

November 4, 2010

The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

It is already November, and the month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Although Thanksgiving is a secular holiday, we in the church know that an attitude of thanksgiving is important each and every day of our lives. God is so good to us. In the Psalms we find these words written:

*"I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving." (69:30)*

And Paul wrote these words to the church at Philippi:

*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (4:6)*

Giving thanks, especially to God, was an important concern of the scripture writers. They emphasized that we should, especially, thank God for everything we have, for as they remind us, everything we have and are is a gift from God. Our families, the lifestyle we live, our health, the country in which we live, and our church are all gifts from God to us. What a wonderful God we have and serve. Our God not only invites us to accept blessing upon blessing, but our God also invites us to know Him better and more fully.

And, speaking of church and thanksgiving, I am especially thankful, that I am here at Old State Road Christian Church. We are now in our second year together in ministry and words are inadequate to describe what a wonderful experience being here at OSRCC has meant to me. I feel privileged that God has allowed me to share mutual ministry with you the members of this congregation. Thank you to each of you for inviting me, and my family to be part of your church family.

My wish for each of you is to have a bountiful day giving thanks with your families and friends, later this month. May your time bring joy and peace as you celebrate together. And, let us all thank God for generously blessing each of us with all that we have and are.

In Christ,

Pastor Sharon



THANKSGIVING DINNER & HANNAH DRAKE

The Thanksgiving Dinner will be Sunday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m., followed by Hannah Drake playing the harp at 6:00 p.m. Turkey, ham, rolls, noodles and potatoes will be provided, please bring a covered dish to share.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 21st immediately following worship. As this is a very important part of the church's future, all are asked to please attend. Though only the members have a voting right, everyone's thoughts are wanted and appreciated. **A quorum is needed to do any business, so please plan to stay.**

PREPARING THE HOUSE OF GOD FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

On Sunday, November 21st following the Annual Congregational Meeting, decorating of the church will take place. A light lunch will be served to those who wish to stay and help, and **could you please bring finger food to share?** All hands are needed, and would be greatly appreciated.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Hanging of the Greens will be done on Sunday, November 28th.

CHARLESTON MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The CMA will meet at OSRCC, Thursday, November 4th at noon, with Althea Pendergast coming to share information about Pathways.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Our sympathy and prayers go to **Jackie & Tarry James; Kevin James; Kelly & Doug Bacon & family; Kim & Richard Miller & family**, as mother, grandmother, great-grandmother went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 17th. We lift them up to the Lord, that He may surround them with His love and comforting care.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to **Mitch & Melissa Goodwin** on their new blessing of a baby girl, **Sophia**, born September 16th, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. Children are a blessing of God, and given out of love, and to share His love through new life, as He shares new life for each of us.

2010 THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, November 14th & 21st, the Thanksgiving Special Offering will be collected. This special offering supports Disciples Colleges, Universities, and Theological Institutions (of which there are 21). These higher learning educators, help students discover vast opportunities to educate the heart, the mind, and the soul. This year it is entitled, "Making a Difference." Your support of Disciples higher educational institutions through the Thanksgiving Special Offering make a difference in the lives of the more than 26,000 students who chose a Disciples education. There will be envelopes and flyers on the back table concerning the offering.

ANNUAL AUCTION

The Annual Auction brought in a total of \$ 1,634.00.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

CCIW Regional Assembly is being held Friday, November 12th & Saturday, November 13th in Decatur, with a few follow-up meetings and post-assembly conversations on Sunday, November 14th. Meeting together to remember the *Disciples Basics: Acting, Being, and Caring in Community*. **All disciples are encouraged to attend!**

WORSHIP COMMITTEE'S ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DATE TO REMEMBER

November 21st - decorate the church right after the church service. Please bring finger food to share.

December 11th - pizza and caroling. Will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.

December 24th - there will be **2 services** - 10:00 a.m. (service, meditation & communion served) & 11:00 p.m. ("Candles & Carols" by the choir & communion served)

January 2nd - take down the tree and decorations, immediately following worship.

Advent/Christmas Candle Lighting Dates

November 28 - First Sunday of Advent

December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

December 26 - First Sunday after Christmas



TIME CHANGE

Remember to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 7, 2010.

ELDER'S

On Wednesday, November 17th, at 6:30 p.m. the Elder's Meeting has been cancelled, due to Lakeland Cluster having a "Get Acquainted Session" for the new Regional Minister, Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker at Marshall Avenue Christian Church in Mattoon, at 7:00 p.m. The hope is for the Elders to attend the "Get Acquainted Session."

AS HEARD AROUND THE OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"Four Worms . . . A Sermon"

"A minister decided that a visual demonstration would help to illustrate his Sunday sermon.

So he placed 4 worms into 4 separate jars.

1. Alcohol
2. Cigarette smoke
3. Chocolate syrup
4. Plain good clean soil

The first worm was put into the container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

Then the fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol = Dead
The second worm in cigarette smoke = Dead
The third worm in chocolate syrup = Dead
The fourth worm that was in good clean sold = Alive

So the minister asked the congregation – What did you learn from this demonstration???

Maxine, who was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, ‘As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won’t have worms!’” Thank you, Stan Huffman, M.D.

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

For September & October was for **Charleston Food Pantry**, there was a total of \$ 10.96 collected.

For November & December will be for **Coalition for People in Need, Inc.**

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, November 7th & 14th. For **Soup Stop** will be **bottles of water** and/or **plastic utensils**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **tomato sauce** and/or **dry pasta**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

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

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be **emailed/mailed by Thursday, December 2, 2010.** Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, November 30, 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, November 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.

CHURCH’S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ

FIRST TIME VISITORS OCTOBER 2010

No new visitors in October.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Choir - **Through November - Wednesday** - 5:30 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.

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 NOVEMBER 2010

WORSHIP LEADERS

November 7 Kathy Zuniga
November 17 Gayle Strader
November 21 Mike Strader
November 28 Patty Maples

ELDERS

Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples
Jan Ernst, Kaye Woodward
Vicki Trueblood, Cindy Maples
Stan Huffman

DIACONATE FOR NOVEMBER 2010

SERVE

Molly Evans
Amanda McGowan
Iris Myers
Maggie Huffman

PREPARE

Iris Myers
Maggie Huffman

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Molly Evans
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 November**, the Elder of the Month is **Tarry James**, 345-6890.

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2010

October's Coffee Fellowship servers are, **Jackie & Tarry James, Kelly & Doug Bacon.**
Coffee/Juice Fellowship will only be served on the first Sunday of each month.

ELDER SHUT-IN NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Tricia Briggerman, Patty Maples

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

NOVEMBER 2010 BIRTHDAYS

Jan Ernst	November 10
Garrett Bacon	November 15
Garry Ernst	November 15
Jeff Endsley	November 18
Elyn Pogliano	November 29

NOVEMBER 2010 ANNIVERSARYS

Jim & Kaye (Woodward) Wells November 25



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER

Monday, November 1, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 - Linda gone

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 - CCAR Cleans
Choir at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 4, 2010 - **CMA, OSRCC at Noon**
Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Evangelism Committee Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 7, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.
Cougill Manor - Pastor Sharon & Choir at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 8, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 9, 2010** – **Materials due for Board Booklet**
- Wednesday, November 10, 2010** – Choir at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Elder Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 11, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
VETERANS DAY!
- Friday, November 12, 2010** – Clergy Ethics Seminar – Decatur
Regional Assembly Begins – Sunday, November 14, 2010
- Sunday, November 14, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Dinner at 4:00 p.m.
Hannah Drake playing the harp at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 15, 2010** – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 16, 2010** – Linda gone
- Wednesday, November 17, 2010** – Lakeland Cluster “Get Acquainted,” MACC at 7:00 p.m.
Choir at 5:30 p.m.
CCAR Cleans
- Thursday, November 18, 2010** – Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
CWF at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 21, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Annual Congregational Meeting following worship
Decorate for Advent/Christmas
- Thursday, November 25, 2010** – **HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!!!**
- Friday, November 26, 2010** – **Office closed**
- Sunday, November 28, 2010** – Children’s church school at 9:30 a.m. **(Holy Hands)**
Hanging of the Greens during Worship
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, November 29, 2010** – Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 30, 2010** – Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting at Noon
Linda gone



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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*