



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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LET'S BE COOL!

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\$31,000

Rehearsals for Murder by Malbec - Aug. 11

Dinner Group - Aug. 15

Pizza & Movie - Aug. 16

Yoga Fundraiser - Aug. 19

Snider Hill Workday
Aug. 24

Joint Worship Service
Sept. 29

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

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August is Awesome!

August happens to be one of my favorite months. Not only is it my wife Cindy's birthday month, but we were married 29 years ago in Louisville, Kentucky on August 25! Plus, I'm one of those geeky types who like the start of a new school year and the possibilities it holds. In the church, like school, the summer is winding down and the autumn promises renewed energy and excitement. So, I think August is pretty awesome (except maybe when it's 105 degrees in the shade).

As I'm writing this I am fresh back from a vacation that was both amazing and exhausting. On our whirlwind dash through Western Europe (nine countries in 12 days!), we saw many, many important landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, the Sistine Chapel, and the canals of Venice. But I never really felt like I got quite enough rest. Most every day it was early breakfast followed by a packed day of sightseeing, late dinner, and collapsing in an unfamiliar bed. So maybe "fresh back" isn't exactly the right term. I am "enriched back". I am looking forward to what the rest of this year has in store for us here at the church.

One thing that this August will bring will be the start of rehearsals for our first annual musical murder mystery melodrama *Murder By Malbec: Inspector Isabelle of Interpol and the Tragic Tasting Room Treachery*. The first rehearsal will be Sunday August 11, at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. So if you are in the show, take note and mark your calendars. If not, you can look forward to a full description of the production in the September newsletter.

Also in August, the session and I will be working on setting up the *Holy Cow!* congregational survey tool. Think of it as a questionnaire which is designed to help us better discern our congregation's current strengths and challenges as we serve God- and what style of pastoral leadership might be most needed in the coming years. Again, more details about this will appear in the near future.

This month will also give me a chance just to get back in the swing of things around here. There is so much going on that I sometimes have to take notes to keep all the ministries and activities straight! And that's awesome, of course. Most churches I know would love to have such a variety of ways to plug in and participate. I think you all should consider yourself blessed to be part of such a vital faith community!

So the long and short of it is that August promises to be another great month in the life and ministry of our congregation. I am told by some of my best people that we should be back in the sanctuary for worship Sunday, August 4. As much as I've enjoyed having church in Fellowship Hall, won't it be grand to get back to the beauty and elegance of our sanctuary space? (The answer is, ala Stan Laurel, "It certainly will!")

So, jump with both feet into August here at First Presbyterian-Carbondale. It will be, I promise you, like totally awesome. Fer shure.

Kerry

Thank-You

We now are into the interim pastor stage. The transition from pastor to no pastor to interim has gone as smoothly as was expected. The explanation for this smooth transition may be found in the efforts of the large number of volunteers who contributed to making our services meaningful.

The list of worship service volunteers is long and impressive! It reveals the strength of our membership.

Sue Bailey
Dorothy Baker
John Baker
Bill Baumann
Phyllis Beck
Allan Bennett
Jay Brooks
Mary Jane Brooks
Darrell Bryant
Deb Burris
Cindy Buys
Jim Calloway
Diane Cash
Michele Crews
Kellyn Daly
Lucas Daly
Judy Dawson

Steve Dawson
Beth Forsberg
Ethan Forsberg
Jeff Franklin
Rosey Gibbs
Jacob Gorecki
Kathryn Heins
Lisa Hollabaugh
John Holt
Carolyn Hooker
Melissa Jensen
Rob Jensen
Carol King
David King
Bob Luebbers
Beth Malmquist
Kathy Manfredi

Pat Manfredi
Mary Mantovani
Bill Martens
Sarah Meredith
Brenda Myers
Hurley Myers
Rolanda Quick
David Peters
Joseph Prest
Bill Schwegman
Judy Schwegman
Alisa Simpson
Ken Simpson
Jane Swanson
Kitty Trescott
Wendi Zea

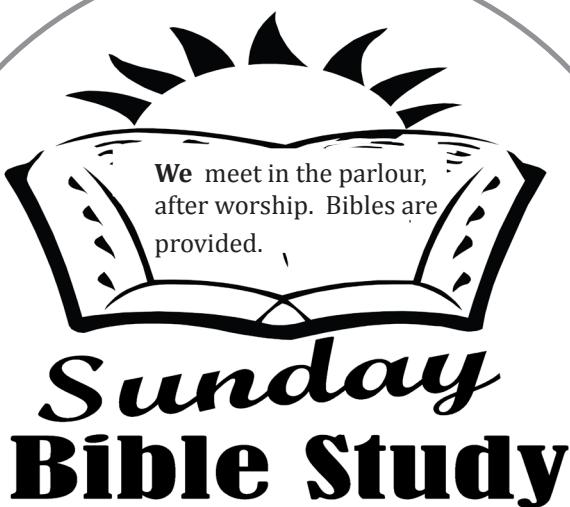
Wendi Zea had full responsibility of creating each Sunday bulletin, using resources provided by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Kathy Manfredi took over the hymn selections as well as the other non-choir music provided during the service. She continues this responsibility to assist in the transition period.

Elders Pat Manfredi, Kathy Manfredi, and John Baker joined the Worship Ministry to assist in decision-making until the interim pastor arrived even though they had responsibilities for other ministry teams. Kathy and John continue in a resource capacity.

We thank all of you for your part in keeping First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale strong and forward-looking.

Worship Ministry

Wendi Zea, Elder
Dorothy Baker, Elder
Carlyn Zimmermann
Choir Director
Jim Calloway
Diane Cash
Dori Jefferson





The Mission Ministry is organizing a yoga class on Monday, August 19, from 6-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the class but monetary donations are requested to aid immigrants such as asylum seekers and children in immigration detention. Join us for some good health, good fun, and good deeds.

Christians in Motion

Our final **Snider Hill Cemetery workday** for the summer will be Saturday, August 24. We'll gather at the cemetery (off Park Avenue east of Lewis Lane) about 9 and work until 11 or 12. Please bring any garden/weeding tools, work gloves and water. String trimmers are especially helpful. Join us for fellowship and work to spruce up the cemetery for Labor Day and end of summer.

“The pianist is playing...what should I do?”



Our worship and music traditions at First Presbyterian are truly a mixed bag: many of us enter worship in a rather last-minute fashion, loudly greeting our friends and family while others sit quietly in the pews for several minutes with downcast eyes or hearts lifted in prayer. Although different, both of these are appropriate ways to prepare ourselves for worship.

We also have mixed worship and music traditions at the other end of the service. In many places of worship, individuals leave the worship space following the blessing, preparing to transmit to the world the insight, strength, or joy they have experienced during the service; when the congregation goes out into the world with a message for the coming week. The role of the Postlude – “a concluding piece of music after a religious service” – is to assist with this. However, many in our congregation prefer to stay seated until the conclusion of the Postlude, allowing the energy and joy of the Postlude to complete their worship experience.

A few of you have asked if it is more appropriate to stay and listen to the Postlude or to begin socializing and leave the sanctuary? Ultimately, this is up to the individual. While we have worshiped in the Fellowship Hall, a special effort has been made to encourage the congregation to begin this period of sharing and fellowship during the Postlude. However, as we begin our transition back to the sanctuary, this period of “sending out” may begin to feel a bit awkward.

Some musicians have commented how nice it is for members of the congregation to share the moment of “sending out” with them. Others have commented they become nervous when the entire congregation stays to listen. Thus, as long as we are mindful of others and refrain from establishing a sense of expectation, awkwardness or obligation for worshipers – especially newcomers – either behavior is appropriate. We are pleased there is a positive response to the music in our services and look forward to worshiping with you in the future. ~



The Music Team

Serving our Community

The Mission Ministry is working on a new project to assist the local homeless community. Many homeless people struggle to find resources to do their laundry. The Mission team has been exploring the possibility of working with a local laundromat to find a day of the week when homeless members of our community could do their laundry. Our congregation and perhaps some community partners would contribute laundry detergent and quarters, and would have a couple of volunteers present to distribute these items and engage with the persons who come to do their laundry. Watch for more details soon.



June 23, 2019, Pastor Kerry presented Judy and Steve Dawson with a prayer shawl during their final Sunday in worship at First Presbyterian Church. We wish the Dawsons all the best in their new Florida home!

June 23, 2019, Neal Foland and Dorothy Beyler honored Imogene Beckemeyer's 90th birthday. During the Fellowship hour "Sweet Imogene" was celebrated, with lyrics courtesy of Kathy Manfredi and John Hooker.

Photos by Lisa Hollabaugh



Save the date

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Joint Worship Service

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois

Camp Carew

4:00 PM – Worship service

Led by Rev. Dan Whitfield

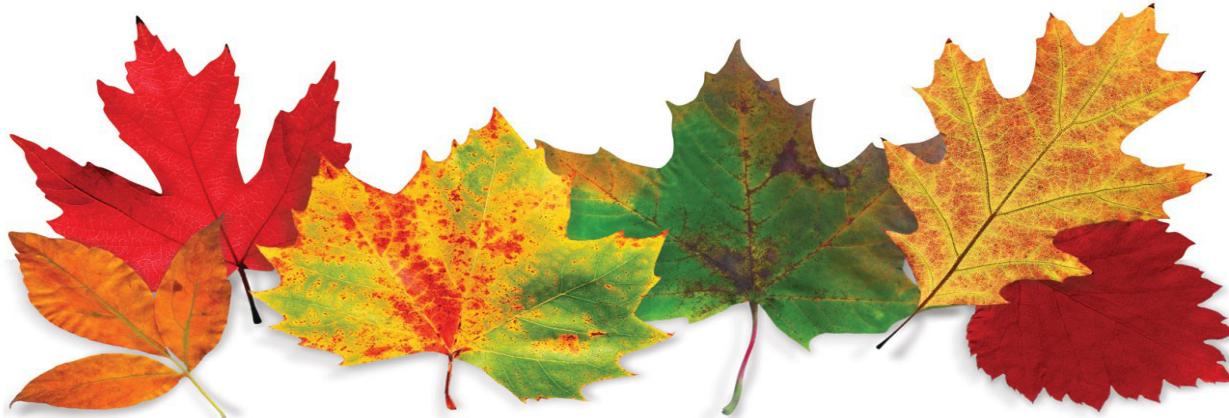
“Celebrating God’s Creation”

5:30 PM – Potluck meal

Donations will be taken to support locally sponsored mission work

Come and enjoy the hearing of the word and fellowship in the beauty
of God’s creation

Contact Susie Selock at sselock@hotmail.com for more information





She thinks of everything: where his glasses are, when it's time to take his pills, what he should eat for lunch. After three-plus decades together, the wife anticipates the husband's needs and meets them before he even realizes he has them—and certainly long before she'd ever consider tending to any needs of her own.

It's an efficient if unhealthy dynamic that's kept their marriage humming along through two kids and a grandkid on the way, through bouts of infidelity, through the husband's spectacular and longstanding literary success and up to his crowning achievement: winning the Nobel Prize.

Pizza & Movie Night Friday, August 16

Pizza will be ready to serve at 6 p.m., accompanied by fruit, salad, cookies, and drinks (maybe more). The table is set in Fellowship Hall. Once the food is eaten and the table cleared and everything cleaned up and put away, we move into the Youth Room to watch THE WIFE on the big screen TV, usually about 7 p.m. Plan to join us; bring friends and family. Let Kitty Trescott know you plan to attend, so we are sure to order enough pizza. Call 203-1807 or send an email to trescott@midwest.net.

Dinner Group

The Dinner Group met at Giant City Lodge Thursday, July 18, with 26 diners present. Rev. Deborah Troester gave the blessing and then we all had chicken as you might guess. Rev. Deborah and Dr. Troester gave a good power point presentation their work in Zambia Africa. The Troesters have been in Africa for 13 years.

As of now a decision about the August meeting site has not been made. Bill & Judy Schwegman will be our hosts and they are making plans. The location will be announced in the August church bulletin.



Photo by Bob Luebbers

DAYCARE

We have been having an excellent summer. We have been trying to stay cool through all of the hot and humid days and look forward to our water play times which are always always so much fun.

Over the past couple of months, we have enjoyed discussing many exciting themes: celebrating our parents, celebrating America's Birthday, and having a St. Jude's Trik-a-thon. For Mother's Day, we had a relaxing afternoon for our mothers to spend quality time with their little ones. The afternoon was full of good treats, foot soaks, coloring, face masks, fingernail painting, massages, relaxing music, aromatherapy, and more. Our Father's Day was a fun and exciting event where the fathers got to enjoy eating a pizza lunch with their kiddos in their classroom, followed by enjoying some awesome ice cream sundaes --Yumbilicious! At our St. Jude's Trik-a-thon this year, the children enjoyed bringing their trikes from home and riding laps in the Big Room for the children of St. Jude. It is such an important cause and we are so happy to participate in it. Our top rider this year did 102 laps -- Wowsers.

This summer, the children have also planted a few plants/flowers in a small garden area and flower beds made with the wood from our old bridge Yippee! They have enjoyed watering the plants and watching the plants sprout, grow, grow, and grow. It will be exciting to eat some of the yummy tomatoes. It is such an important project and learning experience for the children.

This upcoming month, we will be discussing friends around the world and getting to know each other. We are excited to learn about places around our amazing world and experience some of their native traditions. We welcome visitors and guest speakers who would like to come in and talk with the children or share some items from around the world (traditional dress, pictures, music, etc.). Please let us know if you would like to come by.



Men's Group

Rev. Deborah and Dr. Joe Troester spoke at the Men's Group in June. Both are missionaries to Zambia in southern Africa, working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They have served with various Lutheran churches in Africa since 2006 and have lived in five different African countries.



The Troesters live in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. Deborah serves as a "cheerleader" for the African church leaders, which includes two female pastors. Church services last 2 hours with the first hour filled with energized song. Twenty languages are spoken in Zambia with seven major languages spoken in church settings. ELCA scholarships help with leadership development and Deborah recruits replacements. She says that there is a great need for church buildings and the locals know how to make fired mud bricks.

Pastor Deborah had a brush with history when she discovered during one of her church sermons, that Desmond Tutu was sitting in the audience.

What can we do? Pray for our "sister" churches; be informed; and give to the Missionary Sponsorship.

Rob Jensen announced that the Men's Group will take a break in July and August and resume in September.



Air Conditioning Update

Happily, the job to replace the air conditioning system serving the church Sanctuary is nearing completion. Our return to the Sanctuary for Sunday worship is anticipated August 4, 2019.

The expense associated with the cooling system overhaul was \$44,000.00. As of the newsletter publication date, and through the generous contributions of church members and friends, we have raised approximately \$31,000.00 of this expense. Including funds already in the budget line, we hope to minimize—or eliminate—the need to take out a loan to cover this major repair.

If you'd like to contribute, please indicate "Air Conditioning" in your check memo line...and thank you!



Financial Report June 2019

50% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 136,958.61	\$ 219,109.00	63%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 12,000.00	61%
Per Capita	\$ 657.00	\$ 1,500.00	44%
Trans. From Investments		\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ 9,250.16	\$ 20,290.00	46%
 Totals	 \$ 154,225.77	 \$ 252,899.00	 61%
Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 3,517.49	\$ 13,520.00	26%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 8,744.29	\$ 73,701.18	12%
Staff	\$ 35,162.59	\$ 72,172.82	49%
Christian Ed.	\$ 698.64	\$ 6,100.00	11%
Worship & Music	\$ 41.40	\$ 4,475.00	1%
Comm/Administration	\$ 13,089.33	\$ 21,430.00	61%
Property/Capital	\$ 28,123.88	\$ 59,600.00	47%
Christian Nurture	\$ 417.56	\$ 1,900.00	22%
 Total	 \$ 89,795.18	 \$ 252,899.00	 36%
Revenues over expenses	\$ 64,430.59		

OOPS!

Thanks for being apart of this special event.

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

AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Fellowship 11am - Bible Study	29 8:45am - Deacons' Mtg 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Fellowship 11am - Bible Study	30 7pm - Ovretrs Anon	31 7pm - Wed. Wonderers	1 10am - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Oasis C'dale	2 5:30pm - FOB	3 9:30am - KISS 12pm - D. A.
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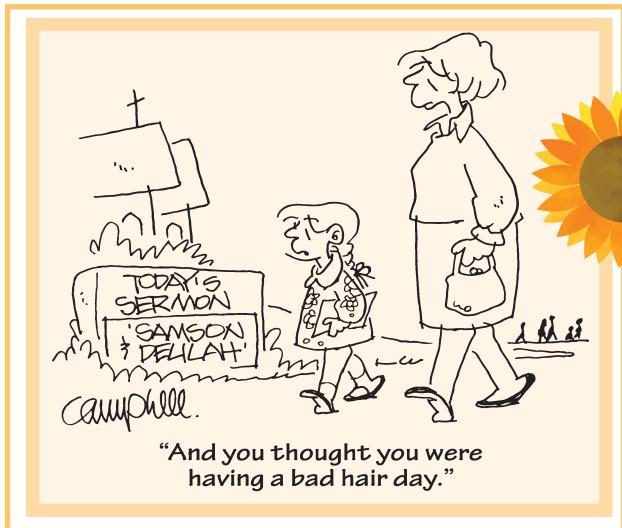
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By 1959, Camp Carew was providing children and young adults with Christian summer camps and hosting retreats for all ages throughout the year. Nine miles south of Carbondale, Carew occupies sixty acres along Little Grass Lake inside the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.