

April 29, 2010

# The Disciple Harbinger



## Pastor Sharon's Note

Peggy Sue Wells and Pat Palau wrote in *What to Do When You Don't Want to Go to Church* (page 107), "As a busy, driven person I have to be accomplishing and producing something all the time. I thrive on being effective and efficient. My childhood church was mired in the ruts of old habits, unchanging leadership, and repetitive themes. It was boring and as soon as I was old enough to make my own decisions, I stopped attending.

"In college I followed my heart's conviction that I should return to church and began attending a large congregation that boasted an active college ministry. I surrendered my life to Jesus and began seeking the Lord for myself rather than expecting to be spoon-fed from the pulpit. The first turning point was realizing that not all churches are stodgy. Some move and grow and adapt to changing times and changing audiences. Second, I have a responsibility to God to be an active contributing part of a healthy fellowship. Church is not a passive activity. Church is a participatory event where I am involved with other believers. It's about me making a sacrifice of time and energy, giving insights and encouragement to other believers. Church is about reaching out to others with the comfort I have received. It is more about giving than receiving."

Wells and Palau could be writing about any of us. Church attendance is really about what we ourselves invest in our community of faith. If we are dissatisfied, then it is up to us to help seek change rather than simply running away from the source of the dissatisfaction. Running away only allows the problem to continue. (So does criticizing those whom we believe to be the source of the problem without seeking to be a part of the solution. Becoming part of the solution means offering solutions for solving the problem which are creative and positive. And then actively working to implement changes.) A responsible faith becomes an active part of the solution. Being part of the solution requires commitment, time, and energy.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Sharon*

## SEDER MEAL, MAUNDY THURSDAY

These were the centerpieces for the Seder Meal that was shared on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010. There were 25 in attendance for this meal & the Maundy Thursday service, & was greatly enjoyed.



## NEW REGIONAL MINISTER

On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker was voted in as the New CCIW Regional Minister & President.

## INVITATION RECEPTION FOR BETH DOBYNS

*To all Congregations & Friends  
The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI  
You are cordially invited  
To a Reception Honoring the ministry of  
BETH DOBYNS  
Acting Regional Minister & President  
on  
On Sunday, May 23, 2010  
at  
Crestview Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
4415 N. Water Street  
Decatur, IL  
At 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.*

*If you would like to send greetings or contribute to an Appreciation Gift for Dr. Dobyys, please send your greeting or donation by May 20<sup>th</sup> payable to CCIW, to: CCIW, 1011 N. Main Street, Bloomington, IL 61701.*

### **OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY**

Are extended to Iris Myers & Teresa Lukens, as sister & grandmother, Sherry L Lukens, went on to be with the Lord on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. May the Lord's loving arms surround & bring comfort.

### **BRUNCH**

Will be held this Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following worship, this is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

### **NEW BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning Monday, May 3, 2010, Pastor Sharon will lead a Bible study from the gospel of Mark. For those who didn't know, the gospel of Mark was the first of the gospel's to be written. It served as the foundation for the following books of the gospel. The study will be on Monday each week, will begin at 6:30 p.m., and be approximately one hour in length each week. This is planned to be an on-going part of the ministry here at Old State Road Christian Church. Everyone is welcome.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – “FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”**

Will be held at the St. Charles Borromeo Church at 10<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson in Charleston, on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. All are welcome to come & join in prayer with local pastors for the needs of our community, our nation, & our world. Pastor Sharon will be participating in the service, & this is being put on by the Charleston Ministerial Alliance.

### **CAMP REGISTRATION NEARING**

Please check the back bulletin board for the camp schedule, dates, amounts and date of early registration. Money needs to reach the region before the early registration date, or another \$100 will be added to the camp fee. **If you wish to check out the camp, or would like to print out a registration form, please go to [www.walterscott.org](http://www.walterscott.org).**

### **CWS 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING BENEFIT**

Will be Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Angus Links Golf Course, Windsor, IL. The Annual Golf Outing Benefit is held to help fund an elevator in the main dining hall/meeting building at CWS. Tee-Off time is at 8:00 a.m.

Would you like to help out with the elevator fund but do not play golf? We are asking for hole sponsors for the golf outing. This can be a business or just individuals -- \$50.00 per hole – we can have several sponsors per hole. If interested, contact Becky at the camp – we will be placing a hole sponsor registration form on the camp website, also. Thank you in advance!

## ELDER'S

On Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at **6:30 p.m.** the Elders will again be meeting. **All Elders are asked to please attend.**

## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Will be collected on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

One of the primary ways we are raising awareness and support of the New Church movement is through the Pentecost Offering. And once again, the theme for this special offering is **Expanding the Table**. Our message is clear – as Disciples, we welcome and embrace with the love of Christ all who will come to the table. New Church Ministry will continue to be mission-driven in ways that effectively and concretely extend the witness into neighborhoods and mission fields where new churches are planted and beyond!

**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 **19** in attendance on Wednesday nights of April. 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

**“Thy gracious eye surveyed us, ere stars were seen above; in wisdom thou has made us, and died for us in love.”** From a William Cowper (1731-1800) poem entitled **“Wisdom.”** 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** the amount collected was: \$22.61. For May & June will be for **Soup Stop**.

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

There were **15** notes written and mailed in **April's ministry of love**.

## FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. For **Soup Stop** will be **lemonade mix** and/or **paper towels**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **cereal** and/or **crackers**.

## BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 12, 2010** at **6:30 p.m.** Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, May 11, 2010**. Thank you.

## NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be **emailed/mailed** by **Thursday, June 3, 2010**. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, June 1, 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, May 2, 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.

## CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

*Serving and Growing through Christ*

### FIRST TIME VISITORS APRIL 2010

Kris Gardner  
Alex Shick  
Barbara Krehbiel

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Choir – Thursday – 6:00 p.m.  
Children's Church School Class–Sun.–9:30 a.m.  
Worship – Sunday – 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study – Monday – 6:30 p.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 MAY 2010**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

May 2	Vicki Trueblood
May 9	Patty Maples
May 16	Kelly Bacon
May 23	Eva Bacon
May 30	Stan Huffman

**ELDERS**

Kelly Bacon, Doug Bacon  
Cindy Maples, Kaye Woodward  
Jan Ernst, Patty Maples  
Vicki Trueblood, Tarry James  
Stan Huffman, Lloyd Koontz

**DIACONATE FOR MAY 2010**

**SERVE**

Molly Evans  
Eva Bacon  
Iris Myers  
Norma Mineo

**PREPARE**

Iris Myers  
Norma Mineo

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Eva Bacon  
Molly Evans  
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 May**, the Elder of the Month is **Jan Ernst**, 345-2322 home.

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR MAY 2, 2010**

Molly Evans, Ed Buxton & Jerri Davis

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

**ELDER SHUT-IN MAY 2, 2010**

Kelly Bacon, Doug Bacon

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

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

**MAY 2010 BIRTHDAYS**

Tobin Strader	May 1
Audrey Ingram	May 7
Kathy Zuniga	May 7
Julie McGowan	May 11
Don Spence	May 18
Gayle Strader	May 23
Bailey Bosler	May 24

## MAY 2010 ANNIVERSARYS

No anniversaries for the month of May

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY

- Sunday, May 2, 2010 – Children’s church school at 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.  
Brunch following worship
- Monday, May 3, 2010 – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 4, 2010 – Habitat Meeting at 4:00 p.m. for Pastor Sharon
- Wednesday, May 5, 2010 – Evangelism Meeting at 5:00 p.m.  
Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.  
CCAR will clean church
- Thursday, May 6, 2010 – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 6:00 p.m.  
**National Day of Prayer**
- Sunday, May 9, 2010 - Children’s church school at 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.  
Cougill Manor for choir & Pastor Sharon  
**MOTHER’S DAY**
- Monday, May 10, 2010 – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 12, 2010 – Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Elders Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 13, 2010 – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 16, 2010 – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
**Habitat for Humanity will present worship  
Pentecost Special Offering  
PASTOR SHARON GONE**
- Monday, May 17, 2010 – **PASTOR SHARON GONE**
- Tuesday, May 18, 2010 - **PASTOR SHARON GONE**
- Wednesday, May 19, 2010 – Lake Land Cluster in Mattoon at noon  
CCAR cleans  
**PASTOR SHARON GONE**

**Thursday, May 20, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 6:00 p.m.  
CWF at 7:00 p.m.  
**PASTOR SHARON GONE**

**Friday, May 21, 2010** - **PASTOR SHARON GONE**

**Saturday, May 22, 2010** - **PASTOR SHARON GONE**

**Sunday, May 23, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
**Pentecost Special Offering**  
**Holy Hands Puppet Team**

**Monday, May 24, 2010** – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 25, 2010** – Pastor Parish Relations Meeting at Noon

**Wednesday, May 26, 2010** – Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.  
Elder’s at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 27, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 30, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, May 31, 2010** – **MEMORIAL DAY**



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Rev. Sharon Patton, Pastor

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*