

# The Disciple Harbinger

March 1, 2002



*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

*74 February 17*

*February 24*

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## **"DISCIPLE" MAGAZINE DEMISE! IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE?**

It pains many of us that there will no longer be a "Disciple" magazine. That's the bad news. The good news is there are alternative sources for information.

Bill Warmoth keeps our website updated. Please check [www.disciplesofchrist.org](http://www.disciplesofchrist.org) for information not only about our church but for sources of information about our denomination. Peruse [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org) for current information about our denomination, you will be richly rewarded and informed by doing so.

You can get e-mail information from our denomination by signing up for "Disciple Today" at: [www.disciples.org/CM/email.htm](http://www.disciples.org/CM/email.htm).

Your options are many assuming you have a computer and know how to use it. If you still like to turn the glossy pages, and have something you can hold and read, you are not entirely out of luck. We will maintain a resource table in the library of current literature and information that you may pick up and read.

Any one who has a computer but who could use some instruction on how to surf the internet? If so, let Linda or Denny know. Stay informed?

Dick Hayden

### FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Music Director, Gina Brankey, has resigned her position effective March 3rd. Gina has been playing for us since July 2000. Gina states in her letter of resignation that her private tutoring schedule has grown and her time has become very restrictive.

She also would like to thank everyone for their kind actions and words in her time with us. She says she has learned many lessons during her service here and will always be grateful for these experiences. She appreciates the support of the congregation and their kind affection.

While the Worship Committee seeks out candidates for Director and Pianist, Laurie Olson has graciously offered to serve as interim.

We would like to thank Gina for her dependability and cheerful attitude even during times of stress and change. We wish her and her family the best both now and in the future.

### CONGRADULATIONS FRAUN!

Fraun Lewis has been named assistant director of the Academic Advising Center upon completion of a national search. Lewis has been the acting assistant director since June 2001. I would like to thank the search committee for their excellent work during the search and interview processes: John Kilgore, chair; Kathy Bennett, Jessica Catto, Molly Evans, Johnetta Jones, Kimberlie Moock, Robert Miller, Rita Pearson, & Michael Shirley.

Karla Sanders  
Director, Center for Academic  
Support/Achievement

From the University Newsletter  
of Eastern Illinois University.

### BE WATCHING, BE READY

**WATCH** for **GOD'S LITTLE ACRE** this Spring.

**WATCH** for **F.A.S.T.** a mission opportunity coming our way.

### ALL CHURCH OUTING

We are going to "Smoke on the Mountain", Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 pm. followed by dinner at Sister's Restaurant at 4:00 pm. Please get your reservation & \$ 20 per person for the tickets, into the church as soon as. 30 reservations have been set aside. All money must be received at Little Theater by March 11. At Sister's we will be ordering off the menu. Sign-up sheet is at the back of the church & seating chart of where the tickets are located are on the board. Thank you.

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



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

### 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. Please come, & enjoy the fellowship & studies during this Lenten Season.

### VALENTINE'S DINNER

Net income from the Valentine's Dinner on February 17, 2002 for the Summer mission trip to Cosby, Tennessee was \$ 280.46. Thank you.

### WEEK OF COMPASSION

A total of \$ 583 was received during the weeks of February 17 & February 24 for the Week of Compassion giving. Thank you.

### F.A.S.T.

Our Summer mission trip has been planned. We will be going to Cosby, Tenn. on August 11-17. We have agreed to send 23. An advance payment of \$ 40 per person has already been sent. Sign-up sheet may be found in the back of the church. Reimbursement should be made as soon as possible to the church for the \$ 40 registration. This is for all ages.

### 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, Verlon Myers, Kathleen Beck, Jim Holloway, Agnes Hunt, Leland Hall & 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****FROM WAYNE & AGNES**

Dear friends at church, Hello from Arizona! Here's an update on Agnes: she had knee replacement surgery on February 5; she's now at a rehab facility for therapy. After having two uncomfortable days and nights, she's doing well & anxious to get back to the apartment. Speaking of the apartment, this will be the last year that we'll be there because we have bought a home out here. It's in a gated community called Leisure World. We'll bring back pictures when we return to Charleston in April. We close on our new home out here on March 22. Oh, and our house at 1537 3rd St. has sold! But we'll be there until early July because that closing isn't until then. Our heads are spinning about what all we'll have to do when we get back to Charleston in April. But this is an exciting time, too. We thank you for your thoughts,

prayers, and cards during Agnes' convalescence.

Fondly,  
Wayne & Agnes Hunt

**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.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday—Friday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

***The CWF will meet at the church on March 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 March**

Communion: Kyle Bess, Mike Bess, John Hayden & Ferne McHenry

Preparation & Cleanup: Kelly Bacon & Florence Giffin

Greeters & Candlelighters: Kathy Bess & Jan Myers

Elders:

3 Lloyd Koontz & Pat Marsh  
10 Paul Slifer & Patty Maples

**HARBINGER DEADLINE:**  
Please submit articles for the next Harbinger on or before March 13, 2002 to the church office.

**March  
Anniversaries**

1 Mike & Kathy Bess  
10 Steve Shirley & Fraun Lewis  
16 Wayne & Agnes Hunt

**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.

**March Birthdays**

2 Kathy Bess  
5 Eva Bacon  
8 Ray Allen  
9 Dillon Goodwin  
10 Diana Allen

**Worship Leaders**

3 Kathy Bess  
10 John Hayden

**Shut-in Schedule**

3 Stan Huffman & Verlon Myers

**A NEWSLETTER OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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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

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Tolerance, Diversity, and Inclusion*

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## **Linda's Moment**

After writing what I did last time about snow & then getting what we did, I decided to try writing something about Spring this time. On Wednesday morning, February 27, 2002, I was inspired to write this poem.

### **IT WON'T BE LONG**

It won't be long, till we can say,  
new life has begun.  
It won't be long, till we can say,  
Spring it has sprung.  
It won't be long, till we can say,  
the budding it will start.  
It won't be long, till we can say,  
the rain from clouds will part.  
It won't be long, till we can say,  
the rain will tulips wake.  
It won't be long, till we can say,  
all the beauty of new life, God does make.

Linda Kay Thornton