

The Disciple Harbinger

May 15, 2001



To reach the church:

Please call the church at 348-3003. If there is no answer please leave a message and we will return your call.

<u>Attendance</u>	
April 29	86
May 3	78
May 13	62

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ALL ABOARD! "The Little Engine That Could"

Please join us for a "Merry Drama," The Little Engine That Could, May 20, during the worship service. The skit will include many from our congregation, both young and old, and will take place instead of the sermon. Please bring canned or packaged food goods to be used on the train and then donated to the Charleston Food Pantry.

It's not too late to get involved as the one and only rehearsal for the skit takes place Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Invite others to come and then stay for MORE after the service and skit to join in the discussion of ethics as presented in The Little Engine That Could.

Bike Club News

Our Bike Club is helping to sponsor Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center's cancer survivors' celebration on June 3. On that Sunday SBLHC is having along with other activities a 28 mile or 9 mile bike ride plus a walk. Our church will provide a rest stop beginning at noon for the riders. SBLHC will provide all the refreshments and water and we will provide volunteers to serve and give directions.

This is a fun event. Anyone who would enjoy riding can pick up forms at the church or to volunteer to help at the church see Carolyn Hayden or Mike

Chron. Martha Lain has already volunteered and would enjoy company.

Our Bike Club assisted SBLHC's very successful event last year that raised a substantial sum of money that went to St. Jude.

Our Bike Club will also help in the Mattoon Bagelfest ride that is scheduled for Saturday July 28.

You may also remember the fun and fellowship our church "bikers" had last year trekking over the hills to Lincoln Log Cabin for much fun, food and fellowship. We hope to repeat that event sometime this summer.

BE SURE TO ATTEND CHURCH

ELDER BREAKFAST HARBINGER DEADLINE

Please attend the Elder Breakfast at Jan Hall's home (2313 An-dover Place) at 9:00, on June 2, 2001.

Please submit articles for the next Harbinger by Tuesday, June 4, 2001.

COALITION FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

Last week, sixteen people met to review the services being provided by the Coalition for People in Need, (CPN) This board meets monthly to monitor services, policy and changing needs. Our congregation is one of the 14 Charleston churches supporting the program. Our share of the administrative expense, based on church size is \$250. We also contribute volunteer support.

In the past month CPN provided crucial emergency aid to 100 families, 70 with food vouchers for from \$20 to \$30 each. Sixteen families received emergency help with one-time vouchers for gas, medicine, or partial payments on rent or utilities.

CPN is an established organization with stable broad support from Charleston churches skilled at providing urgent service for special limited need compassionately but yet with due caution.

Fourteen volunteers worked last month representing Immanuel, St. Charles, Wesley, First Presbyterian, as well as DOC.

CDC FOOD PANTRY

The Board of the Charleston Area Churches Food Pantry (CDC) met at 8:30 Tuesday morning, May 8 at the First Christian Church on 4th Street. Representatives of 20 area churches (DOC being the newest, met to review services [provide present needs and long term plans. Each month food is being provided directly to people at the present rate of 5,500 meals per month (for 175 families or approximately 600 indi-

viduals). Lynn Collins (who worships with us) has served as the manager for years. Here is an essential emergency service being provided quietly and effectively by the dedicated support of time and money of many. Persons from our congregation who have served as volunteers include Ruth Bunch, Wayne Hunt and Nancy Oakley.

You have an excellent opportunity to provide services in kind by paying for the admission of "The Little Engine That Could" by contributing food that will to CDC to continue their excellent and supportive work for those in need. Please contribute generously!

John Bailey



TRANSITION PROGRESS

Your church board has been quite active in recent months organizing worship services and hopefully providing you with meaningful worship services.

Betsy Johnson-Miller will be our interim minister beginning June 3. Betsy has previous obligations that prevent her from being with us on a full time interim basis, but we will welcome her June 3, 10, all of July, and then full-time as an interim beginning on August 19.

Burley Herrin, Assistant Regional Minister will be providing consultation and assistance during the interim process.

Our Worship leaders and speakers through June are as follows:

5/27 Glen Rosborough, Worship leader Trisha Haworth;

6/3 Betsy Johnson-Miller, Worship Leader Mike Chron;

6/10 Betsy Johnson-Miller, Worship Leader Buck Greenlaw;

6/17 Dickk Hayden, Worship Leader John Hayden;

6/24 Buch Greenlaw, Worship Leader Marla Belden

Of course, YOU are the true worship leaders!

GINA BRANKEY WILL BE VISITING RUSSIA JUNE 17-JULY 19. LAURA OLSEN HAS KINDLY AGREED TO PROVIDE OUR MUSIC DURING GINA'S ABSENCE.

Prayer Concerns

Sophie Huffman, Dale Spence, Hayden Cole, Pete Love, Kip Kubisz, Robert M. Wilson, Virginia Evans, Dorothy Teaters, Ada Elder, Jon Adams, Shelia Colbert, Lana Updegraff, Delno Hart, Jim Holloway, Fred Moler and the Brown family

Reception in Honor of Becky Turner Ministry

Reverend Rebecca Turner concluded her ministry with the Disciples of Christ Christian Church in Charleston on Sunday, April 22nd. A reception and ceremony was held that afternoon at the church to acknowledge her accomplishments from her time as pastor beginning November 7, 1999.

The Fellowship committee served refreshments and she received gifts from the congregation. The speakers at the ceremony were as follows (left to right): Burley Herrin: Assistant Regional Minister, Disciples of Christ.; Susan Reichenberg: Pastor



First Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Reverend Rebecca Turner; Barbara Short: Pastor Marshall Avenue Christian Church, Mattoon; Jan Kennedy: Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Mattoon; Dick Hayden: Moderator, Disciples of Christ Christian Church, Charleston; and Bill Warmoth: Past Moderator, Treasurer, Disciples of Christ Christian Church, Charleston.

RECEPTION FOR STAN HUFFMAN

Tom Woodall writes:

Dr. Huffman will be retiring from his current medical practice at the end of June. I want you to know that we are having a celebration in Charleston **Saturday June 30th.**

Will you place this event on your calendar and make plans to be with us? The celebration will be held in the Grand Ballroom in the Student Union Building at EIU. Anytime after 6:15 p.m. you are invited to visit with Stan and Maggie and enjoy dessert. The program starts at 7:30 p.m.

Please, no gifts, only cards if you desire.

In order to make plans please contact me (Tom) at 345-4109 or (cfmtw@eiu.edu) before June 23rd, letting me know if you can attend and how many will be with you.

OUR WORSHIP GUESTS

May 6 Daniel and Rachel Miller, Elizabeth Slifer, Fred Fechtmann, Michael Fechtmann. Welcome back Wayne and Agnes Hunt

May 13 Pat Shannon, Rachel Harrell

Please let all our guests know how much they add to our worship!

Scheduled to Serve In May

Communion: Norma Mineo, Bob Wilson, Sheri Paul and Joe McGee

Preparation: Molly Evans and Fraun Lewis

Greeters and candle lighters: Sheri Paul and Chris Richardson

Elders:

6 Tarry James and Mike Chron
13 Pat Marsh and Wayne Hunt
20 Bill Mineo and Bill Warmoth
27 Lloyd Koontz and Paul Slifer

Thanks to all those who have given so generously providing office work, yard work, and planted flowers!!!!!!

May Birthdays

22 Laura Thomas

27 Steve Shirley

29 Judy Hunt Milam

Congratulations to...

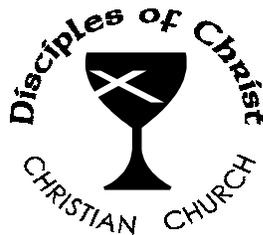
Marla Belden for the Glen Hesler award, an award for an individual who makes an outstanding contribution to EIU athletics.

FELLOWSHIP!

On **Sunday, June 17th**, the Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Father's Day cookout at 6 p.m. All members and their guests are invited. Members of the Fellowship Committee will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill outside the south entrance. Drinks will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish.

A NEWSLETTER OF THE
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Rebecca Turner, Pastor and Editor
William Warmoth, Moderator

Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 a.m.
And Sunday School for all ages at 10:45 a.m.

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Tolerance, Diversity, and Inclusion*

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A FEW WORDS

I arrived at Church early on Sunday, April 29. Very early! The chairs were in place, the lights worked, and the temperature was comfortable. There was a peace about the church. It was a good time to sit down for a little talk with God. He said things would be just fine!

Bill Warmoth arrived a short time later. Bill scurried about with his regular routine making sure the lighting was just right, the thermostats were set properly, and the sound system was functioning. Jeanette Shannon arrived a short time later and quietly went about her tasks for the day. Others soon followed. I didn't have a clue what to do, or who would be doing it, but everyone just seemed to know what to do and how to do it. No one needed guidance. My anxiety was soon relieved. Soon the communion was prepared and properly arranged. People started arriving. There were greeters at the door, bulletins were passed out, and the morning chatter started. More people came. More chatter. I didn't see where we had candle lighters. When I asked someone, I soon learned that Jackie James had already taken care of it. Obviously there was nothing for me to do but do my job for the day as everyone else had sure done their job.

Well, May 3 I arrived at the church a bit later. Again, everyone responsible went about getting things prepared for the service. On May 10 I arrived even later. Same story! Looking around one could see the lawn nicely mowed, the flower plots tilled, and coming to life with flowers, all done by members of our congregation. By now, I even think if we pray real hard, we have the strength to make it rain.

God bless each and everyone of you for all your help and encouragement. We have much to look forward to!

Dick Hayden