



EPIPHANY STAR

Epiphany Lutheran Church
Carbondale, Illinois
June 2024



Pastor Brian Coffey

Notes from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus Christ! We begin June with the Season after Pentecost (also called "Ordinary Time"). With that we will be treated to a fresh look with new green paraments purchased from memorial funds. We will also begin the season with the beloved "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy composed by Marty Haugen. On June 30th, **Deb Rathert**, SAM, will be providing pulpit supply so that I can use the first of my four annual vacation Sundays. It's refreshing for the congregation to hear from different worship leaders, and Deb is becoming more familiar to you since starting to provide pulpit supply for me last year.



Photo of the new green paraments (purchased with memorial funds) was taken by **Pastor Brian**.

Synod Assembly (June 6-8) will be held in Decatur with **Anne Terry** and **Jim Sylwester** as our delegates – each for the first time. In addition, since the Southern Conference is co-hosting the event with the West-Central Conference, **Tim Fink** and I have been working hard with the bishop's office to prepare for leading the Festival Worship. The service will feature Tim's liturgical setting, "This is the Day", which he wrote for Epiphany and will now be shared with the entire synod! **Pastor Brian** will serve as Assisting Minister next to **Bishop Greg**. **Dorothy McDaniel** and **Devin Miller** along with two vocalists chosen by Tim will be leading the music. You may participate in the service via **livestream at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6th** (see details on page 6).

Immediately following the Assembly will be our Annual Congregational Meeting held after worship on **June 9**. The Nominating Committee secured four people to step into leadership on the Church Council, three of whom will be serving on Epiphany's council for the first time! Following the vote, we will welcome **Harlan Bohnsack**, **Ann Mays**, **Devin Miller**, and **Chalmer Post**. They will be replacing **Patrick Dwyer** (relocating), **Peter Gimse**, **Deb Sarvela** and **Anne Terry**, who we thank for their faithful service.

To keep the momentum going, on Monday evening, **June 10th**, **Jan Womack** and **Kate Renshaw** will be leading a Multi-Generational Learning and Craft Event on the life and times of Jesus, which will include a light meal and picture painting! **See page 3 for details.**

Adult education will continue throughout the summer with our Sunday morning classes held at 8:30. We will be determining our study plans on June 2nd, so please attend that day to help us decide!

Other important ministries such as the **Shelter-to-Home** collection and **National Youth Gathering** are also in the works, so please read their articles in the newsletter.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Pastor Brian

Thoughts from the President

My Epiphany Family,

Summer is finally here and things continue to blossom and grow! I've not really had many cicadas yet, actually I only have seen one exoskeleton in my yard so far. I know surrounding areas have been invaded, Kristin and I stopped at the rest area south of Salem and it was so loud my ears hurt!!! Hopefully all of you have been safe and suffered little to no damage during all the crazy stormy weather we've been having!



Deb Sarvela
Council President

This will be my last newsletter update as council president! I shall pass that duty along this month.

- Remember, our Annual Congregational Meeting is June 9 after the service. Four new council members will be elected: three full terms and one 2 year term.
- Council has been working on mid-year budget adjustments with **Kevin Bame**, church treasurer.
- **Pastor Brian, Tim Fink and Anne Terry** will be attending the Synod Assembly next week, and they will be using the liturgy that Tim composed. Good exposure for Epiphany!!!
- **Anne Terry, Olivia Terry and Pastor Brian** are preparing to attend the youth gathering in New Orleans this summer.
- *Shelter-to-Home* is collecting bathroom items for the month of June.
- Keep an eye out for all the activities going on around Epiphany, and, as always, this is an open invitation to participate.
- Thank you for allowing me to serve you on council these past six years. Blessings to you all as I move into my new role as a general congregation member.

Deb Sarvela

Fellowship Updates

Our Fellowship hosts during the month of May included **Elaine Melby, Nan Gher and others on Mother's Day, Fellowship Committee** served for Confirmation Sunday, and then the **Miller Family!** Thank you all so much!!!

Fellowship Hosts for the month of June are:

June 2-

June 9- **Anne and Olivia Terry**

June 16- **Jane Terry** (Root beer floats for Father's Day)

June 23-

June 30-



As you can see there are three open Sundays in June, just in case you were looking for an opportunity! So have at it!

Deb Sarvela

Multi-Generational Activity Night (That Means We're All Included)

Location: Epiphany Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

Date: Monday evening, June 10th

Schedule of events:

5:15 p.m. – Light meal

6:00 – 8:00 – Program and Painting Craft



Join Jan Womack and Kate Renshaw for an exciting evening for all ages!

Learn who Jesus was and how people lived in those days including housing, clothing, family roles, and types of jobs.

Enjoy **sipping lemonade** and **painting a picture** of something that interested you from what you learned!

Prizes will be awarded as well!

RSVP by 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 9th

Text/ Call:

Jan Womack – 815-762-0051

Kate Renshaw – 618-559-4426



A Family Letter of Farewell

Friends of Epiphany,

The time is approaching when the Dwyer family will bid farewell to Southern Illinois as we prepare for our next Air Force adventure in Northern Virginia where Jess will serve as the Deputy Division Chief for Acquisition Force Development at the Pentagon. (That's fancy speak for helping lead the career progression for all Scientists, Engineers, and Program Managers across the Air Force.) Patrick is looking forward to re-joining the Environmental Compliance or Environmental Health and Safety workforce, and Gwendolyn and Mae are a healthy mix of apprehensive about leaving their Carbondale friends yet excited to live closer to Omi and Pop Pop as well as the nation's capital.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank Epiphany Lutheran Church for welcoming us with open arms and being a supportive faith family over the past three years, especially for our daughters. Gwendolyn will have fond memories of acolyting, receiving her First Communion, and soloing at the Christmas Eve 2022 service. There will be a loss of entertainment, too, when Mae is no longer running up and down the aisle in her yellow Belle dress and heels. Special shout outs to Pastor Brian, Cory Newman, Jane & Anne Terry, Jan Womack, and Kate Renshaw for drawing these young girls into the arms of the Lord through your instruction, kindness, generosity, and patience.

It's worth mentioning that it was *Gwendolyn* who encouraged us to start our "church shopping" shortly after we arrived. Whenever we relocate, which is every one to three years, we keep an open mind and visit several different churches in the local area to see which one feels the most like home. So far, it hasn't failed that we always end up in an ELCA congregation, where Jess was raised. Aside from its teachings and core beliefs, we are also very much drawn to the inclusiveness of all parishioners and the genuine care, concern, and desire for peace that the ELCA has for our local, state, national, and global society as well as our planet. Thank you for all you do to maintain the strength of His house and make Epiphany such a wonderful place to worship. June 16th will be the last service we attend.

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. 2 Thessalonians 1:3

With gratitude,

Jessica, Patrick, Gwendolyn Rose, and Margaret Maeve



Christian Education

Summer is here! I am certain that all of the kids are happy and excited for summer vacations, and looking forward to trips and camp experiences. I am also looking forward to summer and spending more time outside.

This year we are trying something different for Vacation Bible School. Instead of the one-week model we have tried in the past, this summer we are planning some intergenerational family fun activities. We hope that you will make an effort to join us (and even help!) for one or more of the events. We will begin with a Painting Craft on Monday, June 10, from 5:15 to 8 pm. A light meal will be included with the event. We ask that you RSVP by June 9 to **Kate Renshaw (618-559-4426)** or **Jan Womack (815-762-0051)** so we can be sure to have enough food and materials. It will be a fun evening!

In other Christian Education news, we confirmed two young people on May 19. **Corrie Cheatwood** and **Aiden Andert** have worked very hard the last two years and we are very proud of their accomplishment. Confirmation for the remaining students is on summer break and will resume in the fall.

Sunday school for the kiddos is completed until fall, but the adults have requested to keep meeting through the summer. Please attend on June 2 if you want some input on the topics of study.

We are also getting ready for the youth gathering to be held in New Orleans in July. **Olivia Terry, Pastor Brian and I** remain so grateful for the abundant support you all have offered us as we make our first trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this experience.

As I step back from my chair position of Christian Education, I want to thank everyone for your participation and support in our activities this year. Have a wonderful summer!

In Christ,

Anne Terry



Anne Terry
Christian
Education

Epiphany Welcomes Corrie and Aiden



On Sunday, May 19, **Corrie Cheatwood** and **Aiden Andert** made public affirmation of their baptism.

Pictured with **Corrie** and **Aiden** are their teachers: (L to R) **Anne Terry, Pastor Brian Coffey, and Jan Womack.**

National Youth Gathering in New Orleans: An Update

Olivia Terry will be representing Epiphany Lutheran Church and our Central / Southern Illinois Synod at the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20! Olivia is the first youth to attend the national gathering in Epiphany's history. She will be accompanied by **Anne Terry** and **Pastor Brian** who are serving as co-leaders. In addition, **Pastor Brian** will be volunteering with LuMin (ELCA Campus Ministry) to speak with students at career discernment tables, and **Cory Newman** will be representing her organization, ELEA, in support of ELCA schools.



Olivia, Anne, and Pastor have been completing required learning, both online and together in a small group. The theme of the Gathering is, "Created to Be". The focus is on who we are created and empowered to be through the Holy Spirit in baptism. We are created to be: **Brave, Authentic, Free, Disruptive, Disciples.**

Olivia, Anne and Pastor Brian wish to express their **sincere and profound thanks to the congregation and church council** for providing the support for them to experience this significant milestone event without having to fundraise. This has been a big relief, which has allowed them time to focus on preparing. On their own, they will be supporting the Gathering Offering, which will go to ELCA World Hunger.

One additional way to get involved is to consider ordering or donating funds for "**Hurricane Packs**" which will be assembled and distributed to the people of New Orleans as a service project. Anne will have samples on hand during Fellowship following worship (and the annual meeting) on June 9th.

You will continue to hear more about the National Gathering from **Olivia, Anne, and Pastor** before and after their travels. Please pray for them and the thousands of youth and sponsors who are preparing their hearts, minds, and logistics to participate in this significant faith experience.

Want To See the Our Synod's Festival Worship on June 6?



On Thursday, June 6 at 8:00 pm -- our Synod Festival Worship service in Decatur will be livestreamed on YouTube and we should be able to see **Tim Fink, Dorothy McDaniel, Devin Miller, and Pastor Brian** since they all have important roles in the worship service.

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[YouTube.com/@csiselca](https://www.youtube.com/@csiselca).

JAZZ VESPERS: 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

Second Sundays at 5:00P
Epiphany Lutheran Church
Carbondale, Illinois

Jazz Vespers

an Evening Prayer Service led by **Pastor Brian Coffey**

with members and guests of the **New Arts Jazztet**—Bob Allison, trumpet;

Mel Goot, vibraphone; Tom Edgar, piano; Phil Brown, bass; and Darlene DuFay, drums—**June 9, 2024**

works by **Clare Fischer, Billie Harris, Tom McIntosh, Martin Salemi, Nicholas Payton, and Wayne Shorter**

Did You Know That You Can Follow Jazz Vespers at Epiphany on Facebook?

Jazz Vespers Is Now Live-Streamed and Recorded at

<https://www.facebook.com/JazzVespersatEpiphany>

Worship: The Link for the Zoom Service



Our Sunday morning worship is at 9:30 AM
(Face-to-Face and livestreamed on Zoom),
with sung liturgy and hymnody. Here is the link
for the Zoom services.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2101246575?
pwd=MVhOR1FOb3BkWDJrQ09sMmR3ZTcyZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2101246575?pwd=MVhOR1FOb3BkWDJrQ09sMmR3ZTcyZz09)

Meeting ID: 210 124 6575

Password: 1501

Phone: 312-626-6799



More “Suggestions” From the Green Team

Here are three timely suggestions taken from the Guardian newspaper, May 9, 2024:

In a survey of hundreds of scientists, the paper asked what climate actions individuals could do to have the most impact on our situation. The three most helpful were:

- # 1. Vote for politicians who pledge strong climate actions;
- # 2. Reduce flying, which is a major polluter; and
- # 3. Eat less meat.

In the U.S., upcoming elections in the fall offer some clear choices related to the first issue above. The other two perhaps are more difficult but still worth considering. Each of us does make a difference, and we can change that difference if we so desire.

The following suggestions are provided by the United Methodist's Creation Justice Tips for May:

Shop for the story. Websites make it easy to know the values and practices of a company, as well as their products. Read the “About” tab. When you purchase from a business that is carbon neutral or zero waste, from one that focuses on sustainability and fair trade in their supply chain, from one that gives back to non-profit organizations that help heal the earth, you are making a difference.

Compare the cost to creation for what you eat: beef (27 kg of CO₂) versus chicken (7 kg). Every time you choose poultry over beef, you lighten the emissions load on the atmosphere, and you help the earth.

Finance a better future for all. Donate to organizations doing work you believe in but cannot do yourself. Even small financial gifts help. And the collective return on investment is huge.

Put your money to work for justice. When you buy organic, you guarantee more farmers can grow healthy, safe food. When you buy fair trade, you provide living wages and fight poverty. When you buy from a business owned by women or people of color, you help build an inclusive economy. When you bank with a community bank or credit union, you are investing locally, and you are likely not funding fossil fuel projects. Choose justice.

Invest in the future—not the past. Choose what you can: solar and wind, energy-efficient appliances, hybrid or electric vehicles, voting for electric public transit, quality and long-lasting fashion made of natural textiles, insurance and banks that do not support fossil fuels.

Follow your heart. John Wesley gave guidance about the use of money: “Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” Be industrious, be frugal with your own needs, be generous to aid others. Let God use your financial resources and your caring and thoughtful lifestyle—your power—to aid the healing of the earth and the righting of injustices.

Money Does Talk: From your Green Team folks

Epiphany Celebrates Our High School Graduates



Regan Eigenrauch graduated this spring from Carterville High School. This fall she plans to attend Shawnee Community College where she received a scholarship to play volleyball. She has plans to become a special education teacher. Her students will love her! Congratulations, Regan!

Sarah Cook graduated from Murphysboro High School and has selected SIU, one of many universities who offered her a scholarship (softball), but her Mom (Kim) has to be pleased since that is where she played softball for 4 years on scholarship. Congratulations, Sarah, and we wish the very best for you in the years ahead!



Another Listening Campaign Brought To You From the ELCA

Most of us remember the recent “listening campaign” involving our newly elected **Bishop Greg Busboom**. That one encouraged everyone in our Central / Southern Illinois Synod who wanted to participate to fill out a survey. The Bishop encouraged us to use our computers, complete the surveys, and send them in. As an incentive, if enough members participated, he and two brave staff members would each take a pie in the face. The idea worked and the Bishop (and staff members) will gladly be “taking a pie” as promised. You have to admit: the Bishop has a great sense of humor!

But separate from that listening survey, the entire ELCA has been working on their own campaign to elicit important information from its congregations, its staff, and its clergy. **Pastor Brian** has provided a brief summary about this other ELCA listening campaign, which is entirely different from the one our own Synod has been conducting. The article he is referencing is lengthy, but he has shortened it (dramatically) and pulled out the following highlights .

ELCA News - CRLC shares insights from its listening campaign

The Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC) has been holding listening sessions across the ELCA to help determine the future of the churchwide organization. Epiphany members were invited to participate both by filling out an online survey and meeting via Zoom with our regional facilitator, the President of Wartburg Theological Seminary, which several of us did together at the church. Below are some excerpts from a larger article published on the “Living Lutheran” website on May 3rd.

When **Carla Christopher**, co-chair of the [Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church](#) (CRLC), began the group’s “season of listening” across the entire [ELCA](#), she expected to hear disagreement over the church’s core mission. Instead, what people said surprised her.

“We heard, ‘We are gathered as faith communities around word and sacrament and love of neighbor. We are honoring vocation,’” she said. “I mean, it was like reading Luther’s Confessions. And this is coming from young people, this is coming from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) people. People’s understanding of the importance of what sacrament and word and love of neighbor and vocation call us to, look different based on social location and geographic context. But this community is devoted to the church and to those core ideals that have gathered us, from before the ELCA even existed, more than I thought I would be hearing.”

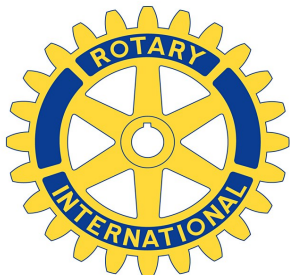
Last month, **Christopher** and co-chair **Leon Schwarz** checked in with the council to present their findings from the commission’s listening campaign, patterned after the feedback sessions for ELCA social statements. The CLRC conducted more than 65 online listening sessions with ELCA members across the country, and a written survey prompted **more than 1,400 submissions**. Every synod offered its members an online session, the survey or both, and other listening sessions with ELCA-related institutions, organizations and ministries drew Lutherans from multiple synods.

The co-chairs stressed **four key findings** from the listening campaign:

- 1.) “A desire to realign number/distribution of synods and their function including a possible separation of pastoral/congregational care and administrative responsibilities.”
- 2.) “Greater balance “between accountability and flexibility in relation to congregations’ and rostered leaders’ adherence to social statements, funding/sharing of resources, communication with congregations, issues of discipline, etc.”
- 3.) “Clarification of purpose statements and constitutional language to increase accessibility of essential tasks and remove language that is not currently useful while uplifting core commitments of not only who we are but who we want to be, which includes a resourced commitment to antiracism.”
- 4.) “Prioritizing “voice, vote, protection, resource, and recognition of the essential nature of RIOMs (Related Institutions, Organizations & Ministries) as valid expressions of the church and centers of innovation, faith formation, and public witness.” Such expressions might include ethnic-specific organizations of the ELCA, campus ministries, Lutheran summer camps and the many idiosyncratic ministries that have sprung up around the country as the church tries out new ideas to welcome people on the margins.

For additional details about these findings, please refer to the Living Lutheran article online: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2024/05/crlc-shares-insights-from-its-listening-campaign/>

"We Met Our Goal !" Thank you, Members and Friends of Epiphany



"Congratulations to the winner of our raffle fundraiser for Midwives for Haiti. We met our goal and Martha Ellert is the proud owner of the butterfly poncho and Haitian coffee.!"

Thanks to all who donated and supported this International service project for this very worthwhile organization and to the Rotary Club of Carbondale for leading the charge on this mission!!"



Martha Ellert is the winner of our raffle for the Butterfly poncho and Haitian coffee

We were able to purchase the handheld Butterfly Ultrasound Machine" for the Midwives For Haiti which will save lives for expectant mothers and their precious babies.

Many thanks to the wonderful souls of Epiphany and their generous spirits that responded to this effort.

Pam Umlauf-Brown

**A FUNDRAISER FOR:
A HANDHELD BUTTERFLY
ULTRASOUND MACHINE**



**\$5/TICKET TO ENTER
YOU COULD WIN!**



June Birthdays

Cathy Wood	June 5
Sara Gulbrandsen	June 5
Ann Gimse	June 7
Tyler Karayiannis	June 20
Rachel Price	June 30



Thank You, Acolytes

The following Epiphany youth let their lights shine in service as acolytes for worship during the past school year. We are thankful for their willing participation and for parents and grandparents who got them scheduled, got them to church, robed, and ready on time!

A special thank you and farewell to **Gwen Dwyer** who has always cheerfully stepped up to acolyte when asked. She will be greatly missed as she relocates with her family this summer to Virginia. Thank you, Gwen!



Aiden Andert

Corrie Cheatwood

Gwen Dwyer

Ella Gulbrandsen

Blake Kocher

Addie Miller

Matilda Miller

Elena Newman

Simon Schurz

Cooper Smith

Miranda Smith

Addie Terry

Sidney Viernum



Acolyte Coordinator : **Jane Terry**

Church Council Highlights

Here are the highlights from the May 14, 2024 council meeting:

Evangelism Committee: SIU Daily Egyptian ads once school starts. Two half page ads.

The Hunger sale raised \$22,500.

Property: **Patrick Seger**- Changing traditional lights to LED lights. Replacement bulbs for old light bulbs are not possible. Current lighting setup doesn't support LED lights. Entry lights and camera quotes are still not available. **Peter Gimse** is providing a piece of drywall for the damaged wall in the fellowship hall.

Nominating Committee Update from **Trish Welch**:

Chalmer Post, Harlan Bohnsack, Ann Mays, and Devin Miller.

Budget adjustments: Evangelism Committee needs \$2,000 budget increase. Property Committee needs \$2,000 budget increase. Youth budget needs to incorporate costs for travel and meals for the ELCA Youth Gathering equaling \$4,000 budget increase. Motion approved.

Annual Review results discussed with **Pastor Brian** by **Deb Sarvela** from congregational data gathered by the Mutual Ministry team.

Reminder of semi-annual meeting after worship on June 9th to elect four new Council members.



Patrick Dwyer

Council
Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Collecting for the “*Shelter to Home*” Project

About four years ago, Epiphany committed to aiding the Sparrow Coalition's “*Shelter to Home*” project. This program is aimed at helping to supply needed essentials for individuals and families who are setting up households, as they transition from emergency shelter to more permanent housing. These are people leaving such settings as the Carbondale Warming Center, the Good Samaritan House emergency shelter, The Survivor Empowerment Center [women's shelter], and Centerstone.

Epiphany's commitment is to provide certain specific bathroom-related materials. To meet our commitment Epiphany has been providing bathroom baskets, each comprising a small laundry basket, a bath mat, two bath towels, two hand towels, two washcloths, a container of hand soap, a box of facial tissue, and a package of toilet tissue.

For two recent years, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, Epiphany was awarded **Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy** grants from the Central-Southern Illinois Synod, which permitted us to move beyond this basic commitment for those years and also make additional donations to the emergency shelters of much-needed items, such as disposable tableware and cutlery, toothbrushes, and travel-sized soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant.

Since September 2022 a total of 80 bathroom baskets have been delivered to the different shelters. We generally try to make delivery of donations to the shelters on at least a monthly schedule, though in times of higher demand multiple deliveries sometimes have been made in a single month, and there have been a few months when no new deliveries were needed. There was one instance when no sooner did we bring baskets in the rear entrance of the shelter, than they were picked up and carried out the front door by people moving into their new living arrangement!

During the month of June please consider donating supplies or a monetary gift to help supply this important ministry. A sample basket display, showing the specific materials needed is on the “collection table” in the Fellowship Hall for all to view. Suggested items are:

- Plastic laundry baskets
- Toilet paper (packages of 4 rolls each)
- Liquid hand soap
- A box of facial tissues
- 2 sets of washcloths, 2 hand towels, and 2 bath towels
- Bath mats

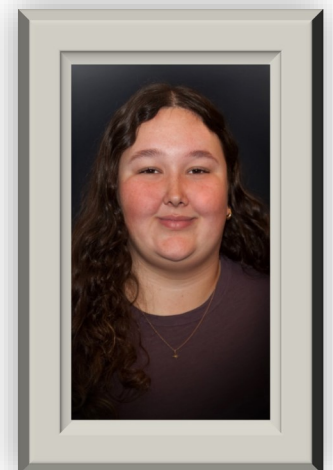
Thank you!! [From Your Social Ministry Team}

Epiphany Celebrates Our SIU Graduate



Sydney Cook graduated this spring from Southern Illinois University and has great news to report on her plans for this fall. She will be teaching art at Rochester High School, which is close to Interstate 55 and Springfield, Illinois. Sydney has already lined up housing and it looks like Mom and Dad will be making a few trips north with loaded vehicles.

Congratulations, Sydney! May God continue to bless you with His love and strength.



This Sunday, June 2: Interfaith Dialogue Panel & Potluck *

Sunday at the Newman Center in Carbondale (715 S. Washington Street) come hear a sharing of experiences from those who attended the 150th Parliament of the World's Religions at the McCormick Place in Chicago last August, including **Pastor Brian** and **Father Bob Flannery**.

Schedule of Events:

3:30 Social Time with Interfaith Displays

4:00 Program Begins with panel presentation.

5:00 Time for "Questions and Answers"

5:30 Light Meal Participants are encouraged to bring a food item to share that reflects their personal culture, ethnic background or faith tradition.



Father Bob Flannery and Pastor Brian Coffey both attended the 150th Parliament of World's Religions last August and will be panelists.

*The Ralph Anderson Interfaith Dialogue is sponsored by the Carbondale Interfaith Council and the Metro-East Interfaith Partnership

Collecting For International Students

It's that time of year again, and I'm hoping we can let everyone know that this is the best time of the year for us to start collecting items for the new International students who will be arriving at SIU in August generally with just a couple of pieces of luggage. They generally won't be prepared for so many daily needs nor our unexpected weather patterns.

If you are checking out yard sales or doing some closet cleaning this summer, we will be collecting :

- towels,
- small rugs,
- single sheets,
- washable blankets and covers as well as
- hats,
- mittens, and
- scarves for the new international students in the fall.

There is a basket under the table near the congregational photos in the Fellowship Hall. Put your "treasures" in that basket (it's labeled) and I will get those items to the students who need them.

Thanks for your help! **Pam Umlauf-Brown**

Grace United Methodist Church — Vacation Bible School June 24 –27



Marketplace

“Along the Shores of Galilee”

“Miracles of Jesus”

<https://www.facebook.com/CarbondaleGraceUMC>

June 24-27, 6:15-8:00 P.M

(Monday- Thursday)

Simple supper available 5:45-6:15 P.M.

Visit shops! Watch Bible dramas!

Learn the wonders of following Jesus!

Tell your neighbors, bring your children, invite grandkids!

Learn about and support a local community mission!

ACTIVITIES ARE FOR KIDS AGES 3 yrs.* - completed 5th grade
(Older kids welcome as assigned helpers)

*Please send 3 & 4-year olds with a responsible family member.

YOU MAY: Pre-register online

Call the church office (618) 457-8785 for information

Complete a registration form at the church

We welcome you to Galilee's community!

You're Invited

**Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, Church of the Good Shepherd (UCC),
First Christian Church (DOC), First Presbyterian Church,
First United Methodist Church, and St. Peter's Church (UCC)**

welcome all to

**"Celebration of Renewal and Commitment"
Interfaith PRIDE Worship Service**

Sunday, June 16, 10:30am

**Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, 105 N Parrish Lane
and via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85091012889>**



Join us!



June Calendar Items - Provided by Olise Mandat

Sunday, June 2 - Pentecost 2

- 8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education
- 9:30 am -- Worship (in person and Zoom)
- 4:00 pm -- Interfaith Dialogue Panel and Potluck, Newman Center, Pastor Brian presenting on panel.

Thursday - Saturday, June 6-8 -- C/SIS Synod Assembly, Decatur.

Delegates: Jim Sylwester, Anne Terry, Pastor Brian.

Thursday, June 6 -8:00 pm -- Festival Worship livestreamed at [YouTube.com/@csiselca](https://www.youtube.com/@csiselca). Tim Fink, Dorothy McDaniel, Devin Miller, and Pastor Brian

Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost 3

- 8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education
- 9:30 am -- Worship (in person and Zoom)
- 10:45 am - Congregational Meeting and Vote
- 5:00 pm -- Jazz Vespers

Monday, June 10

- 3:30 pm - Evangelism Meeting, Fellowship hall
- Paint Night -- Multi-generational Activity Night at Epiphany
- 5:15 pm - light meal
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Program and Painting Craft

Tuesday, June 11

- 7:00 pm - Council Organizational Meeting

Sunday, June 16 - Pentecost 4

- 8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education
- 9:30 am -- Worship (in person and Zoom)

Sunday, June 23 - Pentecost 5

- 8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education
- 9:30 am -- Worship (in person and Zoom)

Sunday, June 30 - Pentecost 6

- 8:30 am -- Adult Christian Education
- 9:30 am -- Worship (in person and Zoom), Pulpit Supply - Deb Rathert, SAM

Sunday School Kids Sing During Church



The congregation was able to enjoy a special musical version of "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" during the offertory on "Confirmation Sunday," May 19. **Tim Fink** had rehearsed with the singers during Sunday School mornings and played piano for them that morning.

Pictured (L to R) are: **Simon Schurz, Addie Miller, Isla Griffith, Matilda Miller and Max Miller.**

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