

# The Disciple Harbinger



## Pastor Sharon's Note

November begins the sixth month of our mutual ministry here at Old State Road Christian Church. The time has gone quickly and we've accomplished many things together. We have new church shirts, celebrated our mutual ministry, celebrated a Children's Sabbath, hosted an installation service, hosted monthly puppet shows, participated in the local CROP Walk, hosted several small group sessions, and played with origami boats. On October 31, 2009, some of us will gather in the OSRCC parking lot to serve the youth of our community on a special night of fun.

Many complain that Halloween encourages participation in a pagan event. Yet many of us grew up in the era that children went door-to-door collecting goodies. For some, Halloween was the only time of the year they could anticipate having such goodies. So why do some complain about this day so many children anticipate?

Perhaps the answer is to be found in the history of Halloween itself. A people, name the Gaels, celebrated the end of the year, and the end of harvest, on October 31<sup>st</sup>. They celebrated with bonfires and by wearing costumes. November 1<sup>st</sup> was the beginning of the new year. As one might expect, this was a time to restock food supplies and slaughter animals for winter stores.

Centuries later, the Catholics had moved into the area and renamed the days. November 1<sup>st</sup> became "All Saints Day" and October 31<sup>st</sup> became "All Hallows Eve" – eventually it was renamed Halloween. When European immigrants began to come to the new land of America they brought European customs with them. Eventually these customs became an annual event in the community.

Originally, the turnip or rutabaga was carved. It was the Americans who began the practice of carving pumpkins because pumpkins were more plentiful than rutabagas and turnips. In 1950, American children began "Trick or Treating" for UNICEF. In 2006, the practice was discontinued because of concerns for children's physical safety.

Some Christians view Halloween as a secular event for children and hand out candy in the festive spirit of those who participate in the holiday. Others see the holiday as being of satanic origin and, thus, seek to convert the trick or treating children to Christianity by the use of “Hell Houses.”

However we think of Halloween, we need to be sensitive to the fact that children believe this to be their night of fun. And, after all, Jesus said, “. . . let the little children come unto me. For it is to them that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

In Christ, *Pastor Sharon*

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE**

This Sunday, November 1, 2009 is the time to fall backward and get an extra hour Sunday morning. If you get here early, be a good time to pray as you wait.

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2009 immediately following worship. Though only the members will be able to vote, all are needed that they will know what will be happening at the church for the upcoming year.

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Will be done on Sunday, November 29, 2009 during the regular worship time. This the time to decorate the church to prepare for the coming of the baby Jesus. All hands are needed for Jesus.

### **A GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER BLESSING**

Congratulations to Rev. Sharon Patton, and husband “Rob” Robertson, as they became great-grandparents on Monday, to a little gift Sophia of Cole County, MO, weighing 8 lb. and 20” long.

### **PECANS**

12 cases of pecans have been ordered for CWF this year and will be shipped on Friday, November 6, 2009, to arrive the following week. The 16 oz. bags are the same price as last year of \$ 7.50 per bag. There is a list on the back table of the sanctuary for you to sign-up if you would like to have a bag or two. They do real well in the freezer for up to a year, so buy for future months use.

### **FOOD BASKET PROGRAM**

CWF has given \$ 35.00 to Charleston Firefighters Association, Local 3200. These monies are used for the many volunteers programs that the Firefighters are part of, and 100% of the monies go to the local Firefighters.

## VESPERS PRAYER SERVICE

Has begun and will continue at 5:30 p.m. here at Old State Road Christian Church. The service is more informal than are the Sunday morning worship services. They will last approximately one-half hour (30 minutes) and are for anyone who would like to come. Hope to see you here at Old State Road. This is a time for Old State Road Christian Church to come together with the Lord in prayer, praying for strength and power to be a strong part of this church family. There is great power through prayer, and it can provide all the needs of this church. And, don't forget, invite a friend or neighbor. **There will be no Vespers Prayer on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 and Wednesday, December 23, 2009, due to Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve the next days.** Pastor Sharon

## CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY SUNDAY LUNCHEON

This past Sunday, October 25, 2009 was a great success with 42 in attendance. There was a wonderful lunch, fellowship, and Tricia Briggerman shared small group experiences related to the new Stewardship program. Many shared stories and special moments.

## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

On Sunday, October 18, 2009, OSRCC celebrated Children's Sabbath. The youth choir sang an anthem for the congregation. In addition, a "Children's Prayer Wall" and origami boats reminded the congregation of the needs of children. Following worship the children hosted a refreshment table. The cookies were baked by the children and were wonderful.

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER WALL



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held this Sunday, November 1, 2009 following worship.

### PRAYER LIST

As of this Sunday, November 1, 2009, the prayer list will no longer be found in the bulletin. In order to see who is in need of prayer, please check in the Prayer Chapel for copies of the prayer list.

### ANNUAL AUCTION AND HOLY HANDS CAFÉ

The auction on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> brought in a total of \$1,051.00, and there was \$214.00 collected for the Holy Hands Puppet Team. Thank you and God bless.

### CALENDAR CHANGES

There have been some calendar changes for November and December 2009. There will be copies found on the back table of the sanctuary for anyone who wishes a copy of the coming months.

### COUGILL MANOR CHANGE

Cougill Manor times for November have been changed, due to conflicts. For November it has been changed from Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>, both at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Sharon and the Disciples Choir have been blessing the residents at Cougill Manor, since July.

### TRUNK AND TREAT

Is scheduled for **Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. – 7 p.m.** Trunks have been planned and will be ready for all the children to come. Have you shared this time with all the children that you know?

### AS HEARD AROUND THE OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This week's quote came from **Linda Thornton**, "**Our works are useless without our faith being in the works we do, otherwise we are only spinning our wheels, going nowhere.**" See **James 2: 14**. 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!**

## CROP WALK

Many walkers came out for **Saturday, October 3, 2009** CROP Walk. This walk generated funds for the Charleston Food Pantry and Mattoon Food Pantry, and all who participated were blessings to each of these much needed pantries. Thank you for your time and gifts shared.

## UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 8, 2009** – will be the Annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** at the church at **4:00 p.m.**, turkey, mashed potatoes, tea, and coffee will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share with your church family, and a favorite board or card game for a fellowship time following the dinner.

**Be sure to get these on your calendar.**

## NORMA MINEO

Norma has headed south for the winter. Whenever you mail her anything, please mail to the Florida address in address book.

## POCKET CHANGE MISSION

September – October was for the **Charleston Food Pantry** and \$ 55.51 was collected. The most ever collected for the Pocket Change Mission. Food pantries are in great need of more food than ever right now with the money crunch and lost jobs. Thank you and God bless. For November – December 2009 will be for **Coalition for People in Need**.

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION – A WONDERFUL BLESSING TO THE RECEIVER

There were **36** notes written and mailed in **October's** ministry of love.

## FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>. And for **Soup Stop** will be **individual microwavable soups, etc.** and/or **sandwich bags**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **canned soups or vegetables** and/or **toilet paper**.

## BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 11, 2009** at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, November 10, 2009**. Thank you.

## NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be emailed/mailed by **Thursday, December 3, 2009**. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, December 1, 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, November 1, 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.

## VISITATION REMINDER

Please, please call the church office when you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital. Because of confidentiality laws we are no longer automatically notified. Also, call when you or a loved one would like a visit from the pastor or an elder. We want to be helpful to you and your family in your times of need, but we need to know there is a need.

## CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

*SG-C Serving and Growing through Christ*

## FIRST TIME VISITORS AUGUST 2009      WEEKLY CALENDAR

Charity Beogh  
Mike & Becky Grace

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.

## SERVING THE LORD FOR NOVEMBER 2009

### WORSHIP LEADERS

November 1	Jackie James
November 8	Eva Bacon
November 15	Tricia Briggerman
November 22	Doug Bacon
November 29	Kelly Bacon

### ELDERS

Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples  
Kelly Bacon, Doug Bacon  
Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward  
Gayle Strader, Mike Strader  
Jan Ernst, Mike Chron

**DIACONATE FOR NOVEMBER 2009**

**SERVE**

Molly Evans  
Florence Giffin  
Iris Myers  
Maggie Huffman

**PREPARE**

Iris Myers  
Maggie Huffman

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

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 November**, the Elder of the Month is **Mike Strader**, 345-6987 home & 232-6987 cell.

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2009**

Jackie & Tarry James, Doug & Kelly Bacon

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

**ELDER SHUT-IN NOVEMBER 1, 2009**

Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

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

**NOVEMBER 2009 BIRTHDAYS**

November 9	Allie Wells
November 10	Jan Ernst
November 11	Kathleen Beck
November 15	Garrett Bacon
November 15	Garry Ernst
November 18	Jeff Endsley
November 27	Derrick Sims
November 29	Elyn Pogliano

**NOVEMBER 2009 ANNIVERSARYS**

November 25      Jim Wells & Kaye Woodward



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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*