



# The Carbondale Presbyterian

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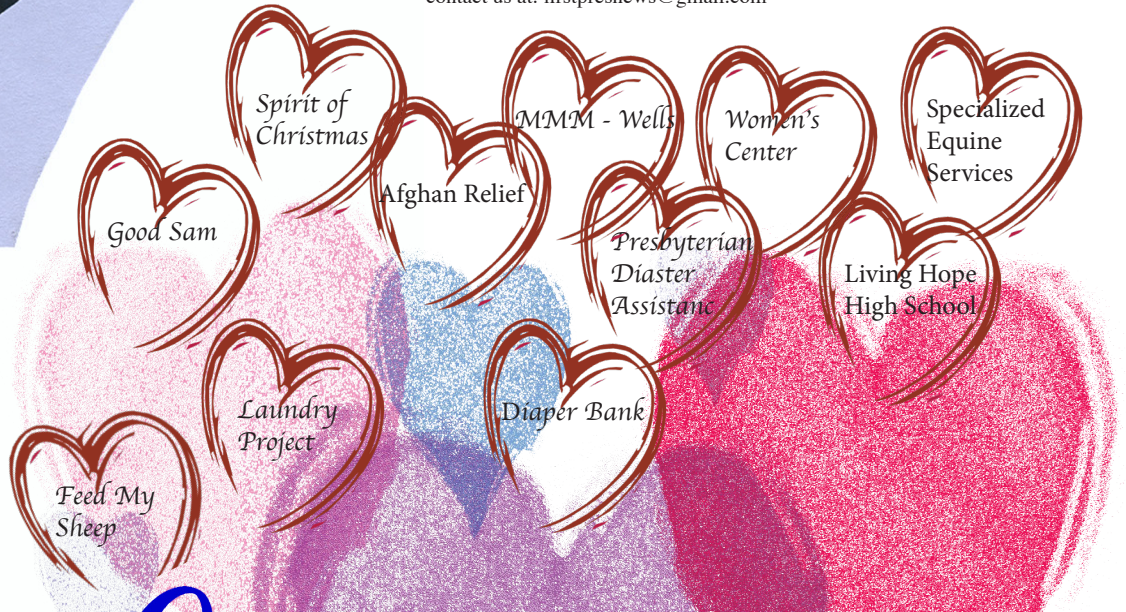
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Faith Dialogues - 10:45  
Inhabiting Eden - Feb. 6, 13, 20  
Green Guardians - Feb. 27

First Sunday Giving - Feb. 6

Souper Bowl - Feb. 6

Afghan Soup Fundraiser -  
Feb. 13

Pizza & a Movie - Feb. 14



# Love One Another

### 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  
Barb 100  
Carlyn: 106  
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Notes from Kerry:

## Time for a February Breather...

Believe it or not, this coming month of February has the potential to be a little less crazy than many of the months that have preceded it. I am speaking completely from a personal perspective here. I am famously bad at making predictions as it is. Still, the *potential* is there.

There are no major church holidays in the month to come. *Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday* (2/27) isn't chopped liver, but it's not one of the biggies. Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent doesn't happen until March 2. Holy Week, therefore, is later as is Easter. So, I (and hopefully you) get more of a chance to unwind than the rest of winter will afford.

Now, of course, I do realize that next month gives us the Super Bowl and the Winter Olympics. I will, I promise you, spend numerous hours watching Olympic curling and hockey. (Is Wordle an Olympic sport yet? Someone please check...) Of course, there are birthdays: My granddaughter Lilly will be one year old Sunday 2/6. As will I (give or take 62). My brother Ted Jr. has his birthday on 2/15. I have not forgotten Valentine's Day, either.

But all of that has the potential of being celebratory and uplifting, don't you think? Perfect for the cold and cloudy days of mid-to-late winter. Plus Cindy is thinking about the garden and flower beds around the house. I'm getting more mobile as my physical therapy continues. Spring Training isn't far away, either.

I know the pandemic continues to grind on. The news says that our country is sending 5,000 troops to eastern Europe for a possible confrontation with Russia. Inflation is gearing up. and there is much more. Life continues to be challenging and uncertain.

It's important for us to live in the joy that God provides us, receive and grow our faith, serve, fellowship, worship, and find the cracks that let the light in.

I wish us all a February filled with a little more lightness, fun, joy, and breath.

Peace,

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

**Susan Corker**

May 25, 1935 – January 8, 2022

*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*

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**Mary Mantovani**

October 27, 1936 - January 12, 2022

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# WORSHIP *with us*

Mid-winter marks our return to Ordinary Time in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) liturgical calendar, symbolized by green paraments adorning the Sanctuary. The Presbyterian Mission website states that “Ordinary Time comprises all the days not marked by a specific season” such as the holy days of Christmas or Easter. “The holy days are the mountaintops, whereas Ordinary Time is the slopes, valleys and flatlands. All are beautiful—and necessary.”

As the Omicron Coronavirus variant has surged locally, the church Session has continued its efforts to discern God’s will as it relates to gathering in-person safely. Last month, this resulted in a temporary return to Zoom-only worship for a couple of weeks. As an added protection for in-person congregants, N95 masks are now available in the church Narthex. Please consider using one, or layering a surgical mask under your cloth mask (cloth masks alone are regarded as ineffective in protecting against more recent, highly-transmissible Covid strains).

Worship Ministry members are available for Zoom troubleshooting—whether you need help setting up a photo in your Zoom “square,” or setting up live transcription to view closed captioning of worship services. You can also check out previously-recorded services on our YouTube channel (search for “First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale Illinois” and click “Subscribe” to easily locate our recordings in the future).

We hope to launch our upgraded audio-visual (A/V) live-streaming Sanctuary setup by or before Easter. A number of folks have contributed to the A/V equipment budget line funding the purchase of more powerful and efficient A/V components and software. If you’d like to donate, please contact the church office or use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code (found elsewhere in this newsletter) and designate your contribution to “Other” in the online giving portal, then enter “A/V equipment” in the “Notes” section at the bottom of the second screen. Thank you.



### Sponsor Circle for Afghan Newcomers

In response to the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in August 2021, a new refugee crisis was created. The U.S. government has brought approximately 74,000 Afghans to the United States since then and these Afghan families need to be resettled in communities around the country. First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale is forming a sponsor circle to host Afghan newcomers in our community. Ann Warner, Kathy and Pat Manfredi, John Baker, and Cindy Buys have volunteered to be part of this first official sponsor circle. The group is working on completing the application process. Once these Afghans arrive, we will need assistance from the entire congregation helping them to get settled in the Car-

**To support the Afghan** family financially, our church is accepting donations and engaging in fundraising efforts. To that end, the Mission Ministry is preparing a meal of lentil soup, bread, and dessert which will be available for pick up at church Sunday, February 13 (deliveries can also be made to those who are unable to come to church). In return, the Mission Ministry asks for donations to support the Afghan newcomers to our community. You will receive an email in the near future asking whether you would like some of this food and we ask that you respond by Wednesday, February 10 so we know approximately how much to prepare. We plan to provide the soup in quart-size mason jars that are reusable to avoid plastic waste. If you have any jars that you are willing to donate, please bring them to church no later than February 6.

When we know more about the family we will be sponsoring, we will have a better idea of their needs. In the meantime, we understand this family will be moving from a military base with only a few personal items. In welcoming them to Carbondale, we need to gather as many basic household items as possible to get them established in their new home. To that end, we are seeking donations of the following new or gently used items. If you have such items to donate, please contact Ann Warner at [alwarner1972@gmail.com](mailto:alwarner1972@gmail.com) or at **304-703-1606**. PLEASE NOTE: We are not yet ready to collect these items or have them dropped at the church. Instead, we need pledges that the items can be available when needed. If you have large items that will need to be picked up, please let us know that as well.

If you missed Cindy Buys' presentation about the Afghan sponsor circles Sunday, January 16, you can learn more by viewing the recording on the church Youtube channel.

#### KITCHEN

- Appliances
- coffee pot
- microwave
- toaster
- Flatware
- Casserole dishes
- Colander
- Dish detergent
- Glasses/cups
- Linens
- dishcloths
- hand towels
- Mixing bowls
- Pitchers
- Place settings
- Pots/pans
- Serving dishes
- Serving utensils
- Staples
- seasonings
- S & P
- veg. oil
- Storage containers

#### FURNITURE

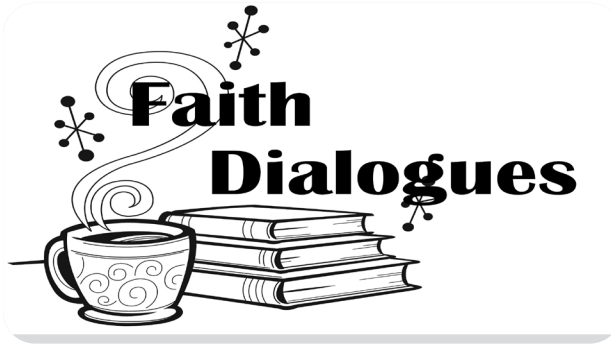
- Chairs
- End tables
- Lamps
- Radio
- Rugs
- Shelves
- Sofa
- Table + chairs
- Television

#### BEDROOM

- Beds
- Bureau/Chest of Drawers
- Blankets/comforters
- Hangers
- Mattresses
- Piillows/ sheets/pillowcases
- BATHROOM/LAUNDRY**
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry basket
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Soap

#### OTHER

- Basic tools
- drill-
- hammer
- screwdriver
- wrenches
- Backpacks
- Bicycles
- Pencils/pens
- Reading material
- Scissors
- Tape
- Toys



A good-sized group began a spirited discussion of the book Inhabiting Eden in January and that discussion will continue for the month of February. Please join us. The discussion schedule is as follows:

- February 6 - Chapters 5 & 6
- February 13 - Chapters 6 & 8
- February 20 - Chapter 9
- February 27 - The Green Guardians and activities in our church and community.

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As we return to in-person worship in February, here are some additional tips for making visitors feel welcome. If you've ever served as head usher, you know that many visitors are notorious for trying to get into the sanctuary unnoticed. They might arrive in the 9:25 crush and stealthily walk past the line, or they might arrive after the service has begun.



How do we make these somewhat sneaky, and possibly uncomfortable, visitors feel welcome? Try these tips:

- If you notice anyone near you who doesn't have a bulletin, please hand them yours and then get another for yourself.
- If you see anyone confused and looking for a hymnal, hand them yours, preferably open to the next hymn.
- If you notice someone arrived after the service began, please be sure to introduce yourself after the service. Once we are able to have fellowship time together, be sure to show them the way.

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## MISSION:

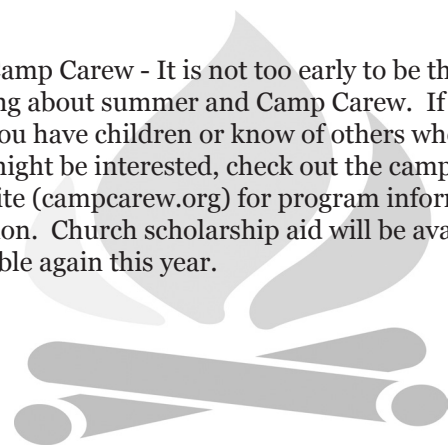
### The Results Are In!

We collected \$3,160 for the Christmas Joy Offering, approximately \$1000 more than last year. Thank you so much for your generosity. The proceeds have been sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

### Carbondale Laundry Project Continues Strong

Free laundry services were provided to approximately 25 persons at the January Laundry Day. The patrons were incredibly grateful and one compared it to winning the lottery. The next Laundry Day is Wednesday, February 9. Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

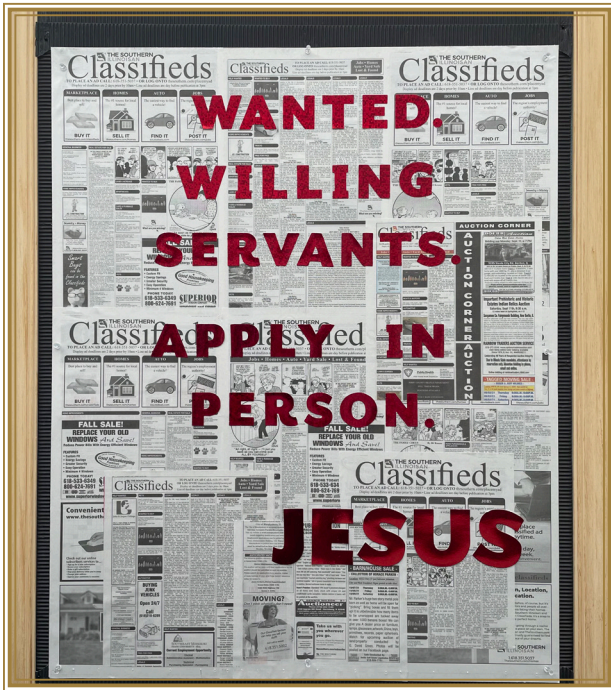
Camp Carew - It is not too early to be thinking about summer and Camp Carew. If you have children or know of others who might be interested, check out the camp web site ([campcarew.org](http://campcarew.org)) for program information. Church scholarship aid will be available again this year.



CAMP CAREW

## Framing Our Message

You may have noticed that, since our return to in-person worship last summer, the church Narthex has periodically been updated with creative and colorful, seasonal signage. Join us in extending our thanks to Melissa and Rob Jensen for sharing their time and talents as they adorn our halls with visually appealing messages of inspiration and motivation.





# Pizza & A Movie Night

...join us Monday, February 14 at 6 p.m. The movie this month is *Groundhog Day* but first we will enjoy pizza and more. Family and friends are welcome and there is no charge. If you plan to attend, contact Kitty via phone: 618-203-1807, text, email: trescott@midwest.net, or in person.

## PRESCHOOL

Happy February. In January we studied winter, arctic animals, nutrition and oceans. For our letter N study our weekly theme was Nutrition. Each day students brought special ingredients and got the opportunity to make their own snacks. We made fruit smoothies with spinach, pizza with olives, fruit and yogurt parfaits and fresh salad full of lots of veggies. All the kiddos were great about trying new foods and the spinach in the smoothies was a favorite.



This month the Frog class will be busy learning about Asia. This year Chinese New Year is on the first day of February. We look forward to celebrating this holiday with our students every year. The Frog class will dress in red and will practice picking up little pom pom balls with chopsticks. This is great fine motor work for their developing hands. For our celebration they will get to eat rice with chopsticks. We will also have our annual Dragon Parade where the kids will march around chanting "Kung Hei Fat Choi" which means "Congratulations and Be Prosperous" in Cantonese. We complete the festivities with a special, traditional gift of money (one dollar) in a red envelope for each child. Learning about other countries and cultures is a wonderful way to expand the minds and hearts of our youngest learners for our great big world.



#### BIRTHDAYS

3 - Lisa Hollabaugh	19 - Jerre Pfaff
4 - Cynthia Fields	24 - Mary Jane Brooks
6 - David King	26 - Frances Gilman
6 - Kerry Bean	27 - Elwood Prest
7 - Brenda Myers	
9 - Sara Squires	ANNIVERSARY
15 - Emily Timpe	3 - Tracy Prosser & Grover Leach
15 - David Warner	



## From Green Guardians: Amazing Benefits of Recycling Batteries

### 1. Protection of Non-Renewable Resources

Non-renewable resources or raw materials can be protected by recycling batteries. Heavy metals and other organic resources can be saved by re-using waste materials for various manufacturing purposes. These electronic wastes can then be used for other innovations.

### 2. Prevention of Pollution

Recycling of used batteries prevents toxic elements of the batteries from getting exposed to the environment and thus reducing soil, water, and air pollution.

### 3. Reduction of Solid Waste Dumped in Landfills

Battery recycling contributes to the innovation of new products. They are used for different purposes which decreases the amount of waste in landfills.

### 4. Energy Conservation

Manufacturing of new batteries requires a lot of energy. Recycling of batteries saves more energy which can be used during the production of new things or materials.

### 5. Diminishes the Chances of Fire and Explosion

Although the explosions and fire caused by batteries are quite rare, they may occur in waste facilities and they become very hard to extinguish. Recycling the batteries that are highly inflammable may prevent such hazardous incidents.

### 6. Easy to Reprocess

Battery recycling is now easier than ever. Most of the cities have battery collection points, retail shops, and supermarkets. All one needs to do is to carry the used batteries to those points instead of disposing them anywhere.

### 7. Creating New Jobs

In a world crashed by Covid-19 pandemic, people are in dire need of jobs or employment. Battery recycling is creating many new and well-paid jobs in the United States as well as other countries in manufacturing and recycling fields.



## MISSION:

### Special collections in February:

**On the First Sunday February 6**, we will be collecting cans of soup and donations for **Souper Bowl Sunday**. When you drop it off, you can designate your chosen team to win the Superbowl and we'll let you know which team wins. If you wish to make a donation by check, please make your check payable to the First Presbyterian Church and write Souper Bowl Sunday in the memo line. Monetary donations will go to Good Samaritan.

Additionally, you are encouraged to bring other items including donations for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the Carbondale Warming Center, Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME, Presbyterian Daycare and Preschool, the Diaper Bank, and the Laundry Project. Bring your donations with you to worship on Sunday morning and drop them off in the narthex. Or just drive through the porte cochere and we'll help you unload. A list of requested items is available on the church website.

**In honor of Valentine's Day**, we ask that you show your Christian love for persons at the Carbondale Warming Center by bringing signed Valentine's Day cards to church between now and February 13. Mission Ministry will add a sweet treat to the cards and deliver them to the Warming Center.

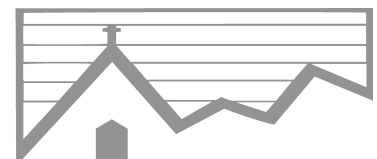
## Thanks to you our church is financially healthy

It's a new year and that means it's time for us to look back on the church's fiscal year 2021 to see just where we stand. Thanks to the generosity of so many people in our church family, First Presbyterian finished 2021 year in the black in spite of not being able to meet regularly for worship in our sanctuary, canceling most small group gatherings, and not being able to have in-person conversations with our fellow Presbyterians during fellowship time.

Looking at the figures included in our church's annual report, which was submitted to church headquarters in early January, our 2021 annual income from pledges and other offerings was \$264,929. This sum exceeded expenses of \$248,407. Doing the arithmetic, this indicates that our church had a difference in income over expenses of + \$16,522. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Where did all that money go? Looking again at our annual report, we can break down our church's expenses by broad general category. Personnel, including Pastor Kerry, Barb Stewart, the music program, and others was by far the largest expense (\$142,494). That was followed by the costs of operating and maintaining our Facilities (\$79,793), and then by Mission (\$42,388). These figures include expenses covered by funds from some of our Restricted Accounts (such as \$10,500 for the re-lamping project) as well as expenses associated with our hosting the Preschool and Day Care programs.

A church the size of ours is a complex entity with many moving parts. Sometimes people are surprised at how much it costs to run a busy mid-sized church. However, we have faith that God will use members of our congregation, our physical plant, and our church staff to continue vital ministries that impact many lives. From our programs serving infants and children, to the Laundry Project, to our support of the Women's Center, our Brother's Keeper fund, the Warming Center, and the Carbondale food bank, to water wells in some of the poorest parts of Africa, and to our thoughtful and uplifting worship services, First Presbyterian is making a difference in the lives of our members, our community, and the world. Yes, attaining our shared goals of Seeking the Faith, Sharing the Spirit, and Serving God's People requires that all of us recognize that we give to the church not because we have to but because we believe in its mission. We are thankful for the opportunity to do so.





The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois is currently compiling a list of volunteers who will be available when PDA issues an invitation for recovery teams. If you are interested in serving on a PDA work team, please contact PSEI Stated Clerk Dr. Rebecca Blair to indicate your interest (319-930-7470) or [rebeccablair@psei.net](mailto:rebeccablair@psei.net)



# Session Synopsis

January 2022

*Space is precious and so I am really going to pare down my notes this month...*

After our usual opening with prayer, devotional, and continuing discussion about the priorities of the church, the session focused our attention to a few big items.

The first main item was the possibility of returning to Zoom only worship during the spike in Covid 19 infections (due to the *omicron* variant). As you know, we did decide to provide only Zoom worship for the Sundays of 1/16 and 1/23. We also decided to return to hybrid-style worship again on Sunday 1/30. We are sticking to that plan.

The second item was a motion from the Mission Ministries regarding the church's possible participation as a Sponsor Circle for Afghan refugees being helped by the Carbondale Area Interfaith Refugee Support (CAIRS) program. Again, many of you have heard a lot about this because we dedicated time during worship 1/16 to explain it. The majority of the proposed motion's explanation was provided by Cindy Buys and Jane Swanson, both of whom are participants in Mission Ministry. The session was very enthusiastic about encouraging the congregation to support the CAIRS program and felt it spoke to the core identity of our church's mission.

The third big item was finishing the approval process for the purchase and installation of new equipment to significantly upgrade the quality of the audio and video during the hybrid worship. This equipment will also make it easier to run everything and make the hybrid worship feel more seamless for the congregation. There is not a fixed date for final installation of the new equipment, but we think this spring is realistic.

There was plenty of other business, believe me, including financial reports, ministry reports, etc. But now you have the gist. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me or another session member.

*Kerry*

# QR Code



First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale continues to seek the faith, share the spirit and serve God's people thanks to generous financial support from our members and friends of the congregation. Charitable contributions may be directed to specific church projects or ministries and are fully tax-deductible under 501(c)(3) guidelines (consult your tax professional).

In addition to the Sunday morning offering, you may donate via direct deposit (form available from the church office), by sending checks in the mail, by clicking the "Give Now" button at [www.firstprescdale.org](http://www.firstprescdale.org), or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera. Any questions, please reach out to Barb Stewart in the church office.

Financial Report I December 2021

100% of the year completed

Line	Income	Budget	
Pledges	\$ 226,455.88	\$ 225,981.00	100%
Nonpledge Offerings	\$ 18,747.30	\$ 12,000.00	156%
Per Capita	\$ 2,043.48	\$ 2,500.00	82%
Trans. From Investments		\$ 11,806.31	
Miscellaneous	\$ 17,682.55	\$ 19,040.00	93%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 264,929.21</b>	<b>\$ 271,327.31</b>	<b>98%</b>

Line	Expenditures	Budget	
Mission	\$ 14,945.09	\$ 13,520.00	111%
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 74,029.05	\$ 75,798.76	98%
Staff	\$ 67,098.09	\$ 82,469.55	81%
Christian Ed.	\$ 1,535.25	\$ 4,900.00	31%
Worship & Music	\$ 1,021.33	\$ 3,575.00	29%
Comm/Administration	\$ 21,593.07	\$ 25,064.00	86%
Property/Capital	\$ 67,767.79	\$ 64,100.00	106%
Christian Nurture	\$ 417.64	\$ 1,900.00	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 248,407.31</b>	<b>\$ 271,327.31</b>	<b>92%</b>



He has a genuine love for hurting people

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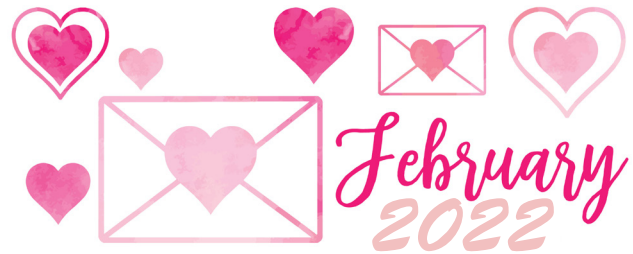
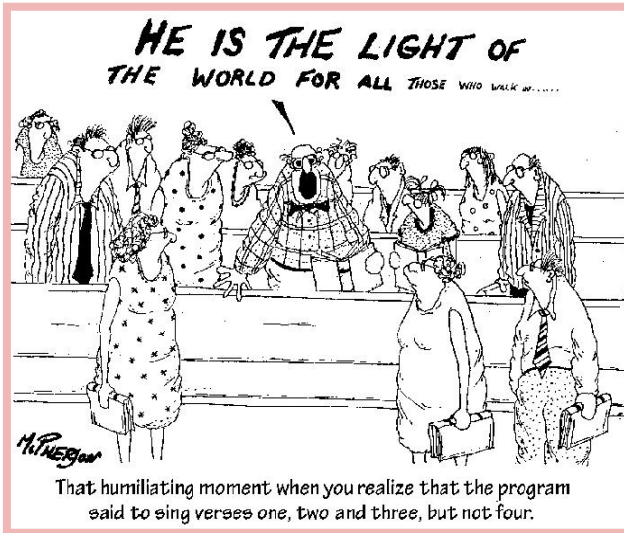
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**FEBRUARY 1862:** Rev. W.S. Post, who was Principal of the Presbyterian "Carbondale College", entered the Army as a Civil War Chaplain.