

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
March 30, 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.

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There is a purpose to our serving. We enter into the life of the Church knowing our acts of service are not by our own will but by the will, words and examples of Jesus. It is Jesus who has given us purpose in our serving. We do not serve in our name but in Jesus name. If some one asks us why we are helping others, we can best answer; it is a part of our faith commitment to Jesus. Offering a cup of cold water, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and clothing the naked are not just words spoken by Jesus but are acts of service he performed while he was here, acts born out of God's love for all of God's children.

Our will to serve is founded in the one who sacrificed His life for us.

Agape,
Phil

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS

Our love and prayers are extended to Keith & Gloria McVaigh, as their son, Ted McVaigh went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 29th. We pray that the Lord's unending and loving arms comfort and give them peace beyond imagination.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

There will be a Maundy Thursday communion service, Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m.

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

The Easter Special Offering will be taken on April 9th and 16th. Disciple's general ministries anticipate mission possibilities before the emergencies. Your gifts nurture networks of people and programs – relationships and resources – that equip us to step up when our brothers and sisters fall down. Your gifts witness to a living, resurrection hope.

EQUIPPING WORKSHOP

The Equipping Workshop this year will be held at Old State Road Christian Church on May 7th at 2:30 p.m. The registration needs to be in by April 21st. If you plan to attend the workshop, please let Vicki Trueblood know so that she can give the count to the office for registration. The Congregational Life Committee will also need some help with snacks to serve. Please let Jackie James know if you can help in any way.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S GATHERING 2006

The Disciples Women's Gathering 2006 will be held Saturday, April 29th in Champaign, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Have you signed up yet?

CWF NEWS

At this month's meeting, Kenya will still be the focus with a speaker from the university. That will be Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL SPEAKER

On Sunday, April 30th Betsy Johnson-Miller will be here to speak.

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

March completed the pocket change mission for the Grief Counseling. April through June will be for the Dental Health Clinic.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Congregational Life Committee has set up many wonderful special events for the upcoming months. Please check the list on the back bulletin board for those dates and events.

TIME CHANGE

This Sunday, April 2nd the time will change. Be sure to move your clock forward one hour. Spring forward.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAY

Please bring to the church on Sunday, April 2nd and April 9th, **sugar** and/or **flour** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop**, **individual microwavable soups** and/or **juice boxes**. 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, April 12th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, April 11th**. Thank you.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Disciples Men's luncheon for March will be held on Tuesday the 18th. All men are invited.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, April 27th**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, April 25th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, April 2, 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, 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, Gabriel Starwalt (4 month old), Robert Connour, Chris Olson, Keith & Gloria McVaigh and family. 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 MARCH 2006

Blossum Ford
Jan Hinkle
Jessica Brawner
Fredrick Ryan

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 APRIL 2006

WORSHIP LEADERS

April 2 Vicki Trueblood
April 9 Tarry James
April 16 Jackie James
April 23 Verlon Myers
April 30 Kelly Bacon

ELDERS

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

DIACONATE FOR APRIL 2006

SERVE

Kim Steffes
Nancy Oakley

PREPARE

Maggie Huffman
Kim Steffes

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Amanda McGowan
Nancy Oakley

Amanda McGowan
Maggie Huffman

ELDER SHUT-IN APRIL 2, 2006

Cindy Maples, Patty Maples

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

APRIL 2006 ANNIVERSARYS

April 14 Garry & Jan Ernst

APRIL 2006 BIRTHDAYS

April 4	Maegan Bosler
April 10	Gloria McVaigh
April 11	Jan Myers
April 13	Nancy Oakley
April 13	Doug Bacon
April 15	Gena Bunch
April 25	Jeanette Shannon
April 26	Sheri Paul
April 28	JoAnne Pritchard

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR APRIL

Those serving the coffee/juice for April will be Kathy & Mike Bess, Ruth & Sam Bunch.



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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*