

December 2, 2010

The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

We no more than finish Thanksgiving than we begin the season of Advent. Advent is a Latin word meaning "to come." For Christians, Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of a Christ-centered Christmas. Advent is a time to re-think and renew our allegiance to Jesus Christ--the one whose birth we await once again.

Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical church year. This Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year of A. (I've often wondered how our calendar came to be so uncreative named years A, B, and C. That is another topic to be researched.)

Advent allows us to relive in memory the initial coming of Jesus to earth. Advent also allows us to reflect on our faith and what Jesus means to us in a more personal way. Advent offers the possibility of spiritual renewal. Advent allows us the time to reflect on the continuous coming of the risen Jesus Christ into our every day life as well as the promised coming at the end of the age.

Thus, Advent can be a time of adventure and spiritual growth. Thus, let the adventure begin. By the way, if you have not already picked one up, there are Advent meditation books on the back table in our sanctuary. These are a great way to embrace the adventure and growth of the season. And, the author of this year's meditation books is a young woman I consider to be a friend as well as a sister in Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Sharon



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BAGS

If you are filling a school bag for Church World Service, please have it in the church library by Sunday, December 12th.

ANNUAL AUCTION

The Annual Auction brought in a total of \$ 1,634.00, this money was used to buy the beautiful drapes at the back of the sanctuary, as well as 2 new candle lighters and a candle lighter stand.

DECEMBER CHOIR REHEARSALS

For the month of December the choir will rehearse at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.



"GREAT DAY" CANTATA

The cantata will be on Sunday, December 19th during the regular worship time. The choir has been working very hard to prepare this blessing, you won't want to miss.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE'S ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DATES TO REMEMBER

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

December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent (**Peace**) – Julie & Amanda McGowan will be lighting the Advent candles

December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent (**Joy**) – Paul, Tricia Briggerman, Kristyn Haworth & Dylan Briggerman will be lighting the Advent candles

December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent (**Love**)– Kelly, Doug, Garrett, & Eva Bacon will be lighting the Advent candles

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at **11:00 p.m. service (Christ's birth)** – Bob, Kathy & Emily Zuniga will be lighting the Advent candles

December 26 – First Sunday after Christmas – Mike Chron & Molly Evans will be lighting the Advent candles

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

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

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, December 5th & 12th. For **Soup Stop** will be **cereal/granola bars** and/or **disposable utensils**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **macaroni & cheese mixes** and/or **cereal**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, December 7, 2010.** Thank you.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be **emailed/mailed by Thursday, December 30, 2010.** Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, December 28, 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, December 5, 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 NOVEMBER 2010

Darrell Washington

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Choir - **Through December - Thursday** - 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 DECEMBER 2010

WORSHIP LEADERS

December 5
December 12
December 19
December 26

Cindy Maples
Vicki Trueblood
Doug Bacon
Kevin James

ELDERS

Doug Bacon, Tarry James
Stan Huffman, Jan Ernst
Gayle Strader, Patty Maples
Kaye Woodward, Vicki Trueblood

DIACONATE FOR DECEMBER 2010

SERVE

Velma Spence
Kevin James
Nancy Oakley
Garrett Bacon

PREPARE

Kevin James
Garrett Bacon

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Velma Spence
Nancy Oakley
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 December**, the Elder of the Month is **Vicki Trueblood**, 345-7244.

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 5, 2010

October's Coffee Fellowship servers are, **Congregational Life Committee.**
Coffee/Juice Fellowship will only be served on the first Sunday of each month.

ELDER SHUT-IN DECEMBER 5, 2010

Doug Bacon, Tarry James

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

DECEMBER 2010 BIRTHDAYS

Chase Staggs	December 8
Les Trueblood	December 23

DECEMBER 2010 ANNIVERSARYS

Bill & Laurie Olson	December 17
Doug & Kelly Bacon	December 23
Bob & Kathy Zuniga	December 28



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 - CCAR Cleans
Lakeland Cluster at OSRCC at Noon

Thursday, December 2, 2010 - CMA at 1st Presbyterian Church at Noon
Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Evangelism Committee Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Choir at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 5, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m. - **2nd Sunday of Advent**
Peace Sunday

- Monday, December 6, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 7, 2010 - Piano Tuner at Noon
Materials due for Board Booklet
- Wednesday, December 8, 2010 - Board of Elder Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 9, 2010 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Brainstorm meeting for Habitat Breakfast in March at 12:30 p.m.
Choir at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 12, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m. - **3rd Sunday of Advent**
Joy Sunday
Christmas Special Offering
- Monday, December 13, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
Print Paychecks dated the 15th
- Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - Linda gone
- Wednesday, December 15, 2010 - Elder's at 6:30 p.m.
CCAR Cleans
- Thursday, December 16, 2010 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 5:30 p.m.
CWF at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 19, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. - **4th Sunday of Advent**
Love Sunday
Cantata by Chancel Choir "Great Day" during worship
Christmas Special Offering
- Monday, December 20, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 23, 2010 - Soup Stop at 10:30 p.m.
Choir at 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 24, 2010 - **Christmas Eve service** with meditation & communion at **10:00 a.m.**
Christmas Eve service with Chancel choir singing "Candles & Carols" with communion at **11:00 p.m.**

- Saturday, December 25, 2010 - **HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!!!**
- Sunday, December 26, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. - 1st Sunday after
 Christmas (**Holy Hands**)
- Monday, December 27, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 28, 2010 - Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting at Noon
Harbinger Deadline
 Linda gone
- Wednesday, December 29, 2010 - Journal Gazette/Times Courier Views Due by Pastor
 Sharon
Print Paychecks dated the 1st
- Thursday, December 30, 2010 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
 Chancel Choir at 5:30 p.m.
Harbinger hopefully out by this date
- Friday, December 31, 2010 - **Journal Gazette/Times Courier Clergy Views in Paper**
HAVE A SAFE AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR!!!





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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*