



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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SUNDAY, JULY 4
9:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours

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

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Notes from Kerry, July 2021

Welcome Back!

I am very excited that we will be returning to in-person worship in the church sanctuary Sunday, July 4. No doubt we all can read some symbolism into once again being free enough to worship and fellowship together in a place we identify as one of our spiritual homes.

It's also exciting to be entering into a "hybrid" era of worship. That is, we are continuing to connect with folks via Zoom for Sunday worship even as we gather in person indoors again. It has been true throughout these many pandemic months that *we have learned as we went along*. We discovered some technologies and some practices that worked for us - and some that didn't. I predict more of the same in the months to come. Please continue being patient as we find the sweet spot in which we discover the best ways we can of being a congregation both physically and virtually present.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge that the Covid-19 pandemic is still raging throughout parts of our country and throughout much of the world. There are serious concerns about variants of the virus and a lack of vaccine for millions of folks everywhere. (There remains, of course, a serious political divide about the safety and efficacy of vaccines here in the USA.) Since March 2020, most of us have been touched in some powerful way by the pandemic. Some of our family members have lost work, some of us have been seriously ill, and certainly some of our church family or friends have died from contracting the virus.

I am planning to include a brief memorial service within the regular worship service Sunday, July 18 which will help us to remember those in our church family who have died during the pandemic: to both celebrate their resurrection to new life in Christ and to acknowledge our loss and sorrow at their passing. It will also acknowledge that millions of our brothers and sisters in the world continue to struggle with the effects of Covid-19 in their homes and communities.

It is the story of life as always: that there is joy tinged with grief. And grief enlightened with joy. To be Christian is to affirm that this life matters *and* that the next life matters as well. We are always on the road to what we are becoming. It is a road we travel together as we follow Christ into ever deepening relationship with God. Worship is central to that faith journey.

I am excited to continue journeying with you all. Physically. Virtually. Both.

Peace,

Kerry



Good news! We will resume worship in the Sanctuary Sunday, July 4. Everyone is welcome to attend our first inside, in-person service in fifteen months, but for those who prefer to remain at home, there will still be the option to attend via Zoom.

The return to in-person worship gives us all the opportunity to beautify our church by donating flowers throughout the year. You may designate that you are placing flowers in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of an individual or organization. You may also choose to bring a bouquet of your own garden flowers. Please contact the church office for details.

Our "Zoom-mobile" program seeks to extend Zoom services to those unable to worship with us due to a lack of technology or a physical impairment. If you know someone who might appreciate assistance with Zoom, or if you have a portable device and are willing to visit someone unable to attend the Sunday morning service, please contact Kathy Manfredi: kathleenmanfredi@gmail.com or 534-2532.

Worship Ministry extends a huge "THANK YOU" to the people who volunteered at the recent outdoor services, and to the Zoom techs who made our Worship services possible during the pandemic. Your service to the church is much appreciated.

Membership ministry thanks everyone who has volunteered to serve as a greeter as we return to in-person worship:

Phyllis Beck
Mary Jane Brooks
Denise Brown
Cindy & Gerry Buys
Reona Daly
Marta & Harry Davis
Jill Hertzling
Lisa Hollabaugh
Pam Holt
Beth Malmquist
Bill Martens
Sarah Merideth
Brenda Myers
Rolanda Quick

Merit & Bo Sullivar

Please note that the greeters will not be shaking hands at this time due to the on-going pandemic. Your cooperation is appreciated. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to worship.



IT'S GREAT
TO SEE
YOU!

Saem's Reception



Saem Lee, our worship accompanist for the past three years, will be graduating in August and heading back to South Korea. It has been such a joy to hear the variety of beautiful and energetic music she has contributed to our services. To show our appreciation before she leaves, we are having a **reception Sunday, July 25**, immediately following our worship service. We encourage you to bring a card with a brief note for Saem or you may send them to the church office in c/o Barb Stewart. We hope you will be able to join us.

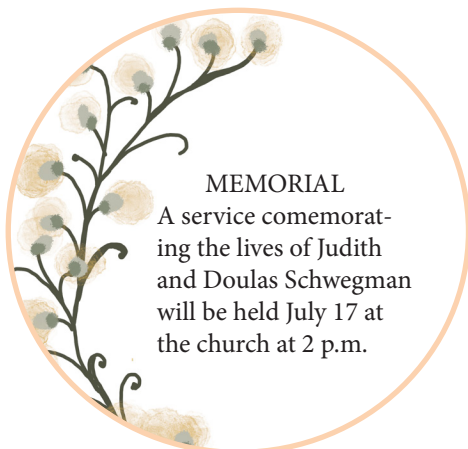


For the past year, we've held "First Saturday" events to collect donations for a variety of mission-related projects and to distribute fair trade items. Now that we'll be worshipping in person beginning in July, the Mission Ministry team decided to move the event to the first Sunday of each month, beginning with August 1. (The July event will still be held Saturday July 3).

Beginning Sunday August 1, bring mission-related items for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Warming Center, Bethel AME, PCDC, the Diaper Bank, and the Laundry Project, as well as special mission collections announced each month. The collections will be set up in the narthex, but drive through the porte cochere if you need help unloading your vehicle.

Fair Trade items (coffee, tea, and chocolate) may still be ordered in advance for pick up on First Sundays, but we'll also have these items available on most Sunday mornings after worship.

Thank you for all of your support of our First Saturdays, and your continued support of First Sundays!



The Dinner Group met at Bandana's Thursday, June 16. They have plans to continue meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at various restaurants. The August location will be announced in the bulletin, on the webpage, and through church alerts. Contact Bill Schwegman at 457-6637 or bjsjcs@aol.com if you need additional information. Let Bill know that you will be coming so the restaurant can prepare for the group appropriately.





It's a Brand-New Murder Moose-tery!

*Mission Ministry introduces **Intrepid Inspector Ilse** and the **Mystifying Missing Maine Moose Mystery: A Case of Moose-taken Identity!***

Preparations are underway for a brand-spanking-new Mission Ministry sponsored murder mystery melo-drama- much in the tradition of 2019's *Murder By Malbec*. Again, the goal is to raise funds for both local and PCUSA-affiliated missions while engaging lots of folks in the congregation in acting, building sets, making costumes, helping backstage, tech work, and helping things run smoothly during performances.

I am presently writing the script for the show, while the good folks on Mission Ministry are helping to do the important work of organizing everything. Several of the folks who worked so tirelessly on *Murder By Malbec* are again on board, which is totally awesome.

Here is what you need to know at this early juncture:

- ☐ The date and time: Sunday, October 24 at 6 p.m.
- ☐ The place: Fellowship Hall
- ☐ The price: Donations will be accepted for admission and desserts.
- ☐ There will be a silent auction for donated items. For instance, a week at a cabin in Maine (owned by a member family of our church)
- ☐ The missions we'll be supporting will be selected and announced soon. We are hoping to partner with a local mission that will most benefit from our fundraising and can also help publicize the show in the community

Exciting ways you can get involved:

- ☐ If you have nice quality items or services that you can donate for the silent auction, please do. Let Lily Vucinic or Rick Jefferson know what you'd like to donate (and perhaps a minimum suggested bid) prior to October 1.
- ☐ Be in the show:
 - We had a great cast in 2019 - and we'd love to have them all back - but we also want new folks to join in the fun. I will make sure that there are lines for everyone. Please contact me at pastorkerry@firstpresdale.org if you'd like to join for the first script reading Sunday afternoon July 18. If you can't make that date, let me know anyway. No acting experience is necessary, believe me.
- ☐ Be on a crew:
 - We will need help in all these ways:
 - Advertising and publicity
 - Stage crew and tech crew (sound and lights)
 - Hospitality for the night of the show
 - Building and painting the set
 - Making costumes

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Earth, Wind, and Fire

The forecast for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program looks a bit sunnier due in part to First Presbyterian Church's contribution of the money raised at the Earth, Wind, Rain & Fire Trivia Fundraiser. As the PDA volunteers go to work dealing with this year's challenges of flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, and damaging wind events, our donation of over \$3000 raised entirely from this event, will be greatly needed and appreciated.

A huge thank you to our emcee, David Peters, for an absolutely brilliant job. It was such a fun evening! Mostly thanks to all of you who donated either by attending, helping with the event, donating financially or with a dessert (sometimes all four). We're thinking this may be an annual event.



Photos by Ro Quick



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fundraiser



Photos by Ro Quick



Facilities Elder Rolanda Quick accepts a \$108.00 check from Carbondale Rural King

Rural King Fundraiser

During March 2021, 10% of Rural King purchases made on behalf of First Presbyterian Church were donated to the church. This year, this yielded a \$108.00 contribution. Stewardship extends a big "Thank you" to everyone who entered their receipt information online.



Imogene Beckemeyer turned 92 and celebrated at the Sunshine cafe with Presbyterian friends.
Photos by Ro Quick

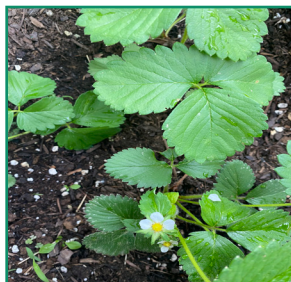
YAHOO!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
IMOGENE

DAYCARE

Last month, we enjoyed celebrating our fathers and making Father's Day gifts. We also wrapped up our reducing, reusing, and recycling study and began our water study. This month we are looking forward to learning about how important water is, what water is, the water cycle, and we will also have fun exploring water in its many forms. We are also excited to have a water play day during these hot and humid days. In addition, we will be celebrating America's birthday. Happy Birthday, America!



Our kiddos have been taking good care of our plants with lots of love, water, and light. Check out how big they have gotten from last month. We are excited to have some little peppers started on our snacking pepper plant. There are also lots of blossoms on the tomato, cucumber, and strawberry plants. Some of

the plants are even taller than the kiddos. We can't wait until we are able to eat some of the deliciousness we have grown.

We would also like to take a moment to share how proud we are to announce that the daycare center has continued to maintain a silver circle of quality through the ExceleRate program in Illinois. This achievement shows our commitment and dedication to the early childhood field and to continued quality improvement. Only programs who have met certain criteria and have worked hard to achieve the award through rigor-

ous classroom assessments are able to attain a circle of quality. We are proud to say the PCDC Daycare has achieved this honor. We will continue to work hard in the future for our children, staff, parents, and facility.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe Fourth of July!

Photos furnished by Daycare

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- Decorating the Fellowship Hall (with set-up and clean-up)
- Prayers of support.

Please let me know if and how you want to get involved. I imagine that a lot of the preparation work will begin sometime in August. And as I mentioned, I hope we can get started with read-throughs and rehearsals in mid-July.

The church and community were so supportive of *Murder by Malbec* in 2019. I hope that we have an equal amount of fun and good spirits for *Moose-taken Identity* this year. I am very grateful that Mission Ministry is again partnering with me to help make all this happen.

-Kerry



Birthdays

5 - Kathy Manfredi
5 - Darrell Bryant
5 - Conner Daly
8 - Aline Johnson
9 - Michele Crews
12 - David Peters
19 - Gary Williams
22 - Nick Owen
28 - Bobbie Ogletree

4th grade supplies

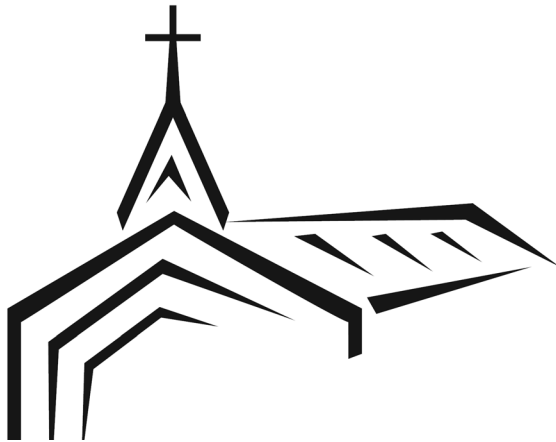
Personal Supplies

- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 1 view binder (1½ inch says on label) (no trapper keepers or HUGE binders)
- children's scissors
- loose leaf notebook paper (3 packages)
- crayons (1 pack, Crayola preferred)
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 package (4 pack preferred) black dry erase markers (Expo, chisel tip--no skinny markers please)
- 5 pocket folders (solid colors only)
- 1 package of 4 highlighters
- ruler (plastic, needs inches and centimeters)
- colored pencils (16 count)

- markers (8 count, Crayola preferred)
- 5 composition notebooks (100 page) PLEASE NO SPIRAL BOUND
- 1 blue ink pen
- Individual headphones or earbuds (must fit in a ziploc bag)

Classroom Supplies

- pencils-Ticonderoga preferred (100)
- pencil cap erasers (1 box)
- Kleenex (6 boxes)
- paper towels (1 roll)
- Boys: disinfectant wipes (1 container)
- Girls: disinfectant spray (Lysol)
- Sandwich size zipper storage bags (1 box)
- Boys: gallon size zipper storage bags (1 box)
- Girls: hand sanitizer (1 LARGE container)



Session Meeting Synopsis for June 8, 2021

We began our regularly scheduled meeting on June 8, 2021 with prayer and, after we established a quorum, I shared a devotional reading from *The Daily Feast*.

We expressed our gratitude to three people: David King for his ongoing service as the Clerk of Session, Rob Jensen for serving as Clerk Pro Temp for the last 14 months, and to Sharon Wittke for agreeing to become our new Clerk of Session.

We have received some resignations from session lately. All of these resignations are for individual, personal reasons and do not reflect any stated dissatisfaction with the session or the direction of the church. Those resigning over the past couple of months include Jonathan Brooks, Jay Brooks, and Sharon Wittke (though she continues on as Clerk). It is hoped that congregation will approve the addition of James Prest and Bo Sullivan to the session in July. We will then take some time to see if the church's Ministries and Committees can continue to work effectively with a slightly lower number of Ruling Elders. (We are moving towards a reduction in session size anyway.)

We have scheduled a congregational meeting immediately after worship on July 11, 2021 for the purpose of electing James and Bo to the session.

We engaged in a lengthy and detailed conversation about what it means for us to be re-opening the church building and again having in-person worship in the sanctuary beginning July 4, 2021. We covered such topics as preparation of the sanctuary, re-training volunteers, safest practices during worship, communication with the congregation, availability of childcare, and use of the building by small church groups and other outside groups. Many of the details of this conversation will be sent to the congregation via email and/or USPS.

Minutes from May and financial reports were approved.

There were also reports from several of the Ministries. I will just make note of a couple items here:

- ☐ There have been upgrades to the north side of the building around the preschool and daycare including installation of plexiglass and fencing.
- ☐ We are in the process of taking advantage of an incentive program from Ameren to upgrade nearly all of the church's lighting to LED
- ☐ Summer Book Club began on June 3
- ☐ Membership Ministry's Postal Project is underway
- ☐ Membership and Fellowship Ministries are hosting a Trivia Contest as a fundraiser for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program on June 18
- ☐ The Elder of the Week position has been eliminated with its responsibilities being re-distributed to the pastor, worship assistant, et al.
- ☐ Dinner Group is meeting at Bandana's on June 17 at 5:30 p.m.

We concluded with prayer and are set to meet again Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in a hybrid setting: both at the church and via Zoom.

Kerry

5th Grade Supplies

Personal Supplies

Pencils (50 or more, Ticonderoga preferred)
 Pencil sharpener (individual size with cover)-optional
 Dry erase markers (package of 4)
 Loose-leaf paper (3 packets wide-ruled)
 2 composition notebook (no spirals)
 3 pocket folders
 Scissors
 Glue bottle or 4 glue sticks
 Markers or crayons or colored pencils (choose one)
 Ear buds or headphones (available at Dollar Tree)

Classroom Supplies

Kleenex (4 large boxes)
 Paper Towels (2 rolls)
 Disinfecting Wipes
 Hand Sanitizer
 Gallon Ziploc bags – girls
 Quart Ziploc bags – boys

Financial Report May 2021

41% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 120,907.88	\$ 225,981.00	54%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 6,400.62	\$ 11,806.31	54%
Per Capita	\$ 1,675.48	\$ 2,500.00	67%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 23,004.62	
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,661.85	\$ 8,035.38	95%
Totals	\$ 136,645.83	\$ 271,327.31	50%
Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 13,520.00	25%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 32,558.05	\$ 75,798.76	43%
Staff	\$ 27,320.81	\$ 82,469.55	33%
Christian Ed.	\$ 1,108.50	\$ 4,900.00	23%
Worship & Music	\$ 293.92	\$ 3,575.00	8%
Comm/Administration	\$ 14,708.96	\$ 25,064.00	59%
Property/Capital	\$ 26,420.10	\$ 64,100.00	41%
Christian Nurture	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	0%
Total	\$ 105,810.34	\$ 271,327.31	39%
Revenues over Expenses	\$ 30,835.49		



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Picnic is around the corner!

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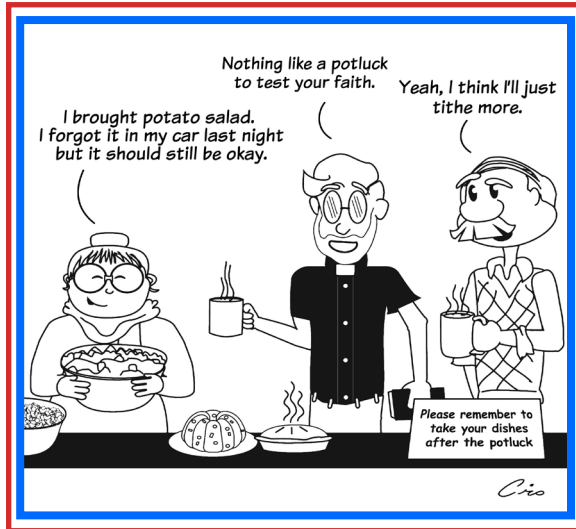
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In the past year several, wonderful, long-time members passed away. Due to restrictions from the pandemic, private, albeit lovely, graveside services were held.