

February 4, 2010

The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

There's the story of a little boy who took off his tie and put it into the offering plate one Sunday morning. His mother asked what he was doing. "What the minister said," answered the little boy. "The minister told us to give our ties and offerings."

All of us are familiar with the idea of stewardship as the giving of our tithes and offerings. But, stewardship is so much more. Stewardship is the judicious use of all that God has given us--from our thoughts and ideas to the material blessing that we have.

Old State Road Christian Church's stewardship ministry this year will be expanding into other areas rather than just talking about finances. While our church finances are a part of our concern, it will not be our total concern. For example, did you know that our schools and other groups collect Campbell soup labels? Our local schools save these labels to help pay for playground equipment. Also, a program for the developmentally disabled in another state uses those labels to help pay for vans for transportation of it's residents. This program was at one time one of our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) NBA programs.

Pull tabs from soda cans and some other cans can be used to help fund school purchases and Ronald McDonald Houses. It takes several pounds of the pull tabs to fund a one night stay at the Ronald McDonald House. And the aluminum can may also be recycled.

Also, did you know that when you purchase the yellow cap Tide laundry detergent you are helping fund the laundry truck that goes to disaster sites and allows those in the area who have need of clean clothing to do their laundry using the appliances on the truck? Yellow cap Tide is the same purchase price in most stores as is the other color caps of Tide. There are instructions on the cap to access a web site that will help you make sure credit is given for the purchase.

This year, the Stewardship ministry will be exploring many other ideas to help us become more aware of the opportunities available to us to be good stewards. They, in particular, want ideas, such as the above, that provide opportunity to use what we already have

available. Nearly all of us purchase soup at some point--if nothing else, when we make green bean casserole. We all purchase laundry detergent. Nearly all of us drink an occasional soda--some of us more than one.

If you should have additional ideas or know of something else we might do to become better stewards, please talk with Gayle Strader, chair of the ministry; Kathy Zuniga; Susie May; Sammie Giffin; or myself, Pastor Sharon.

In Christ, *Pastor Sharon*

ELDER'S TRAINING

Will be Wednesday, February 17th, at 6:30 p.m. the Elders will again be meeting. **All Elders are asked to please attend.**

PASTOR PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be cancelled for February, as it is being changed to every other month.

WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

Will be collected on Sunday, February 21st & 28th.

Disciples and their partner agencies have started emergency relief efforts for the people of **Haiti** in response to widespread devastation cause by the power earthquake.

There are three ways to help: one, give to the church in your offering and designate for Haiti, and a check will be sent to Church World Service; two, give to the Week of Compassion Special Offering coming up next month, February 21st & 28th; or three may give directly to Week of Compassion via the internet at www.weekofcompassion.org and follow the directions to give. From the website for Week of Compassion it is also possible to keep up with the updated news. All donations should be earmarked for Haiti Relief through Disciples Mission Fund.

VESPER'S PRAYER SERVICES

There were a total of **17** in attendance on Wednesday nights of January. 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

“The greatest love ever shown was the love shown through our Savior, Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary, He is the greatest example of what our love should be to others. 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 January and February will be for **Lincolnland Hospice**.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION – A WONDERFUL BLESSING TO THE RECEIVER

There were **21** notes written and mailed in **January's** ministry of love.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, February 7th & 14th. For **Soup Stop** will be **microwavable soups, etc.** and/or **sandwich bags**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **dry milk** and/or **sugar**. *We desperately need someone who can deliver the items collected for Soup Stop and Food Pantry, if you would be able to do this, please let the office know. Thank you.*

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 10, 2010** at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, February 9, 2010**. Thank you.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be **emailed/mailed** by **Thursday, March 4, 2010**. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, March 2, 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, February 7, 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

Serving and Growing through Christ

FIRST TIME VISITORS JANUARY 2010 WEEKLY CALENDAR

Carroll Smith

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 FEBRUARY 2010

WORSHIP LEADERS

February 7	Patty Maples
February 14	Kelly Bacon
February 21	Tricia Briggerman
February 28	Doug Bacon

ELDERS

Cindy Maples, Kaye Woodward
Gayle Strader, Mike Strader
Kelly Bacon, Doug Bacon
Vicki Trueblood, Tarry James

DIACONATE FOR FEBRUARY 2010

SERVE

Molly Evans
Iris Myers
Eva Bacon
Amanda McGowan

PREPARE

Molly Evans
Iris Myers

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Eva Bacon
Amanda McGowan
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 February**, the Elder of the Month is **Gayle Strader** 345-6987 home & 232-6987 cell.

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Patty Maples, Tricia Briggerman

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

ELDER SHUT-IN FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Cindy Maples, Kaye Woodward

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

FEBRUARY 2010 BIRTHDAYS

February 4	Patty Maples
February 7	Kelly Bacon
February 13	Marty Watson
February 16	Paul Slifer
February 24	Donna Slifer
February 26	Jane Spence
February 27	LaNeesha Nailing

FEBRUARY 2010 ANNIVERSARYS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 – Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
CCAR will clean church

Thursday, February 4, 2010 – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
Harbinger sent

Sunday, February 7, 2010 - Children’s church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.
Pastor’s Class at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 – Evangelism Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 – Lake Land Cluster at OSRCC at noon
Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Elders Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 11, 2010 – Charleston Ministerial Association at noon
Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
Linda Gone

Friday, February 12, 2010 – Linda Gone

Sunday, February 14, 2010 – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Congregational Life Committee Mtg. after worship

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – Habitat Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. (SBLHC) for Pastor Sharon and Linda

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 – Vesper's Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
Elder's Training at 6:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday
CCAR cleans
Clergy Views due to Time Courier

Thursday, February 18, 2010 – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
CWF at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 19, 2010 – Times Courier Clergy View by Pastor Sharon

Sunday, February 21, 2010 – Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. – Holy Hands Puppets here
Pastor's Class at 1:00 p.m.
Week of Compassion Special Offering

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – Vesper's Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 25, 2010 – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 28, 2010 – Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Week of Compassion Special Offering



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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*