

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
February 28, 2008

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

SG-C Mission Imperative

Serving and growing through Christ is the mission of Old State Road Christian Church. The elders spent Sunday afternoon, February 10th on retreat searching and questioning the call to mission for this congregation. Steve Spear volunteered to moderate the retreat helping to bring focus to the mission imperative for Old State Road Christian Church. Our thanks to Steve. As the spiritual leaders of the congregation, the elders came to the conclusion and belief that the work of this congregation is to serve and grow through Christ. A most worthy endeavor for us all.

How we may serve and grow is now the essential question. The “Our Vision Wall” is an opportunity to move this congregation in new directions for Christ.

Agape,
Phil

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Will be held at the church at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 20th.

SUNRISE SERVICE

Will be held Easter morning at 7:00 a.m., followed by breakfast. Please bring a dish to share for the breakfast. Also, weather permitting please bring your lawn chairs.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, March 9th at 4:00 p.m., at the church. All are invited to participate – bring your best chili. Prizes will be awarded for best overall chili and hottest chili. Even if you don’t make chili, you are still needed to help consume the chili made. Please sign-up and bring chili, dessert or a side dish.

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

Will begin Sunday, March 16th and go through Sunday, March 23rd. The theme for the 2008 Easter Special Day Offering is “Your Witness to the Ends of the Earth.” The theme reminds us that when we support the Easter Offering, we are providing resources and gifts to ministries as close as our community and to the far corners of the globe.

BIBLE STUDY

Weather permitting will be Wednesday, March 5th and 19th at 10:00 a.m., in the Library. Linda Thornton

POCKET MONEY MISSION

The money collected now through March, is for Hospice Grief Counseling. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ELDER BREAKFAST

Will be held Saturday, March 8th, at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and 9:00 a.m. for the study.

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 22 notes written and mailed in February, a **ministry of love**.

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, March 9th, at 9:00 a.m.**, a day to sing the Lord's praises with our voices.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAYS

Please bring to the church on Sunday, March 2nd & 9th, **dry laundry detergent** and/or **dry milk** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual juice boxes, etc.** and/or **individual snack chips.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

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

MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Will be the third Thursday, March 20th. Be sure to mark your calendars.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, March 27th.** Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, March 25th.** Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, March 2, 2008**, 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, 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, Libby Coffey, Chuck & June Davidson, Sharon Thomas, Mike Drake (Iraq), Audrey Ingram, Dick Sherman, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk, Gina Giberson, Bill Snapp, Jill Baldwin, Nicole Peterson, Tiffany Samuels-Michaels & babies, Carl Maples, Sharon Holderfield. 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

Serving and Growing through Christ

PLEASE ALL CHAIRPERSONS, CHECK YOU BOXES REGULARLY!!!

FIRST TIME VISITORS FEBRUARY 2008

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 MARCH 2008

WORSHIP LEADERS

March 2 Stan Huffman
March 9 Velma Spence

ELDERS

Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer
Stan Huffman, Mike Chron

March 16	Kathleen Beck	Cindy Maples, Verlon Myers
March 23	Paul Slifer	Vicki Trueblood, Julie McGowan
March 30	Kaye Woodward	Kelly Bacon, Tarry James

DIACONATE FOR MARCH 2008

<u>SERVE</u>	<u>PREPARE</u>	<u>GREETERS & ACOLYTES</u>
Kyle Bess	Jan Myers	Florence Giffin
Florence Giffin	Kyle Bess	Iris Myers
Iris Myers		Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,
Jan Myers		Madison Endsley, Emily Zuniga

ELDER SHUT-IN MARCH 2, 2008

Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

MARCH 2008 ANNIVERSARYS

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

MARCH 2008 BIRTHDAYS

March 2	Kathy Bess
March 5	Eva Bacon
March 8	Ray Allen
March 10	Diane Allen
March 13	Jon Collins
March 16	Marla Belden
March 22	Maggie Huffman
March 25	Tarry James
March 25	Agnes Hunt
March 30	Velma Spence

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR MARCH

Those serving the coffee/juice will be 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*