.net to place your order. Thank you for supporting our preschool!



DATE _____

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(This sheet will be kept on file in the office of First Presbyterian Church and at the discretion of the church staff will be given to responsible persons requesting it solely for your benefit. No commercial use of the information will be allowed.)
Feel free to keep a copy of this sheet in your files and to copy it for others who might need the information.

Your Name _____

Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

IN AN EMERGENCY, THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE MAY BE CONTACTED

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Remarks _____

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Remarks _____

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Remarks _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Name and phone numbers of person(s) with house key:

Doctor(s) _____

Any other information you feel is important to your health, safety, and security.

(Continue comments on reverse if you need more space)

Financial Report August 2019

66% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 161,619.61	\$ 219,109.00	74%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 9,505.00	\$ 12,000.00	79%
Per Capita	\$ 699.00	\$ 1,500.00	47%
Trans. From Investments		\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ 13,704.36	\$ 20,290.00	68%
Totals	\$ 185,527.97	\$ 252,899.00	73%

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 5,769.49	\$ 13,520.00	43%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 26,211.35	\$ 60,167.64	44%
Staff	\$ 46,302.99	\$ 72,172.82	64%
Christian Ed.	\$ 737.60	\$ 6,100.00	12%
Worship & Music	\$ 607.18	\$ 4,475.00	14%
Comm/Administration	\$ 14,870.34	\$ 21,430.00	69%
Property/Capital	\$ 35,820.80	\$ 73,133.54	49%
Christian Nurture	\$ 449.56	\$ 1,900.00	24%
Total	\$ 130,769.31	\$ 252,899.00	52%

Revenues over expenses \$ 54,758.66

Bank acct. \$ 33,876.02

OOPS!

The story made a great segway into the lesson.

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

OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Fellowship 11am - Faith Development 12pm - Potluck Dinner	30	1 7pm - Ovretts Anon	2 7pm - Wed. Wonderers	3 10am - Tai CHI 6:30pm - Oasis C'dale 7pm - JALC Concert	4 5:30pm - FOB	5 9:30am - KISS 10am - CIM Walk 12pm - D. A.
6 8:45am - Deacons' Mtg 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Fellowship 11am - Faith Development 7pm - Murder Mystery	7	8 7pm - Ovretts Anon 7pm - Session	9 4:45pm - Mission Ministry 5:30pm - Worship Ministry 7pm - Wed. Wonderers	10 10am - Tai CHI 6:30pm - Oasis C'dale	11 5:30pm - FOB	12 9am - Work Day 9:30am - KISS 12pm - D. A.
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20 Newsletter Deadline 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Fellowship 11am - Faith Development	21	22 6pm - Interfaith Cncl 6pm - Presby Men 7pm - Ovretts Anon	23 7pm - Wed. Wonderers	24 10am - Tai CHI 5:45pm - Daycare Board 6:30pm - Oasis C'dale	25 5:30pm - FOB 6pm - Movie Group	26 9:30am - KISS 12pm - D. A.
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October 30, 1929, Reverend C. N. Sharpe of Cookeville, Tennessee commenced his work as pastor of our church. A year later he married Miss Nan Holliday of Cookeville. Their daughter, Nancy, was born in Carbondale. Rev. Sharpe and family remained until he joined the service at the beginning of WWII.