

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

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

I invite your reflection and comments.

As I reflect on this congregation, I find growing in God's love and serving in Jesus name, two high callings we can be about with confidence and passion. What do you see as our calling at Old State Road Christian Church?

What might you see as our calling? Write it here and share it with the congregation. We will publish your responses in the next newsletter.

The Lord's blessing to all.
Agape,
Phil

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Will be held Sunday, November 18th immediately following worship. All are called to share in the leadership of Old State Road Christian Church, but only members will be able to vote.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The decorating for Advent will take place Saturday, December 1st at 9:00 a.m. Be sure to come and share in the great joy and fellowship, as God's house is adorned.

ANNUAL HARVEST AUCTION

Netted a total figure of \$ 1503.50.

SAM BUNCH UPDATE

Sam is really progressing under the able and kind guidance at Hilltop Rehab Center, room 311. He enjoys the company of many old friends who are residents. He is especially thankful for our church family and their prayers, cards and visits, and has high expectations of claiming his seat in the row in front of our very special back row ladies and Jeff soon. Ruth Bunch

GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, November 18th, our very own Vickie Nevius will be sharing her gifts, as Phil will be at Youth Summit.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Will be held Sunday, November 11th at 12:00 p.m. Meat, potatoes, drinks, and table service will be provided by the Congregational Life Committee. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

AMANDA MCGOWAN'S NEW ADDRESS

Her address is: **319 3rd St., Apt. 5, Charleston, IL 61920.**

MIRACLE DAY!

428 volunteers joined together in worship and work. Many projects were completed or were near completion. Donations received were \$ 63,750. CCIW thanks all volunteers, all of the financial contributors and the prayer supporters. God worked many miracles through each and everyone.

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

Netted \$ 159.00.

THANK YOU

Dear church, thanks for sending me to church camp at Camp Walter Scott. Madeline McCue

My daughter Libby is at home now. She has a long road ahead of her at this time. I want to thank all the members of the church who have prayed for her. I also want to thank Rev. Philip Nevius for all the prayers and visits. Thank you and God bless, Florence Giffin

Just wanted to drop you a note on my mom and dad's condition. Mother is in a nursing home, basically in a wheelchair. Some days she knows me, most of the time she doesn't. She doesn't recognize dad anymore. Dad is ambulatory but wobbly used walker mostly, wheelchair some. Dad tolerates, mom is very content. Dad really enjoys the newsletter every month we read it at breakfast. Thank you for the continued prayers for **Bill & Cecile Cooper!** Thank you, Chris Kluepfel

POCKET MONEY MISSION

For the Immunization Clinic of Coles County concluded Sunday, September 30th with a total of \$ 42.58. Beginning October through December the money will be for SBLHC Hospice. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ELDER BREAKFAST

Will be held Saturday, November 10th 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 **24** notes written and mailed in September, **a ministry of love.**

SECOND SUNDAY SING

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

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

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

MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Will be changed from Tuesdays to the third Thursday, November 15th. Be sure to mark your calendars.

NEXT HARBINGER

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

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, November 4, 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, Sharon Thomas, Mike Drake (Iraq), Steve Gannaway, Sam Bunch, Audrey Ingram, Dick Sherman, James Neal, Nathan Maroon, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk. 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 OCTOBER 2007

Connie White
Joyce Altman
Frances Miller

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

Brownies led by Christina Miller meets every

are needed – if would like to help
please call the church office.

other Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

SERVING THE LORD FOR NOVEMBER 2007

WORSHIP LEADERS

November 4 Vickie Nevius
November 11 Lloyd Koontz
November 18 Stan Huffman
November 25 Kelly Bacon

ELDERS

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

DIACONATE FOR NOVEMBER 2007

SERVE

Trish Haworth
Kevin James
Amanda McGowan
Janet Myers

PREPARE

Kevin James
Janet Myers

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Trish Haworth
Amanda McGowan
Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga

ELDER SHUT-IN NOVEMBER 4, 2007

Lloyd Koontz, Julie McGowan

NOVEMBER 2007 BIRTHDAYS

November 10 Jan Ernst
November 11 Kathleen Beck
November 13 Cecile Cooper
November 15 Garrett Bacon
November 15 Garry Ernst
November 18 Jeff Endsley
November 30 Vickie Nevius

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

NOVEMBER 2007 ANNIVERSARYS

November 25 Jim Wells & Kaye Woodward

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER

Those serving the coffee/juice will be the Jackie & Tarry James, & 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*