

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
September 28, 2006

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Mike,

I have been reflecting on the question you asked of me at the board meeting, "What do you mean when you say the church is organic?" Merriam-Webster defines organic as: "of, relating to, or arising in a bodily organ, affecting the structure of the organism." Paul uses the body as a metaphor for the church in 1 Corinthians 12. The body, the church, is an organism. Its many parts are its members. Even within the church at Corinth, struggles arose among members. Members interact for better or worse within the life of the church, affecting the structure of the organism we call the Church. Often our behavior is that learned in the world around us, rather than that taught to us by the example of Jesus or Paul's continued writing in 1 Corinthians 13. Therefore, there is a great need on the part of all the church's members to offer grace and mercy to each other in the Church, even as we seek to grow the body of Christ, the Church. Thanks you for your question. I would welcome more discussion.

Agape,
Phil

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Go out to the family of Annie Nickles and Donna Warmoth at their passing. May the Lord surround them at this time, and find comfort in knowing that their loved ones are with the Lord.

ADDRESSES FOR ANNIE'S SONS

The address for **Tom Nickles** is: 38896 Vistacrest Dr., Reno, NV 89509. and for **Jon Nickles** is: 13116 Beach Circle, Anchorage, AK 99515.

ANNUAL HARVEST AUCTION

The Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will hold its annual "Harvest Auction" beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22nd in the Sanctuary. All members are invited as well as friends. This is the 6th year for the Harvest Auction, which features crafts, toys, cookies, pies, cakes and other homemade desserts and crafts. In past years, items have included Raggedy Ann and Andy homemade stuffed dolls, collectable silver coins, Christmas wreaths, decorations for Christmas trees and the Holiday Season, plus many more items to numerous to mention. Monies realized from the Harvest Auction will be used to further church programs. And it's just possible church cookbooks might be auctioned also. Watch for further information in the weekly bulletins. If questions contact: Mike Chron, 345-4178.

CROP WALK

Plan to participate in the CROP Walk on Saturday, October 7th. You'll be blessed by helping feed the hungry and enjoy the spirit of giving. Sign up to help as a walker or sponsor ASAP with Cindy Maples, 348-1345. Come rain or shine, old and new friends will gather at Wesley United Methodist Church to walk at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8. Every dollar helps. Joan Gregg, CROP Walk Team Leader

POCKET MONEY MISSION

The Pocket Money Mission for the Immunization Clinic of Coles County has just completed with a total of \$ 19.07. Beginning in October through December the Pocket Money Mission will be for the Lincolnland Hospice. Thank you for your continued generosity.

BEAUTIFY GOD'S HOUSE

You can help in bringing beauty into worship on Sunday mornings, by signing up on the sheet on the back table of the sanctuary to bring flowers, also, a good opportunity to show honor to, or to memorialize a loved one, or maybe for an anniversary or birthday. Use God's creation to bring beauty into worship.

WORLD COMMUNION DAY

This Sunday, October 1st is the World Communion Day, a special day set aside to celebrate the Table of Christ, in communion with fellow Christians.

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

This offering will continue through this Sunday, October 1st.

JACK-O-LANTERN TIME

October is Jack-o-lantern time. The youth of the church, whatever your age, are invited to the Nevius' home to carve jack-o-lanterns on Sunday, October 29th starting at 2:00 p.m. We will be carving with special tools on the porch and patio, weather permitting, or in the garage. Please dress for the weather. For younger children there will be pumpkins to paint and decorate. Vickie & Phil Nevius

ELDER BREAKFAST

On Saturday, **October 14th at 9:00 a.m.** the study will continue of the series of "Serving from the Heart."

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." Call the church office, 345-3003, to receive a registration application.

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 35 notes written and mailed in September. **That is a ministry of love.**

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, October 8th at 9:00 a.m.**, a day to sing the Lord's praises with our voices.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAY

Please bring to the church on Sunday, October 1st and October 8th, **shampoo** and/or **bar soap** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual snack chips** and/or **other snacks.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (ALL INVITED)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 11th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, October 10th.**

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Disciples Men's luncheons will resume Tuesday, October 24th.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, October 26th.** Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, October 24th.** Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, October 1, 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: 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), Gabriel Starwalt (4 month old), Robert Connour, Chris Olson, Tonya Norviel, Stacy Gillis, Kyle Schroeder, Donald Ashenbramer, Yvette Brown, Kaye Woodward, Shirley & John Melton, Ed Higgins, family of Annie Nickles, family of Donna Warmoth. 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 SEPTEMBER 2006

Iris Myers
Pat Smart

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

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

please call the Church office.

SERVING THE LORD FOR OCTOBER 2006

WORSHIP LEADERS

October 1 Tarry James
October 8 Jackie James
October 15 Velma Spence
October 22 Kelly Bacon
October 29 Gayle Strader

ELDERS

Verlon Myers, Charles Cole
Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer
Cindy Maples, Patty Maples
Stan Huffman, Mike Chron
Mike Strader, Gayle Strader

DIACONATE FOR OCTOBER 2006

SERVE

Molly Evans
Marla Belden
Mike Bess
Norma Mineo

PREPARE

Molly Evans
Norma Mineo

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Mike Bess
Marla Belden

ELDER SHUT-IN OCTOBER 1, 2006

Verlon Myers, Charles Cole

OCTOBER 2006 BIRTHDAYS

October 12 Bill Cooper
October 19 Kaye Woodward
October 21 Mike Bess
October 24 Jackie Moler
October 29 Mike Chron

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

OCTOBER 2006 ANNIVERSARYS

October 5 Les & Vicki Trueblood
October 13 Mitch & Brandi Goodwin
October 23 Paul & Donna Slifer

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER

Those serving the coffee/juice will be Cindy Maples & Florence Giffin.



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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