



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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First Sunday in Lent



Fifth Sunday in Lent



Second Sunday in Lent



Fourth Sunday in Lent



Third Sunday in Lent



Church Office Hours

Monday through
Thursday 9:00-11:30 a.m.
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Spring at Last! Spring at Last!

Yes, I know. This past winter really hasn't been *all* that bad. It kind of happened all once--with that really nasty storm in February. I was thankful that we here in Southern Illinois didn't experience many of the same difficulties with power outages, etc. that the folks in Texas had to endure. But when it comes to cold, wintery weather I am the "less is more" camp. If it were up to me, we'd have two cold and snowy weeks around Christmas, and then start the new year like we lived in Hawaii.

Yet there are even now signs of spring. Crocuses are popping up; the temperatures are back to their seasonal norms. And Cindy is ordering seeds and bulbs for our raised beds in the back yard. All of these things make me very happy.

Spring, of course, is *always* a big deal in the church. Spring is about nature returning to full and abundant life. And at the heart of the Christian faith is resurrection and new life. Our most important celebration is Easter (Sunday, April 4 this year), which always happens in the springtime for us here in the Northern Hemisphere. Easter, of course, is when Jesus was raised to life again by God so that the power death once had over us would be broken forever.

I find it helpful to remember that promise as we enter the second year of the pandemic. More than 2.5 million people worldwide have died so far from contracting the Covid-19 virus. I know many of us have recently gotten vaccinated (which is wonderful) and that we can *begin* to think about returning to life like it was, pre-pandemic. In that respect, maybe there are hints of spring coming as well. But there is still a long way to go. We still have more than 75,000 new cases every day here in the United States alone.

But there *is* hope. There has always been hope. Our faith teaches us to hope in Christ and to trust that God is with us always. I believe that one of the amazing things that God does in our lives to provide us with *inspiration*. That inspiration may take the form of new ideas for researchers and scientists, or in the dogged persistence of essential workers, or in the fervent prayers of believers for a new and better day to dawn. The Spirit, they say, moves in mysterious ways. Sometimes it's not so mysterious. Sometimes the Spirit inspires us to help others--and so we do. And so the Kingdom of God draws a little bit closer.

When we began providing Zoom worship services instead of in-person services back in March of 2020, the idea that the pandemic could stretch for an entire year seemed surreal at best. Certainly, the history books tell us about pandemics and plagues of the past. And there are scientific models that predict such things. But all of that seems a little abstract--until you live through it. And, of course, not all of us have lived through it.

So, this anniversary is a somber one in many ways. But we must not forget that spring is about to burst forth again. We must not forget that the joy of Easter resurrection is about to be celebrated again. Life follows life. Life follows death. We are a people of inspiration and hope. It is God's will that the Kingdom of God will come into its absolute fulfillment. Winter can't stop that. Pandemic can't stop that. Nothing can stop it because God's loving grace is irresistible.

Therefore, let us acknowledge the grief and loss we have felt. And then let us open ourselves again to the warmth of spring sun--and the Joy of the promise of new life and resurrection.

Peace and blessings, Kerry

In sure and certain hope...

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

The church family extends sympathy to the family and friends of

Judy R. Mittendorf
November 13, 1939 – February 16, 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 believe in me will never die.*

John 11:25-26



Learning in Retirement Opportunities

Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR) is offering four classes via Zoom beginning the week of March 15, 2021; all courses are free to members. Join or renew through June for just \$13.00 (contact silir@siu.edu or call Jackie Welch at 618-536-7751). Classes offered are *Great Courses: The New Testament* and *Washington, DC in Depth*. Classes being led by local experts are *Joe Biden's First 100 Days: The Future of the Republic*; *The Future of Two Major Parties* and *A Brief Look at Infectious Diseases of the Past and Present*.

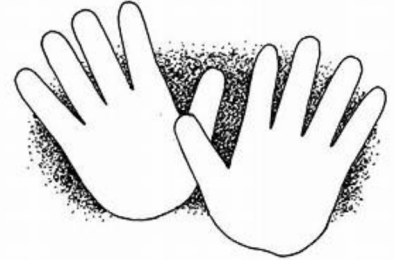
March 17, 2021 the SILIR monthly speaker is SIU Athletic Director Liz Jarnigan. Jarnigan will discuss the impact of the pandemic on various aspects of SIU athletics. The presentation will be delivered via Zoom at 10:30 a.m.; a meeting link will be sent out to all members before the presentation.

For further information on these and other Learning in Retirement opportunities, check the website: <https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir.php> or use the contact information provided above.



Worship Ministry News

The Ordination and Installation of Church officers for the Class of 2024 will be held March 7, 2021 during online Sunday morning worship. As a substitution for the laying on of hands, the Worship Ministry is creating a “shawl” of paper hands, which the Deacon will wear during ordination. Church members may participate by tracing their hands (any kind of paper will work) and cutting them out—like we did in grade school to make Thanksgiving turkeys. Adding your signature to the hand would be a nice touch. Mail your paper hand to the church office as soon as possible, or deliver it on the next First Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon.



March 7, 2021 also marks the return of “Where I Saw God This Week.” Each Sunday morning, after Announcements and before Joys and Concerns, participants will be invited to share a few words describing a moment during the past week when they experienced God’s distinct presence in their lives.

Palms for Palm Sunday will be available to pick up at the porte cochere on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We gather for Palm Sunday worship March 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

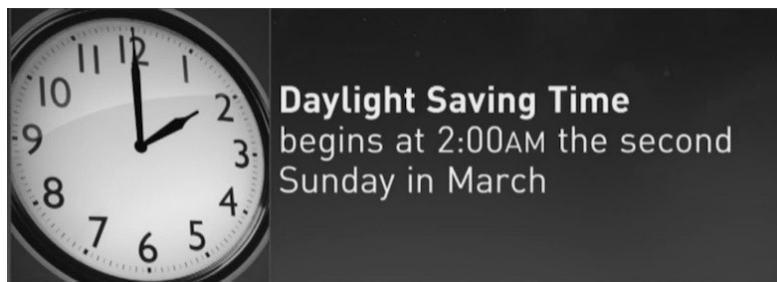


The annual Maundy Thursday service is April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We invite everyone to observe the Last Supper of Jesus and his Apostles by eating a simple meal of soup and bread that evening.

Our Easter Sunday service will be April 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Communion will be served, so have your elements prepared and nearby.



If you or someone you know needs assistance with Zoom, please contact any Worship Ministry member. A recording of the previous week’s service is also available to view on the church website: www.firstprescdale.org.





Rural King's next "Church Week" is March 14-24, 2021. Receipts for purchases made during this timeframe, which are entered into the Rural King website, will result in 10% of the total purchase amount being donated back to First Presbyterian Church (or the Christian-affiliated organization of your choice). Last year, this resulted in a \$100.00 contribution to "First Pres."

If you make purchases at any Rural King location during this timeframe, please enter your receipt information online at www.ruralking.com/churchweek. Click on "Search" for "Illinois," then "Carbondale," then "First Presbyterian Church." If you have any questions, or need assistance entering your receipt information, contact Rolanda Quick or the church office.

Camp Carew, a Mission of Kemmerer Village and located in scenic forests south of Carbondale, is planning in-person camps during the Summer 2021 season. As usual, First Presbyterian Church is offering scholarships for campers affiliated with our congregation; in the past, we've been able to cover up to 50% of a camper's registration fee.

Contact Faith Development Elders Reona Daly or John Baker if you're interested in or have questions about the scholarship application process. More information is at the Camp Carew website: <https://campcarew.org/campers.php>.



March 20, 2021, Presbyterians celebrate the birthday of Fred Rogers, of PBS's Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. From the PC(USA) website: "Fred Rogers was an ordained minister of word and sacrament for the PC(USA) and is a notable public figure whose work around peace and reconciliation are worth remembering. Rogers was also a pioneer in the world of Christian education and formation of young children."

To learn more and to access downloadable resources, visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/a-beautiful-day-in-the-neighborhood-mr-rogers-day/>

Spring Work Day



The Small Groups and Stewardship Ministries are teaming up for a **Spring Workday Saturday, March 27, 2021.**

We'll meet at the church about 9:30 a.m. to clean beds in front and back, cut back any remaining stalks from last year, trim hedges, turn soil and prepare for spring blooms. We will also paint outdoor signage framing on University Avenue, working until 12 noon or so. Painting supplies and some tools

will be available; Rolanda Quick will bring a trailer to collect yard waste. Please bring your own garden tools, gloves and drinking water. We'll wear face masks and observe social distancing. The church building will not be open, so we welcome your presence outdoors for as long as you can help (rain date is the following Saturday, April 3, 2021).

Later this spring, we're considering another hike at Chautauqua Bottoms on the David Kenney Trail. David Kenney was a member of our Church and is the person the trail is named after. Watch for further updates in the newsletter and via "Alerts" emails.

March 2021

Birthdays

4 - Peter Hertzing
5 - Gary Merideth
6 - Pat Manfredi
12 - Bill Baumann
12 - Pam Holt
13 - Tracy Prosser
24 - Dorothy Baker
28 - Beth Malmquist
30 - Susan Davenport
30 - Danielle Dawson

Anniversaries

2 - Lance & Beth Forsberg
15 - Bob & Elena Luebbers
20 - Steve & Judy Dawson
23 - Ron & Beth Malmquist
24 - Jay & Mary Jane Brooks

If we missed your special day, please accept our apologies and notify the office; this helps us keep church records up-to-date.

"Murder By Malbec" Photo Book

Remember that uproarious evening back in October 2019, when Pastor Kerry Bean directed church members and friends in his original musical murder mystery melodrama "Murder by Malbec?" A packed Fellowship Hall audience enjoyed popcorn, cake, auctioned desserts and of course, wine! That night, over \$3000.00 was raised to benefit local and national hunger relief efforts.

An 8"X8" photo book documenting this event was recently commissioned in honor of Pastor Kerry's birthday, with a copy donated to the church library. If you're interested in your own copy, another book order will be placed this Spring. With well-timed online discount codes, the cost is expected to be close to \$25.00 (give or take, depending on shipping) per book. To reserve a copy, or if you have questions, contact Lisa Hollabaugh by phone or or email her at Lisa.Hollabaugh@gmail.com.



Many of us miss seeing the youngsters of our congregation in person Sunday mornings. Here are a few updates on some of our littlest worshippers:



Mimi Williams (daughter of Gary Williams and Lauren Bonner) is in training to be a first responder and recently got up close and personal with a big fire truck, courtesy of the Carbondale Fire Department. Mimi is excited to announce that she'll become a big sister later this year—congratulations to the family!



Archer, Harrison, Arcadia and Linus Zimmermann (children of Music Director Carlyn Zimmermann and husband Rich) have had lots of fun in the snow lately. Participants in Sunday morning Zoom worship sometimes hear Harrison's talented singing, and also glimpse (or hear!) Linus onscreen from time to time.



Siena Sullivan (daughter of Bo and Merit Sullivan; grandchild of Bill Martens and Jane Swanson) recently celebrated her fifth birthday with surprise visitors, and built a snow person resembling Olaf from the movie "Frozen." Here's a poem Siena wrote which she wanted to share with her church family:

Jesus is the one who can save the day.
Jesus is the one that we pray.
Jesus is the one that loves you.
And that is what Jesus can do.



Thanks for your patients...

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



PCDC Daycare
Winter Fun 2021



PCDC Daycare News

The Presbyterian Child Development Center Daycare had a fun-filled February playing in the snow and celebrating Valentine's Day and Black History Month. So much love to share and things to learn about!

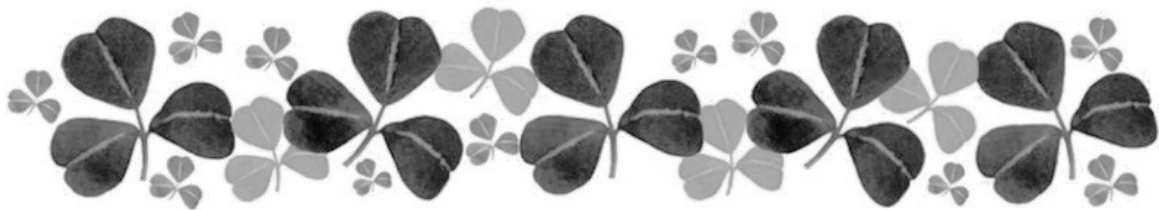
This month we are looking forward to Spring and the warmer weather. It is such an amazing time of year as everything begins to wake from a long winter slumber. We are exploring ideas of what we should plant in our school garden this year. We would really like to incorporate more food for the children to enjoy growing, eating, and being a part of bringing to the table...such valuable lessons. We are also looking at establishing a play area specifically for the itty bitty little ones to have a safe outdoor play space. Please let us know if you would like to help with construction or donations to help make it happen.

We would also like to take a moment to give thanks to the many people who have shown support for our amazing program. Thank you to all who have donated to the first Saturday drop off- the supplies are very much appreciated. Thank you to Pat Manfredi for installing the new hands free paper towel dispensers we purchased, fixing a toilet, and for replacing a pump in one of our classrooms. We are very grateful for your help.

Thank you to Phyllis Beck for donating some plants for the classrooms and for some cleaning supplies. Thank you to Brenda Myers for donating some sturdy paper plates. Thank you to Rolanda Quick for donating food to the center and for helping clear the parking lot and keeping it safe to walk. Thank you to Lily Vucinic for donating masks for the staff and children.

We would also like to thank all of the Daycare staff for tirelessly working to keep the children and other staff safe during this time. Also, for all the hard work of keeping the building safe and sound for all by opening and closing the church safely each day.

We wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a spectacular month ahead!



PCDC Preschool's Panera Fundraising Event is Friday, March 19, 2021. This is an easy and tasty way to support our Preschool by enjoying dinner from Panera, and 20% of the proceeds will go to us. Friday, March 19, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 p.m., participate in the Fundraiser by ordering at the Café or online for Rapid Pick-Up®, Curbside, and Delivery* using the promo code **PRFUND** listed on the flyer. When ordering in person be sure to have the flyer or a digital copy on your phone. We appreciate everyone spreading the word and supporting us.



PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

WHERE 1126 E Walnut Street, Carbondale, IL 62901

WHEN Fri, Mar 19th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

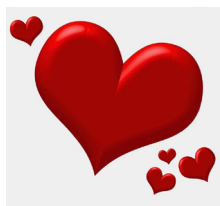
Order online at panerabread.com and enter code **PRFUND** at checkout.
You can also bring this flyer or show a digital version to the cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.

WE'RE COMMITTED TO YOUR SAFETY.

We offer a variety of ordering options so you can support the cause in whichever way you feel most comfortable. Services vary by cafe.



Thank you to the congregation for their response to our request for Valentine's Day treats for individuals served by the Carbondale Warming Center. Thanks to our congregation's generosity, we filled more than 40 individual bags with treats, plus provided hot cocoa and other treats, and helped make the holiday a little "sweeter."



Financial Report January 2021

8% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 58,273.88	\$ 225,981.00	26%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 1,145.92	\$ 11,806.31	10%
Per Capita	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	0%
Trans. From Investments	\$ -	\$ 23,004.62	
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,336.48	\$ 8,035.38	54%
Totals	\$ 63,756.28	\$ 271,327.31	23%

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 13,520.00	12%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 12,171.89	\$ 75,798.76	16%
Staff	\$ 5,505.22	\$ 82,469.55	7%
Christian Ed.	\$ -	\$ 4,900.00	0%
Worship & Music	\$ -	\$ 3,575.00	0%
Comm/Administration	\$ 5,590.03	\$ 25,064.00	22%
Property/Capital	\$ 3,405.59	\$ 64,100.00	5%
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Total	\$ 28,242.73	\$ 271,327.31	10%



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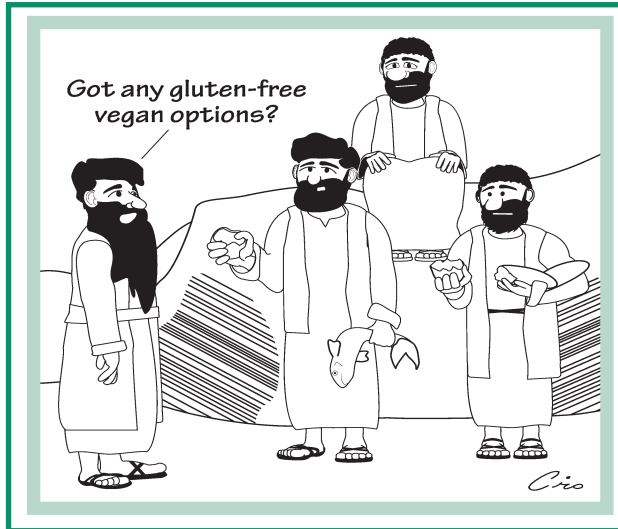
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March
2021



One year ago, in March of 2020, it became evident that the world had been struck by a pandemic now known as the Coronavirus of 2019 or COVID-19.