

# The Disciple Harbinger



## Pastor Sharon's Note

As we begin a new year and a new decade this might be a time that we want also to begin anew in our church life. Or perhaps you would like to learn more about our church. What is required for membership? What is required for baptism? What creeds do we use?

From our very beginning we who are members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have vowed that we have no creed but Christ. And, we do not say the words of confession found in the Apostle's Creed, or the Nicene Creed, or the Athanasian Creed. Yet we do have our own creed. It is found in the Preamble to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It reads like this:

“AS MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God,  
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace  
we accept our mission of witness  
and service to all people. . .

Through baptism into Christ  
we enter into newness of life  
and are made one with the whole people of God. . .”

Often it is in the classes for membership that we learn these facts about our denomination and our church. Beginning on **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 1 pm** I will begin a membership class for those who would like to join our church, either through baptism or through transfer of membership. We Disciples of Christ were the first denomination to be born in the country of the United States. The class will meet every other week (i.e., Jan 24, Feb 7 & 21, and March 7) for approximately 90 minutes each meeting.

If you would like to participate in the class please call me prior to the date of the class so that I can have adequate materials available for all.

In Christ, *Pastor Sharon*

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

Will be Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## **RESTORATION**

Decorations of Advent will be taken down at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. **Help is always needed** for the restoration of the sanctuary and the packing away of the decorations for the Advent Season.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Will be this Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship.

## **VESPER'S PRAYER RESUMED**

Resumed on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Be sure to put on your calendars that it has resumed.

## **CHARLESTON MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION**

Will meet here at Old State Road Christian Church on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.

## **ELDER'S CABINET MEETING**

Beginning on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the Elders will again be meeting for cabinet meetings. This will be taking the place of the past Elder Studies. **All Elders are asked to please attend.**

## **PASTOR PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING**

Is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at noon.

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

Will meet on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

## **GINGERBREAD CHUCHES**

Have now been removed, but hope that you were able to see them while they were in the hallway, as they were amazing and beautiful.

## **OFFERING PACKETS**

For 2010 may be found on the back table of the sanctuary. Please get your packet, and then sign on the sheet provided with your name and the packet number.

## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

\$ 153.00 was collected and sent for the Christmas Special Offering.

## VESPERS PRAYER SERVICE

Continued Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. There were a total of **37** in attendance on Wednesdays of November & December. Prayer is the strength of a church. Please come each Wednesday night and share in a time of prayer with your Christian brother and sisters.  
Pastor Sharon

## AS HEARD AROUND THE OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**“Jesus came as baby to humbly save us, and now He is preparing for us a glorious place in the Mansion, the Kingdom of God, where we will walk with God forever.”** 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!**

## POCKET CHANGE MISSION

For **Coalition for People in Need** \$ 22.72 was collected for November and December, and for January and February will be for **Lincolnland Hospice**.

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

There were **20** notes written and mailed in **December’s ministry of love**.

## FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. For **Soup Stop** will be **individual wrapped snacks, etc.** and/or **peanut butter**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **bar soap** and/or **dry laundry detergent**.

## BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 13, 2010** at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, January 12, 2010**. Thank you.

## NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be **emailed/mailed** by **Thursday, January 28, 2010**. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, January 26, 2010**. 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, January 3, 2010**, 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 DECEMBER 2009

Sarah Connell  
Lisa Brown  
Tammy Morrell  
Kris, Nick, Dayden, Zane, & Raimi  
Gardner

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Choir – Thursday – 6:00 p.m.  
Children's Church School Class–Sun.–9:30 a.m.  
Worship – Sunday – 9:30 a.m.  
Vesper's Prayer Service – Wednesdays – 5:30 p.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 JANUARY 2010

### WORSHIP LEADERS

January 3 Tarry James  
January 10 Jackie James  
January 17 Cindy Maples  
January 24 Kevin James  
January 31 Kaye Woodward

### ELDERS

Gayle Strader, Mike Strader  
Cindy Maples, Lloyd Koontz  
Vicki Trueblood, Tarry James  
Stan Huffman, Lloyd Koontz  
Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples

## DIACONATE FOR JANUARY 2010

### SERVE

Garrett Bacon  
Jeff Endsley  
Kathy Zuniga  
Jackie James

### PREPARE

Jackie James  
Garrett Bacon

### GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Jeff Endsley  
Kathy Zuniga  
Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga  
Malcolm McCarthy, Lilly Dilley

## **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 January**, the Elder of the Month is **Vicki Trueblood** 345-7244 home & 649-6449 cell.

## **COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JANUARY 3, 2010**

Nancy Oakley, Kathy, Bob & Emily Zuniga

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

## **ELDER SHUT-IN JANUARY 3, 2010**

Gayle Strader, Mike Strader

## **BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

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

### **JANUARY 2010 BIRTHDAYS**

January 3	Wayne Hunt
January 5	Kim Steffes
January 6	T. W. Bosler
January 9	Norma Mineo
January 11	Bailey Staggs
January 12	Pat Marsh
January 13	Molly Evans
January 13	Verlon Myers
January 19	Marlowe McSparin
January 31	Madielynn Sims

### **JANUARY 2010 ANNIVERSARYS**

January 29          Paul & Tricia Briggerman



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Lloyd Koontz, Facilitator

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*