

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

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Lent. Forty Days for Reflection. Waiting for Easter

We are invited to examine our faith and life in the church and to draw closer to the Lord, Jesus Christ. How might drawing nearer to Jesus change us? Would Jesus open our eyes, ears and hearts to the world around us and give us greater understanding, a greater compassion for the world defined by His suffering death? It could be that our witness and life would take on new dimensions of joy and blessing. A life full of surprise and satisfaction, something grand to experience.

What if we experienced a resurrection in our daily living because we chose to reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus, who has given us the Word of life? Lent could be a garden plot, tilled and planted with our labor, nourished by the promise of God, where in God's time, flowers bloom.

Agape,
Phil

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Will be held at noon on Sunday, March 11th. Be sure to put this on your calendar. It will be sponsored and served by the Congregation Life Committee.

CCIW CLERGY SENATE

Will meet at Old State Road Christian Church, Tuesday, March 27th and Wednesday, March 28th. Congregational Life Committee will be serving meals to those from CCIW who will be attending.

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

\$ 456.00 was collected for Week of Compassion. Your compassion has shone through this offering, as a lighthouse shines to aide those in darkness. May the Lord bless this offering to the work of His Kingdom.

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, March 10th, at 9:00 a.m., breakfast will be 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 31 notes written and mailed in February, a **ministry of love**.

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, March 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, March 4th and March 11th, **crackers** and/or **mashed potato mix** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop**, **individual chips** and/or **wrapped snacks**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

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

MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY

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

NEXT HARBINGER

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

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, March 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, Jeanette Shannon, Jim Miller, Chris Merrell, Karen Hartbank. 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 FEBRUARY 2007

Michael Wood

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 MARCH 2007

WORSHIP LEADERS

March 4 Paul Slifer
March 11 Kathleen Beck
March 18 Cindy Maples
March 25 Verlon Myers

ELDERS

Vicki Trueblood, Julie McGowan
Tarry James, Kelly Bacon
Verlon Myers, Chuck Cole
Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer

DIACONATE FOR MARCH 2007

SERVE

Trish Haworth
Kevin James
Amanda McGowan
Maggie Huffman

PREPARE

Kevin James
Maggie Huffman

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Trish Haworth
Amanda McGowan
Eva Bacon

ELDER SHUT-IN MARCH 4, 2007

Vicki Trueblood, Julie McGowan

MARCH 2007 BIRTHDAYS

March 2 Kathy Bess

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

MARCH 2007 ANNIVERSARYS

March 1 Mike & Kathy Bess
March 16 Wayne & Agnes Hunt

March 5 Eva Bacon
March 8 Ray Allen
March 10 Diane Allen
March 13 Jon Collins
March 16 Marla Belden
March 18 Aaron Wells
March 22 Maggie Huffman
March 25 Tarry James
March 25 Agnes Hunt
March 30 Velma Spence
March 31 Ferne McHenry

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR MARCH

Those serving the coffee/juice will be the Patty Maples & Trish Haworth.



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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*