



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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We Gather...



Church Office Hours

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

Phone Extensions:

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Carbondale Presbyterian June 2021

Notes from Kerry for June 2021

So What's Next?

I am writing this in the afterglow of a wonderful Pentecost worship service yesterday (5/23) that included folks in-person on the church's greenspace as well connected via Zoom from their homes. Almost seventy persons were in attendance and/or participated in the service. That is wonderful and very encouraging indeed.

The session and its component ministries have been busy, I assure you, thinking about and planning for the future. Specifically, I mean the day when we gather together to worship again in the church building. Right now, that day looks like it will be Sunday, July 4.

I also want you to be ready for some of the new realities that we will experience when we again worship in the sanctuary. [Let me also say that these are "probabilities" not "definites". Since all our practices and protocols are based on the local Covid-19 metrics and the CDC guidelines, what I am about to write may need to be updated before 7/4 rolls around.] But, *probably*:

- ☐ We will be recommending that everyone who attends worship wear masks.
- ☐ We will be taking attendance information so that we can help with contact tracing, if necessary.
- ☐ We will not have congregational singing, at least initially.
- ☐ We will be practicing social distancing.
- ☐ We will maintain an online way for persons to attend worship. Zoom may be replaced over time. But I imagine we will maintain an online presence moving forward.
- ☐ We will not fellowship in Fellowship Hall but will encourage folks to socialize outside if the weather is accommodating.
- ☐ We will be practicing extra cleaning and sanitizing of the worship space and the bathrooms.
- ☐ Child-care will again be provided.

As the session has guided us throughout the pandemic, their biggest concern has been the health of the congregation, the staff, the preschool and daycare programs, and the public who uses our building. The same guiding principle is at work here. We are trying to do everything we can to welcome folks back while minimizing the risk of exposure to Covid-19 as much as possible.

There is no doubt that these practices will change and revise over time. We certainly hope that with increased rates of vaccination in our local population a return to the old "normal" will become more likely. But we are not there yet. It will serve us well to remain patient and to celebrate each positive step as we take it.

Please be assured that all of us on staff and on session will make it a top priority to keep you informed regarding any changes in safety practices here at the church. It would seem logical that the building itself will be opening for small group and public use after we become confident that our revised worship protocols are in fact working as hoped. We'll let you know about that as well.

It is another exciting time in the life of our congregation. God continues to lead us. We are learning to adapt to new situations, and that learning will most certainly continue in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you for your faithful perseverance in your service of Jesus Christ in the past, in the present, and in the times to come.

Peace,

Kerry



We have time to fit in one more outdoor, in-person worship service before our likely return to inside worship this summer.

Sunday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. we again will hold our worship service on the lawn of the church, and **we will also Zoom the service** at the same time for those who prefer to remain at home.

We will observe Holy Communion during the service, and individually prepackaged elements will be available. If you prefer, you may bring your own Communion elements.

As with past outdoor services, we are recommending social distancing and mask-wearing for everyone's health and safety.

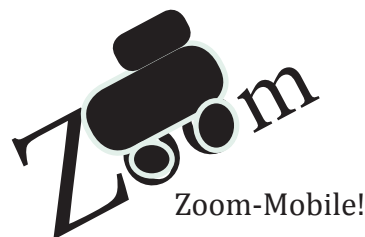
In case of bad weather, an email will be sent via the congregation's alert email letting everyone know we are reverting to the Zoom service. Childcare will not be offered, but children are welcome to attend with their families.

For those who prefer to attend via Zoom, we will share the outdoor service with you as it is happening.

Reservations for the outdoor service can be made via email to worship@firstpresdale.org, or by calling Sharon Wittke (618-893-1869) or Kathy Manfredi (618) 534-2532.

Along with Session and other Ministries, The Worship Ministry has been planning for a safe and joyful return to indoor worship this summer.

As we work through the details, we will keep the congregation informed and engaged. We welcome everyone to attend our first inside, in-person service in more than a year, but for those who may not feel comfortable with in-person worship, there will still be the option to attend via Zoom.



Have you or someone you know been unable to join us this year during our Zoom Worship? Would you like to but don't own a computer or have the capabilities to tune in to our services?

On the other hand, do you own a portable device (laptop, tablet, smart phone) and consider yourself a Zoom-Wizard? OK, so if you're not a Zoom-Wizard, are you able to tune in on Sunday mornings with little difficulty? The Worship Ministry is looking for a way to bring these two groups together.

How many of us remember Bookmobiles? For those who may have forgotten, Bookmobiles were traveling libraries, providing a wide choice of reading material and the excitement of reading to those individuals who didn't have easy access to libraries. Worship Ministry will continue providing an on-line option for our worship services, even though we will be worshiping in-person soon. With our "Zoom-mobile" program, we hope to extend these Zoom services to those who haven't been able to worship with us due to a lack of available technology or physical ability.

If you know of someone who lives in an assisted living facility or who you feel would appreciate this mobile service, please contact one of the Worship Elders so we can add you to our list. Likewise, if you have a portable device and are willing to visit someone living in an assisted living facility or one who is unable to attend on a Sunday morning, please contact us. There is no age requirement for Zoom-Wizards - thanks!

Kathy Manfredi

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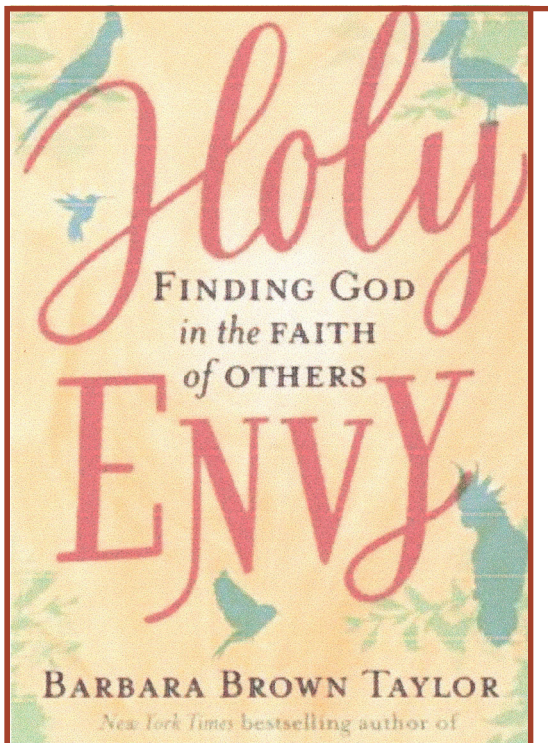
sharonwittke@gmail.com or 893-1869

The Worship Ministry is seeking worship assistants, head ushers and scripture readers for in-person services. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information, please contact the Worship Ministry at worship@firstpresdale.org.

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Faith
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Summer
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Jane Swanson and Reona Daly will lead a discussion of "Holy Envy" by Barbara Brown Taylor. The discussions will begin on Thursday, June 3rd, at 7 p.m. The plan is to cover one chapter each week. Participants can drop in as their schedule permits. The book is available through Amazon.com in both new and "gently used" condition.

Those who wish to participate should contact Jane or Reona by email so that a Zoom link can be sent to them prior to the meeting.



Creation Care Committee? - Better Stewards Team?
- The Green Samaritans?

You tell me!

How does our perception change when we begin to see the natural world as sacred? How does our heart change when we begin to care not only about our own children and grandchildren, but also about future generations? Many of us want to do more to conserve and protect our natural resources, but sometimes we don't know where to begin. In response to Pastor Kerry's Earth Sunday sermon, we are forming a team of individuals who will help us explore the answers to these questions.

The goal of this group is not only to educate and inspire but also to engage in and promote earth friendly activities and practices for our homes, our church, and our community. As you can see from the title of this article, though, our first task is to choose a name for our team.

If you are interested in being a member of this group, please contact Kathy Manfredi (kathleen-manfredi@gmail.com or 534-2532).

It's the little things we do each day that create true change.





Trivia Fundraiser for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

We hope you will join Mission Ministry for a trivia fundraiser for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) **Friday, June 18, at 6 p.m.** PDA provides relief to victims of catastrophic disasters in the country and around the world including floods, wildfires, and hurricanes. The event will be held outdoors on the church lawn (rain date June 19), so bring your blankets and lawn chairs. There is no set cost to participate but we will ask for a donation to PDA from those in attendance. There will be a dessert auction and pizza available for sale for dinner, so you don't have to cook. Water will be available to drink, but you are also welcome to BYOB. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, please email Cindy Buys at cindybuys@yahoo.com.



Thank You from Mission

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in donating items to the Women's Center in honor of Mother's Day.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering raised over \$4300 this year – an amount that will truly make a positive difference.

Important Remembrances in June

June 2: National Gun Violence Day

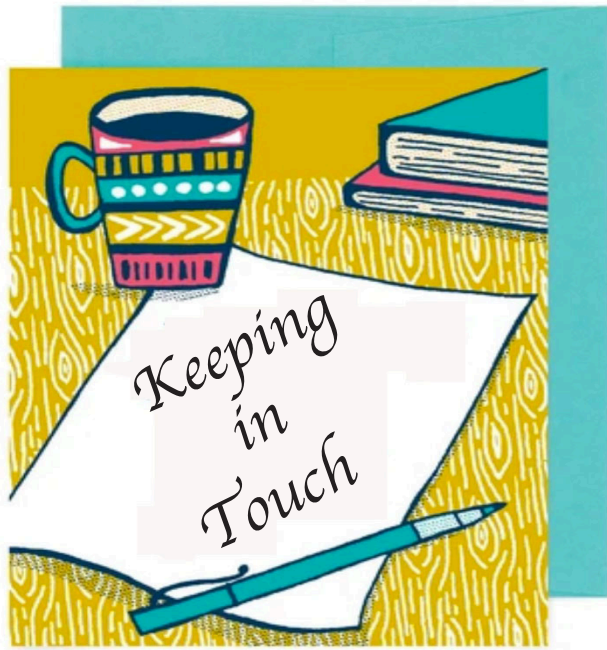
June 20: World Refugee Day

June Birthdays

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| 1- Gerry Buys | 12 - Rosey Gibbs |
| 1 - Mary Lou Fraunfelter | 14 - Diane Cash |
| 2 - Mark O'Donoghue | 19 - Ethan Forsberg |
| 3 - Dori Jefferson | 19 - Jill Hertzling |
| 4 - Carly Hertzling | 21 - Imogene Beckemeyer |
| 5 - Bob Luebbbers | 23 - Sarah Meredith |
| 5 - Dede Ittner | 25 - Harry Davis |
| 10 - Deb Burris | 28 - Rick Jefferson |
| | 28 - Elizabeth Gilbert |

June Anniversaries:

- 9 - Allan and Barbara Bennett
- 10 - Kent and Linda Brandon
- 11 - Lauren Bonner and Gary Williams
- 14 - David and Carol King
- 17 - Mikell and Elaine Miskell
- 18 - Anne and Don Barrett
- 19 - Jill Rendleman and Bill Vogler
- 30 - John and Carolyn Hooker



MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

Who doesn't like receiving a personalized piece of mail which isn't a bill, solicitation or form letter? This summer, Membership Ministry invites you to keep in touch with your church family via a couple of "snail mail" projects using the good ole' U.S. Mail.

First, this month watch your mailbox for a letter containing a postage-paid envelope which has been randomly pre-addressed to another church member or household. Place into the envelope your personalized words of greeting; a favorite family recipe; a newspaper or magazine article; or perhaps a leaf, dried flowers or some other small treasure with a note. After you drop this into the mail, be on the lookout for another's greetings for your household.

Second, those who are interested in ongoing mail correspondence with church members may sign up for the Round Robin letter project. Participants may share all sorts of information in the letters—such as how you've spent your time during the pandemic, updates about family (grandchildren, etc.), amusing anecdotes about your pets, and the like. Participants will receive an initial letter from a church member, with instructions to add their own story and forward both letters to the next name and address on the list. Letters will then continue to circulate throughout the circle of participants.

To participate in the Round Robin letter project, email your name and address to smmerideth@gmail.com or call Sarah Merideth at (618) 967-4408 with this information by June 15, 2021. Please only sign up if you'll be an active member of the Round Robin, as the project will "stall" if letters are not circulated. Consider staying connected with your fellow Presbyterians via Round Robin if you prefer a low (or no!) tech means of communication.

Trauma Care Workshop

Self-Care, De-Escalation & Intervention

Featuring:

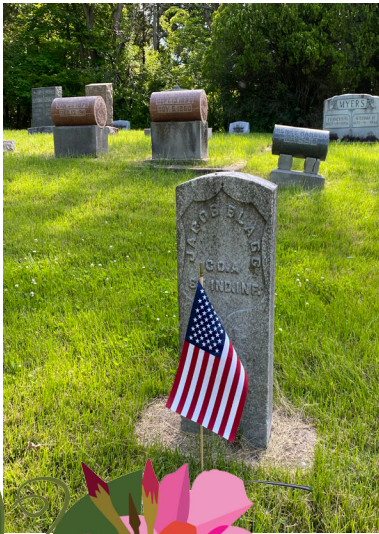
Dan Selock, LCPC,
and Rev. John Holst

June 12th from
10 am - 12 pm

Online Event

All Events Sponsored by:
Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
& The Marion Ministerial Alliance

*Zoom
Meeting ID:*
327 625 9414



The **Snider Hill Interest Group of Small Groups Ministry** is coordinating three cemetery maintenance workdays in 2021 to coincide with the major summer holidays.

Our second workday will be **Saturday, June 26**. We'll gather at the cemetery (off Park Avenue east of Lewis Lane) about 9 a.m. and work until 11 or 12. Please bring any garden/weeding tools, work gloves and water. We'll also pick up trash from the woods edges. Many cemetery angels are doing the mowing including our own Ro Quick. Come help maintain the cemetery and clean up for July 4th.

For directions or questions, contact Phyllis Beck, Harry Davis, or Beth Malmquist.

Our final workday will be Saturday, August 28.



Pam Holt, Bob Burton, Charlie Howe



John Holt

Snider Hill Cemetery



Sharon Wittke



Phil Wittke, Ro quick, Phyllis beck, Ron Malmquist
Photos by Beth Malmquist

DAYCARE

May brought many exciting things to our center as we celebrated mothers and mother figures by making beautiful presents and cards for them. The children also enjoyed playing outside and engaging in the sand and water tables.

This month we will continue our study about reducing, reusing, and recycling. Some of the focus questions during this unit are: What do we know about reducing, reusing, and recycling? What do we want to find out? What do people throw away? Where does trash go? What do workers do there? How do trash and garbage affect our community? How can we reuse items? How can we create less trash? At the end of the unit, we will have a review and celebration of the study. The children have really enjoyed trying to find the recycling triangle on many of the products we use



Photos furnished by Daycare

We are also very excited about our garden area this year. The children have planted a variety of flowers, fruits, and vegetables. We have sunflowers, gladiolus, strawberries, a cucumber plant, a sweet snacking pepper plant, and a tomato plant so far. We have been discussing how our food grows, what it needs to survive (water, light, lots of love, etc.), and many other important subjects. It will be such an enriching and invaluable experience for the children to grow the food that they will be a part of bringing to the table.



We hope everyone has a good month ahead and Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers and father figures.





Pride Month/Stonewall Weekend Events
June 25-27, 2021

One year following the 1969 Stonewall uprising, June 28, 1970 marked the nation's first gay pride marches which were held in New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco. During this year's Pride Month, the Varsity Center in downtown Carbondale will be the hub of local events commemorating the 52nd anniversary of Stonewall.

Greeting the 2020 Drive Thru Pride March



Photo by Lisa Hollabaugh

Sunday, June 27, 2021 at noon, we will gather outside the front of the church to welcome the second annual Pride Drive-Thru "Care-avan" as it circles up the Strip and back down University Avenue. You're encouraged to bring signs, flags, or balloons (or just an enthusiastic spirit) as we smile, wave and cheer on the caravan. It's a visible way to demonstrate our church's enthusiastic support for the LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual & Others) community.

The weekend's events include:

Friday, June 25 at 7 p.m. - Drag Show with local legend Blanche DuBois

Saturday, June 26 at 4 p.m. - Fundraiser for Conversion Therapy Dropout Network

Saturday, June 26 at 7 p.m. - Concert: The Deciders

Sunday, June 27 at noon - Pride Drive-Thru Care-avan/Livestream at the Varsity Center

Sunday, June 27 at 5 p.m.- Concert: Jenni and The Housewives

Virtual Prayer Vigil
Hearing Survivor Stories

wear orange

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 0809 6327
Passcode: 296631

June 5th at 7 pm
Online Event

For more info
Find us on Facebook
or Text 64433
*Southern Illinois Moms
Demand Action*

Endorsed by Carbondale Interfaith Council

Session

Synopsis

In the interests of time and space, this month's Session Meeting synopsis is presented in bullet-point format. We will return to a more narrative style next month...

Here is a quick list of the Session's discussions and actions:

- ☐ We accepted two resignations:
 - David King as Clerk of Session
 - Jonathan Brooks from Session (Fellowship Ministries)
- ☐ We had a long and detailed discussion about the possibility of returning to in-person worship in the church building. (There are articles elsewhere in this newsletter that touch on this discussion.)
- ☐ We continued our discussion about the sanctuary organ. Bill Schwegman asked Wicks Organ Company (Highland, IL) to look at the organ and give us a repair estimate. While here they got the organ into "playable" condition and will provide a written report suggesting future restoration possibilities and cost estimates.
- ☐ We discussed and voted to form a Small Group that will focus on educating, inspiring, and promoting earth-friendly activities for the church and the community
- ☐ We accepted the April financial reports and session minutes
- ☐ We voted to take advantage of the Ameren incentive program to replace all of the church's fluorescent and incandescent lights (not including the sanctuary) with LED light bulbs. The total cost will look like this:
 - Initial cost of replacement bulbs = \$13,450
 - Rebate from Ameren = \$4,571
 - Total cost= \$ 8,879
 - Amount of time for electric savings to pay for LEDs = 3 years
- ☐ Worship Ministries requested moving our June outdoor worship to 6/13
- ☐ I will be taking some vacation and continuing education time during July and August this summer

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Kerry

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Financial Report April 2021

32% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 99,483.88	\$ 225,981.00	44%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 4,373.80	\$ 11,806.31	37%
Per Capita	\$ 1,214.32	\$ 2,500.00	49%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 23,004.62	
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,603.14	\$ 8,035.38	95%
Totals	\$ 112,675.14	\$ 271,327.31	42%

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 13,520.00	12%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 27,461.51	\$ 75,798.76	36%
Staff	\$ 21,610.98	\$ 82,469.55	26%
Christian Ed.	\$ 26.00	\$ 4,900.00	1%
Worship & Music	\$ 250.52	\$ 3,575.00	7%
Comm/Administration	\$ 13,765.66	\$ 25,064.00	55%
Property/Capital	\$ 17,888.84	\$ 64,100.00	28%
Christian Nurture	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	0%
Total	\$ 82,573.51	\$ 271,327.31	30%

Revenues over Expenses \$ 30,101.63



We will barbeque and discuss Peter.

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



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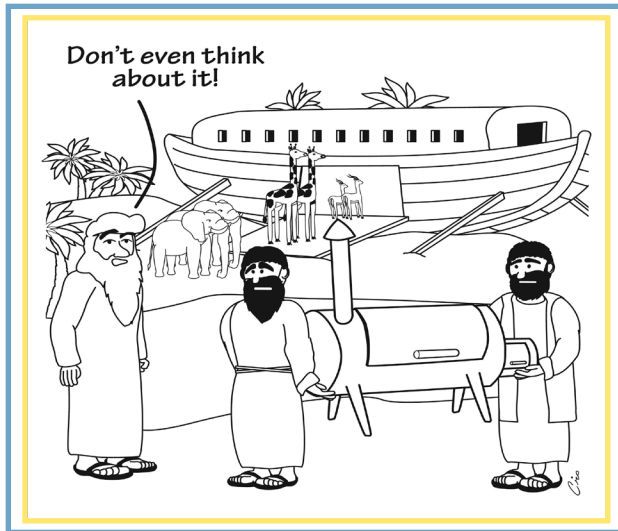
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June 24, 1906, First Presbyterian Church celebrated the first service in the new building on the corner of Elm and South Normal Avenue.