

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
March 27, 2008

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

SG-C Serving and Growing through Christ

The elders at the last board meeting agreed to begin an individual prayer vigil for Old State Road Christian Church. This is a positive action on their part to bring the church's will in line with God's will. Prayer changes things. Prayer brings us closer to God and the Lord, Jesus Christ. Prayer allows the Holy Spirit to act in our lives and in the life of the church. Look, listen and see what happens while the elders make prayer a vital part of the direction and growth of Old State Road Christian Church. If you are willing, please join them in praying for the church.

My prayer: Lord inspire. Give us opportunity, vision and urgency to serve and grow at Old State Road Christian Church. Let our will be in tune and harmony with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Agape,
Phil

SEARCH COMMITTEE IS AT WORK

Due to Phil's projected retirement date of June 1, **2009**, a Search Committee has been appointed. The members are, Gayle Strader, Chairperson, Stan Huffman, Kaye Woodward, and Vicki Trueblood. The following ad has been sent to Christian Theological Seminary, Lexington Theological Seminary, and DISCIPLES WORLD. Application materials have also been sent to our Regional Office in Bloomington.

Small, enthusiastic Disciples of Christ Church, in Charleston, Illinois is seeking minister due to June 1, 2009 retirement of present minister. Salary, benefits and hours are negotiable. Person with Disciples background and seminary is preferred. Ten-year-old accessible building is located outside the city limits of a university community of approximately 20,000 population. Contact Gayle Strader, 627 Ashby Drive, Charleston, IL. 61920 or ggsmls@aol.com.

If you know someone who would like to be considered for this opening, you may feel free to have him/her make an application.

BRUNCH

Will be held Sunday, April 27th immediately following worship.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Thank you to all who participated in the chili cook-off. The winners were: Bill Thornton – Most unique; Patty Maples – Mildest; Mark Maples – Hottest. Thank you to our judges, Mike Chron, Julie McGowan & Vickie Nevius, and to Mike Chron for donating the prizes. It was a fun, fun night!

BIBLE STUDY

Will resume Wednesday, April 2nd & 16th at 10:00 a.m., in the Library, we will be beginning in the new book with Joshua. Linda Thornton

POCKET MONEY MISSION

The money collected now through March, is for Hospice Grief Counseling. Thank you for your continued generosity. Beginning in April through June will be for Lake Land Dental Health Clinic.

ELDER BREAKFAST

Will be held Saturday, April 19th, 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 **28** notes written and mailed in February, a **ministry of love**.

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, April 13th, 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, April 6th & 13th, **sugar** and/or **flour** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual wrapped snacks, etc.** and/or **peanut butter**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 9th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, April 8th**.

MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Will be the third Thursday, April 17th. Be sure to mark your calendars.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, May 1st**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, April 29th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, April 6, 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, Kay Etnire, Ray Updegraff, Rob Spence, Libby Coffey, Chuck & June Davidson, Sharon Thomas, Mike Drake (Iraq), Dick Sherman, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk, Gina Giberson, Bill Snapp, Jill Baldwin, Nicole Peterson, Tiffany Samuels-Michaels & babies, Carl Maples, Sharon Holderfield, Helen Ashenbramer, Kaye Woodward, Nelson, Search & Call Committee. 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

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PLEASE ALL CHAIRPERSONS, CHECK YOU BOXES REGULARLY!!!

FIRST TIME VISITORS MARCH 2008

Frederick Galbreath

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 APRIL 2008

WORSHIP LEADERS

April 6 Gayle Strader

ELDERS

Kaye Woodward, Pat Marsh

April 13	Trish Haworth	Trish Haworth, Patty Maples
April 20	Vicki Trueblood	Gayle Strader, Mike Strader
April 27	Mike Strader	Stan Huffman, Mike Chron

DIACONATE FOR APRIL 2008

SERVE

Nancy Oakley
 Velma Spence
 JimWells
 Maggie Huffman

PREPARE

Maggie Huffman
 Velma Spence

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

JimWells
 Nancy Oakley
 Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,
 Madison Endsley, Emily Zuniga

ELDER SHUT-IN APRIL 6, 2008

Kaye Woodward, Pat Marsh

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

APRIL 2008 ANNIVERSARYS

April 14 Garry & Jan Ernst

APRIL 2008 BIRTHDAYS

April 2	Steve Spears
April 4	Maegan Bosler
April 8	Bob Zuniga
April 11	Jan Myers
April 13	Nancy Oakley
April 13	Doug Bacon
April 15	Kay Endsley
April 26	Sheri Paul
April 28	JoAnne Pritchard

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR APRIL

Those serving the coffee/juice will be Jackie James, Kelly Bacon.



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 Vicki Trueblood, Facilitator
 Linda Thornton, Office Manager

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*