

A Newsletter from the  
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Of Charleston, Illinois  
**January 26, 2006**

# The Disciple Harbinger



## FROM PASTOR PHIL

Reflections on:

***We are the people of God, growing in God's love and serving in Jesus name.***

"We are the people of God" indicates:

1. We are in relationship with the Holy.
2. We belong to God, however the relationship is one of our choosing. God offers a freedom of choice in how we relate. The degree of faith and obedience is ours to maintain. God's part is as God sees fit.
3. We represent God by our choosing to be in relationship. Others observe our actions, deeds and words as a visible and audible presence of the Holy in our world.
4. We know through our experience of living with God something of the nature and character of the Holy, and can speak or tell stories of our God relationship.

I invite you to consider other things "We are the people of God" might say about us and our church at Old State Road. If you have thoughts or comments, then sharing them with us can only broaden and deepen our understanding of what it is to be "the people of God".

Next month look for thoughts about "growing in God's love.

Agape,  
Phil

## DREAM SESSION

On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a Dream Session for members and friends of Old State Road Christian Church. A catered meal and child care will be provided free of charge. There will be two sessions with a break for the meal. Plan to go home by 1:30 p.m. This should prove to be an enjoyable, satisfying event for all. A sign-up sheet may be found on the back table of the sanctuary. A count will be needed for the catered meal, so please sign-up on or before January 29<sup>th</sup>. January 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to sign-up for the catered meal.

## WEEK OF COMPASSION

The verse this year chosen for Week of Compassion is Matthew 25: 37, "*When was it that we saw your thirst?.*" The ministry of Week of Compassion is a faithful and effective way for Disciples congregations, members, and friends to channel their resources and concerns to the humanitarian needs of suffering people in the world. Giving to this important cause will be held on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Chuck Cole, Stewardship Chair

## THANK YOU

To the Congregation: Thank you for your generosity. You are always so good and kind to me and I really appreciate it. I am looking forward to this new year and hope we will enjoy another year of good fellowship and sharing in God's name. Thanks again for everything! Laurie Olson

To the Choir: Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts. The photo has a prominent place on the mantel in our family room, and I've worn the jewelry many times. And, of course, I can always find a use for the cash! I also want to thank you for your dedication and for your gifts and talents as singers. Thank you! Laurie Olson

## ANNUAL STATEMENTS - 2005

Annual contributions statements will be mailed January 30<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive your statement, please contact Laurie Olson, 234-9869.

**NOTE FROM NORMA – December 31, 2005**

I am having a good winter. My daughter and granddaughter arrived home safely today after spending 8 days with me. A great New Year to everyone. Norma Mineo

**OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS**

Our love and prayers go to Dale Slifer, Paul Slifer and families, as George Slifer (father and grandfather) went home to be with the Lord. We pray that the Lord's unending and loving arms comfort and give them peace, as George now has eternal peace.

**PASTOR'S ACADEMY**

Phil will be attending the Pastor's Academy in Peoria this week from Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAY**

Please bring to the church on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, **shampoo** and/or **bar soap** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, juice boxes** and/or **individual snack chips**. They will then be distributed to the Food Pantry and Soup Stop. Thank you for your generosity.

**BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (ALL INVITED)**

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON**

Disciples Men's luncheon for February will be held on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. All men are invited.

**NEXT HARBINGER**

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you.

**SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, February 5, 2006**, please call the church office at 345-3003. If no one answers, please leave a message on the voice mail that you would like to receive communion on this Sunday. This will be greatly appreciated. Whenever you would like to receive communion from the Shut-in Communion Ministry, please let the church office know. It is done the first Sunday of each month.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Those to lift up in prayer:** Virginia Evans, Jon Adams, Elbert (Butch) Chron, Doris Lloyd, Diane Wright, Robin (Buxton) Tyner, Delores Ridout, Al McLaughlin, Kathy Davies, Sara Henry, Margaret Cresch, Rachael Brown, Bill & Cecile Cooper, Cindy Huckstep, Cynthia Jeffries & family (Jan Myers' niece), Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Donna Warmoth. If you know of someone who needs to be added to or removed from this list, please contact Ferne McHenry. **We are all called to pray, whether we know this person, who they are or what the need is for them, God knows.**

**PLEASE ALL CHAIRPERSONS, CHECK YOU BOXES REGULARLY!!!**

**FIRST TIME VISITORS JANUARY 2006**

Linda (Warmoth) Shelton  
Jenny Bloom  
Rev. Barbara & Don Short  
Anna Riffe

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Choir – Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.  
Spirit Seeker Class – Sunday – 8:30 a.m.  
Children's Church School Class – Sun. – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship – Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

**CONTINUING CHURCH OUTREACH**

Soup Stop to help every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. – 2 or 3 are needed – if would like to help please call the Church office.

Brownies led by Christina Miller meets every other Monday evening at 4:15 p.m.

**SERVING THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY 2006**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

February 5 Kathleen Beck  
February 12 Stan Huffman  
February 19 Patty Maples  
February 26 Mike Chron

**ELDERS**

Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward  
Cindy Maples, Patty Maples  
Stan Huffman, Mike Chron  
Mike Strader, Gayle Strader

**DIACONATE FOR FEBRUARY 2006**

**SERVE**

Doug Bacon  
Jim Wells  
Molly Evans  
Marla Belden

**PREPARE**

Molly Evans  
Marla Belden

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Doug Bacon  
Jim Wells

**ELDER SHUT-IN FEBRUARY 5, 2006**

Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward

**FEBRUARY 2006 BIRTHDAYS**

February 3	Elbert (Butch) Chron
February 4	Patty Maples
February 7	Kelly Bacon
February 12	Charles Cole
February 13	Marty Watson
February 16	Paul Slifer
February 24	Donna Slifer
February 26	Jane Spence

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

**If your birthday or anniversary dates are not mentioned & you attend regularly, please let the office know.**

**FEBRUARY 2006 ANNIVERSARYS**

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY**

Those serving the coffee/juice for February will be Nancy Oakley, Julie & Amanda McGowan, Vickie & Phil Nevius.



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Rev. Philip Nevius, Pastor  
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Linda Thornton, Office Manager  
**Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Church School at 8:30 a.m.

Children's Church School during Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Office hours are - Tuesday - Friday, 9-3  
*Growing in God's Love in a Spirit of  
Tolerance, Diversity, and Inclusion*