

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

April 1, 2010

# The Disciple Harbinger



## Pastor Sharon's Note

Easter morning is an occasion of great joy and renewal. Although many churches may not follow the liturgy of the Christian year, Easter is a day ripe with ritual and custom. We expect to hear the gospel story. We expect special music and beautiful flowers. We expect people to wear their finest attire to church. We even expect there will be more people in attendance on Easter Sunday. Easter is also the high point of our Christian year. Easter is what the Christian faith is all about.

Easter should be a day of celebration and of great joy. Holy Week, especially the days of Maundy Thursday and "Good" Friday are somber days--days in which we reflect upon the idea of death and sin. We may even ask ourselves, "How have we contributed to the death of our savior? Was our sin somehow responsible for his death?" Holy Week is meant for us to think seriously about our faith. Do we take our faith seriously? Do we try to live as He wants us to live? What was the meaning of His death?

Yet on Easter morning, we arise knowing full well that the tomb is empty and we have been given a new opportunity. Death could not hold Jesus captive. Nor will it hold us captive as a result of Jesus miraculous resurrection. It is His gift to us. This is the good news for all. We receive the gift of renewal simply because Christ loves us.

Have you ever noticed, however, that some prefer to dwell on Holy Week rather than Easter? Rather than celebrating the fact that "He is risen!" many prefer to think of crucifixion. Their Easter hymns are about crucifixion rather than resurrection. Crucifixion is appropriate on "Good" Friday. Yet on Easter morning, we should respond, "He is risen indeed!"

Happy Easter

In Christ,  
*Pastor Sharon*

## **Holy Week Events**

### **Wednesday**

There will **not** be a Vesper Service on this evening so that OSRCC can observe Maundy Thursday and Good Friday events. **There will be a choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. preparing for Easter.**

### **Maundy Thursday**

This year, 2010, as part of the Maundy Thursday observation at OSRCC, there will be a Christian Seder meal. The Seder meal was originally part of the Jewish Passover festivities. Christians have for many years also celebrated this high point of Passover by having their own version of the Seder. The décor of the evening celebration will be in keeping with the Jewish Seder.

The meal will begin promptly at **6 p.m.** with worship to follow at **7 p.m.** The meal itself will be a **carry-in** meal but the **elders** of OSRCC will provide the meat for the meal. Maundy Thursday is **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please plan to attend.

### **Good Friday Worship**

On Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, OSRCC will host a **7 p.m.** worship service.

### **Easter**

There will be a Sunrise Service at **7 a.m.** on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by breakfast of rolls, coffee cake, juice, and coffee at **8 a.m.** The Chancel Choir will perform an **“King of Glory, Lord Alone,”** at **9:30 a.m.**

### **THANK YOU**

I want to thank everyone so much for your support with Donna's benefit. It was certainly appreciated. Thanks also for your prayers & keep Donna in your prayers. Nancy Oakley

Thanks for your donation to Donna Cutright's benefit. Steve & Donna Cutright

### **School Kit Bags Need to be Filled**

We have twelve cloth bags made by Sherry Patton waiting to be filled with school supplies. When ready, these will be sent to Church World Service to be distributed to children who are victims of poverty or disaster. Please check the list and see if you are willing to donate any items to fill our bags. Donations can be left in the office in a labeled grocery sack. Church World Service also asks that a monetary donation of \$2.00 be included with each bag to help in world distribution costs.

We were able to send thirteen hygiene, school and baby kits during February. Because of the recent catastrophic disasters in Haiti and other areas, we are sure they will be put to good use and that someone in the world is grateful for your generosity.

**School Kit will need:**

- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral or tape-bound pads 8" x 10 ½" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper. (No loose paper or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 16" finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles
- Pack all items inside the cloth bags. Pattern for the bags are available.
- Value: \$ 13
- Processing/Shipping Cost: \$ 2 per Kit

**INVITATION TO SPECIAL CALLED REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

For the election of the new Regional Minister and President. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, as each church may have 3 voting representatives. Pastor Sharon Patton is attending and would love to have 2 more also attend. Please let Pastor Sharon or the office know before Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> so that registration may be sent. You may see a copy of the CCIW Search Committee Chair with the bio of Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker on the hallway bulletin board.

**On Saturday, April 17, 2010**  
**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
**700 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Springfield, IL**  
**At 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**ELDER'S**

Will be Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at **6:30 p.m.** the Elders will again be meeting. **All Elders are asked to please attend.**

**EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING**

Will be collected on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

There will be **no Moment for Mission**, but on the back table of the sanctuary will be found the envelopes and inserts, if you wish to donate. Please place the envelopes into the regular offering.

This year Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be specifically collecting for Pentecost and Christmas in July. With any of the other special offerings you may also contribute, if you wish. You may do so in the envelopes and inserts, which will be provided on the sanctuary back table.

**VESPER'S PRAYER SERVICES**

There were a total of **39** in attendance on Wednesday nights of March. Prayer is the strength of a church. Please come each Wednesday night and share in a time of prayer with your Christian brothers and sisters. Pastor Sharon

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

**“What convinces is conviction.” Lyndon B. Johnson.** 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 March & April will be for **Peace Meal Senior Nutrition.**

**NEW POCKET CHANGE MISSION LIST**

January/February  
Coalition for People in Need, Inc.

March/April  
Peace Meal Senior Nutrition

May/June  
Soup Stop

July/August  
HOPE/Coalition Against Domestic Violence

September/October  
Charleston Food Pantry

November/December  
Coalition for People in Need, Inc.

**NOTES OF APPRECIATION – A WONDERFUL BLESSING OF LOVE TO THE RECEIVER**

There were **20** notes written and mailed in **March's ministry of love.**

## **FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH**

Will be collected Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. For **Soup Stop** will be **instant coffee** and/or **insulated & non-insulated cups**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **dry pasta** and/or **mac & cheese mixes**.

## **BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)**

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 14, 2010** at **6:30 p.m.** Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Monday, April 13, 2010**. Thank you.

## **NEXT HARBINGER**

The next Harbinger will be **emailed/mailed** by **Thursday, April 29, 2010**. Please have **all items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, April 27, 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, April 4, 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 MARCH 2010**

Matthew Cash  
Martin Sircle  
Joanne Bosler  
Sharon Holderfield  
Jill & Zack Stewart  
Max & Helen Watson  
Kathy Young

## 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 APRIL 2010

### WORSHIP LEADERS

April 4	Tarry James
April 11	Kevin James
April 18	Jackie James
April 25	Doug Bacon

### ELDERS

Stan Huffman, Tarry James  
Kelly Bacon, Jan Ernst  
Stan Huffman, Lloyd Koontz  
Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples

## DIACONATE FOR APRIL 2010

### SERVE

Kathy Zuniga  
Jeff Endsley  
Maggie Huffman  
Jackie James

### PREPARE

Jackie James  
Maggie Huffman

### 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 April**, the Elder of the Month is **Kelly Bacon**, 348-1119 home.

## COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR APRIL 4, 2010

Gayle & Mike Strader, Kaye Woodward & Jim Wells

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

## ELDER SHUT-IN APRIL 4, 2010

Stan Huffman, Tarry James

## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

### APRIL 2010 BIRTHDAYS

April 4	Maegan Bosler
April 8	Bob Zuniga
April 13	Nancy Oakley
April 13	Doug Bacon
April 15	Kay Endsley
April 26	Sheri Paul

### APRIL 2010 ANNIVERSARYS

April 14	Garry & Jan Ernst
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS –APRIL

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010 – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Seder Meal at 6:00 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2, 2010 – Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3, 2010 – Choir rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010 – Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. followed by rolls, coffee cake, juice & coffee  
“King of Glory, Lord Alone” by the Chancel Choir  
at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 – Habitat Meeting at 4:00 p.m. for Pastor Sharon

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 – Evangelism Meeting at 5:00 p.m.  
Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.  
CCAR will clean church

Thursday, April 8, 2010 – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Charleston Ministerial Meeting at Noon – Catholic Church  
Choir at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11, 2010 - Children’s church school at 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 – Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Elders Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- Thursday, April 15, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 6:00 p.m.  
CWF at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 17, 2010** – Specially Called Regional Assembly – Springfield  
from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 18, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 19, 2010** – CORE Meeting at 6:30 p.m. – Salisbury Church
- Wednesday, April 21, 2010** – Lake Land Cluster in Casey at noon  
Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.  
Elder’s at 6:30 p.m.  
CCAR cleans
- Thursday, April 22, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 25, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 27, 2010** – Items due for May Harbinger
- Wednesday, April 28, 2010** – Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 29, 2010** – Pastoral Care Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. - SBLHC  
Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 6:00 p.m.  
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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*