

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

67 September 9

72 September 16

80 September 23

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FOUNDERS' DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

The Founders' Day Committee would like to thank all those involved in planning and serving in any capacity to make Founders' Day the very special day it was.

Joyce and Ray Allen's dedicated work and love was evident in the commemorative booklet, in the moments of recognition that Ray led, in the flowers that adorned the church, the candlesticks, the offering baskets and other special touches that caring people think of.

A thanks goes out to Jeanette Shannon for her hours of work on the pictures and meticulous history of our church.

The Fellowship Committee did another super job of serving and cleaning up after the abundance of delicious food. The food and fel-

lowship at the potluck was especially heartwarming and a blessing to all who were there.

There were over 50 present for the evening fellowship. The event provided those present to get better acquainted with Denny and Joanne Pritchard. There was no plan for a program, but Denny had a "backside" plan in mind. He wants to get us to know us better and had us write on a piece of paper many of our favorite things, movies, actors, flower, song, book, etc. We were invited, in 10 words or less, to tell Denny what we wanted that described our congregation. It was good to laugh, and have fun, especially in light of the tragic events of the past several months. We're looking forward to many more fellowship gatherings with the Pritchards.

Denny is to officially start with us on Novem-

1. His first service with us will be November 4. Denny has already been to our church to meet with us informally (twice), has attended our September 12 board meeting, and for the Sunday Founders' Day fellowship. Pretty impressive I'd say!

Remember the Pritchards address come 11-1: 2006 Meadowlake, Charleston.

CROP WALK

WE WANT YOU, OCTOBER 6—to walk with us in the CROP WALK. Walkers are needed. Won't you join us? Last year three walkers, Jan and Leland Hall and Wayne Hunt raised \$190.00. Great job! A portion of the proceeds supports our local food pantry. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the walk starts at 8:30. Please see Cindy Maples for registration forms or if you would like to make a donation.

BE SURE TO ATTEND CHURCH

Church Secretary

2 We are accepting applications for a church secretary. Anyone who would like to apply, or knows someone who would like to do so, please contact Dick Hayden. The starting date for the position would be 10-29.

Harbinger Deadline

Please submit articles for the next Harbinger by Tuesday, October 9, 2001. Thanks to all of those who contributed articles included in this issue.

2002 BUDGET

Bill Warmoth, our Treasurer, has initiated work on our 2002 budget. Copies of Bill's good work have been placed in each board members mailbox. Each committee and committee chairperson is asked to go over your budget items and provide input to the Stewardship chair (Patty Maples) before the board meeting on October 10, 2001.

For those non-board members, a copy of the working documents for our 2002 budget, as well as the most current church financial statement, can be found on the counter directly in front of the mailboxes in our library.

You have the assurance of the board that it will work diligently to arrive at a reasonable budget for the congregation's consideration.

The budget will be voted on by the congregation at the annual

Meeting following the worship service the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 18.

STEWARDSHIP

Soon there will be a stewardship campaign where you will be blessed with an opportunity to make your pledge to the church for 2002. This campaign promises to be a vigorous one.

We should ask what God is asking us to do to actively support our spiritual growth, and the spiritual growth of the church. What is God asking us to do to see that our church remains an institution through which God's work is done. Please pray and ask for God's guidance as to the financial commitment he is calling us to give.

This past year has been a year where our offerings have had many peaks and valleys. Our offering graph resembles a roller

coaster. We would like to see a straight line graph line (a high one) where the offerings are fairly even from week to week.

We should complete a pledge card, and we should all pick up offering envelopes, when that time comes, and it will come soon. We should all pledge and give generously. Remember, membership in the church is not a requirement for giving.

FPC OCTOBER 7

REMEMBER our service on October 7 will end promptly at 10:10 p.m. so those choosing to do so can leave to attend the World Wide Communion service at First Presbyterian Church in Charleston. The service at FPC begins at 10:30. Susan Reichenberg has been so kind to invite us to this service. Although our October 7 service will be shortened, it will proceed as usual with regard to our providing our regular communion service.



Board Members, please be sure to check your mailboxes!

CHURCH AUCTION

OCTOBER 21

Our annual church auction will be held ***at the church beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday October 21, 2001.*** Our crack auctioneer, Buck Greenlaw will this year try to set a new record for this church event. The funds raised will be utilized for items beyond our church budget that will expand our church ministry. We have a very pressing need for a new computer and combination printer, copier, fax, and scanner. We need to make

our presence known to the community and a new sign for the church would help.

Coming Attraction...

Becky Dennis will deliver the message on October 7. The 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. The FPC begins at 10:30 am.

News!

We have added two names to our prayer list this past month, Pat Cole and Florus Nadler. Bill Mineo, is not on the list, but pray for his recovery from illness.

THANKS to Ray Allen and Joyce Allen for their time, and hard work, in preparing the historical booklet of our church history. Great job! Thanks also to all those who made our Founders' Day a success.

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 McDewitt, Pat Cole, Florus Nadler and the Brown family

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

MISSION GIVING MISSING

The church lives by its mission. Christ commissioned his church to "go into all the world and preach the good news...make disciples of all nations." In our short history, our congregation has been faithful to this calling. We have been generous in answering our Lord and our mission. This year, through August 31, we have sent the following toward our mission:

*Basic Mission Finance	\$3,300
*Easter BMF	510
*Pentecost BMF	398
*Local Missions	175

This is a total of \$4,741. Our BMF goal for this period is \$8,800; so we are \$5,500. Behind in BMF regular giving. So?

DISCIPLE DRAMATEERS

Four Dramateers in our congregation have just completed six performances of *Our American Cousin*. The production was performed at the Charleston Alley Theater (CAT). This British comedy was playing at the Ford Theater when Abraham Lincoln was shot.

The production was performed September 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23. The theater was filled to capacity for the performances, and the longer the play ran the more enthusiastic the crowds.

Now, there will be three encore performances, October 5 and 6 at 8:00 and October 7 at 5:00 p.m. Diana Allen, Audra Roach, Carolyn Hayden and Brenda Neff are those in our con-

gregation who are in the production. If you missed the performance you now have another chance.

The Dramateers are planning an early production of "Christmas in Cricket County" which will be a joint effort between Marshall Avenue Christian Church and our church and will be performed at both churches. Dates for the performances have not been announced. It is contemplated that there will be a cast of 8-10, and music will be provided by Jerry Ellis

The production of "Christmas in Cricket County" will require special background and props so you may have an opportunity to participate in the production without having a speaking part. Stay tuned for additional details.

The CWF will meet at the church on October 18 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 October

Communion: Norma Mineo, Cindy Maples, Bob Wilson, Laurie Olson

Preparation: Jackie James, Jerry Ellis

Greeters and candle lighters: Mike Bess, Kyle Bess

Elders:

10/7 Tarry James, Patty Maples
10/14 Bill Mineo, Wayne Hunt
10/21 Dick Hayden, Mike Chron
10/28 Bill Warmoth, Paul Slifer

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.

October Anniversaries

5 Lester and Vicki Trueblood
14 Marc and Gina Bunch
17 Pete and Beverly Ogden

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!

I want to thank everyone for their kindness after the death of Harry. Beautiful cards, food, flowers, donations, help and wonderful friendship.

Jeanette Shannon

October Birthdays

6 Kay Delong
12 Norma Pearson
16 Leland Hall
21 Mike Bess
29 Mike Chron
29 Pete Ogden


**A NEWSLETTER OF THE
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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

Boy, was Tuesday, October 2 a great day! Tuesday evening was even better! The choir practices at 6 p.m. every Tuesday evening. But even before choir practice there are church members watering, weeding and pruning the flowers. There are many who before Tuesday spent time on their hands and knees planting the flowers. The grounds reflect a recent trimming and the corn once surrounding the church is now gone. The lovely voices of choir members echoes both inside and outside the church interspersed with occasional laughter. Outside the brilliant orange of the sun turns to a subtle light orange-pink hue as the sun sinks out of sight for another day. One knows that the sun will rise in the morning. One knows that all is well with our church.

Tarry and Verlon have labored to build a ball diamond. "Wiggley Field" is shall be called. Thanks Tarry and Verlon for your good work. My eyes have not seen your labor, only the fruit of it. Others who may of helped in the project are unknown to me, but to all who have helped, in spirit or body, thanks. I have a very tender spot for Wrigley Field, and particularly on special occasions when the crowd stands silently, in prayer, and the bagpipes sound "Amazing Grace." I dream of the day, sometime soon, when we stand on our ball diamond, with God's grace, and enjoy a game of softball with the laughter and joy that comes with the game. You may recall the book "Shoeless Joe Jackson" which resulted in the movie "Field of Dreams." In that book/movie a young Iowa farmer had a dream that if he built a ball diamond in the middle of Iowa that his father, deceased for many years, would come. The young farmer was told, by God, "if you build it, they will come." Come they did. The young man's father, Shoeless Joe Jackson and a host of deceased ball players returned, and enjoyed a game.

Well, on Tuesday night, there were three boys out playing on the ball field. Stan Huffman made home plate and bases out of corncobs, and then circled the bases, to see if his speed was still there. Well, Tarry and Verlon, you have built it, and they already have come.

Tuesday evening was fantastic-wish you had been at the church. We are here because of a dream. We built this church because we had a dream. Remember, we are only limited if we don't dream. Dream on!