

# 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

58 August 16

69 September 2

67 September 9

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## **DENNY PRITCHARD TO BECOME INTERIM MINISTER**

The church board approved the hiring of Dennis Pritchard as an intentional interim minister at the regular board meeting on September 12. Denny will start his ministry with us on Sunday, November 4.

Denny (Dennis Estle Pritchard) was born September 14, 1942 in Gait, Iowa. He has served at Church of Christ, Uniting, at Lexington, Illinois. Denny has been at that church since July 1986. Prior to his service at Lexington Denny served for seven years at the Carlock (Illinois) Christian Church.

Denny and his wife, JoAnne will reside at 2006 Meadowlake in Charleston.

Denny is a 1978 graduate of the Lexington Theological Seminary. He was a minister for 10 years prior to that. He

is an ordained DOC.

Denny has visited with members of our congregation on two occasions and was in attendance at our most recent board meeting.

There will much more about Denny in future issues of the Harbinger.

## **FOUNDER'S DAY SUNDAY**

Come celebrate our 5th year as a congregation on Founder's Day, Sunday, September 23. During this service we will honor the work of our past and rededicate ourselves to do the work of the future. In the bulletin there will be a special responsive insert and a commemorative handout. During the service there will be a time for recognition of our congregational history. The church will be

Decorated with a pictorial time line and other signs of celebration and the seating will be more circular.

Communion and offering will be at the front with the congregation coming forward as an affirmation of rededication. There will be more detailed instructions in the bulletin and during the service. Invite someone to come share this special service with you.

## **FOUNDER'S DAY POTLUCK**

As a part of the festivities of Founder's Day there will be a potluck at the church Sunday afternoon September 23 at 5:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide ham and iced tea. The congregation is asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert and table service. There is a signup sheet at the back of the church but surprise dishes are always welcome!

## **BE SURE TO ATTEND CHURCH**

### *Meet Denny and JoAnne Pritchard*

Our new interim minister and his wife will be at our Founder's Day potluck dinner. Come and meet Denny and JoAnne and give them a warm DOCCC welcome.

### *Harbinger Deadline*

**Please submit articles for the next Harbinger by Tuesday, September 25, 2001. Thanks to all of those who contributed articles included in this issue.**

## DR. RICHARD HAMM STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 11

The DOC website is filled with information relative to the DOC response to events of September 11. Our DOC President speaks of "unspeakable acts of terrorism." He says "our hearts go out to those who were killed or injured and to their families and friends."

Dr Hamm continues: "But these events are also a sign of how connected our world has become. The events in the Middle East, Europe, Asia Africa, or anywhere else on the planet, are necessarily subjects of our personal concern as surely as are events in our own neighborhood. Indeed, "neighbor" is a Biblical word that we must today understand in global terms."

"We must do more than pray for the victims of violence. Indeed,

individually and collectively, we must renounce violence as a means of imposing the will of some upon all. We must seek justice for all everywhere, recognizing that if any are oppressed, none are truly free.:

"So, how shall we respond to this tragedy which is both national and international? Let us pray for those public servants (police, firefighters, military personnel, medical personnel, and others) who valiantly serve to protect and heal in the face of many perils."

"Let us pray that our leaders will have the wisdom to respond in ways that foster peace with justice rather than mere revenge. Let us pray and work for peace in the Middle East and throughout the world. Let us pray and work for the healing of the whole human family that we may learn the ways of life and true community. That all may 'sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no

One shall make them afraid' (Micah 4:4). Let us pray and work for a world in which no one is hated for race or culture or other marks of humanness. Let us pray of the healing of the U.S. that we may extend our great guiding principle 'justice for all' to all the people of the earth." Amen!

## FPC OCTOBER 7

Baseball is not the only thing that has an opportunity for a doubleheader. We have an opportunity to attend a church "doubleheader" on October 7. This opportunity, as well as an ecumenical opportunity with our friends at First Presbyterian Church in Charleston comes by invitation of Rev. Susan Reichenberg. We are invited to attend World Communion Sunday on October 7 at FPC at 10:30 a.m. We will start our service at DOCC that day promptly at 9:30 and will end our service promptly at 10:10 a.m. Please plan to attend both services that day!



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

## REPORT ON BURLEY HERRIN CONFERENCES

Burley Herrin, our Associate Regional Minister presented his report resulting from conferences with members of our congregation. The report was presented at the regular board meeting on September 12. Burley set out recommendations for a rather ambitious series of meetings that would involve a large majority of our congregation.

Dennis Pritchard will become our intentional interim pastor beginning November 4 (story elsewhere), and the board and Denny, with input from the congregation will determine spe-

cifics regarding implementation of the recommendations at a later time.

### *Coming Attraction...*

Tricia Haworth will be speaking September 30 on BMF. We hope also to have a surprise video presentation. October 7 we will have an abbreviated service, 45 minutes, so those of us who wish can join our friends at First Presbyterian for a World Wide Communion service.

### *News!*

We have added Tom McDevitt to our prayer list the past month. Our prayers are with Jeanette Shannon and her family.

**THANKS** to Ray Allen for filling the pulpit on September 2 and 9. Thanks also to Ray for being available to us to provide services for those members of our congregation during this interim period.

### *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 Tom McDevitt and the Brown family

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

## TOUR de CHARLESTON BIKE RIDE

The Disciple Bike Club has been asked to participate in the Tour de Charleston bike ride Saturday, September 29. This bike ride is being held to raise funds for Special Olympics athletes. The ride starts at the Charleston High School beginning at 8 a.m. and riders can choose a 10, 30, or 60 mile ride which goes along the Lincoln Log Cabin historic site.

If you would like to sponsor a rider the forms are on the back table, or if you would like to ride in this event, see Carolyn Hayden.

If you can't ride, sign up and support a rider.

## 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.

The production is scheduled for September 14, 15 at 8:00 p.m. and September 20 and 21 at the same time. There are also performances on Sunday September 16 and 22 at 2:00.

p.m. Those members of our congregation in the production are Carolyn Hayden, Diana Davis, Audra Roach, and Brenda Neff (who we also claim).

## WEDDING PLANS

Brandi Howard and Mitch Goodwin will be married in our Church on Saturday October 13, 2001. Ray Allen will be presiding over the services. It is great that our building can be used for such a special service. Ray Allen will preside.

Brandi and Mitch have attended our services regularly for some time. Please be sure to give them your personal blessing to their marriage.

***The CWF will meet at the church on September 20 at 7:00 p.m.***

## 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. Seriously, do this!*

## 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:

9/16 Paul Slifer and Wayne Hunt  
9/23 Bill Mineo and Mike Chron  
9/30 Bill Mineo and Pat Marsh

**Address change: Mrs. Virginia Evans has gone to stay with her daughter Ann. Cards and notes may be mailed to her c/o Ann Pritchett; PO Box 187; Pacific, MO 63069-0187.**

## 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 October 10 at 7p.m. at the church. All are invited to attend.

***Thanks!***

Tarry and Verlon have labored long to create "Wiggley Field." As in the book "Shoeless Joe Jackson" it is said "if you build it they will come." More on this topic in a later addition. Thanks to all those who have contributed time, effort, and support (moral or financial) to beautify our grounds!

## September Birthdays

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


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Denny Pritchard, Interim Minister, 11-4-01  
Dick Hayden, Moderator

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And Sunday School for all ages at 10:45 a.m.

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## **FROM Dick**

My annual fishing trip to Canada (20th anniversary) continued the first week in September, as did the bonding with my son, and continuation of putting up with two long time friends for 10 days. The beauty and serenity of a remote location in Canada was again present. In addition to the fishing, as always, the trip was a time of relaxation and spiritual renewal. No news, no newspapers, no radio, no phone, no electricity, no telephones, interfered with the serenity and peacefulness of the setting. Things in that remote location were unchanged.

September 11 was my "day in infamy" as I missed Pearl Harbor by 13 months. The 11th of September tragedy has touched us all. We did not have to look at pictures and newsreel film of this tragedy, we merely switched on the TV and we were there. Who can ever forget seeing, for many life, a commercial jet crashing into the WTC?

My grandson's Uncle Scott was working in one of the buildings at the foot of the WTC, his hotel room was within two blocks of the twin towers. My daughter-in-law, Scott's sister, was frantically, and emotionally, trying to make cell phone contact with her brother. Contact was made. Scott was one of the lucky ones. Mitchell, 2 1/2 years old, on September 12, was obviously affected. He was slightly out of his routine. He wanted to be held and comforted more than usual. My daughter Beth works for TrizHahn, the corporation that owns and manages the Sear's Tower in Chicago. She was one responsible for personnel (including security) at the building, and made arrangements to evacuate the building. Usually my phone conversations with Beth are brief, talking baseball, and catching up on her many travels throughout the country. My conversation this week was much, much longer, and not about baseball.

The headline in a San Francisco paper this week simply said "BASTARDS." I hear many say "bomb them" or "get them." Who is "them?" It pains me to see, already, the violence directed at Mosques; it pains me to see people of the Islam faith the indiscriminate targets of violence. Dr. Richard Hamm outlines the path we should follow at this time. I think also we should all ask what Jesus would expect of us.