

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
August 27, 2009

The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

The great Koheleth, better known as “the Preacher,” said in the biblical book of Ecclesiastes: *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. . .”*

What a wonderful gift we have been given by our Creator. God has given us the gift of time. Time for life. Time for meaningful activities. Time for relationships. Time for rest. Time to grow as spiritual beings. And there are other gifts of time—for example, the gift of hardship. Some of us steward our time well and in ways that surely are pleasing to our God. Others of us don't. Some lament the gift of time and wonder why there is so much time to fill and can't seem to find a way to fill that space.

Our summer is all but gone. The summer has, for me at least, gone much too quickly. I want some more time. I still have boxes to sort and unpack. And there are projects of which I dream that I would like to have adequate time to think through further and perhaps begin to develop. (Some of us are never satisfied.) What it means, for those of us who have too little time, is that we are always busy with something. It doesn't necessarily mean we are accomplishing anything, only that we are busy.

In a few short weeks we officially begin the season of fall. I'm sure that it, too, will be much too short for the dreams and hopes that many of us have for our personal lives as well as for our church life. What are your dreams and hopes? What are your priorities about the use of the time you have been given? How can our time be stewarded more carefully so that we give back to the Lord the gift of our time so that we might further the mission to which we have been called?

There is a season. And a time. Praise God for the generosity of time. And praise God that we can use that gift for the completion of the kingdom of God.

Pastor Sharon

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Rev. Sharon Patton will be installed as pastor of the Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), this Sunday afternoon, August 30th, at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Scott Woolridge, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin will represent the region as installing official.

Rev. Patton began her ministry at the Old State Road Christian Church on June 1st of this year. She came from the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in the region of Kansas; Rev. Patton has also served churches in Kentucky and Missouri.

The public is invited to the ceremony and a reception will follow the service.

HOLY GROUNDS PUPPET CAFÉ

Holy Hands Puppet Team will be presenting the Holy Grounds Café on **Saturday, September 10, 2009** at **7:00 p.m.** Be sure to have this on your calendar and invite all the children you know to come and enjoy this wonderful puppet presentation. We have been blessed every 4th Sunday with their presence, sharing the Word of God through puppets.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Will be on **Sunday, October 18, 2009** during the regular worship time.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, October 31, 2009**. Time to start planning for your trunk with treats for the children.

HARBINGER EMAILED

Beginning with this Harbinger, the newsletter will be emailed to those whom I have email addresses. I will postal mail to the rest. Hope you enjoy getting the Harbinger faster through the email.

AS HEARD AROUND THE OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This week's quote came from **Mike Chron**, "**The more you complain, the longer God makes you live.**" 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 & Paul Briggerman's home at **5:00 p.m.** Hot dogs, buns and drinks are provided, please bring a covered dish to share.

October 11, 2009 – **Annual Church Auction** – don't forget to get your materials ready for the auction which will be at **2:00 p.m.**

November 8, 2009 – will be the **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** at the church at **4:00 p.m.**

Be sure to get these on your calendar.

CROP WALK

Scheduled for **Saturday, October 3, 2009**, with **registration** to begin at **8:00 a.m.** and **walk** to begin at **8:30 a.m.**

POCKET MONEY MISSION

September – October will be for the **Charleston Food Pantry.**

NOTES OF APPRECIATION – A WONDERFUL BLESSING TO THE RECEIVER

There were **26** notes written and mailed in **August's ministry of love.**

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, September 6th & 13th. And for **Soup Stop** will be **paper towels** and/or **brown paper bags**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **macaroni & cheese mixes** and/or **cereal.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 9, 2009** at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, September 8, 2009.** Thank you.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed by **Thursday, October 1, 2009.** Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, September 30, 2009.** Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know will not be able to be in church and would like to receive communion on **Sunday, September 6, 2009**, please call the church office at **345-3003.** If no answer, 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 AUGUST 2009 **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Tina Mumper
Victor Dillman
Dana, Mike, Ben White

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.

SERVING THE LORD FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

WORSHIP LEADERS

September 6	Michael Chron
September 13	Kaye Woodward
September 20	Kathy Zuniga
September 27	Patty Maples

ELDERS

Lloyd Koontz, Stan Huffman
Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples
Kelly Bacon, Doug Bacon
Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward

DIACONATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

SERVE

Velma Spence
Kevin James
Nancy Oakley
Jim Wells

PREPARE

Kevin James
Nancy Oakley

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Velma Spence
Jim Wells
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 September**, the Elder of the Month is **Stan Huffman**, 345-6889 home & 254-6887 cell.

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Maggie & Stan Huffman, Iris Myers

Coffee/Juice Fellowship will only be served on the first Sunday of each month.

ELDER SHUT-IN SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Lloyd Koontz, Stan Huffman

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

SEPTEMBER 2009 BIRTHDAYS

September 8	Lloyd Koontz
September 12	Megan Endsley
September 15	Tricia Briggerman
September 15	Sherry Patton
September 22	Cindy Maples
September 24	Susan Watson
September 25	Amanda McGowan
September 26	Jim Wells

SEPTEMBER 2009 ANNIVERSARYS

September 1	Mike & Gayle Strader
September 15	Tarry & Jackie James
September 22	Aaron & Cheryl Wells
September 29	Marty & Susan Watson

NEW COLOR COPIER

Our new color copier has arrived, note difference in the chalice. What do you think?



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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*