

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
February 1, 2007

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

The Attitude of Gratitude

Saying thank you is more than good manners. It is good spirituality. —Alfred Painter

Spirituality finds value in the gifts of others and the Holy. A thank you to God expresses our gratitude for the human spirit and the Holy, who sustains that spirit. A “thank you” to others expresses how much we value them.

Spirituality recognizes our dependence on others and the Holy. We are not alone. We have enumerable companions on life’s journey and a relationship with God, in Jesus Christ. A “thank you” to our Creator and others recognizes their presence with us.

Spirituality discovers the blessing in woes. We are surprised to discover how strong we are and how much we depend on and trust the Lord. A “thank you” manifests our wonder and awe, for the human spirit and the Holy.

Agape,
Phil

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

All are invited to a Retirement Reception for Patty Maples Saturday, February 3rd at the church, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. hosted by her family. Come and share in Patty’s joy.

NOTE FROM NORMA

I miss seeing everyone, but I am keeping busy. I haven’t forsaken the Disciples but I am a Presbyterian for the winter. It is 85 today and supposed to be warm for a few days. A lot of people came this week from Denver and going to Sanibel. Norma Mineo, dated December 30, 2006.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at Old State Road Christian Church will resume Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. We will be starting on the Book of Numbers. Linda Thornton

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Begins Wednesday, February 21st. Lenten devotionals will be available for pick-up on the back table, soon.

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

Will be collected Sunday, February 18th and 25th. Plan a gift for this first response to world disasters.

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

January thru March will be for SBLHC’s Grief Counseling. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ELDER BREAKFAST

On Saturday, **February 10th**, at **9:00 a.m.**, with **breakfast** being served at **8:30 a.m.**

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 **51** notes written and mailed in January, a **ministry of love**.

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, February 11th**, 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, February 4th and February 11th, **macaroni & cheese mixes** and/or **boxed cereal** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop**, **individual soups**, **microwavable**, and/or **juices boxes**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 14th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, February 13th**.

MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Disciples Men's luncheons will be Tuesday, February 20th. This month will be a study of Matthew 5: 27-32.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, March 1st**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, February 27th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, February 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: Jon Adams, Elbert (Butch) Chron, Doris Lloyd, Diane Wright, Al McLaughlin, Sara Henny, Margaret Cresch, Rachael Brown, Bill & Cecile Cooper, Cindy Huckstep, Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Gabriel Starwalt (1 year old), Robert Connour, Tonya Norviel, Kyle Schroeder, Yvette Brown, Shirley & John Melton. 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 JANUARY 2007

Theresa Lukens
Connie & Charlotte Haun

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 please call the Church office.

Brownies led by Christina Miller meets every Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

SERVING THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY 2007

WORSHIP LEADERS

February 4 Patty Maples
February 11 Trish Haworth
February 18 Jim Wells

ELDERS

Stan Huffman, Julie McGowan
Cindy Maples, Patty Maples
Vicki Trueblood, Mike Chron

February 25 Kaye Woodward Pat Marsh, Kaye Woodward

DIACONATE FOR FEBRUARY 2007

SERVE

Jeff Endsley
Molly Evans
Florence Giffin
Jan Myers

PREPARE

Molly Evans
Jan Myers

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Jeff Endsley
Florence Giffin
Eva Bacon

ELDER SHUT-IN FEBRUARY 4, 2007

Stan Huffman, Julie McGowan

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

FEBRUARY 2007 ANNIVERSARYS

FEBRUARY 2007 BIRTHDAYS

February 3	Elbert (Butch) Chron
February 4	Patty Maples
February 7	Kelly Bacon
February 12	Chuck Cole
February 13	Marty Watson
February 16	Paul Slifer
February 24	Donna Slifer
February 26	Jane Spence

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

Those serving the coffee/juice will be the Nancy Oakley, Julie & Amanda McGowan, Vickie & Phil Nevius.



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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