

The Disciple Harbinger

February 15, 2002



To reach the church:

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

Attendance

64 January 27

69 February 3

59 February 10

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THROUGH THE WINDOW

Computers have windows,
by which we can access
the whole world on our demand.

Open a web site.

There it is, before our eyes.

The Holy Scriptures has windows
by which we can access

the whole world of God's love.

The history, the kings, the prophets,
the poets, the gospel writers, the letter writers,
the revelators.

Window, Jesus Christ.

The window of Jesus Christ
that opens our eyes to the majesty,
and the extent of God's love for me
and God's love for you.

The window of Christ's Passion
by which we see our future
as God intends.

Maybe, the Lenten Season
is returning to the home page
of God?

W.C.

THE TOP 10 THINGS PEOPLE THINK ABOUT WHILE SINGING A HYMN

10. The pot roast.
9. What does the pastor wear under those robes?
8. Will the person behind me ever hit the right note?
7. 90 minutes till kickoff.
6. Did I turn off the curling iron?
5. The likelihood of the ceiling fan falling and hitting me on the head.
4. How many people have lost more hair than I have?
3. How would the hymn sound if Metallica played it?
2. Are there doughnuts at fellowship?

The number 1 thing people think about while singing a hymn is:

How many more verses?

Excerpted from Chapter 8 of Holy Humor Page 130; 272 total pages.

BOARD HUMOR

"There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor. After the close of the service, the group gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst. He was a visitor who had never attended their church before. "My friend," asked the pastor, did you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?" "Yes," said the visitor, "and after that sermon, I'm about as bored as you can get!"

FROM BILL & NORMA

We have been enjoying warm, sunny weather and we sincerely hope your weather up there has been "tolerable".

We have been nomadic in our worship this year going to at least 5 different services, but we haven't attended any that gives us the warm glow we get when we walk into our home church. We send our greetings to everyone.

In Christian Love,
Bill & Norma Mineo

Please note the Lenten Studies & light suppers going on, Wednesday evenings till Easter.



Board Members, please be sure to check your mailboxes!

UPDATING ADDRESSES

We are in the process of trying to update our records. In order to do this, we again need your help. A form to fill out may be found on the table at back of the church. Please return to the church office. They may be set on the desk in office or put into the Office Manager's box in the Library. Or if prefer mail or call in to the office. Thank you for your assistance.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL STUDY

The Lenten Studies have started. These studies will go through Wednesday, March 27. There will be included each evening a light supper. The light suppers are being served at

6:00 pm, prior to the Lenten Study. The study time is at 6:30 pm, changed from original 7:00 pm time. Please come, & enjoy the fellowship & studies during this Lenten Season.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Starting February 24 a new adult church school class will begin.

OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY GOES TO:

Patty Maples, Cindy Maples & Tricia Haworth & family at the loss of their Aunt, Great-Aunt Erma June Conour.

FAR AWAY ADDRESSES: Bill and Norma Mineo, 52 Kiowa Dr., Ft. Myers Beach, FL. 33931-2416 & Wayne & Agnes Hunt, 973 E. Washington, Gilbert, Az. 85234

Prayer Concerns

Sophie Huffman, Dale Spence, Hayden Cole, Kip Kubisz, Robert M. Wilson, Virginia Evans, Dorothy Teaters, Ada Elder, Jon Adams, Fred Moler, Tom McDevitt, Pat Cole, Sharon Holderfield, Sharon Mathews, Wanda Fouts, Danny Pritchard, Ralph & Annie Nickles, & Florus & Bobbi Nadler, Diana Allen, Jeanette Shannon, Verlon Myers, Kathleen Beck, Jim Holloway & Elbert Chron.

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

CHURCH USE

For the use of the church for weddings, receptions, etc., there are request forms which need to be filled out, located in the church library on the table. This request must be made at least 15 days before the use is required.

You will then receive a letter of approval or denial, which will include the policies of the church.

CHURCH EQUIPMENT

For the use of any of the church equipment, there is a form located in the church office for checking out that equipment. This way the church will know who is using it & when it has been returned.

CHURCH LIBRARY

We hope that you take advantage of the Church Library. The books are there for your use & help. All we ask is that you be sure to check out those books by filling out the form in the library, located on the counter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP**HELP!**

Since it is not always possible to know who is in the hospital or going into the hospital, we ask that you please notify the PASTOR, if he is unavailable, then please notify the church office of that admittance. Also, we could use your help in knowing when someone has lost a loved one. Whenever you can help us with either of these, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The hours for the church office are as follows:

Tuesday—Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

BUILDING KEYS

We need a record of all the keys that everyone has, so that we can keep track of them. There are cards in the church office that may be filled out by you. Please stop by & fill one out. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME TO

Mike & Gayle Strader
627 Ashby Dr.
Charleston, IL 61920

Jeff & Gina Endsley & Family
16 Miller Av.
Charleston, IL 61920

The CWF will meet at the church on February 21 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 February**

Communion: Kevin James, Ashley Slifer, Kim Steffes, Nancy Oakley

Preparation & Cleanup: Diana Allen, Audra Roach

Greeters & Candlelighters: Bob Wilson, Jeanette Wilson

Elders:

2/17 Vicki Trueblood, Stan Huffman
2/24 Verlon Myers, Tarry James

HARBINGER DEADLINE:
Please submit articles for the next Harbinger on or before February 27, 2002 to the church office.

**February
Anniversaries**

4 Jon & Tammy Adams

Elder Shut-in

3 Lloyd Koontz, Jan Hall

Board Meeting

The next regular church board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. All are invited to attend.

February Birthdays

16 Paul Slifer
19 Bobbi Nadler
26 Jane Spence

Worship Leaders

17 Diana Allen
24 Buck Greenlaw

**A NEWSLETTER OF THE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
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Denny Pritchard, Interim Minister, 11-4-01
Dick Hayden, Moderator
Linda Thornton, Office Manager
Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 a.m.
And Sunday School for all ages at 10:45 a.m.
Office hours are—Tuesday - Friday, 9-3

*Growing in God's Love in a Spirit of
Tolerance, Diversity, and Inclusion*

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Linda's Moment

"SOMEWHERE IT'S SNOWING" I know you are asking, why is she talking about snow? Actually, it is the title of a beautiful song by David Stearman, Stephanie Boosahda & Arranged by Mark Hayes. It says, "when snow covers the earth, that it hides the world's scars & gives nature new birth." Then the song compares snow with turning from sin to the Lord, & how His forgiveness covers us like snow for all eternity. (Psalm 51:7) When the turning comes about, then God's grace, like snow, begins to fall upon us. The song says, "as the soft snowflakes drift down on the hard ground," Jesus' grace covers our sin. Then it also says, "In the kingdom of heaven, it's snowing again." God's grace is constantly at work covering our sins, snowing down upon us. A quote from Max Lucado's book, "He Chose the Nails", says "And as the hands of Jesus opened for the nail, the doors of heaven opened for you." What a beautiful thought that is. The song also reminds of the angels rejoicing "When one traveler turns home from his way to the Lord." It's such a beautiful song with a beautiful message. Makes you take a different look at snow & the beauty of it.

A few weeks ago, we had a snow on Saturday evening. Before going to bed, I looked out at the awe & beauty of it all. The way it glistened & glittered in the glow of the street light, the way it sat softly on the tree limbs, & the way it gave beauty to the hard & cold metal fences, as if giving them new life. What an awesome experience it was to see. It touched me so much that I awakened early Sunday morning with poetic inspiration, so sat & wrote a poem of what I had experienced. Through Jesus' blood, we can glitter & glisten, when He softens our hearts & gives us new life. I hope when it snows again, that you will take the time & really appreciate the awe & beauty it contains. And think of God's grace that continually covers us. Try not to be totally focused on the work that it causes & the problems. Because "SOMEWHERE IT'S SNOWING."