

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

July 1, 2010

The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

“There is a direct pleasure in seeing work grow under one's hands day by day, until at last it is finished. This is the pleasure attaching to a work of art or a manuscript or even mere manual labor; and, of course, the higher the work, the greater pleasure it will give us.” (Arthur Schopenhauer).

It was great “fun” this past weekend to participate in the C.O.R.E. event. Old State Road CC worked on painting the ball diamond fence at Sister City Park on June 26, 2010. The 16 or so of us that participated in the project had great fun that morning. There were 3 individuals who came from the Salisbury Church to also work with us. There is always something wonderful about ministry shared with other Christians whether they are from our church or another.

Thank you to all who gave of their time and talent to help with this project. A BIG thank you to Bob, Kathy, and Emily Zuniga, and Kathy's dad, for continuing to work on the project. They have put in many hours since Saturday. It looked, initially like a simple project—it isn't. Yet, what joy it gives to be able to reach out in ministry to the youth in our city. Most will never know who we are but they will know that someone cared enough about them to paint a fence they see frequently.

Much of the time we think of our efforts as manual labor. However, this was and is ministry. We are reaching out in the name of Jesus and sharing His love for those whom will participate in sports activities on that field. Ministry in His name is always fulfilling. And, the fact that we can serve Him brings pleasure to us all.

In Christ,
Pastor Sharon

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SPECIAL OFFERING

There will be a Christmas in July offering taken, collecting offerings for the CCIW Region, our own Region.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

There were a total of **22** in the Bible Study on Monday evenings, for the month of June.

ELDER'S

On Wednesday, July 21st, at **6:30 p.m.** the Elders will again be meeting. **All Elders are asked to please attend.**

VESPER'S PRAYER SERVICES

There were a total of **27** in attendance on Wednesday nights of June. 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

"If we really meant it when we called Christ 'Lord' and loved everyone and shared what we have with them, the whole world would soon be filled with a sense of the presence of God, wouldn't it?" John Killinger, "If Christians Were Really Christian". 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

In May & June \$30.00 was collected for **Soup Stop.**

For July & August will be for **HOPE/Coalition Against Domestic Violence.**

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

There were **19** notes written and mailed in **June's ministry of love.**

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, July 4th & July 11th. For **Soup Stop** will be **fresh oranges and apples** and/or **heavy paper plates**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **toilet paper** and/or **all sizes of diapers.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

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

NEXT HARBINGER

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

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ

FIRST TIME VISITORS MAY 2010

Justin Erickson
Jim & Elaine Whitkanack
Greg & Denise Wilgenbusch

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 people are needed – if like to help, please call the church office.

SERVING THE LORD FOR JULY 2010

WORSHIP LEADERS

July 4 Tricia Briggerman
July 11 Kevin James
July 18 Kelly Bacon
July 25 Eva Bacon

ELDERS

Vicki Trueblood, Tarry James
Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples
Stan Huffman, Lloyd Koontz
Jan Ernst, Doug Bacon

DIACONATE FOR JULY 2010

SERVE

Jackie James
Kim Steffes

PREPARE

Jackie James
Kim Steffes

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

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 July**, the Elder of the Month is **Tricia Briggerman**, 508-6230 Cell.

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JULY 4, 2010

July's Coffee Fellowship servers are, Jan & Garry Ernst, Norma Mineo.

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

ELDER SHUT-IN JULY 4, 2010

Vicki Trueblood, Tarry James

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

JULY 2010 BIRTHDAYS

Ed Buxton	July 1
Jon Adams	July 6
Audra Roach	July 6
George H. Denham	July 6
Pastor Sharon Patton	July 10
Joyce Allen	July 14
Madison Endsley	July 15
Florence Giffin	July 16
Ruth Bunch	July 28

JULY 2010 ANNIVERSARYS

None for July

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JULY

- Thursday, July 1, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 p.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
Harbinger mailed/emailed
- Sunday, July 4, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.
INDEPENDENCE DAY
- Monday, July 5, 2010** – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Sharon is SBLHC Chaplain
- Tuesday, July 6, 2010** – Pastor Sharon is SBLHC Chaplain
- Wednesday, July 7, 2010** – Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
Evangelism Committee Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
CCAR will clean church
Pastor Sharon is SBLHC Chaplain
- Thursday, July 8, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
Pastor Sharon is SBLHC Chaplain
- Friday, July 9, 2010** – Pastor Sharon is SBLHC Chaplain
- Saturday, July 10, 2010** – Pastor Sharon is SBLHC Chaplain
- Sunday, July 11, 2010** - Children’s church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.
Maples Shower
Cougill Manor at 4:00 p.m. – Pastor Sharon and Choir
- Monday, July 12, 2010** – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 13, 2010** – Committee reports due for board booklet
- Wednesday, July 14, 2010** – Vesper’s Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Elders at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 15, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 18, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

- Monday, July 19, 2010** – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 21, 2010** – Vesper's Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
Elders at 6:30 p.m.
CCAR cleans
- Thursday, July 22, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 24, 2010** – Family Reunion
- Sunday, July 25, 2010** – Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Hands Puppet Team
- Monday, July 26, 2010** – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 27, 2010** – Pastor Parish Relations Meeting at 12:00 Noon
- Wednesday, July 28, 2010** – Vesper's Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 29, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
Harbinger



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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*