

The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Faith Dialogues via Zoom -
11:15

Daylight Saving Timr Ends
Nov, 7

"First Sunday" - Nov. 7

Pizza & Movie Night - Nov. 8

Flag Laying
at Snider Hill - Nov. 9

Session Meeting - Nov. 9

Free Laundry Day - Nov. 10

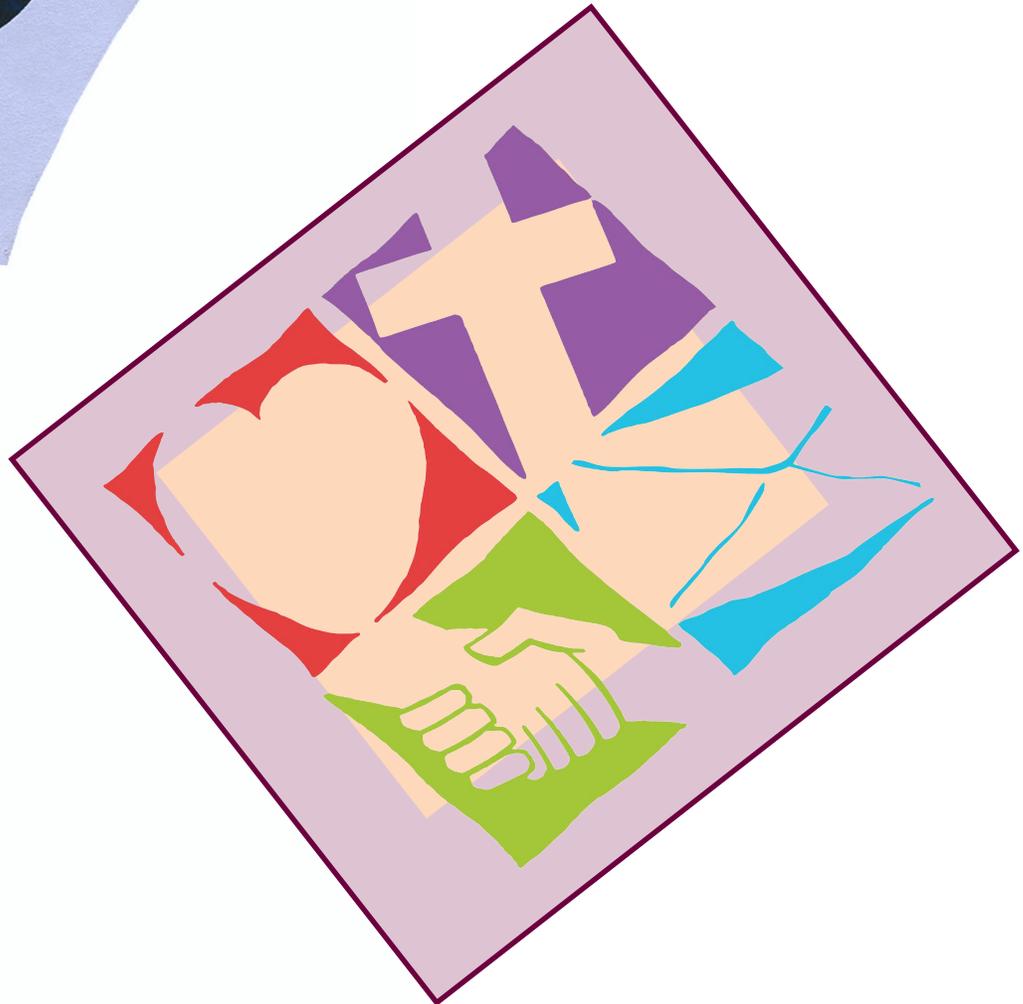
Alternative Gift Fair - Dec. 5

Church Office Hours

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

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 7, 2021

Notes from Kerry

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Advent...

Actually, it's not. Just yesterday (Sunday, 10/24) it was sunny and the high temperature was over 80 degrees. It seemed like a lovely day in mid-September, not late October with Advent and Christmas staring across the short span of just four weeks. So, there you have it: I am not ready for Advent to, well, make its advent.

But, of course, Advent is not going to wait for me. It will arrive right on time, just after Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving. I am most certain that the sanctuary will get decorated for the holiday season and I will again be excited to plan our Advent and Christmastide worships. But, believe me, I am very thankful each and every day that November is going to squeeze in first!

Just as it was true in 2020, it is true for 2021: we need a little Christmas with carols around the Spinnet. But maybe not quite right this very minute. Let us take time to enjoy these last few days before Halloween and then all the days leading up to Thanksgiving.

As I'm sure most of you have already heard dozens of times, the bible has two distinct Greek words that we translate into "time". One is *chronos* (Χρόνος) which refers to the passing of time. For instance, we sometimes call a clock a "chronometer". The other word is *kairos* (καιρος) which is more about the *fullness* of time. When we say, "that happened at just the right time" we're talking about *kairos*.

For me, in my role as Covenant Pastor, this is the time of year when *kronos* time seems to speed up the most— even while I'm thinking more about *kairos* time. How on earth will we get everything ready for Advent and Christmas? There's just so much! And the days seem to fly off the calendar like leaves in a stiff breeze.

But, of course, Advent and Christmas are really all about *kairos*. They're about remembering and reflecting that God acted when the time was right to send us Jesus the Christ to become Emmanuel. It is a good and wonderful thing that we set aside almost six weeks to worship and sing and celebrate the awesome love and grace God has shown us. As someone once said, "Joy to the world! The Lord is come!"

So let us take the time we are given this month of November and be mindful. Let us be mindful that again soon Advent and Christmas will arrive with both quiet candlelight and angels trumpeting the Good News that unto us a Child is born. Let us make the most of the time before we again celebrate the time that means the most.

In the meantime, have a happy Halloween and a blessed Thanksgiving!

Kerry

In sure and certain hope...

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

The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of

Billy Joe Schwegman

February 4, 1935 - October 5, 2021

*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



WORSHIP with us

November marks the end of Ordinary time as we anticipate transitioning into the liturgical season of Advent. Sunday, November 14, Elders Reona Daly, Beth Forsberg, Peter Hertzog and John Hooker will discuss "How COVID and the Pandemic Have Affected My Faith." Sunday, November 21, you're invited to participate in Communion by BYOE (bringing your own elements), or using the prepackaged ones set out where you pick up your worship bulletin.

The worship team continues to explore ways to strengthen our hybrid/Zoom worship experience. This includes configuring a more robust (yet still cost-effective) Sanctuary camera setup, with the goal of more consistent, high-quality streaming video. We also hope to enable Zoom's live transcription/captioning feature, perhaps by the time you read this article.

During Zoom worship you may find that, even at maximum volume, your device audio volume is too low. In this event (or if other technical problems arise), use the Zoom "chat" feature to describe the issue. This allows those in the Sanctuary to make real-time adjustments as needed.

We're also experimenting with displaying Zoom worship participants in "Gallery View" (stacked "Brady-Bunch"-style) on the Sanctuary screen. Some at-home

worshippers leave their Zoom video turned off, or may feel uncomfortable with their video feed being viewed in the Sanctuary. In this case, you're encouraged to please display a photo of yourself (or your family) in your Zoom "square" instead of your name, or device name. This way, congregants (in the Sanctuary and via Zoom) can "put names to faces," as we welcome new (and returning) folks into our extended church family.

In the coming weeks, you may notice we are "screen-sharing" the worship bulletin and hymn lyrics less frequently. We are experimenting with adjustments like this, to try to streamline the number of volunteers needed to manage Zoom hosting, camera operation and Sanctuary sound during hybrid worship. Please let the Worship Committee know if you miss the screen-sharing feature, or if its absence creates difficulties on your end.

Remember that the bulletin is attached to the weekly e-mail worship invitation; contact Barb Stewart in the church office to have a paper copy mailed to you. If you need help figuring out how to configure your Zoom display photo, have troubleshooting or technical questions, or wish to share general feedback about your worship experience, Elders Lisa Hollabaugh and Kathy Manfredi want to hear from you.

F aith **D**ialogues is continuing even with an occasional technical glitch. Topics for November include:

Nov. 7 - Concluding discussion of Reading While Black

Nov. 14 - How I Learned That Jesus Was Black by Danté Stewart

Nov. 21 - Continuation of "What it means to be an online community"

Nov. 28 - Beginning of our Advent discussion of four prayers led by Pastor Kerry

MISSION

"FIRST SUNDAY" NOVEMBER 7

The First Sunday in November, we will concentrate on a collection of food items for Good Samaritan Ministries in preparation for Thanksgiving. Needed food items include: canned vegetables, pasta, cereal, canned chicken, soup, beans and chili, ramen noodles and rice. Other requested items include: laundry detergent, dish soap, trash bags, and cleaning supplies.

SPECIAL MISSION DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 – All Saints' Day
- Nov. 5 – World Community Day
- Nov. 7 – Caregivers' Sunday
- Nov. 14 – Hunger and Homelessness Sunday
- Nov. 21 – Eradicate Systemic Poverty Sunday
- Nov. 30 – Giving Tuesday

LAUNDRY PROJECT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE

Free Laundry Day was held the second Wednesday of the month – October 13 – and will be held again **Wednesday, November 10**. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jane Swanson or Bill Martens (carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com).

SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES AND OTHER NEW AMERICANS

Thank you to everyone who generously donated items for arriving refugees. Cindy and Gerry Buys delivered the donations to the Carbondale Mosque. From there, they are being distributed to refugees arriving in St. Louis, Chicago, and Indiana.

Refugee resettlement organizations estimate that 3,000 Afghan refugees will be resettled in Illinois between the end of October 2021 and January 2022. Most of them will be resettled in the Chicago area but some will be resettled in the Champaign-Urbana area.

SOCK AND MITTENS TREE

The holidays are almost here. Once again this year, Mission Ministry plans to sponsor the Socks and Mittens Tree in the Narthex. Please bring new socks, mittens, hats, scarves, and underwear to hang on the tree for students in the Carbondale Elementary School District. The items will be delivered to the schools during the second week of December.

About The Fellowship Hall

If you have been here at the church over the last few months, then you have undoubtedly noticed the signs restricting access to the Fellowship Hall. Perhaps you thought those measures had something to do with Covid-19 protocols, but that is not really the case.

Permit me to now tell you the story in some detail.

We had suspected for quite some time that moisture was not being properly ventilated from the Fellowship Hall. Perhaps you've been seen small puddles on the floor from condensation collecting on the ceilings and beams from time to time. Well, those suspicions were right. The original roof/ceiling structure was not designed to allow moisture to properly dissipate, especially in very warm and humid weather. Even the air conditioning could not always keep up with humidity in the upper parts of the room.

It was earlier this year when we began to notice that certain boards in the ceiling were hanging a little loose or were bowing out. Ro Quick, one of our Elders on Facilities Ministries, was able to track down the company who originally installed the ceiling and asked them to come out and look at what was happening.

They agreed and went up to check. They discovered that in certain places the fasteners (screws, I think) were too short to keep the boards properly in place. They reattached the loose boards with longer screws, and now the ceiling looks really good again.

However, while they were up there, they discovered that mildew was growing in numerous places on the ceiling and the beams. At least, we hoped it was mildew.

Ro then procured the services of a regionally-based Architectural Safety Engineer who had the equipment and expertise to test what the fungus really was. He also suggested that we remove any soft surfaces from the space until the test results were in. We did that and also put up the signs to restrict access to the room,

It took five days or so for us to get the findings. It is mold, but it is **not a toxic** mold. So there is no health danger to any of us who use the building. But the session wanted to be absolutely sure before making any decisions about how to proceed.

We also had a contractor come and look at the roof and assess its condition. There are portions (particularly on the south side) that are not too bad. Other sections are very much in need of replacement. Besides, we

need to ensure that proper ventilation is installed throughout the roof so that we no longer have a condensation problem like before.

The roofing contractor has submitted a very reasonable bid and it is our hope that work on roof replacement with improved ventilation can begin this winter or early spring (depending on weather, of course). Once that step is done, a professional company with certification in mold abatement will be used to thoroughly clean the space. Again, let me stress that this mold has tested as not toxic.

So it is hoped that the Fellowship Hall will again be open and useable by later in the Spring. Until then, access will remain limited.

We do anticipate that there will be a need for capital improvement appeal as we get closer to the actual work being done. The final cost of the project will actually depend on what the roofers find as they begin to strip away old shingles, etc. There are some monies in current savings that can help with this project but the session felt strongly that members of the congregation and others who use the building should know exactly what's going on. It is hoped that everyone will step up and help share the cost of a new roof, ventilation, and through cleaning of the Fellowship Hall as best they can.

We are indeed blessed that the stuff growing on the ceiling is relatively friendly. This situation could have been much, much worse.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me. Give me a call at the church office or email me at pastorkerry@firstprescdale.org.





Pizza & Movie Night is Monday, November 8. Pizza will be ready to eat at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room. Salad, cookies, drinks, and more will make the meal complete.

This month's movie is Miracle on 34th Street from 1947, an oldie but goodie, starting with a Thanksgiving Parade and ending with Christmas morning. Remember it?



Let Kitty Trescott know you plan to attend. Tell her in person, call or text 618-203-1807, or email Trescott@midwest.net. No charge, Bring a friend.

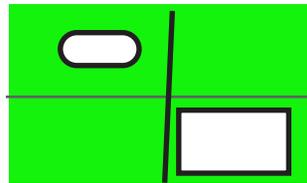


SAVE THE DATE

Alternative
Gift
Fair



Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's Alternative Gift Fair which will be held Sunday, December 5 at the Carbondale Civic Center.



FYI: Dede and Jonathon are happy to report that ALL of the Student Spirit Boxes arrived in time for our Presbyterian Scholars to enjoy their treats while studying for mid-semester exams.



Birthdays

- 2 Cindy Buys
- 14 Denise Brown
- 14 Nick Dellinger
- 16 Aaron Brooks
- 18 Jim Calloway
- 23 John Baker
- 23 Alison Forsberg
- 28 Mary Schmid
- 29 Jane Swanson

Anniversaries

- 15 Forrest and Barbara Stewart
- 25 Bill Martens and Jane Swanson
- 28 Rob and Melissa Jensen

And the winner is.....

During the month of September, the group formerly known as the Green Team held a contest to try to find a more creative moniker. Ten members of our congregation submitted 25 different suggestions. We had great fun with these and wish to thank everyone who submitted names for our recent contest.

Our prize winners are:

Winner – THE GREEN GUARDIANS – Rolanda Quick
1st runner up – Best Acronym (RIBIT! - Righteous Indignation Becomes Intelligent Transformation!) Carolyn Hooker
2nd runner up – Best music tie-in (Earth Angels) – Rob Jensen
Best Alliteration (Green Green) – Siena Sullivan
Best Asked Question (How Green Is Your Faith?) – Sarah Merideth
Best Team Spirit Cheer (Champions of Creation) – Lisa Hollabaugh
Best Scripture Related (Earthly Stewards) – Rosey Gibbs
Strongest Fighting Spirit (Warriors of Mother Earth) – Patrick Blessing
Most Unstoppable (Forces of Nature) – Reona & Connor Daly



Additionally, the Green Guardians planted six new trees along the perimeters of our church's green space. The trees were purchased at the Keep Carbondale Beautiful Native Plant Sale and are native to Illinois. Thank you David Warner, Rolanda Quick, Pat Manfredi, and Gerry Buys for transporting and planting the trees. We think they will provide much beauty and joy for many generations to come.

Our sponsors for the trees were:

- Gerry & Cindy Buys in memory of Fred Galway and in honor of Nancy Galway
- John & Carolyn Hooker in memory of Don Darling
- Bob & Elena Luebbers in memory of Ralph & Jean Luebbers
- John Fuioga in memory of Niculina Fuioga
- Brenda Myers in memory of Hurley Myers
- Bo, Merit, & Siena Sullivan in memory of Jane Steck Martens



Daylight Saving Time ends this year Sunday, November 7. As you turn your clocks back, please remember to check the batteries in your smoke alarms or other safety devices. Don't know where to take your old batteries? We will be providing a battery recycling box on the table under our bulletin board in the Narthex. When this box is filled, it will be taken to the appropriate recycling center and we will begin a new box. We appreciate your donations.



Photos by Kathy Manfredi

*“Our support today
helps build our future
tomorrow”*



Recently, Sunday morning congregants toured the newly-painted educational wing housing the church Preschool. During this project, an almost 70-year-old silver dollar

certificate—neatly folded into a faded “Youth Budget” donation envelope dated January 1954—was found in some ductwork. (Sadly, the donor’s name isn’t legible.) This unexpected discovery underscores the importance of ongoing financial support to our church’s livelihood and legacy...in other words, “We are worshipping today because of the support of previous generations.”

This image was included in the thoughtful and eye-catching materials which have landed in your mailbox recently. The congregation and Pastor Kerry thank Beth Forsberg, John Hooker, Rob Jensen and Wendi Zea for their leadership and service on the 2022 Stewardship Campaign Committee.

This Stewardship season, we are all invited to prayerfully consider how we will financially support First Presbyterian Church during the coming year. Please, as you are able, consider increasing your pledge amount for 2022. If you haven’t already, this year consider completing a Direct Debit of Contributions Agreement form, which authorizes automatic monthly or semi-monthly deductions from your checking or savings account. Direct debit giving simplifies the giver’s experience, but more importantly, it makes church budget planning much more predictable and efficient.

If you haven’t already, be sure to check out the spruced-up Preschool wing, where you will see hanging at the end of the hall a banner designed by the children of the church, back when our mission statement “Seeking the



Faith, Sharing the Spirit, Serving God’s People” was established. This colorful image reminds us that “Our support today helps build our future tomorrow.” Stewardship Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 7, 2021

Photos by Roanda Quick



Photos supplied by the Preschool

preschool

wow, the month of October flew by. We are enjoying the cool, fall weather and observing the colors of the trees change to beautiful shades of red, orange, and yellow. For the month of November, our classes will be learning about Fall, Kindness, Insects and Thanksgiving.

Just in time for the busy season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are partnering with Show Me Dough Fundraising and their delicious pastries, cookies and pizza. The original Butter Braid® pastries come in 7 delectable flavors, perfect for family events, celebrations, or a special treat. The Wooden Spoon cookie dough is pre-portioned for your convenience, no thawing, no scooping, and no mess. Each pizza order comes with two full sized locally manufactured pizzas - enough for the whole family. We will be taking orders through Tuesday, 11/9/21 and the delivery date will be Monday, 11/15/21 at 11:00 a.m. You can call or email the preschool or order online at:

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/f38a6a2d-f5ea-4146-81b0-6578882162c2>

We appreciate your support for our preschool. Have a Blessed November.



How beautiful the autumn season is. The children have been enjoying watching the leaves change color, fall to the ground, and dance in the wind. They have been talking about the season, apples, pumpkins, leaves, changing colors, etc. We also enjoyed getting dressed up and celebrating Halloween. It is such fun to see the different costumes and creativity.



This month we will be discussing the importance of Thanksgiving and acts of kindness towards one another. Each classroom will have a mini Thanksgiving feast to celebrate sharing and the appreciation of one another. They will also focus on things to be grateful for and spreading love to one another. We will also encourage our families to donate some canned goods for our local agencies in need. Photo supplied by Daycare

This year we will be trying a new fundraiser for fall. We will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts. Interested parties may pre-order glazed donuts by the dozen (\$10/each), chocolate iced donuts by the dozen (\$11/each), glazed filled donuts with raspberry, lemon or kreme filling by the dozen (\$11/each), purchase certificates for a dozen donuts (\$11/each), purchase Krispy Kreme coffee (Bold, Classic, and Decaf) (\$12/each), or purchase a digital dozens ecard/code (to be sent via email and redeemed locally) (\$11/each). Please email us at: pcdcd daycare@firstprescdale.org or call us at: (618) 529-1551 with any orders. Supporters are also welcome to make donations in lieu of orders. Orders will be due Friday, November 5, and delivery will be Tuesday, November 9. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support.



We wish everyone a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.



Session Synopsis for October 12, 2021 Meeting

As usual, we started the meeting with prayer and a short devotional. Our “Five Minutes of Church Officer Training” involved looking at a passage from Peter Steinke’s short book *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times*. The question we discussed (believe it or not) was whether our church operates according to a Newtonian understanding of the world or a quantum mechanical worldview. (We basically told Newton to take a hike...)

We briefly revisited our September discussion about going to Zoom-only worship. Our decision was to stay with the hybrid style of both in-person and online attendance for the foreseeable future. At this time all the metrics for assessing the spread of the Covid-19 virus are trending in a positive direction. That gives us hope for a healthier winter and spring.

I introduced a new question for the session to start wrestling with beginning in November: “What are things that you feel we are “locked” into as a church, and would it be worth it to “unlock” them? There is a companion question: “If we were to start the church again from scratch, what would we be sure to include and what things might we discard?” The purpose of such questions is to encourage us to be more innovative and imaginative in our leadership.

Nominating Committee will be voted on at congregational meeting Sunday 10/24.

Per usual, our excellent financial reports were reviewed. Rob Jensen gave us further explanation and detail, which is always helpful.

There have been a couple of important building improvements over this past year:

- The first is replacement of HVAC units over the preschool and daycare section of the buildings. Memorial monies helped pay this expense.
- The second was a re-lamping nearly all the light fixtures in the building (not the sanctuary). The new lights will help considerably help with conserving electricity. General maintenance funds plus an incentive from Ameren were used towards this cost.

We took a first look at the budget for 2022. In most ways, it is quite similar to this year’s budget. You will get a chance to look the budget over at the annual meeting in January.

The Stewardship Campaign is kicking into gear with Stewardship Sunday falling on 11/7.

We also talked a lot about the Fellowship Hall. I have written another article in this newsletter which unpacks our discussion in greater detail. I will suffice here to say that replacing the roof over the Fellowship Hall is necessary- as is a thorough cleaning of the ceiling as a form of non-toxic mold has started to grow up there. This will be another expense beyond what the operating budget will pay for. Look for a capital improvement appeal of some sort to come from us early in 2022.

Membership Ministry reported that the official membership of the church is now at 100. I know that may be difficult for some of you who remember a much fuller sanctuary on Sundays in the past. But I would say that we do as much ministry and make just as big an impact on the community as most churches several times our size. I appreciate the good work that Membership Ministries continues to do to help us get our expectations in line with our reality. We are a small to medium-size church that continues to do amazing things for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let’s own and celebrate that.

Several of the other ministries also reported. You can read more about them elsewhere in the newsletter.

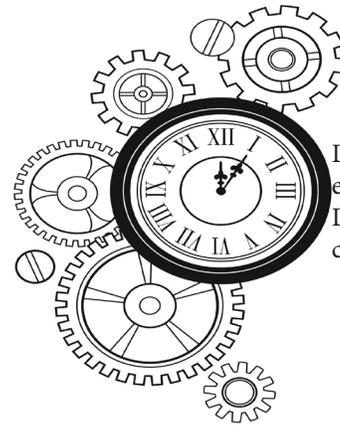
Next month, Wicks Organ Company will be providing us with a report about the state of the sanctuary organ, and (I believe) giving us some options as far as what repair or restoration would entail. This is just information sharing; no commitment towards any action will be made at this meeting. Still, it’s exciting to see such an important process that Bill Schwegman got rolling continue to unfold.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to ask a session member.

Kerry

The **Snider Hill Interest Group of Small Groups Ministry** will host a flag laying activity at the cemetery to observe Veterans Day Tuesday, November 9 at 2:00. No work, just paying tribute to those Veterans who have served our country and are interred here. The City's Public Relations officer, Roni LeForge, will come out to take a few photos for the City web page and/or social media. All are welcome! The City will host a ceremony at 11:00 on Veterans Day itself, November 11, at the flagpole in front of Altgeld Hall on the SIU campus.

Rain date for our flag laying will be Wednesday, November 10 also at 2:00.



Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7. Don't forget to set your clocks back.

Financial Report September 2021

75% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 185,273.88	\$ 225,981.00	82%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 11,959.42	\$ 11,806.31	101%
Per Capita	\$ 2,043.48	\$ 2,500.00	82%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 23,004.62	
Miscellaneous	\$ 11,644.45	\$ 8,035.38	145%
Totals	\$ 210,921.23	\$ 271,327.31	78%

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 7,456.22	\$ 13,520.00	55%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 55,071.90	\$ 75,798.76	73%
Staff	\$ 50,170.69	\$ 82,469.55	61%
Christian Ed.	\$ 1,395.03	\$ 4,900.00	28%
Worship & Music	\$ 987.34	\$ 3,575.00	28%
Comm/Administration	\$ 17,526.21	\$ 25,064.00	70%
Property/Capital	\$ 46,452.89	\$ 64,100.00	72%
Christian Nurture	\$ 250.20	\$ 1,900.00	13%
Total	\$ 179,310.48	\$ 271,327.31	66%

Revenues over Expenses \$ 31,610.75



Teens picking up liter meet at 9 a.m.

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



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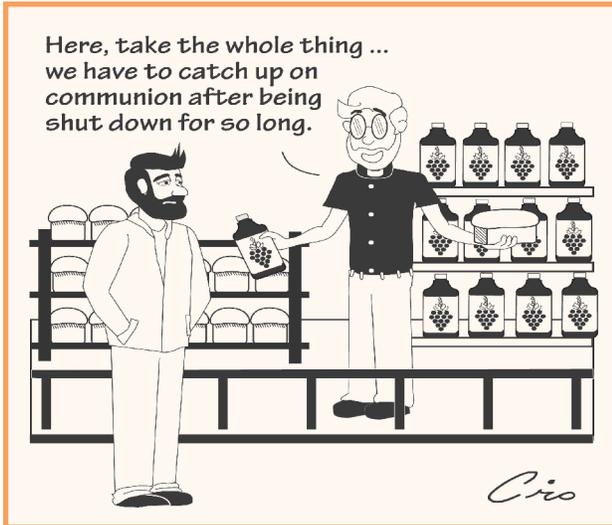
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November 11, 1853, there were 5 members of the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1853 we had grown to 500 members. In 2020 there were 117 members. Our current membership is 100 members.