

The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

I write this the day before I leave for the Disciples General Assembly. This will be the first General Assembly I have been able to attend. There have been many Regional Assemblies in several different states. But, this is the first for the General Assemblies. I am excited about seeing our denomination's business affairs in process as well as seeing friends and colleagues that I've not seen in some time.

There seems to be a general movement on at the present time to devalue denominations. Most of us can understand some of the reasons for this happening. Daily we hear of scandals, misappropriation of funding, and other problems. They do not seem to be the problem of any one particular denomination. Rather, they seem to have occurred in every single denomination--including our own.

Yet, denominations are important for many reasons. I'll not name them all. One of the reasons, however, is that alone, as individual churches, we cannot engage in or complete the larger ministries to which we are also called. Charleston Disciples can help with the local food pantry and noontime luncheon program. Yet we cannot supply all the resources necessary to operate these programs ourselves. When we combine our efforts with others in the community we are able to provide for both programs. Just like the miracle of Jesus feeding of the 5,000, everyone is served when we share resources and ministry.

This week at our Disciples General Assembly, Disciples from across the world will build a house for the Habitat program, collect food for the local food bank, knit prayer shawls, minister to those in a homeless shelter, participate in a blood drive, and help with a landscaping project. And there may be other mission opportunities that have yet to be publicized.

It is important that while we have business to tend to for the affairs of our denomination, there are also many opportunities available to help us look beyond ourselves and see the larger, global world. Our mission field is truly the world, not our own doorstep. I am excited about seeing the presence of Christ's call to ministry in our world and in our denomination's leaders.

CHANGES!!! CHANGES!!! IN HARBINGER

I am trying something new for the Harbinger, hope is easier to read. Please let me know what you think, or if there is something that you would like to see in the newsletter, as this is a work in progress. Linda

AS HEARD AROUND THE OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This week's quote came from **D. L. Moody**, "**If God be your partner, make your plans large.**" If you would like to submit a quote, please let Pastor Sharon or Linda in the office know and it will be printed. **We would love to hear your quotes!**

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 19, 2009 – will be a **weiner roast** at Tricia Briggerman's house.

October 11, 2009 – **Annual Church Auction** – don't forget to get you materials ready for the auction.

November 8, 2009 – will be the Annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** at the church.

Be sure to get these on your calendar.

CROP WALK

This year has been scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

POCKET MONEY MISSION

July - August will be for Lake Land College Dental Health Clinic, this is for our children.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION – A WONDERFUL BLESSING TO THE RECEIVER

There were **40** notes written and mailed in July's **ministry of love**.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAYS

Please bring to the church on Sunday, August 2nd & 9th, **individual microwavable soups, etc.** and/or **sandwich bags for Soup Stop**; and/or for **Food Pantry, money is most needed** and/or **tomato sauce** and/or **dry pasta**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

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

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, September 3rd**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, September 1st**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, August 2nd**, 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.

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

SG-C Serving and Growing through Christ

FIRST TIME VISITORS JULY 2009

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mark, Pam, Zack & Josh Klingler

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, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Not meeting until school starts.

SERVING THE LORD FOR AUGUST 2009

WORSHIP LEADERS

ELDERS

August 2	Amanda McGowan
August 9	Tarry James
August 16	Jim Wells
August 23	Garry Ernst
August 30	Kelly Bacon

Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples
Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward
Gayle Strader, Mike Strader
Jan Ernst, Michael Chron
Vicki Treblood, Tarry James

DIACONATE FOR AUGUST 2009

SERVE

PREPARE

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Molly Evans
Florence Giffin
Iris Myers
Maggie Huffman

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

ELDER OF THE MONTH

The church has begun an Elder of Month program. If at anytime, you are in need and are unable to get in touch with Linda in the office, or Pastor Sharon is unavailable, the Elder of the Month may be called. For the **month of August**, the Elder of the Month is **Michael Chron**, 345-4178 home.

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR AUGUST 2, 2009

Laurie Olson, Ruth Bunch

Beginning this month, the Coffee/Juice Fellowship will only be serving on the first Sunday of each month.

ELDER SHUT-IN AUGUST 2, 2009

Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

AUGUST 2009 BIRTHDAYS

August 5	Chris Richardson
August 5	Bill Olson
August 5	Lynn Collins
August 6	Vicki Trueblood
August 6	Kathryn Gossett
August 12	Kristyn Haworth
August 15	Jackie James
August 16	Emily Zuniga
August 17	Mike Strader
August 20	Peter Provin
August 27	Kevin James
August 28	Kyle Bess

AUGUST 2009 ANNIVERSARYS

August 9	Carl & Marlowe McSparin
August 15	Jon & Lynn Collins
August 30	Ray & Joyce Allen



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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*