

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
January 29, 2009

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

God's Provides Individual Gifts for the Common Good of the Church

Old State Road Christian Church is alive and well because of the gifts we have. We are blessed by God with spiritual gifts. Our gifts are for the good of the Church, the Body of Christ.

"4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses." 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

May we rejoice in the gifts of the spirit, we possess.

Agape,

Phil

FROM STUDENT PASTOR ALLISSA WILLIAMS

Dear Old State Road Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in this upcoming month!

This semester I am enrolled in a class entitled, *Worship and Church Music*. Recently I have begun thinking about the meaning of worship and its place in our lives as Christians. Here are some funnies on the issue:

□ Someone said to the pastor as they departed Sunday worship, "Pastor, you sure did preach a powerful sermon today. You must live a wonderful life." To that the pastor replied, "Sister, I can preach more Gospel in twenty minutes than I can live in fifteen years!"

□ The pastor noticed a camper in the church parking lot late one weekday afternoon. He decided to investigate. Upon approaching the camper an occupant greeted him. The pastor remarked, "You've got a nice camper. How many does it sleep?" The visitor replied, "It sleeps six. You've got a nice church. How many does it sleep?" The pastor replied, "Oh, on a Sunday morning, about 125."

□ Posted on a church sign: *Worship now. Avoid the Easter rush!*

□ Finally, one that is more serious. Dudley Zuver, an Episcopal clergyman once said, "One of the quickest, and on the whole, most effective ways of getting rid of God is to reverence God out of existence."

The point to be made from the above ditties is this: **Our worship of God ought to be more than a Sunday morning experience.** We are given the opportunity to worship everyday through Solitude, Service, Struggles, and Sacrifice. When we take that kind of approach to worship it will all lead to another word expression of worship – our Sanctification.

Let me leave you with one more thought to ponder: *The holiest moment of the church service is the moment when God's people – strengthened by preaching and sacrament – go out of the church door into the world to be the Church.* – Ernest Southcott

I hope to see you on Sunday morning at the place where we are strengthened to live a life of everyday worship.

Blessings,

Pastor Allissa

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Go to Florence (Sammie) Giffin and family, as her daughter Elizabeth (Libby) Coffey went home to be with the Lord Sunday, January 11, 2009. May the Lord's arms of love and comfort, surround.

HARMONIES OF LIBERTY

If you would like to read the message from the Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). given at the Inauguration National Prayer Service in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, January 21st, please go to www.nationalcathedral.org/worship/sermonTexts/sew_90121.shtml.

POCKET MONEY MISSION

January – February will be collected for Lincolnland Hospice of SBLHC.

ELDER BREAKFAST

Will be on Saturday, February 14th, at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and 9:00 a.m. for 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 **35** notes written and mailed in January, **a ministry of love.**

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAYS

Please bring to the church on Sunday, February 1st & 8th **peanut butter**, and/or **individual microwavable soups** for **Soup Stop**; and/or **money is most needed** and/or **cereal** and/or **crackers** for **Food Pantry.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 11th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet **no later than Tuesday, February 10th.**

MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Please check bulletins and Phil for information concerning luncheon.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, February 26th.** Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, February 24th.** Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, February 1st,** 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, Doris Lloyd, Diane Wright, Sara Henry, Margaret Cresch, Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Robert Connour, Chris Merrell, Roy O'Hearn, Kay Etnire, Rob Spence, Chuck & June Davidson, Sharon Thomas, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk, Gina Giberson, Jill Baldwin, Carl Maples, Sharon Holderfield, Search & Call Committee, Karen Brading, Ron Brown, George H. Denham, Louise Ernst & family, Shirley & John Melton, Bob Taylor, Brad Cothren, Aron Miller, Kevin James, Rev. Barbara Short, Libby Coffey's 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

SG-C Serving and Growing through Christ

PLEASE ALL CHAIRPERSONS, CHECK YOU BOXES REGULARLY!!!

FIRST TIME VISITORS DECEMBER 2008

Chad, Shelly & Nicholas Agan
Lydia, Malcolm & Lilly McCarthy
James Swinford
Alen Hudson
Jill & Gerhardt Shafer
Patty Madison & Wade Spence
Liz (Giffin) Rohloff
Ahren

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 Kathy Zuniga meets twice monthly, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

SERVING THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY 2009

WORSHIP LEADERS

February 1 Vickie Nevius
February 8 Cindy Maples
February 15 Paul Slifer
February 22 Mike Chron

ELDERS

Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward
Gayle Strader, Mike Strader
Vicki Trueblood, Mike Chron
Vickie Trueblood, Lloyd Koontz

DIACONATE FOR FEBRUARY 2009

SERVE

Molly Evans
Iris Myers
Florence Giffin
Maggie Huffman

PREPARE

Maggie Huffman
Iris Myers

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Molly Evans
Florence Giffin
Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,
Madison Endsley, Emily Zuniga

ELDER SHUT-IN FEBRUARY 1, 2009

Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward

FEBRUARY 2009 BIRTHDAYS

February 4 Patty Maples
February 7 Kelly Bacon
February 12 Charles Cole
February 13 Marty Watson
February 16 Paul Slifer
February 24 Donna Slifer
February 26 Jane Spence

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

FEBRUARY 2009 ANNIVERSARYS

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

Nancy Oakley, Julie & Amanda McGowan



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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*