



The Carbondale Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
w/Children's Church School & Childcare
Worship Zoom ID 824 8455 3329
Followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday Bible Study Classes
10 a.m. w/Bill & J.P. (Lounge)
3:30 p.m. w/Pastor Kerry (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. w/Rev. Beyler (Conf. Rm.)

Stewardship Pledge Sunday,
All Saint's Day, First Sunday &
Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 3

Church Picnic & Fun - November 3
Giant City Park Shelter 2

Snider Hill Interest Group Veterans
Day Flag Laying - November 8
2 p.m. at Snider Hill Cemetery

Spirit of Christmas collections due
- November 10

Session - November 12
7 p.m. in Conference Room

Free Laundry Day - November 13
10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Laundry World

Presbyterian Women -
November 19 at 1 p.m. in Conf. Rm.

Dinner Group - November 21
5:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Brew MDH
(Southern Illinois Airport)

Advent Fellowship - December 1
Fellowship Hall

Church Office Hours

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

Phone Extensions

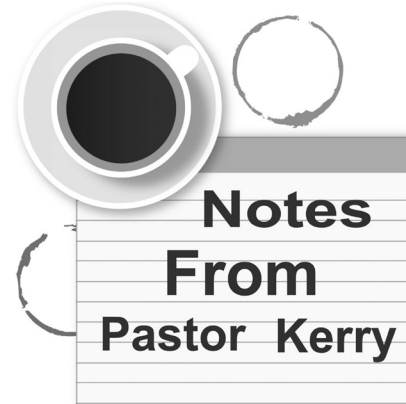
Rev. Kerry Bean 101
Barbara Stewart 100



Stewardship Pledge Sunday November 3

Living Our Thanksgiving

When I was in college, Contemporary Christian music was just getting its start and I had a few favorite artists. I saw Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith in concert in Lexington, Kentucky, as well as Bryan Duncan in my hometown of Quincy. If you ever heard of the Second Chapter of Acts, so did I. During the 1980s, I probably acquired maybe 40 or so albums and cassettes of Contemporary Christian music.



My enjoyment of that style of worship and devotional music didn't really stick, with a couple of exceptions. One such exception is found in our *Glory to God* Hymnal: #701 "Sanctuary." Its language is simple and the tune is easy to sing. I especially like this lyric: "With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you."

Giving thanks and living thankfully may not always be the same thing. As you know, I'm a man of many, many words. Over my many years of ministry, I've written more than a thousand sermons, hundreds of newsletter articles and lesson plans, and dozens of plays. The number of letters, emails and text messages I have generated is astronomical!

At this particular time in my life, I am learning that *actions* speak loudest of all. I am thankful to be serving you all as your Covenant Pastor. A big reason why I'm thankful is that you generously support our church its missions. Stewardship Sunday is November 3, 2024. Your pledges and gifts will help ensure another year of mission-driven ministry here at First Presbyterian Church.

I also encourage you to embrace being thankful as a lifestyle. Jesus taught us that the good gifts that we receive from the hand of God are intended to be shared with our neighbors and even with strangers. The people and creatures of our world need connection...despite the many factions trying to divide, influence and even manipulate us. Getting to know others in your community --for example, by cooking for them, gathering resources for them, or helping them clean their clothes--*that's* living with thanksgiving.

I write this with myself in mind, as well as many of you. It's easy for us to go from the house to the office to the gym or store and back home again, and never really engage with the people who most need our help. I am (believe it or not) generally shy and can find it hard to get to know new people. But my life experience tells me that when I make the extra effort to connect with a neighbor I didn't know before, there will soon be an opportunity to put my thankfulness into action.

As we move through the election season (peacefully, let us pray) and into the holiday season, let us be inspired to make our faith even more real. Let us become living sanctuaries for our Lord God who loves us and blesses us mightily. --Kerry



NOW IS THE TIME

**Stewardship Pledge Sunday
is November 3, 2024**

The Personnel ministry also has proposed salary increases for our Administrative Assistant and our Choir Director. If our pledges and other income do not cover the anticipated 5.3% increase, the Session will have to make tough decisions about what to cut and whether to draw money from reserves.

AFFORD: A pledge increase of this size is a tough ask for some. Others perhaps can do more. We simply hope that the blessings, grounding, and hope you feel will lead you to do the best you can.

Please bring your completed pledge card and direct debit form to church on Pledge Sunday, November 3, 2024. To those who have already submitted their pledge information, *thank you!*

Stewardship decision time is here. We've had several weeks to think about our blessings, our grounding in faith and love, and our hope. Now it's time to focus on how much our community of faith needs and how much we can afford.

NEED: The tentative Expense Budget for 2025 anticipates a 5.3% increase in total spending. The ministries have held the great majority of line items constant from 2024 to 2025. However, the Facilities ministry has increased some line items over which we have limited control—repair and replacement costs, insurance premiums, and security system costs. The Personnel ministry has added the required increase in our Board of Pensions contribution.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL



During November in Children's Church School, we will learn to play xylophones and keep the beat with rhythm instruments. Our theme "I Am God's Child" will include Thanksgiving activities focused on expressing gratitude. Children's Church School meets Sunday mornings downstairs, following the Children's Sermon during morning worship. Questions? Reach out to Judy Beyler or Kitty Trescott.

Sunday, November 3, 2024 after worship, we'll travel to **GIANT CITY STATE PARK SHELTER 2** for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. It should be the perfect weather to sit and talk, hike, and play games like cornhole, horeshoes or volleyball, while children enjoy the playground. Of course, there will be food—Subway sandwiches, veggies, fruit, dessert and drinks.

Please RSVP to the church office if possible, and let us know if a ride would be helpful. Bring a friend! If it's cold or rainy, we'll enjoy lunch in Fellowship Hall and put together jigsaw puzzles. We'll have some puzzles on hand but feel free to bring your favorite (no more than 300 pieces, please).

GIANT CITY PARK PICNIC & FUN - NOV. 3



ADVENT FELLOWSHIP

December 1, 2024, the first Sunday of Advent after worship, join us to celebrate **“Christmas Around the World”** in Fellowship Hall. We'll experience Bethlehem, Mexico and Sweden before enjoying lunch. Watch for more details as the date draws closer.

The **Mission Ministry** voted to donate the local portion of this year's Peace and Global Witness PC(USA) Special Offering to **Carbondale Area Interfaith Refugee Support (CAIRS)** which assists in resettling refugees to our area. A new Welcome Circle has been formed and two additional Afghan families (related to those already resettled in Carbondale) are expected to arrive in the next few months. Learn more at carbondalecairs.com or on their Facebook page.



Carbondale Laundry Project's Free Laundry Day

Demand for the Free Laundry Day remains strong. Last month we served fifty guests and spent \$500 in quarters. **The next Free Laundry Day is Wednesday, November 13, 2024.** To volunteer, contact Jane Swanson or Bill Martens (carbondalelaundryproject@gmail.com).

You can help by purchasing Tru Earth Laundry strips at church or online using our link: <https://tru-earth.sjv.io/CarbondaleLaundryProject>. All proceeds are used to pay for use of the washers and dryers at Laundry World.

October volunteers (clockwise from top) included Rick Jefferson, Jane Swanson, Bill Martens, Lisa Hollabaugh and Judy Beyler (not pictured: Ann Warner).



First Sunday ~ November 3, 2024

This month we're focusing on items urgently needed by the **Survivor Empowerment Center** (formerly the Women's Center).

Please donate the following items:
Shampoo & Conditioner,
Body Wash, Bath Towels,
Warm Blankets, Socks



We'll also continue to focus on our local missions including the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Carbondale Warming Center, Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME, the Presbyterian Preschool, the Carbondale Laundry Project, and the SI Diaper Bank. Look for the grocery carts in the narthex.

Our team at **Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME** fed forty people Tuesday, October 8, 2024 and prepped two meals for another forty guests at the Carbondale Warming Center. They'll cook again the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.



Spirit of Christmas donations are due by November 10, 2024. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with *Spirit of Christmas* in the memo line.

Save the Date: Find gifts that matter at the 19th Annual **Alternative Gift Fair** Sunday December 8 from 2-5 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center. Thirty non-profit organizations, including First Presbyterian's Diaper Bank and Laundry Project will be there!

GREEN GUARDIANS

The **Green Guardians** invite you to exploring **carbon footprint calculators** to better understand your impact on the environment. Americans have a larger footprint than most world citizens because we live in a huge country in which we move around a lot for business and family gatherings. We enjoy affluence to travel widely and purchase many goods and services. Still, most of us want a way to help.

A good place to start is to figure out how our carbon footprint compares with the national average. Numerous carbon footprint calculators are available online; these are quick and easy to use but consider different variables which can yield quite different results. All calculators consider major contributors to greenhouse gas pollution by individuals and households—power sources to run our homes and transportation, and they indicate how one compares to the typical American (or the typical American in a single-family household). A good idea is to use several calculators and extrapolate the most accurate information from that combination.

The calculators below provide statistics and suggestions for changes to personal habits that can reduce your carbon footprint. Many offer carbon offset programs as well. Ann Warner has used all of these and would be happy to tell you about her personal experience.

Climatehero [<https://carbon-calculator.climatehero.org/>] Easy to read on screen, it considers electricity usage, transportation, and shopping habits. See if you are a Climate Friend or a Climate Hero.

Carbonfootprintcalculator.com This calculator makes it easy to determine an individual carbon footprint as opposed to a household one. It gets into some of the nitty gritty but doesn't figure in waste.

Environmental Protection Agency [<https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>] This calculator indicates potential savings in dollars and in one's carbon footprint from specific selected actions on the consumer's part.

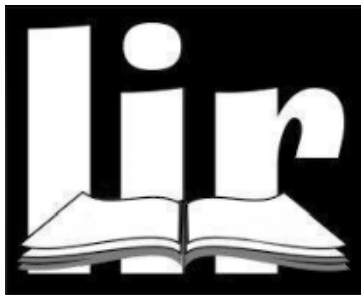
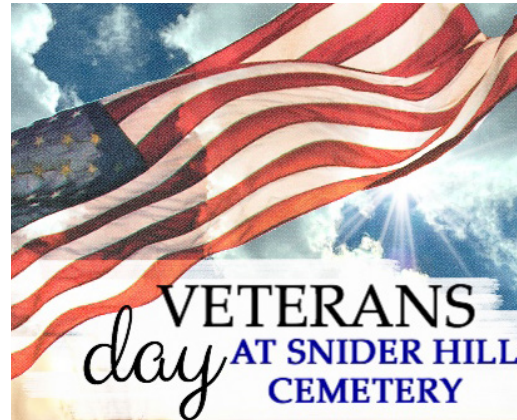
CoolClimate Network [<https://coolclimate.berkeley.edu/calculator>] This allows a simple calculation based on typical footprints for a certain size household and habits according to zip code; categories include travel, home, food, goods, and services. An advanced option produces more detailed analysis and results in a list of options for homeowners who want to reduce their impact on the environment and save money.



You're encouraged to search the internet to learn about the origin, activities, and importance of these days celebrating the environment during November:

- Nov. 1 - World Vegan Day
- Nov. 2 - National Bison Day
- Nov. 3 - Basking Shark Day
- Nov. 6 - International Day for Preventing Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
- Nov. 13 - World Kindness Day (Kindness to one another, to all animals and to the environment)
- Nov. 15 - National Recycling Day/America Recycles Day
- Nov. 15 - Steve Irwin Day (tribute to a renowned conservationist)
- Nov. 17 - National Take a Hike Day
- Nov. 21 - World Fisheries Day
- Nov. 22 - Start of National Farm-City Week
- Nov. 24 - Buy Nothing Day (promoting anti-consumerism)
- Nov. 29 - International Jaguar Day

The Snider Hill Interest Group of the Small Groups Ministry will host **flag laying Friday, November 8, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Snider Hill Cemetery** off of East Park Street in Carbondale. No work is involved; we are paying tribute to those Veterans who have served our country and are interred here. All are welcome!



**S.I. Learning
in Retirement**

Dr. Brent Pease, Assistant Professor in the SIUC Forestry Program and head of the Sounds of Nature project, will speak at the **November 20, 2024 meeting of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR)**. Brent will discuss this citizen science project aimed at understanding changes in biodiversity over time by studying landscapes. Brent has used citizen science to listen in on nature before, during, and after the recent solar eclipse.

This free meeting will be begin at 10:30 a.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Chautauqua in Carbondale. A 9:30 a.m. coffee hour precedes the presentation.

For more information about SILIR, please visit www.conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir, email silir@siu.edu, call the SIU Events and Outreach office at (618) 536-7751.



Dinner Group is a great way to connect with church members and friends in an informal and fun setting. Nine friends met last month at Hunan for dinner and conversation about baseball, travel and family.

We'll next meet **November 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Brewing Company MDH at the Southern Illinois Airport**. It's quickly becoming one of our favorite spots.

We hope you'll join us and consider bringing a neighbor or friend. Email jillhertzing@aol.com to reserve your spot(s).



OCTOBER HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRES



On October 5, 2024 Rolanda Quick and Lily Vucinic (left) beautified our green space by planting two trees donated by Clearview Tree Services.

Linda Brandon (left with Pastor Kerry) was honored during worship October 6, 2024 for twenty-five years of service as church Treasurer and Editor of *The Carbondale Presbyterian* newsletter.



Also on October 6 in Fellowship Hall, church members, friends, and Preschool families (above/right) played board games and enjoyed meat and veggie hotdogs with sides and fixins. Thanks to Judy and Keith Beyler for organizing this event and to Bill Martens for grilling.

PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL



The month of October flew by. We've enjoyed the fall weather and observing trees' colors change to red, orange and yellow. The Carbondale Fire Department visited and shared fire safety lessons to help keep us safe, and we had an evacuation drill when we practiced what to do when the loud fire alarm sounds!

This month our Polliwog/Tadpole classes will learn about food, family, and Thanksgiving. In the Frog class, we'll learn about North American geography and people, Native American history, and Thanksgiving.

Look for the order form for our **Butter Braid Fundraiser** near the narthex double doors, or visit <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/2a03f27f-8683-43ac-b2b6-80d5e1f6abdc> to place your online order by November 6, 2024. Thank you for supporting the Preschool in this manner.



Finally, a big THANK YOU to Rolanda Quick and Beth Corker for their support of the Preschool by helping clean up the outdoor play area, powerwash equipment, and move the mushroom house into the playground. Ro and Beth are in the process of staining the playground fort structure.



Session Synopsis

At the October 2024 meeting of the session, we discussed questions and viewpoints expressed in Joan Gray's 2014 book *Sailboat Church*, which I began reading as part of my fall continuing education time. This book is a challenge for modern congregations to really let the Holy Spirit take charge of their mission, ministry, and direction.

The session discussed the wisdom of using media (traditional and social) to help the public better understand who we are and our missions in the community.

The usual business of the session commenced with the approval of minutes, financial reports and reports from the various ministry teams. Of note:

- The church building still has roof leaks that need to be addressed (it's not that they've been ignored; the actual locations and sources of roof leaks are not always clear). The Facilities Ministry continues to monitor the situation and have had professional roofers check things out.
- Lily Vulcinic was approved to serve as a Financial Secretary on Sunday mornings.
- Our financial picture is good, although non-pledge contributions are down somewhat. Stewardship Pledge Sunday is November 3, 2024 (more information is on page 3).

A motion was made and approved to adjourn, which we prayerfully did. —Kerry



November BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 15 - Forrest & Barb Stewart
Nov. 25 - Bill Martens & Jane Swanson
Nov. 28 - Rob & Melissa Jensen

If we missed your special day, please accept our apologies and notify the church office so we can update our records.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 2 - Cindy Buys
Nov. 8 - Judy Beyler
Nov 14 - Denise Brown & Nick Dellinger
Nov. 16 - Aaron Brooks
Nov. 18 - Jim Calloway
Nov. 23 - John Baker & Allison Forsberg
Nov. 28 - Mary Schmid
Nov. 29 - Jane Swanson



Contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale are tax deductible under 501(c)(3) guidelines (consult your tax professional). Donate on Sunday mornings, by direct deposit or mail, by clicking the “Give Now” button at firstprescdale.org or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.

Financial Report September 2024

75% of the year completed

Line	Income YTD	Budgeted	
Pledges	\$ 173,181.00	\$ 220,000.00	79%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 7,525.84	\$ 12,000.00	63%
Per Capita	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,500.00	124%
Transfer From Investments	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 41,371.01	36%
Miscellaneous	\$ 13,605.04	\$ 19,225.00	71%
Totals	\$ 211,171.88	\$ 294,096.01	72%

Line	Expenditures YTD	Budgeted	
Mission	\$ 3,421.63	\$ 13,770.00	25%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 63,168.31	\$ 88,573.99	71%
Staff	\$ 62,038.34	\$ 88,577.02	70%
Faith Development	\$ 1,456.77	\$ 3,050.00	48%
Worship & Music	\$ 440.00	\$ 3,475.00	13%
Comm/Administration	\$ 11,153.54	\$ 18,150.00	61%
Property/Capital	\$ 53,228.55	\$ 76,100.00	70%
Christian Nurture	\$ 895.24	\$ 2,400.00	37%
Total	\$ 195,802.38	\$ 294,096.01	67%

Revenues over Expenses \$ 15,369.50



For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

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



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The minutes of the session meeting September 24, 1905 show that the use of our church for services two Sunday afternoons per month was granted to the Episcopal congregation whose members were invited to share in our services at any time.