

A Newsletter from the  
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Of Charleston, Illinois  
September 27, 2007

# The Disciple Harbinger



## FROM PASTOR PHIL

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:16-17 NRSV)

My heart is full of appreciation and love for the grace, wisdom and service of this congregation. I see the Lord at work in your life and labors at Old State Road Christian Church.

The Lord's blessing to all.  
Agape,  
Phil

## OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Go out to Audrey Ingram & family, as her sister Jane Bolsen, went home to be with the Lord. May the Lord's love surround at this time.

## COMMUNITY DAY COUPON

CWF is selling coupon booklets for Community Day, only Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 a.m. The coupon booklet may be used at Elder-Beerman, Bergner's, Carson Pirie Scott, BON-TON, etc. stores. They are \$ 5.00 per booklet, with a \$ 10.00 off coupon in the booklet.

## ANNUAL HARVEST AUCTION

Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. is the Annual Harvest Auction. All members and friends of the Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are encouraged to attend. In the past years, items have included homemade Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, coin sets homemade blankets, pillows, delicious pies, cakes, and other homemade desserts. The auctioneer this year will be Steve Spears. All monies raised will go toward funding church programs. Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

## PECANS, PECANS, PECANS

Yes, it is that time again. Those delicious pecans are again on sale. The pecans have been ordered and there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary for your order. Please be sure to sign-up soon, as they go very quickly. This year they are \$ 7.25 per bag. **Prepayment is appreciated** and they should be **delivered by November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## SPECIAL INVITATION

On the back bulletin board of the church, is an invitation to attend the Farewell Worship Service honoring the Ministry of Rev. Dr. Herbert Knudsen, Regional Minister and President of CCIW. It will be held Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m., at the First Christian Church in Bloomington. There will be a reception to follow.

## THANK YOU

With the help of the CWF and many, many others, we collected enough for the VBS to buy a ½ heifer and baby chicks, at a total of \$ 270.00. Thank you and God bless. Julie McGowan & VBS Committee

## BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING

Netted a total of \$ 255.00, \$ 83.00 over last year's total. The money given was a love-gift to God.

## CROP WALK

CROP Walk is next Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. There's still time to get a walker's envelope and ask friends and family for pledges for the walk to fight hunger. Check with Cindy Maples, 348-1345 for more information. The walk benefits two Coles County food pantries and Church World Service.

## DINNER AND A MOVIE

There were 23 women who attended this event. It was once again a success.

## MIRACLE DAY!

There are 7 from Old State Road Christian Church who will be attending and helping do the work of the Lord, sharing blessings and fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ. May our prayers be with them in this endeavor.

**RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING**

Will be collected this Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and go through Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**GUEST SPEAKER AND SPECIAL MUSIC**

On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Linda Thornton will be speaking again, while Phil is at a Preaching Conference in Kentucky, and her son, Jeff, will be here to play the piano and to do a duet with his wife, Tanya.

**POCKET MONEY MISSION**

For the Immunization Clinic of Coles County conclude Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning October through December the money will be for SBLHC Hospice. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ELDER BREAKFAST**

Will be held Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and study at 9:00 a.m. in the new book entitled "The Heart of Christianity" by Marcus J. Borg.

**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 30 notes written and mailed in September, a **ministry of love**.

**SECOND SUNDAY SING**

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, **macaroni & cheese mixes** and/or **cereal** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual packages of chips** and/or **juice boxes**.

**BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)**

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

**MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Will be on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark your calendars.

**NEXT HARBINGER**

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

**SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, October 7, 2007**, 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, Sara Henry, Margaret Cresch, Rachael Brown, Bill & Cecile Cooper, Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Robert Connour, Jim Miller, Chris Merrell, Roy O'Hearn, Melissa Rice, Kay Etnire & family, June Edwards, Ray Updegraff, Rob Spence, Kaye Woodward, Libby Coffey, Chuck & June Davidson, Valerie Thornton, Mike Drake (Iraq), Steve Gannaway, Sam Bunch, Audrey Ingram & family. If you know of someone who needs to be added to or removed from this list, please contact **Nancy Oakley 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.**

**CHURCH'S 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)*

**PLEASE ALL CHAIRPERSONS, CHECK YOU BOXES REGULARLY!!!**

**FIRST TIME VISITORS SEPTEMBER 2007**

Frances Webb  
Mary Webb

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Choir – Thursday – 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 other Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

**SERVING THE LORD FOR OCTOBER 2007**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

October 7 Jackie James  
October 14 Tarry James  
October 21 Cindy Maples  
October 28 Vicki Trueblood

**ELDERS**

Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer  
Cindy Maples, Patty Maples  
Stan Huffman, Mike Chron  
Pat Marsh, Kaye Woodward

**DIACONATE FOR OCTOBER 2007**

**SERVE**

Jeff Endsley  
Molly Evans  
Florence Giffin  
Maggie Huffman

**PREPARE**

Molly Evans  
Maggie Huffman

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Jeff Endsley  
Florence Giffin  
Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga

**ELDER SHUT-IN OCTOBER 7, 2007**

Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer

**OCTOBER 2007 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 2007 ANNIVERSARYS**

October 5 Les & Vicki Trueblood  
October 23 Paul & Donna Slifer

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER**

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

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Rev. Philip Nevius, Pastor

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