

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

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Looking to 2007

To be inspired is to see or have new vision and hope. It is to believe in new possibilities and lend our energy and support to their fulfillment. The church is a place where inspiration can have its beginnings. The church is a place where the people of God in covenant with the Holy, create hope, faith and new life. We bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to each other and to the world. We are the inspired, inspiring others. A good question we might ask at Old State Road Christian Church is: How may we inspire?

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Agape,
Phil

OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, December 30th, all are invited to a Christmas Open House at Phil & Vickie Nevius' home in Neoga from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

To my church family: Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas bonus. I am truly blessed to have such thoughtful people in my life! Love, Julie McGowan

Thanks so much for the Christmas Carols and the cookies, you were great! Thanks for all the prayers, cards, notes and calls. They have helped a lot. Thanks Pastor Phil for the visit. May you have a great Christmas. God bless. Love, Audrey Ingram

Thank you so much for the generous gift that I received for Christmas. All that you do blesses me so greatly. Thank you for being sensitive to everything concerning our daughter's illness, the time off to go to St. Louis for doctor's appointments and her surgeries. It is a blessing to have two church families, which is what I feel this church is to me, a second family. Thank you and may God bless all of you as you have blessed me.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at Old State Road Christian Church will resume February 7, due to my daughters last surgery. Linda Thornton

You are invited to join the Community Women's Bible Study Group which will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., starting January 9th – April 10th. The study will be featuring Beth Moore's study, "Why Godly People Do Ungodly Things." They will meet in the basement of the First Christian Church, at 4th and Jackson. It is a nondenominational group. All are welcome. Any questions, please call Carol McGilliard at 348-0268.

TAKING DOWN THE DECORATIONS

On Saturday, 6th at 9:00 a.m., all please come and help take down the decorations in the sanctuary that have been up for the Christmas season. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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)

POCKET MONEY MISSION

Pocket Money Mission will be ending Sunday, December 31st for the Lincolnland Hospice. January thru March will be for SBLHC's Grief Counseling. Thank you for your continued generosity.

BEAUTIFICATION OF GOD'S HOUSE

Check out the enclosed list of those who provided beauty to the sanctuary during the Christmas season, and who they were in memory of.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

This offering netted \$ 329 for this special offering for the CCIW ministries.

ELDER BREAKFAST

On Saturday, **January 13th 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 **45** notes written and mailed in November. **That is a ministry of love.**

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, January 14th 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, January 7th and January 14th, **tomato sauce** and/or **dry pasta** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual snacks** and/or **jars of peanut butter.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (ALL INVITED)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 10th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, January 9th.**

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Disciples Men's luncheons will be Tuesday, January 16th.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, January 25th.** Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, January 23rd.** Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, January 7, 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 (1 year old), Robert Connour, Chris Olson, Tonya Norviel, Kyle Schroeder, Donald Ashenbramer, Yvette Brown, Kaye Woodward, Shirley & John Melton, Audrey Ingram, Dick Newell. 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 DECEMBER 2006

Don & Paula Gabel
Donna Livingston

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Choir – Tuesday – 6:00 p.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
Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

please call the Church office.

SERVING THE LORD FOR JANUARY 2007

WORSHIP LEADERS

January 7 Vicki Trueblood
January 14 Tarry James
January 21 Verlon Myers
January 28 Jackie James

ELDERS

Maggie Huffman, Mike Chron
Mike Strader, Gayle Strader
Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer
Tarry James, Jackie James

DIACONATE FOR JANUARY 2007

SERVE

Maggie Huffman
Gladys Cole
Nancy Oakley
Florence Giffin

PREPARE

Stan Huffman
Gladys Cole

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Nancy Oakley
Florence Giffin
Eva Bacon

ELDER SHUT-IN JANUARY 7, 2006

Stan Huffman, Mike Chron

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

JANUARY 2007 ANNIVERSARYS

JANUARY 2007 BIRTHDAYS

January 3 Wayne Hunt
January 5 Kim Steffes
January 6 T.W. Bosler
January 9 Norma Mineo
January 11 Bailey Staggs
January 12 Pat Marsh
January 13 Molly Evans
January 13 Verlon Myers
January 17 Pat Shannon
January 31 Madielynn Sims

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JANUARY

Those serving the coffee/juice will be the Maggie Huffman, Jan Myers, Gladys Cole.



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Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 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