

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
November 29, 2007

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Vision and Passion

For the church vision and passion go hand-in-hand. It is only what we are passionate about that will clarify our vision, and vision will fuel our passion for what we believe God's vision to be. What we as a congregation must settle on is our vision for God's church at Old State Road Christian Church or another way of expressing it is, what we at Old State Road Christian Church need is a passion for what God is calling us to do.

Let's be open to the call and will of God.

Agape,
Phil

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.

GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, December 2nd, Rev. T.M. Carroll from the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Gurnee, Illinois, will be here to speak. Rev. Carroll is the Minister Emeritus for First Christian Church. He will be here to speak, as well as, share his gift of music through song. He will be joined by his wife, Arowanna. Ed Buxton & Jerri Davis met Rev. Carroll on their trip to the Holy Land and wished for Old State Road Christian Church to here his message.

ADVENT SEASON

Begins Sunday, December 2nd. Readers for each Sunday of Advent are: **December 2nd** – Doug & Kelly Bacon, **9th** – Nancy Oakley, **16th** – Kathleen Beck, **23rd** – Bob & Kathy Zuniga, **Christmas Eve** – Emily Zuniga, Kristyn Haworth, Eva Bacon, **30th** – Molly Evans, and for **January 6th** - Congregation.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

AMANDA MCGOWAN'S NEW ADDRESS

Her address is: **1905 18th St., Apt. 11, Charleston, IL 1920.**

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

Will be taken Sunday, December 16th & 23rd. With your Christmas Offering, you support ministries offered by the Region that serves your congregation.

OFFICE NEED

The office is in need of copy paper: **Legal Size – 14" X 8 ½"** and **Letter Size – 11" X 8 ½"**.

BIBLE STUDY

Due to the busy Christmas season, we will take a break and not resume until January.

POCKET MONEY MISSION

Through December the money will be for SBLHC Hospice. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ELDER BREAKFAST

Will be held Saturday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and study at 9:00 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 **26** notes written and mailed in September, a **ministry of love.**

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, December 9th, 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, December 2nd & 9th, **canned vegetable** and/or **canned soup** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual microwavable soups, etc.** and/or **juice boxes.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 12th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, December 11th.**

MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Will be changed from Tuesdays to the third Thursday, December 20th. Be sure to mark your calendars.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, January 3rd.** Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, January 2nd.** Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, December 2, 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, 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, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk, Gina Giberson, Gracie Strasma, Bill Snapp. 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 NOVEMBER 2007

Todd & Vicky Foster
Carol & Lorenzo Mazzaro

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 DECEMBER 2007

WORSHIP LEADERS

December 2 Kathleen Beck
December 9 Patty Maples
December 16 Mike Chron
December 23 Verlon Myers
December 30 Vicki Trueblood

ELDERS

Cindy Maples, Patty Maples
Stan Huffman, Mike Chron
Pat Marsh, Kaye Woodward
Vicki Trueblood, Julie McGowan
Tarry James, Kelly Bacon

DIACONATE FOR DECEMBER 2007

SERVE

PREPARE

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Nancy Oakley
Velma Spence
Kim Steffes
Jim Wells

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Kim Steffes

Velma Spence
Jim Wells
Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,
Emily Zuniga, Madison Endsley

ELDER SHUT-IN DECEMBER 2, 2007

Cindy Maples, Patty Maples

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

DECEMBER 2007 ANNIVERSARIES

December 5 Charles & Gladys Cole
December 17 Bill & Laurie Olson
December 23 Doug & Kelly Bacon
December 27 Dennis & JoAnne Pritchard
December 28 Bob & Kathy Zuniga

DECEMBER 2007 BIRTHDAYS

December 5 Gladys Cole
December 8 Chase Staggs
December 17 Celena Sims
December 19 Ashley Slifer
December 23 Les Trueblood

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR DECEMBER

Those serving the coffee/juice will be the Congregational Life Committee.



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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*