

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
May 25, 2006

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

An Attitude of Gratitude and Encouragement

We make life choices everyday, and everyday things come our way. Ours is the choice to make of everyday events whatever we please. Difficulties can be stumbling blocks or stepping stones. Ours is the choice.

This raises a question for the church. What shall we be? What shall we be for our community (church, civic, world)? What shall we be for each other? What attitudes shall we bring to our worship, fellowship gatherings and contacts. The invitation is to come with "an attitude of gratitude and encouragement". This offers great potential for strengthening and growing the church, for these are just some of the elements of love Jesus made known.

Whenever possible, choose "an attitude of gratitude and encouragement" to share. It is a great gift to give to another.

Agape,
Phil

MINISTERING WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE AND ENCOURAGEMENT

This new ministry was begun this past Sunday, May 21st. It is a time to share by writing a note of appreciation, etc. to someone who has touched you in a special way and blessed you or maybe needs encouragement. There were 16 notes written and mailed this past week. **That is a ministry of love.** If you know the person's address, please write it on the envelope so it will be in your own handwriting. There will be a church address book and telephone book on the back table if you need help. If unable to address on that Sunday, let the office know by writing your telephone number on the envelope or calling the office.

SOFTBALL GAME

The softball game will be held on Sunday, June 11th at 4:00 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, brownies and maybe side dishes. A time for fun and fellowship with your church family and friends.

CWF RECEPTION

There will be a reception for Veronica from Kenya on Sunday, June 18th following worship.

WELCOME

Jeff Endsley was welcomed into this family of believers, of Old State Road Christian Church, Sunday, May 21st. Welcome and may God bless your every step ahead.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday collected \$ 172.00.

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, June 11th** at 8:30 a.m., a day to sing the Lord's praises with our voices. Even if you do not feel that you have a good voice, God doesn't care, He just wants to hear your voice. It is all sweet smelling to the Lord, when we sing His praises.

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS

Our love and prayers are extended to Ferne McHenry and family as her sister Iris (Adkins) Thomas, to Florence (Sammie) Giffin as her step-son James Giffin and to Susan Watson and family as her grandmother, Alice Perry went home to be with the Lord. We pray that the Lord's unending and loving arms comfort and give them peace beyond imagination.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Old State Road Christian Church for the memorial dinner for myself and family, and the food provided. A special thanks to Maggie Huffman, Vicki Trueblood and Jackie James. Thank you. Ferne McHenry

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

The Pentecost Special Offering will continue through Sunday, June 4th.

BIBLE STUDY

Due to my being gone the week of June 13th through June 16th, it might be better to cancel Bible study until July. God's Word should never be put on hold, but sometimes it is necessary to wait to further His Kingdom in other ways, as the work I do for the church. Leading Bible study is an act of love for the Lord and those who attend, and will continue. Linda Thornton

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Monies given through June will be for the Dental Health Clinic of Coles County.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAY

Please bring to the church on Sunday, June 4th and June 11th, **macaroni and cheese** and/or **cereal** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual soups** and/or **peanut butter**. 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, June 14th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, June 6th**. Please note the due date for items. I will be gone the week of the board meeting so will need the material a week earlier. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Disciples Men's luncheon for June will be held on Tuesday the 20th. All men are invited.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, June 29th**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, June 27th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, June 4, 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, 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, Tonya Norviel, Ferne McHenry and family, Florence (Sammi) Giffin and family. If you know of someone who needs to be added to or removed from this list, please contact Ferne McHenry or Kathleen Beck. **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 MAY 2006

Larry Colvin
Steven Spears
Liz (Giffin) Rohloff
Royce & Lou Marble

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 JUNE 2006

WORSHIP LEADERS

June 4 Kathleen Beck
June 11 Cindy Maples
June 18 Mike Chron
June 25 Tricia Haworth

ELDERS

Mike Strader, Gayle Strader
Vickie Trueblood, Kaye Woodward
Tarry James, Jackie James
Verlon Myers, Charles Cole

DIACONATE FOR JUNE 2006

SERVE

PREPARE

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Jim Wells
Molly Evans
Marla Belden
Mike Bess

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Jim Wells
Mike Bess

ELDER SHUT-IN JUNE 4, 2006

Mike Strader, Gayle Strader

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

JUNE 2006 ANNIVERSARYS

June 5 Verlon & Jan Myers
June 6 Stan & Maggie Huffman
June 7 Derrick & Celina Sims
June 10 Don & Velma Spence

JUNE 2006 BIRTHDAYS

June 5 Brandi Goodwin
June 11 Laurie Olson
June 12 Virginia Evans
June 20 Ann Ingram
June 30 Stan Huffman

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JUNE

Those serving the coffee/juice for June will be Velma & Don Spence, Norma Mineo and Kathleen Beck.



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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*