

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

In a book entitled, "*More Holy Humor*," and written by Cal and Rose Samra, there is the following poem. It is written by Msgr Joseph P Dooley of Martins Creek, Pennsylvania. The poem is an obvious spin-off of another famous poem which was written by Sara Teasdale. The Dooley poem reads like this:

"I think that I shall never see
A church that's all it ought to be
A church whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.
A church that has no empty pews,
Whose people all pay their dues
A church whose members always sing,
And flock to church when bells ring.
Such perfect churches there may be,
But none of them are known to me
But still we'll work and pray and plan
To make our own the best we can."

I first read the Teasdale version when I was a small child just learning to read. Perhaps that is why this version caught my eye. The author speaks of our own human condition as Christians and those who attend church. None of us attend a perfect church. But we do work and pray and plan and, always, make the best we can. Praise God for divine grace.

In Christ,
Pastor Sharon

ANOTHER STEWARDSHIP EVENT

Last fall several members of Old State Road Christian Church attended a stewardship event sponsored by the Lakeland Cluster of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois-Wisconsin. Rev Ed Taylor was the speaker and gave us glimpses of the wisdom of his own experiences with stewardship issues. Nearly everyone in attendance said they gained valuable information. Ed also invited those of us in attendance to share our own experiences.

The cluster will again be sponsoring a stewardship event with Ed. **THIS WILL NOT BE A REPEAT OF THE EARLIER EVENT.** Rather, it will be the sequel of that workshop. We will again receive the benefit of Ed's wealth of experience. This event is planned for **March 13th, from 2 pm to 5 pm at the First Christian Church in Sullivan.** Please mark your calendars. More details will follow as they become available.

WORSHIP MINISTRY DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3, 2011	6:30 pm	Worship Ministry meets
March 9, 2011	7 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
April 17, 2011	9:30 am	Palm Sunday
April 21, 2011	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
April 22, 2011	7 pm	Good Friday Service
April 24, 2011	7 am	Easter Sunrise Service
April 24, 2011	8 am	Easter Breakfast
April 24, 2011	9:30 am	Worship

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

For January 2011 through February 2011 will be for **Coalition for People in Need, Inc.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Monday, February 7, 2011.** Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know will not be able to attend church and would like to receive communion on **Sunday, February 6, 2011**, please call the church office at **345-3003**. If no answer, please leave a message on the voice mail that you are requesting communion on this Sunday. Shut-in communion is always the first Sunday of the month. Communion is also available at other times if you will call the church. **Elders serving Shut-In communion February 6th will be: Kelly and Doug Bacon.**

ELDER OF THE MONTH

The church has an Elder of Month program. If at anytime, you are in need and are unable to get in touch with Pastor Sharon, the Elder of the Month may be called. For the **month of February**, the Elder of the Month is **Gayle Strader**, 345-6987.

OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT *Serving and Growing through Christ*

Congregational Life Dates to Put on Your Calendar

February 27, 2011	Reception for Linda Thornton, 2 pm - 4 pm
March 20, 2011	Chili Cookout, 4 pm
April 24, 2011	Easter Breakfast, 8 am
May 22, 2011	Brunch
September 11, 2011	Spaghetti Supper, 5:30 pm
October 9, 2011	Annual Auction, 3 pm
November 13, 2011	Thanksgiving Dinner, 4 pm

FIRST TIME VISITORS in January

January 23, 2011 Stan & Paula Marek (Paris, IL)

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.

Pathways is a ministry sponsored by Lakeland Community College. Pathways seeks to assist and support local teenagers who are in need. There is a box for items that are donated. A list of items that are needed is posted on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD for February 2011

WORSHIP LEADERS

6	Mike Strader
13	Gayle Strader
20	Trisha Briggerman
27	Patty Maples

ELDERS

6	Kelly Bacon and Doug Bacon
13	Gayle Strader and Mike Strader
20	Cindy Maples and Kaye Woodward
27	Vicki Trueblood and Laurie Olson

DIACONATE FOR February 2011

SERVE

Molly Evans
Iris Myers
Julie McGowan
Eva Bacon

PREPARE

Molly Evans
Iris Myers

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Eva Bacon
Julie McGowan
Kristyn Haworth
Emily Zuniga
Malcolm McCarthy, Lilly Dilley

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR February, 2011

February's Coffee Fellowship servers are: **Patty Maples and Tricia Briggerman**
Coffee/Juice Fellowship will be served on Sunday mornings.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will hopefully be **emailed/mailed** by March 1st. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than** February 24th. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

February 2011 BIRTHDAYS

Patty Maples	4
Kelly Bacon	7
Dylan Briggerman	7
Marty Watson	13
Paul Slifer	16
Donna Slifer	24
LaNeesha Nailing	27

February 2011 ANNIVERSARYS

There are no anniversaries reported

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - February

February	1	3:15 pm	Stewardship Ministry meets
	3	5:30 pm	Choir
		6:30 pm	Worship Ministry meets
	6	9:30 am	Worship and Children's Church
	7	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	9	5:15 pm	Evangelism Ministry
		6:30 pm	Board of Elders meets
	10	12 pm	Charleston Ministerial Association
		5:30 pm	Choir
	13	9:30 am	Worship and Children's Church
	14	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	16	12 pm	Lakeland Cluster-Mattoon Marshall Ave
		6:30 pm	Elders meet
	17	5:30 pm	Choir
		6:30 pm	CWF
		6:30 pm	CORE meeting
	20	9:30 am	Worship and Children's Church
	21	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	24	5:30 pm	Choir
	27	9:30 am	Worship and Children's Church
		2 pm-4 pm	Reception for Linda Thornton
	28	6:30 pm	Bible Study



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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*