

A Newsletter from the  
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Of Charleston, Illinois  
April 2, 2009

# The Disciple Harbinger



## FROM PASTOR PHIL

### Sharing the Scripture

My joy is in sharing God's Word. I invite us to reflect and take heart in the Scriptures. Surely, the Church has its life only through the Spirit of God found in God's Word.

*(Rom 6:1-18 NRSV) What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? {2} By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? {3} Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? {4} Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. {5} For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. {6} We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. {7} For whoever has died is freed from sin. {8} But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. {9} We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. {10} The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. {11} So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Paul reminds us, we have no life apart from God and God's Son.

Agape,  
Phil

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

There will be a service at the church at 7:00 p.m.

## GOOD FRIDAY PLAY

The tickets have been ordered for the Apostolic Centers play, "I Am He" on Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Those who have tickets will be blessed.

## EASTER

The glorious day of celebration will begin with a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. followed by a brunch, please bring a dish to share. Then a celebration by the Disciples Choir during the regular worship time, with an Easter egg hunt during the service at 9:30. This is the celebration that the grave could not hold the Son of God, but that He lives on.

## CWF CHANGE

Will be changed from Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## HOLY LAND PRESENTATION

Will follow worship on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, given by Phil Nevius from his, Ed Buxton, & Jeri Davis' Holy Land journey. This will be followed by a lunch of ham & beans.

## WORK WEEKEND AT CAMP WALTER SCOTT

Will be held Saturday & Sunday, April 25 – 26<sup>th</sup>. The camp needs to be opened up and spruced up for the camping season. Help is needed, housing and meals are provided for volunteers for the weekend. Please call Becky at 217-739-2332 or e-mail [campcciw@yahoo.com](mailto:campcciw@yahoo.com) to let them know you are coming.

## EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING 2009

The theme this year is "Go Light Your World". This offering supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This offering will be taken Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> & Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED

The Search and Call Committee with the approval vote of the congregation have called Pastor Sharon Patton. She will begin on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Continue to pray for her new ministry and their move.

## MEET THE AUTHOR

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is sponsoring a literacy event for children ages five – ten. Vesta Rundle, author of children's books will be reading one of her books and sharing a story time with the children. Children in attendance will have the opportunity to meet the author and will receive a signed book to take home. The event time is 10:00 a.m. on May 9<sup>th</sup>; there is no charge for this activity but attendance is limited to the first thirty children who sign up. Parents are welcome to observe during the approximately one hour session at the church, 13982 Old State Road, Charleston, Illinois. To make a reservation, call the church office, 217-345-3003 and leave the child's name, a parent's name and a contact number.

#### **HIGHER GROUND**

Higher Ground, the well-known and popular Gospel Quartet, has been booked for Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> performance at the church. It should be pointed out that the May 30<sup>th</sup> date is NOT Memorial Day weekend; rather Memorial Day weekend is observed the precious weekend. Watch the Harbinger & bulletins, for more information as the date nears.

#### **POCKET MONEY MISSION**

March – April will be collected for Crisis Pregnancy Center for Eastern Illinois, a very important mission to protect new life.

#### **MINISTERING WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

There were 19 notes written and mailed in March's **ministry of love**.

#### **FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAYS**

Please bring to the church on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> **brown lunch bags**, and/or **individual wrapped snacks** for **Soup Stop**; and/or for **Food Pantry**, **money is most needed** and/or **toilet paper** and/or **diapers** – all sizes.

#### **BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)**

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet **no later than Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Will be on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, but please check bulletins & with Phil for information concerning luncheon.

#### **NEXT HARBINGER**

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

#### **SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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. It is always 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, Carl Maples, Sharon Holderfield, Search & Call Committee, Karen Brading, Ron Brown, Louise Ernst & family, Shirley & John Melton, Bob Taylor, Brad Cothren, Nathan Maroon, Florence (Sammee) Giffin, Audrey Ingram, Norma Pinder, Rose O'Brian, Pastor Sharon Patton for move and ministry, Velma Spence. 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 FEBRUARY 2008**

Ian Nevius, Jack Adams  
Debe Grubaugh; Amy, Shawnda, Jennifer  
Cortney Gramley, Shelby 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  
are needed – if like to help.  
please call the church office.

**Brownies** led by Kathy Zuniga meets twice  
monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays.

**SERVING THE LORD FOR APRIL 2009**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

April 5 Stan Huffman – Palm Sunday  
April 12 Vickie Trueblood – Easter  
April 19 Tarry James  
April 26 Jackie James

**ELDERS**

Jan Ernst, Mike Chron  
Jan Ernst, Tarry James  
Lloyd Koontz, Stan Huffman  
Trish Briggerman, Patty Maples

**DIACONATE FOR APRIL 2009**

**SERVE**

Garrett Bacon  
Jeff Endsley  
Megan Endsley  
Jackie James

**PREPARE**

Jackie James  
Garrett Bacon

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Jeff Endsley  
Megan Endsley  
Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,  
Madison Endsley, Emily Zuniga

**ELDER SHUT-IN APRIL 5, 2009**

Jan Ernst, Mike Chron

**APRIL 2009 BIRTHDAYS**

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

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

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

**APRIL 2009 ANNIVERSARYS**

April 14 Garry & Jan Ernst

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR APRIL**

Gayle & Mike Strader, Vickie & Phil Nevius



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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*