



# *The Carbondale Presbyterian*

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Pray for  
*Teachers  
and  
Students*

## **Church Office Hours**

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

## **Phone Extensions:**

Rev. Bean 101  
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## Notes from Kerry

### **The Room Where It Happens:**

#### **Session talks about re-opening the church building**

Last month I wrote up a “Session Synopsis” in which I tried to share with you some of the ideas and issues the session had wrestled with during our June meeting. This month, I’m doing the same thing, only I’m using this space instead.

During our July 14 meeting, we had two big conversations. The first item of discussion is not yet ready for public release but the second one is: the search for a “metric” of when we will feel safe to re-open the church building for worship, small group use, and public use.

It was a wide-ranging conversation, and we considered many factors as we tried to develop a set of criteria that had to be met in order to reopen. Those factors include:

- the health and wellness of church members and staff, the children in our daycare and preschool programs, and the community at large
- the quality of “Zoom”-style worship as a replacement for in-person worship as the weeks and months pass
- the rise or decline in Covid-19 cases in and around our area
- the impacts of the pandemic on the future of the church and its ministries
- concern that certain members have become disconnected from the life of the church because they are not attending online fellowship and worship

Suffice it to say that there were no easy answers. Even the prospect of an eventual upgrade to a “Phase Five” status for Southern Illinois will not guarantee that it is safe enough for us to reopen. (That would be a positive step, though!)

So, we have decided to continue as we are with the Zoom fellowship and worship on Sundays. We will revisit the issues of potential re-opening again this month (August) and perhaps for months to come. But we take the health of our members, staff, and community very seriously.

We are very grateful that many of you are attending worship online faithfully, and that giving remains relatively strong.\* The various ministry teams are also meeting and discussing new and creative ways to carry out mission, do faith development, and keep the work of the church going.

And please know that we have folks in the congregation who have the technical knowledge to help you connect with the Sunday online worship (either live or recorded). Do not hesitate to contact the church office or one of the session members to ask for a little help. Chances are, if you have internet service or if you know someone with a cellphone, we can get you connected with the Sunday service. You do **not** need to miss worshipping with your church friends and family.

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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*

Judith Carol (Crandle) Schwegman

July 6, 1939 - July 15, 2020

*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  
on line from  
**H****ME**

As we begin another month of Zoom services, the Worship committee is seeking feedback. If you have suggestions for improving our online worship experience or if you know of a church member who would like assistance using Zoom, please contact any Worship Committee member (Wendi Zea, Jim Calloway, Lisa Hollabaugh, Carlyn Zimmerman, Dori Jefferson, Kathy Manfredi, or Sharon Wittke).

**Zoom Tip:** Speaker view displays a large view of the person currently speaking, with smaller thumbnails of other meeting attendees. Gallery view lets you see everyone in the meeting at once, instead of just the person speaking. To turn that on, click the tab that says "Gallery view" in the top right corner. Change it back by clicking "Speaker view" in that same top right corner.



## Snider Hill Cemetery Summer Maintenance

**Small Groups Ministry** will host our third and final workday of the season Saturday, August 29, to prepare the cemetery for the Labor Day holiday the following weekend. Plan to arrive around 9 a.m.. We will work about two hours. Plan to wear long pants, shoes/boots appropriate for tall grass and uneven terrain. Bring gloves, water, and any tools you might use around your house for cleanup work such as hand saws, loppers, hand trimmers, brooms and pruners. The cemetery is located off Park Avenue just east of Lewis Lane. For directions or questions, contact Phyllis Beck or Beth Malmquist.

As always, if there is a need to cancel, we will send an Alerts message, so check your email if in doubt. Thanks for helping with this ministry of the church.



## Snider Hill Donations

Snider Hill Cemetery was founded by one of our church founders, William Richart. Because the church does not own Snider Hill, and it is considered a private cemetery by the City of Carbondale (and therefore, not maintained by the City), the landscape and gravestone maintenance of the cemetery is sporadic.

Small Groups Ministry has tried to support the cause of the cemetery with both research efforts as well as periodic mowing and weed trimming in parts of the cemetery where we know Presbyterian Church members are buried or where we know there are family connections. In 2018 the church

received a donation from a family member of one of the other families who care for their parts of Snider Hill. With this seed money, designated (in Special Gifts, line 8106) the fund for Snider Hill Cemetery maintenance was established.

This article is a reminder that you may designate offerings, memorial gifts, and bequests to this fund in support of our Snider Hill efforts. In the future, these monies may be used for landscape services such as mowing and string trimming, or to reimburse expenses such as gasoline and mower depreciation submitted by a private provider of these services during our workdays.



Photos by Bob Luebbbers

If you have questions please contact a member of the Small Groups Ministry Team: Neal Foland and Bill Schwegman, Elders, and at-large members Phyllis Beck, Harry Davis, Jill Hertzling, Beth Malmquist and Sharon Wittke.



# AUGUST

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 - Kathryn Heins
- 5 - Charlene Scott
- 8 - Bill Martens
- 9 - Lily Vucinic
- 10 - Tracy Heins
- 10 - Rolanda Quick
- 20 - Phillip Wittke
- 22 - Allan Bennett
- 22 - Merit Sullivan
- 25 - Kent Brandon
- 26 - Dorothy Beyler
- 28 - Emily Davis
- 29 - Carey O'Donoghue

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 7 - Craig and Tracy Heins
- 9 - John and Dorothy Baker
- 14 - Pat and Kathy Manfredi
- 30 - Mark and Jill O'Donoghue



## SCHOOL SUPPLY Drive

Although school may be different this fall due to the coronavirus pandemic, students still need school supplies to complete their work. As we have for many years, First Presbyterian Church is collecting donations for children at the Women's Center. If you wish to shop for supplies, you may bring them to church Saturday, August 1 between 11 a.m. and noon (during the Fair Trade coffee pick up). A list of needed supplies is on page 9. Monetary donations are also very welcome. In 2019, the average cost of school supplies per child was \$117 (not including clothing and technology). Every little bit helps. Please make your check payable to the church with a notation that is for back to school supplies for the Women's Center.

Thank you!



## FAITH & Politics

How does your faith influence your politics, and vice versa? Join us for an online discussion about "The Church and Politics," using materials from PC-USA. We will begin Sunday, September 13, following worship.

- It's easy to make your Per Capita contribution:

# What is Per Capita?



QR Code for scanning



- Mail a personal check to First Presbyterian Church, with "Per Capita" in the memo line.
- Or, give through our online portal and specify "Per Capita;" follow the "Give Now" link found at [www.firstprescdale.org](http://www.firstprescdale.org) or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.

The annual **Per Capita assessment** reflects member congregations' commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its presbyteries and synods. This annual per member apportionment is the primary source of funding for the PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly (OGA), which "makes possible numerous services upon which Presbyterians depend" (from [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)).

Did you know...?

- The 2020 Per Capita assessment is \$42 per each household church member; First Presbyterian Church pays Per Capita on all its members, based on prior years' membership rolls.
- Per Capita giving is separate from (and generally not included in) recurring pledge commitments. *As you are financially able*, if you can cover some, or all of this expense, the church may then devote more budget funds to our mission and worship ministries, and to facility maintenance.

Can't recall if you've already paid your 2020 Per Capita? E-mail Barb Stewart at [office@firstprescdale.org](mailto:office@firstprescdale.org) and she'll check her records. (Please allow awhile for Barb to respond, since she must check this information from the church office.)

As J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) affirmed, "Per capita is crucial to the overall health of the PC(USA), because it binds presbyteries, synods, and congregations together in one church." Through Per Capita giving, "Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> century" ([www.oga.pcusa.org](http://www.oga.pcusa.org)). Thank you for help making this happen with your 2020 Per Capita contribution.

## Welcome Back to the Children and Staff of the Daycare

It has been gratifying to see the Daycare program back up and running. Director Sara, her staff, and the Daycare Board have been working hard to make sure the Daycare spaces are safe, clean, and ready for the children to attend.

There are pages upon pages of new Covid-19 specific protocols for the Daycare to follow as it has reopened. Some of them, I'm told, contradict each other. Imagine that. But Sara is working hard to implement all the best practices for a safe learning environment.

There are certain supplies that remain difficult to get and/or are expensive to keep in stock (hand sanitizer, for instance). If you would like to help the program either financially or by acquiring some needed supplies, you can contact either me or Lily Vucinic of the Mission Ministry Team. We will talk with Director Sara about what items are presently most needed for the program to keep it running smoothly.

There are now 11 children attending the program, so there is room for more. You can get more information about the Daycare, including how to enroll young children, at [www.presbyterianchilddevelopment.com](http://www.presbyterianchilddevelopment.com) or by calling (618) 529-1551.

Our church cherishes the PCDC and our history of hosting them and supporting them. We are glad the Daycare is back serving the community and its children and we look forward to the Preschool resuming when appropriate.



## DAYCARE



PCDC Daycare hopes everyone is doing well throughout this ongoing difficult time.

The children and staff have been doing well and adjusting to the "new normals" during the reopening of our center. It is always fun to see

everyone's cool mask that they are sporting. The children have been doing really well keeping them on and we have continued to explain the importance of them so all of our friends can stay healthy and safe. It has been an adjustment for everyone and a lot of hard work, but we are doing our best together and are grateful we can offer this important service to the community.

The children have been enjoying doing many outdoor activities, nature walks, games, explorations, lessons, and more ...as much as possible in the July heat and humidity. We love all of our adventures we have each day at school. The flowers from last year continue to bloom and bring us joy much joy.

We also want to send a big thank you out to Ms. Kitty for helping make some reusable masks for the staff and children as well as helping us repurpose the old choir robes into curtains and smocks for the staff. We would also like to thank Mr. Jim for helping get some of our screens fixed and to Ms. Ro for her continuing to help us in many ways. Thank you for the blessings of support and help for our center.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy August.



We hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer and staying healthy during this unprecedented time. After our abrupt end to the school year in the middle of March due to the pandemic, the preschool was able to provide remote learning activities for our children to work on at home with their families. Activities included tracing and working on writing names, art, math and science. We also held a few class zoom meetings which was such a joy for all the children to see their classmates during that strange time of being stuck at home. We read books to the children during our zoom meetings and had various show-and-tell opportunities for the kids to show off their favorite toys and books. We all enjoyed that time to continue to connect with each other when we dearly missed being together in person. As the upcoming school year quickly approaches we are working diligently to be able to reopen after Labor Day following all CDC

guidelines and DCFS requirements. We will be monitoring the state of the pandemic in our area to decide if it is safe enough for our teachers and students to return to school. We miss our Presbyterian Preschool families and hope to see everyone soon.

Pre Covid activities



## GAY PRIDE



Gay Pride (Rainbow), Bisexual, Transgender & Asexual Pride flags adorned the church in celebration of 2020 Southern IL Pride.

Sunday, June 28, 2020, about a dozen church members and friends gathered on South University Avenue to wave at and cheer on participants in the Southern Illinois Drive Thru Pride March. A colorful range of LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Other) Pride flags adorned the church, highlighting our reputation as a progressive and welcoming faith community.

Interim Pastor Kerry Bean & church members socially distanced while cheering on participants of the Drive Thru Pride March.



Photos by Lisa Hollabaugh

A recent Facebook photo comment said it best: "I live right by you guys. You don't know what it [meant] to some people to see their specific flags! Keep doing the Lord's work spreading love!" Thank you to everyone who braved the heat to show their support...and watch this space for information regarding next year's Pride festivities during June 2021!

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The pandemic is teaching us many things, including that we are indeed better together than separate. The session and I will get us back in our beautiful church building as soon as it's safe to do so, I promise. But until then we need *everyone* to stay connected and be supportive. Please be quick to offer help and to ask for help, too.

By the way, the rest of the session meeting is was pretty uneventful, all things considered. On the other hand, our parking lot is looking snazzy with fresh new stripes and speed bumps. Thanks, as always, to Stewardship ministry for their hard work and dedication.

Okay, that's it for this month. Please stay cool and please stay healthy. Please pray for the church and for one another. And even for the session.

Thanks!

Kerry

*\* Please read Lisa Hollabaugh's article on page 6 about an online giving opportunity.*

The  
Dinner Group  
will not have any more  
meetings until it is legal  
and "safe" to do so. We have a  
speaker, Dr. John Jackson, who  
is willing to give us a short talk  
in Oct. about the Nov. election  
if we can find a place to have a  
meeting. We will keep you  
informed in the Newsletter  
or by E-mail.



***There is an immediate need for these school supply items***

Regular or Character backpacks (Please no smaller backpacks, they don't accommodate regular size folders)

Basic calculators for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

Scientific calculators for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

1-inch binders

Quart size and gallon size Ziplock bags

Kleenex

Paper towels

Dry erase markers

Composition notebooks

Ticonderoga pencils (teachers are requesting this specific pencil)

Broad tip markers

Fine tip markers

Colored pencils

Pencil boxes

Pencil pouches (3 ring holes for putting in a binder)

Highlighters

Earbuds/headphones (Headphones ONLY for 1<sup>st</sup> grade) (Earbuds or headphones that fit in a Ziploc bag for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Boys & girls new tennis shoes (all sizes) for PE

***Still need but have some quantities:***

Looseleaf paper (wide ruled and college ruled)

Spiral notebooks (wide ruled and college ruled)

Crayons

Markers

Two pocket folders

Scissors

Glue (sticks and regular)





Financial Report June 2020

50% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 144,139.32	\$ 220,000.00	66%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 7,430.00	\$ 12,000.00	62%
Per Capita	\$ 2,714.00	\$ 1,500.00	181%
Trans. From Investments		\$ 23,004.62	
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,412.56	\$ 20,290.00	41%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 162,695.88</b>	<b>\$ 276,794.62</b>	<b>59%</b>
Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 4,560.27	\$ 13,520.00	34%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 37,613.63	\$ 82,730.07	45%
Staff	\$ 40,299.57	\$ 82,469.55	49%
Christian Ed.	\$ 105.65	\$ 4,900.00	2%
Worship & Music	\$ 745.99	\$ 3,525.00	21%
Comm/Administration	\$ 13,487.25	\$ 22,250.00	61%
Property/Capital	\$ 29,250.66	\$ 65,300.00	45%
Christian Nurture	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 126,063.02</b>	<b>\$ 276,794.62</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Revenues over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 36,632.86</b>		
Bank acct.	\$ 27,937.64		

# OOPS!

Jesus < Me

The implications of this theological error are *greater than* the math mistake!

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

No calendar this month. The church is closed until further notice.  
Please check out our Website or Facebook page for links to Sunday  
Church Service and Wednesday Bible Study:  
[www.firstprescdale.org](http://www.firstprescdale.org) or [www.facebook/firstprescdale/](https://www.facebook.com/firstprescdale/)





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1952: Carbondale Centennial celebrated by young and old.

1950's: Murdale Shopping Center, on west side of town, developed. Murdale Airport established.

1952-1953: First Presbyterian celebrates the Church Centennial.