

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
August 31, 2006

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Trusting the Holy

It is not uncommon to think that the life and well-being of the Church is in our hands and to some degree it is true; there is much we may do to shape the Church. However, the Church has its life and being in the Holy, so much is out of our hands. Paul's sense is, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

Paul does imply we have a part in the labor of the Church, and God given gifts or talents for the glory of God. Let us offer ourselves: hands - feet, body - mind, treasures - resources, passions - thoughts, faith - love, grace - hope, kindness - understanding, for the benefit of the Church of our Lord leaving the growth and harvest to the Holy One.

It might be well for us to ask, "What have we offered of ourselves for the benefit of the Church and the glory of God?" Then trusting, God will make use of our offerings.

Agape,
Phil

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Molly Evans and family at the death of her mother, Virginia Evans, and to Jan Myers, Kathy Bess & Robin Myers and families at the death of mother and grandmother, Irma Whitaker. May the Lord comfort and strengthen.

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH

On Sunday, September 17th Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will observe its 10th anniversary at the 9:30 a.m. service. Please make plans to share in this landmark occasion. Perhaps you visited our church several months or years ago. We sincerely hope you can be here to mark this auspicious occasion. Also, we extend an invitation to our many friends in the area. Check out the web page www.disciplesofchrist.org, e-mail or call the church office, or Michael Chron, 345-4178. The Congregational Life Committee will be serving cake, punch, etc. There will be pictures of the past years on display, as well as other material. Come share in the joy of this day, celebrating 10 years of service to the Lord.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

Sunday, September 10th begins the 40 Days of Prayer for the Children. The 40 days will end on Friday, October 20th. Please let Vickie Nevius know if you would like your children or grandchildren placed on the list to be prayed for, for these 40 days. Let your prayers move mountains in these children's lives.

CROP WALK

Get some exercise! Have fun! Meet new people! Help feed the hungry! Sign up for the Coles County CROP Walk with Cindy Maples ASAP. You'll enjoy being a walker or a sponsor. This year's walk begins and ends at Wesley United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 7th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to friends and members of Old State Road Christian Church for gracing our home and helping us celebrate our forty years of marriage. We count you our richest blessing. Agape, Phil and Vickie Nevius

ESTATE PLANNING

On Sunday, September 10th, Deborrah Wray will be here to speak on estate planning. There will also be something here that day, concerning estate planning, to be received by each in attendance.

ELDER BREAKFAST

On Saturday, **September 9th at 9:00 a.m.** will continue the series of Elder Breakfasts "Serving from the Heart." **Just a reminder to the Elders, please have completed your Spiritual gifts inventory for the meeting.**

CCIW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The CCIW Regional Assembly will be held Friday, November 10th – Sunday, November 12th in Lisle, Illinois. The theme for the assembly will be “Becoming God’s People, A Healing Journey.” On the back bulletin board of the church, you will find information about the assembly. Anyone wishing to attend the CCIW Regional Assembly, may call the church office, 345-3003, to receive a registration application. This will be an uplifting, Spiritual experience in getting to know the Lord more personally, as well as others in the denomination, your brothers and sisters in Christ.

MINISTERING WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE AND ENCOURAGEMENT

This new ministry 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 53 notes written and mailed in August. **That is a ministry of love.**

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 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.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAY

Please bring to the church on Sunday, September 3rd and September 10th, **toilet paper** and/or **diapers (any size)** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual microwavable soups** and/or **boxed juices**. 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, September 13th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, September 12th**.

MEN’S LUNCHEON

Disciples Men’s luncheons will resume Tuesday, September 19th.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, September 28th**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, September 26th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, September 3, 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 Hennry, Margaret Cresch, Rachael Brown, Bill & Cecile Cooper, Cindy Huckstep, Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Donna Warmoth, Gabriel Starwalt (4 month old), Robert Connour, Chris Olson, Tonya Norviel, Stacy Gillis, Kyle Schroeder, Donald Ashenbramer, Yvette Brown, Kaye Woodward, Shirley & John Melton, Molly Evans and family, Jan Myers & 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 AUGUST 2006

John & Ann Pritchett – Brad Gable
Leslie Jenkins – Dr Will & Betsy Hine
Kelsey Hartman - Lou & Royce Marble
Kiley Fritz – Rick & Donna Nelson
Mary Baldwin – Dalton Haworth – April Nance

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 SEPTEMBER 2006

WORSHIP LEADERS

September 3 Tricia Haworth
September 10 Kathleen Beck

ELDERS

Cindy Maples, Mike Chron
Mike Strader, Gayle Strader

September 17 Cindy Maples
September 24 Patty Maples

Stan Huffman, Kaye Woodward
Tarry James, Jackie James

DIACONATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

SERVE

Florence Giffin
Gladys Cole
Doug Bacon
Jim Wells

PREPARE

Florence Giffin
Gladys Cole

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Doug Bacon
Jim Wells

ELDER SHUT-IN SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Cindy Maples, Mike Chron

SEPTEMBER 2006 BIRTHDAYS

September 8 Lloyd Koontz
September 12 Megan Endsley
September 13 Sarah Fogerson
September 14 Denny Pritchard
September 15 Trish Haworth
September 20 Tammy Adams
September 22 Cindy Maples
September 24 Susan Watson
September 25 Amanda McGowan
September 26 Jim Wells

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

SEPTEMBER 2006 ANNIVERSARYS

September 1 Mike & Gayle Strader
September 15 Tarry & Jackie James
September 22 Aaron & Cheryl Wells
September 29 Marty & Susan Watson

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Those serving the coffee/juice will be Jan & Verlon Myers, Maggie & Stan Huffman.



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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*