

# The Disciple Harbinger



## *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.

## Attendance

73 August 5

63 August 12

69 August 19

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## **BACK TO SCHOOL BACK PACKS**

The announcement was brief, a request for members of our church to bring a back pack for a child in need. The response to the request was also brief. In just a few short days there were back packs appearing at the back of the church. Some enterprising soul then started hanging the back packs on the coat rack. Soon there were 27, and then in excess of 30 multi-colored, multi-sized back packs ready for distribution. We can be proud of our "mission" accomplishment.

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

***There will be a special meeting of the church board immediately following the worship service on Sunday, August 26, 2001.***

On Tuesday evening, August

14 seventeen members of our congregation met with an interim minister candidate. The candidate is taking the "intentional interim" training that begins this September. The candidate has been in his present pastorate for fifteen years, and was in one before that for seven years. The group had a very informative meeting that lasted two hours.

The board meets Sunday to consider calling the candidate as an interim. It should be emphasized that we are not calling a permanent minister and therefore do not go through the formal steps that are required for that calling. It is anticipated that an interim would be called for full time, or almost full time services. The period of time the interim would be here is indeterminate, other than being here until the interim. An inten-

process is complete.

In the interim selection process, our church follows the standard procedure of considering one, and only one candidate at a time. Therefore, if it is determined that the current candidate is a qualified candidate, there will be a vote on whether or not to hire the candidate as an interim.

Burley Herrin has provided a preview of the report he will make to the church as to the ministerial services that we require during the interim process. Burley's suggestion is "that you get as much interim pastoral service as you can."

As always, every member of our congregation is most welcome to attend any board meeting. Any non-board member who met our candidate is encouraged to attend the board meeting or advise a board member of his or her opinions of the candidate.

## **BE SURE TO ATTEND CHURCH**

### ***Please Forgive Me!***

If your name has been omitted from our list of birthdays and anniversaries for August, please call the church or leave a note in the offering tray.

### ***Harbinger Deadline***

**Please submit articles for the next Harbinger by Tuesday, August 27, 2001. Thanks to all of those who contributed articles included in this issue.**

## M.O.R.E TAKES A HIATUS

MORE began the summer by discussing at length the various aspects of our motto "Growing in God's Love in a Spirit of Tolerance, Diversity and Inclusion." We spent time on spiritual growth and the way that growth manifests itself through the various projects and outreaches of our congregation. A wide variety of handouts and research material was used.

From the work and vision of our congregation Ray and Joyce Allen continued to lead us into the work and vision of our General Assembly which they recently attended and the ways and agencies by which we are served as a Disciples congregation. Ray and Joyce have now concluded this part of our studies. We have shared much and learned much and appreciate the dedication and talents of both Joyce and Ray. Joyce is an awesome

Teacher!

While MORE is "on break" it is time for the congregation to participate in planning where MORE has its next focus. The Whole People of God lectionary series has been purchased for children and adults and can be used in conjunction with sermons that follow the lectionary series. Or perhaps that time can be used for special topics or Bible study and prayer. As we consider where MORE goes from here, consider that we need to change the meeting location, perhaps the time, perhaps the format entirely. None of this can be done without willing leaders, teachers and participants. Where do you fit in? What can you do to strengthen the life of our congregation? How can we expand to attract and better meet the needs of our young people as well?

As we prepare for the changes of the fall season, let us prepare for changes within ourselves of

Renewed commitment and enthusiastic service. Be the second to sign up with Carolyn to work on plans for MORE. Diana Davis is already the first!

*Carolyn Hayden*

## THANK GOD!

Smiles are great! We all like to see smiles. It is particularly great to see Pat Cole smiling. We all know about the family tragedy and serious illness Pat recently experienced. Our prayers and concerns were with Pat during that period of time. Pat, this past week, has asked that her name be removed from the prayer list. What great news! Pat, our prayers will still be with you, as we pray for all members of our congregation, and for our church, but we are relieved to put those prayers in the "normal" as opposed to extra special category.



***Board Members, please be sure to check your mailboxes!***

## REPORT ON BURLEY HERRIN CONFERENCES

Burley Herrin, our Associate Regional Minister, is taking a well deserved vacation. He will return on August 27. Burley is answering his e-mail, even while on vacation.

Burley reports that he has the report completed that resulted from his recent conferences with members of our church. Burley will first present the report to the board, and then to the congregation. The report to the board will most likely come on September 12 at our regular board meeting. The presentation to the church as a whole

would probably come the first week in October.

### *Coming Attraction...*

Ray Allen will be our speaker on September 2 and September 9. Tricia Haworth will be speaking September 30 on BMF. We hope also to have a surprise video presentation, but it's such a surprise that nothing else can be mentioned at this time.

### *Good News!*

We have not added a name to our prayer list for a month. We have, however, taken three names off the list.

**THANKS:** It is always good to have John Simmons with us, and a special treat to have him speak. John, as most of you know is a long time friend of Ray and Joyce Allen. John lives in Sebastopol, California.

### *Prayer Concerns*

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

Please notify Ferne McHenry to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

## FOUNDERS' DAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Founders' Day has been moved from September 16 to September 23. Plans are being discussed to celebrate both our local history and that of our Disciple 200 year old spiritual legacy (see the July/August Disciple magazine). We will have a time line display and handout as well as other special features.

In the afternoon a picnic is planned for 5:00 p.m. at Lincoln Log Cabin. "Stay tuned" for more details and tell Carolyn or Mike if you would like to help in this event.

Adjust your schedule now and plan to attend this major event.

## DISCIPLE DRAMATEERS

Four Dramateers in our congregation are busily involved in the upcoming Charleston Alley Theater's production of Our American Cousin.

This British comedy was playing at the Ford Theater when Abraham Lincoln was shot. The production is being performed in conjunction with the historical events in Charleston on the weekend of September 15. Diana Davis, Audra Roach, Carolyn Hayden and Brenda Neff will keep you informed as they try to learn their lines.

Our current producer and director for the dramateers has recently received a catalog containing scripts for productions. One particular production, requiring a cast of ten, is being con-

sidered for production in December.

What church do you know of that has both a bike club and a drama club?

## TED TRUEBLOOD RECEPTION

*The CWF is sponsoring a reception for Ted Trueblood this coming Sunday, August 26 at 2 p.m. at the church.*

Ted completed his medical studies, and recently his family practice residency, and is beginning his practice of medicine in Minnesota. Come and congratulate "Dr. Ted Trueblood.

*Thanks to CWF for the ice cream, cake, and magic this past Sunday afternoon!*

## OUR WORSHIP GUESTS

There is a way to fill this space with names. Invite someone to church! Also, when you look around on Sunday and you haven't see certain people in church for awhile, then pray that you will look up next week and they will be there. Invite someone new to come to church, and pray for those who you would like to see in church.

## Scheduled to Serve In September

Communion: Jeanette Shannon, Florence Giffin, Mike Bess and Sheri Paul

Preparation: Norma Mineo and Jackie James

Greeters and candle lighters: Audra Roach and Diana Davis

Elders:

8/26 Bill Mineo and Wayne Hunt

9/2 Lloyd Koontz and Jan Hall

**REMEMBER THAT SEPTEMBER 2 IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, THEREFORE, "FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY." JOIN US IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WORSHIP.**

## September Anniversaries

1 Dick and Carolyn Hayden  
8 Mark and Cathy Thomas

15 Tarry and Jackie James

## Board Meeting

The next regular church board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 12 at 7p.m. at the church.

## Donuts?

Some unknown, unseen individuals seem to want to use our parking lot to do "donuts." Gravel gets thrown onto the sidewalk and marks are left on the parking surface. Anyone having any information please report it to Verlon or Jerry.

## September Birthdays

4 Fraun Lewis  
5 Angie Nadler  
10 Cathy Thomas  
15 Tricia Haworth  
20 Tammy Adams  
22 Cindy Maples


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## **FROM Dick**

My term as your moderator began at the January 2001 board meeting. At the February board meeting Becky Turner announced her resignation. Betsy Johnson-Miller was selected as our interim minister, together with the region's assistance through Burley Herrin. Betsy announced June 22 that she was leaving as our interim, effective June 29, 2001. So far, on ministers, I'm zero for two. But, "three is a charm," or perhaps, "three strikes and you're out." There is hope!

This week, Carolyn puts it far better than I. Hear her words:

We need intensive care! Not because we are sick but because we intensely care. We are beginners. We are five years old, kindergarteners—we need the best guidance, leadership, inspiration, support and encouragement we can get.

We want to grow, bloom. We have only just begun. We want the best because we want to be able to offer the best. Just as you would not want your little child to have marginal maintenance or supply care, just as you would not want to give your plants or anything under your care minimum attention. So our church needs as full attention as we can reasonably expect so we can in turn give our full attention back into our community and beyond.

Thanks Carolyn!

August 14 we met a candidate for our interim minister. Please pray for guidance and direction as we meet to discuss and make a decision on the candidate this Sunday after worship. I feel that with two strikes, the next pitch will be a hit.