

From The Clerk of Session

Usually I don't have anything special to write about but this month I have several. To start with I heard from two different sources that Elm Street Presbyterian Church is deep in debt, that our buildings are not paid for, we have outstanding loans, what we do have are CD's, Money Markets and Housing accounts. One of these sources was a member of our own congregation and the other a member of another church. First and foremost the Church and Christian Education Building have been paid for many years ago, we even had a mortgage burning ceremony when we paid off the church. I don't know the exact year but the mortgage on the C. E. Building was also paid off. When we decided to install an elevator in the church, we had a drive and it was paid for in it's entirety. As the buildings, etc. need repairs we pay as we go often with people giving to the project if it is huge. Of course like everyone else we have our usual monthly bills such as water, electricity, telephone and so forth.

The Pastor Nominating Committee has been very busy with their job and has asked Rev. Janet Riley to preach on Sunday, May 1, 2011. The committee feels she will be a good fit for ESPC as does the Committee on Ministry. It is a twenty hour a week job, she is willing to do what the church has designated in their Church Information Form. She will continue at Salem Presbyterian Church also. Our church service will have to be changed to 9:30 am (no big deal). We have met with Janet and the Session at Salem and feel this can work to everyone's advantage. Janet will most likely be working at the Spaghetti Supper come meet her, if you haven't already.

Lastly, the Alton Area Presbyterian Churches worked on a Mission Project in February for Haiti. They had had an earthquake and an outbreak of cholera. We had a worship service and a visit by Skype with Mark Hare, who works in Haiti with the people. This was followed by a Haiti meal of beans and rice, cinnamon cakes and salad and fellowship with others. We collected \$1,526.50 to help them. Thanks to all who helped on the committee and attended.

If you have any questions about anything, please call and I will try to answer your question.

Marj Bryant
Clerk of Session

To start the Prayer Chain for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 462-0677 ext 2835 or Marj Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005.

Next Elm Leaf Deadline
Friday, May 13, 2011

ESPC Web Site
<http://espcaton.tripod.com>
<http://espc.weebly.com>

LITURGISTS

April 3 - Kathy Steinmann
10 - Debbie Wallace
17 - Mary Cordes
24 - Richard Sisk
May 1 - Marj Bryant
8 - Debbie Wallace
15 - Mary Cordes
22 - Chance Shewmake

USHERS

Please volunteer to usher.
Sign up sheet in the sanctuary.
April - The Auston Family
May - The Brey Family

COMMUNION SERVERS

Communion will be served Palm and Easter Sundays by Intinction

Communion servers:

April 17 & 24
Richard Sisk, Chr., Sue Bryant,
Lyndal Colburn, Katy Jarman,
Ann McLaughlin & Terri Darr
(set up & serve)
May -1 Mary Cordes, Chr.,
Chance Shewmake, Kathy Steinmann,
Tanya Sisk, Debbie Wallace,
John Kennedy (set up & serve)

ATTENDANCE

1/2- 43, 1/9- 49, 1/16- 35, 1/23- 34, 1/30- 49,
2/6-39, 2/13- 43, 2/20- 47, 2/27- 33, 3/6- 46,
3/13- 37, 3/20- 43, 3/27- 41

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff and Becky Saville on the birth of their son
Jackson Ryan Saville
Born March 4, 2011
Weighing 8 pounds.3 ounces
20 inches long
His grandparents are Jeff and Karen Auston,
Mike & Maggie Paddock and
Bob & Jeanette Saville
He has a big sister, Katelynn age 2

SYMPATHY

To the family of
Albert Kaltenbaeck
who died Monday February 7, 2011
at the age of 91
He was at the Fountain View Manor in
Granite City

THANK YOU

Louise Norman would like to thank everyone for the cards and your visitation on the loss of her sister Dorothy Crabtree.

My family and myself would like to thank everyone for the wonderful hospitality that was shown to us to help me celebrating my 90th Birthday at church on January 30, 2011. The members that my children got to meet were so nice to them. Rev. Patrick gave a wonderful sermon that day about his granddaughter, Trisha. She has been an inspiration to me ever since she was very small. The birthday cake for all the birthdays in January was really nice and so was the food. I wish more people could have been there as my children loved every minute of it and to hear JoAnn tell about my life. I had a wonderful childhood, with parents and 3 brothers to spoil me, but that is what little girls are for. Thank you again for the plaque given to

Nursery. Plans are being made for the Easter Cantata, Mother Day. and Father Day.
The organ has been repaired below budget
The committee showed the movie " The Ultimate Gift" on Sunday February 27, 2011 which all enjoyed with pop corn and sodas.

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session met several times since the last Elm Leaf. The Session approved the following:

1. The minutes of all meetings.
2. Kathy Steinmann as liaison to the Deacons.
3. The use of the CE Building for a Consolidated Election on April 5, 2011.
4. Serve communion by intinction on April 17 and 24, 2011.
5. To order 50 Per Capita pamphlets for the congregation.
6. Send a letter to Twelfth Street Presbyterian Church.
7. Congregational Meeting on May 1, 2011.
8. Change of time for our Worship service to 9:30 am.

Per capita this year is \$27.01 per member

From The Office:

If anyone would like to write an article for the quote "Pastor's Page" please let Marj Bryant know. It could be on your committee and what they are doing. It could be on what ever is in your heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

Our Theme For the Lenten Season is
Lift High The Cross

We are using special Call to Worship material which can be taken home with Scripture Readings for each day of the week.

Communion will be served on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday by Intinction.
Rev. George Humbert will be preaching.

The Cantata will presented on Easter Sunday
"In The Presence Of Jehovah"

Lenten Service Schedule

- April 6thLead The Way Christian Church
1145 College Avenue, Alton
- April 13th... College Ave Presbyterian Church
1702 Clawson Street, Alton
- April 20th...Greater St. James Baptist Church
2016 Belle Street, Alton
- April 22nd Good Friday
Morning Star Baptist Church
1 East 6th Street, Alton
Service at 12:00 noon
Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. cost: \$3.00

The Deacons Spaghetti Supper will be
Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 4:00-7:00 pm
In the C. E. Building Fellowship Hall
Adults - \$7.50 Children - \$4.00

Spring Gathering - Wednesday, April 20,
at 10:30 A.M. Tickets are \$10.00
Methodist Village/ Riverbend Room
Sponsored by the RUTH CIRCLE of
College Ave. Presbyterian Church.
See Irwin Ballard's Teddy Bear Collection.
Get tickets from Sandy Krug or the church
office.

Each year, the Music Ministry of the
St. Matthew United Methodist Church
presents "The Joy of Easter" a drama set
to music about the life, death and
resurrection of Jesus Christ. It will be
presented Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday, April 20, 21 & 22 at 7:30 pm
Doors open at 6:00 pm Belleville, IL
More information call 618-397-5994

Over 55 (no age limit)

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 Sheldon for a Coffee Concert by Swing Deville with music ranging from pop music of the 20's through 40's, jazz, old time bluegrass and more. The Musical program last about an hour. Bus leaves CAPC at 8:15 am allowing time to enjoy complimentary pastries and coffee before the concert. Lunch will be a the Macaroni Grill on your own. Cost of this event is \$30.00 includes bus, breakfast and main floor seating.

A trip to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield is being planned for June after the schools are out for the summer. May outing has yet to be decided.

Vacation Bible School will again be a joint undertaking. It will be June 19 - 24, 2011 at the Nature Institute from 5:30 - 8:30 pm We will continue with our Theme from 2010

"Step Up And Go Green For Jesus"

We will be needing volunteers for helping with snacks, Adults and Senior High Youth volunteers to help with the groups. See Lyndal Colburn or Marj Bryant if you will help. A potluck is being planned for Friday, June 24, 2011.

Middle School Dance/Open Mic Night
April 9, 2011 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Riverbender.com Community Center
Admission \$5.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members. DJ and dancing on main level, Open Mic Night in the "Underground Room" in the basement.
PERFORMERS MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE. Riverbender.com Community Center, 200 W 3rd St. Alton, IL 618-465-9860 ext. 212

The Advisory Board of the Catholic Children's Home is pleased to announce the "1st Annual 5K Run/Walk" a family fun event. The event will be held at the Russell Commons on April 30, 2011. This event is a healthy way for families in the community to come together to experience the great outdoors and bring awareness to child abuse. The 5K run is on the Levee and the 1 mile walk will be through Russell Commons Park. If you or someone you know would like to participate in or help sponsor the event, please contact Michael Montez or Harmony Tribble at info@catholicchildrenshome.com or call 618-465-3594. You can download a registration form at catholicchildrenshome.com

They are also sponsoring a contest for youth to design the t-shirt for the event. A cash prize will be awarded to the youth with the selected design.

The Loretta "Tootie" Tague Memorial Bowling Tournament

Was held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Bowl Haven

There were 29 teams and they must have had a great time from what I have heard.

Not sure how great their bowling was though!

They raised \$805.00 for ESPC

Thanks to Mike Brey and Charlie Tague for their work and plans. God Bless you both.

Church Newsletter OOPS!

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Thursday Night Potluck Supper.
Prayer and medication to follow.

God's Road Map

The Bible is like a road map showing us the way we should go. Fill in the blanks with the words you find in the WORD FIND. Some words may be used twice or may not be used at all.

1. Lines from one side of the map to the other are from east to _____.
2. You can _____ a map to show where you live.
3. A _____ has a direction needle.
4. The direction needle always points _____.
5. On a map a _____ usually means a capitol.
6. Lines running up and down are north and _____.
7. _____ are used on maps to show mountains, rivers, and cities.
8. There is a _____ on each map to show how much distance is a mile.
9. A local map shows _____ in a town.
10. The area right around your home might be called your _____.
11. If you are lost, a _____ will tell you which direction is north, south, east and west.
12. A _____ can help you find your way in a new area.
13. On maps of countries, there are lines that show _____ where you would change your watch when traveling.
14. A map makes a very large area look _____.
15. With a compass and a map you can find your way to just about _____.

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Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns - Spring - 2011

"Members"

Esther & Bill Bott
Nellie Smithee
Lois Mitchell
Mike Paddock
Elizabeth Brey

"In The Nursing Home"

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Clarabel Park.....Royal Oak Care Ctr.
Jean Freer.....Eunice Smith Nsg Home
Willanette Ball.....Eunice Smith Nsg. Home
Dan Earnhardt... ..Eldercare Nsg. Home
Sonia Hetge.....Jerseyville Manor

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Carol Jo & Don Domescik.....Carole Springgate
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty's Family
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance's daughter
Kim Stiebel.....daughter-in-law of Joyce Schrumpf Goethe
Winifred Orris
Mary Calendar, Megan Vatole.....Jarman's
Tim Murphy.....friends of John Kennedy
Mary Haugh.....friend of Mary Cordes
Vivian Kunz & Nancy Teague.....Chance & Zada Shewmake
Grady Watkins
Mary Brown
Andy Torrez
Bill Oertle
Trish Stolze, Terry Heigert & Ron Bauser..... The Stolzes
Sid & Joanne Ellerston, Tom Norris & Bob Champlin.....JoAnn Phelps
Dale Bailey..... Nancy's husband
John Slusser.....friend of Erin Oxford
The families of Sandy Wood, Alice Brown, Christopher Boyer, Julie Henry,
Bob Barringer, Joan Shepherd, Stanley Darr, Al Kaltenbaeck, Ida Disher,
Richard Hindelang, Martha Fenwick and Dorothy Crabtree
Marcella EggemanMary Cordes
Jeff SlifkaAudrey Stewart
Pricilla "Perky" Christman
Gary Neese.....Mike Paddock
Mike Krug.....Sandy's son
Emma Swarsky (31/2).....Jane Hellrung's niece's daughter
Diana Williams (house destroyed by fire).....co-worker Tom Wyatt & Marj Bryant
Dixie Darr
Sara Keene as she moves to Oklahoma, starts a job and returns to college
Scott Bryant
Jim Miller.....Nancy Bailey

Strength, Courage and Wisdom

In Service: Steven Roger (Kuwait), Brandon Medlock

*If you know of anyone that can be taken off of the prayer list,
please call the church office and let us know.*

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					April 1	2
3 9am S School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship- Patrick Thatcher 4:30 pm Bryanis use church basement	4 8 pm AA/AL Anon	5 Office closed= Election day	6 12 noon Lenten Service & Luncheon Lead The Way Christian Church 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	7 6:30 pm Girl Scouts meet 7 pm Choir practice	8	9
10 9am Sunday School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher 1-5 pm Oxfords Use CE Bldg	11 .8 pm AA/AL-Anon	12	13 12: noon - Lenten Service College Ave Presbyterian Church 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	14 6:30 pm Girl Scouts meet 7 pm Choir practice	15	16
17 Palm Sunday 9am Sunday School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship- Communion Rev George Humbert 1-4 pm Harms use church basement	18 6:30 pm - Deacons meet 7pm Outreach committee meets 8 pm AA/AL Anon	19 6:30 pm Business & Professional Women meet 6:30pm Alton Area Pres Churches meet at ESPC	20 12 noon Lenten Service Greater St. James Baptist Church 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	21 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Girl Scouts meet	22 Office Closed Good Friday Service Morning Star Baptist	23 10 am Choir Practice
24 Easter 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship Cantata Rev. George Humbert Collection of One Great Hour of Sharing	25 8pm AA/AL-Anon	26 6 pm VBS meeting ESPC 7 pm Session meets	27 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	28 6:30 pm Girl Scouts meet 7 pm Choir practice	29	30 4-7 pm SPAGHETTI SUPPER

MAY 2011

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1 9am S School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship Rev. Janet Riley	2 8 pm AA/Al Anon	3	4 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	5 Celebration of Aging Service Natl. Day of Prayer 6:30 pm Girl Scouts meet 7 pm Choir practice	6	7
8 Worship- Communion Mothers Day	9 8 pm AA/Al Anon	10	11 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	12 6:30 pm Girl Scouts meet 7 pm Choir practice	13	14
15 Worship	16 8 pm AA/AL-Anon 6:30 pm - Deacons meet 7pm Outreach committee meets	17 6:30 pm Business & Professional Women meet	18 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	19 Presbytery CAPC 6:30 pm Girl Scouts meet 7 pm Choir practice	20	21
22 Prayer Worship	23 8 pm AA/Al Anon	24 7 pm Session meets	25 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	26 6:30 pm Girl Scouts meet 7 pm Choir practice	27	28
29 Worship	30 8pm AA/Al-Anon	31				