

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
November 30, 2006

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Our congregational meeting on Sunday, November 19th, brought vision and direction to Old State Road Christian Church by adopting the vision and mission statements of our general church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in the United States and Canada. This seems appropriate as they are words of Scripture from Micah and Acts. **Our Vision:** To be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. (Micah 6: 8) **Our Mission:** To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving, and serving from our doorsteps “to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) In the coming months, we will begin to build as this foundation of Scripture develops our own understanding of a friendship, for our vision and mission.

Agape,
Phil

SPECIAL CONCERT

Music will again fill the air on Sunday, December 10th when Laurel Jean will present her Concert Ministry. Preceding the 7:00 p.m. concert, a soup supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected during the concert, and a portion of the monies raised is dedicated to the promotion of Braille library and the provision of Braille materials. The blind Christian musical artist's repertoire includes gospel, folk, jazz, and the blues, as well as Christmas-time selections. For more information should call the church at 345-3003 or check out the website: www.disciplesofchrist.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

There will be a Christmas Eve Service held at 7:00 p.m.

TAKE-HOME CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

Anyone wishing to take their communion home for Christmas Eve, or will be out of town, please write your name and the number of communions that you will need on the paper on the back table, or please talk to Gayle Strader or anyone else on the Worship Committee or may call the office.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

This will be held Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

On Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m., all who wish to come and help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season are welcome to come and share in the joy of the morning.

NEW CHURCH VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

VISION: To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian Spirituality and a passion for justice. (Micah 6: 8)

MISSION: To be and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps “to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1: 8)

2006 CROP WALK

The walk raised a total of \$10,000 (\$300 more than last year.) The breakdown of the monies were: \$7,500 for Church World Service to support food security projects in 80 countries, \$550 for the Mattoon Food Center, and \$1,950 for the Charleston Food Pantry. Old State Road Christian Church raised \$400. Thank you Cindy, for all your work and to all those who supported and/or walked that day.

POCKET MONEY MISSION

Through December the Pocket Money Mission will be for the Lincolnland Hospice. Thank you for your continued generosity.

BEAUTIFICATION OF GOD'S HOUSE

Your help in beautifying God's House has been wonderful. Thank you for blessing the Lord with your flowers.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

This offering will begin Sunday, December 17th and continue through December 24th.

ELDER BREAKFAST

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

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 **20** notes written and mailed in November. **That is a ministry of love.**

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, December 10th 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, December 3rd and December 10th, **sugar** and/or **flour** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop**, **individual boxes of juice** and/or **individual packages of chips**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (ALL INVITED)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 13th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, December 12th**.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Disciples Men's luncheons will be Tuesday, December 19th.

NEXT HARBINGER

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

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, December 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: 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, 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, Audrey Ingram. 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 NOVEMBER 2006

Jack & Carole Adams
Ted & Marilyn Bacon
Darrin, Denise, Kelsey & Eric Bacon
Kathy, Bob & Emily Zuniga

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 Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

SERVING THE LORD FOR DECEMBER 2006

WORSHIP LEADERS

December 3 Jim Wells
December 10 Patty Maples
December 17 Mike Strader
December 24 Vickie Nevius

ELDERS

Cindy Maples, Patty Maples
Vickie Trueblood, Mike Chron
Mike Strader, Gayle Strader
Lloyd Koontz, Kaye Woodward

December 31 Paul Slifer

Tarry James, Jackie James

DIACONATE FOR DECEMBER 2006

SERVE

Amanda McGowan
Maggie Huffman
Gladys Cole
Florence Giffin

PREPARE

Maggie Huffman
Gladys Cole

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Amanda McGowan
Florence Giffin
Eva Bacon

ELDER SHUT-IN DECEMBER 3, 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.

DECEMBER 2006 ANNIVERSARYS

December 5 Clarles & Gladys Cole
December 17 Bill & Laurie Olson
December 23 Doug & Kelly Bacon
December 27 Denny & JoAnne Pritchard

DECEMBER 2006 BIRTHDAYS

December 5 Gladys Cole
December 8 Chase Staggs
December 17 Celena Sims
December 19 Ashley Slifer
December 23 Les Trueblood

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR DECEMBER

Those serving the coffee/juice will be the Congregational Life Committee.



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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*