



The Disciple Harbinger

Pastor Sharon's Note

Within the next 2 or 3 weeks you will be receiving a newsletter from us that will be dated the year 2017. This is not a mistake. It is, rather, our visioning dream for what we want our church to look like when we reach that calendar year. During 2011 many of you know that we began a process of vision planning for the future of our church. As a vision planning team, and as a congregation, we have met with Scott Woolridge, the Illinois-Wisconsin (Disciples of Christ) Christian Church Associate Minister, on several occasions. Part of our assignment for reaching the goals we have formulated for the next 5 years is to publish them in a newsletter and to distribute it to our membership.

The year of 2012 is now the beginning of the planning process to reach our goals. (I dare say that the years of 2013 and 2014 will also be devoted to continuing the planning process for goal achievement.) It is an easy process to set goals for ourselves. But, unless we implement them into plans for their achievement, they all too often die without any chance of becoming reality. We do not want this to happen. Thus, our newsletter stating our dream for our church is the beginning of implementing those dreams becoming a reality.

Enjoy the newsletter. And join us on this journey of discerning God's vision for us and planning the process to make our vision a reality. It should be a wonderful adventure.

**In Christ,
Pastor Sharon**

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

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Disciples of Christ History



Caroline Neville Pearre

After the failure of the early attempt at missions, Disciples of Christ women decided to develop a mission program. Although at the time the participation of women in the denomination was limited, there was a growing movement of both men and women who supported their involvement.

Caroline Neville Pearre, wife an Iowa City, Iowa pastor, was called to give leadership to the development of a mission program. The program would need structure, missionaries, and money. By October, 1874, the involvement of Disciples of Christ in the work of missions had successfully begun.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Children's Church - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study - Monday - 6:30 p.m.

Choir - Thursday - 5:30 p.m.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

Due to recent troubling events in the area, the board has adopted a new policy concerning our children. If a child should go missing during an event held here, CALL 911 as you begin searching – & make the call from a CHURCH PHONE. We hope it is never necessary, but feel it's best to have a plan in place.

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Our Pocket Change will be going to The Coalition for People in Need during January & February.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

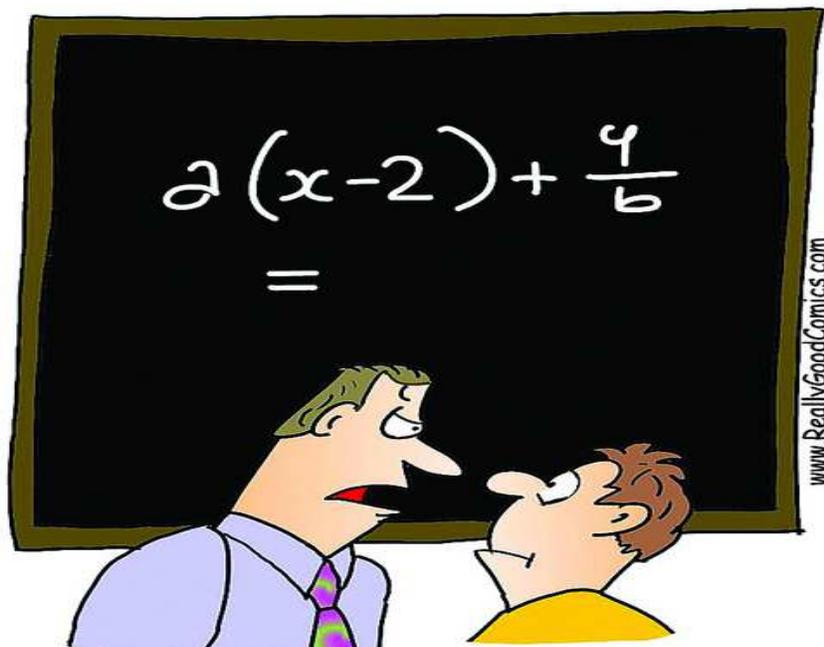
The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, the 10th**. Thank you.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next **Harbinger** will be **emailed/mailed** by Friday, January 27, 2012. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Wednesday, the 25th**. Thank you.

CONTINUING CHURCH OUTREACH

Soup Stop Help is needed every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. – 2 or 3 people are needed – if you'd like to help, please call the church office.



"YES, THIS **IS** A CHRISTIAN MATH CLASS,
BUT NO, 'BY FAITH ALONE' IS NOT THE RIGHT ANSWER"

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know will not be able to be in church and would like to receive communion, 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. It is always done the first Sunday of each month.

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP

Nancy Oakley is in charge of the coffee/juice fellowship for the month of January.

SERVING THE LORD FOR JANUARY

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 1 Kevin James
- 8 Jackie James
- 15 Vicki Trueblood
- 22 Mike Chron
- 29 Tarry James

ELDERS

- Vicki Trueblood & Tarry James
- Stan Huffman & Laurie Olson
- Jan Ernst & Tricia Briggerman
- Mike Strader & Gayle Strader
- Cindy Maples & Kaye Woodward

DIACONATE FOR JANUARY

SERVE

- Mitch Goodwin
- Mike Chron
- Kathy Zuniga
- Jackie James

PREPARE

- Jackie James
- Kathy Zuniga

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

- Mitch Goodwin
- Mike Chron
- Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga
- Joey Upton

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

The church has begun an Elder of Month program. If at any time, you are in need and are unable to get in touch with the office, or Pastor Sharon is unavailable, the Elder of the

Month may be called. For the month of January 2012, the Elder of the Month is Kaye Woodward – 549-4241.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

JANUARY 2012 BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Wayne Hunt
- 5 Kim Steffes
- 6 Thomas Bosler
- 9 Norma Mineo
- 11 Bailey Staggs
- 13 Molly Evans
- 13 Ty Nailing
- 13 Verlon Myers
- 31 Madielynn Sims



JANUARY 2012 ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 Paul & Tricia Briggerman





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2012

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| 1---9:30 am | Worship/Children's Church |
| 5---5:30 pm | Choir |
| 8---9:30 am | Worship/Children's Church |
| 9---6:30 pm | Bible Study |
| 11---6:30 pm | Board Meeting |
| 12---5:30 pm | Choir |
| 15---9:30 am | Worship/Children's Church |
| 16---6:30 pm | Bible Study |
| 18---6:30 pm | Elders Meeting |
| 18---9:30 pm | Worship/Children's Church |
| 19---5:30 pm | Choir |
| 22---9:30 am | Worship/Children's Church – Laity Sunday |
| 23---6:30 pm | Bible Study |
| 25---6:30 pm | Vision Planning Team & Elders Meet w/ Dr. Scott Woolridge |
| 26---5:30 pm | Choir |
| 29---9:30 am | Worship/Children's Church |
| 30---6:30 pm | Bible Study |

**“Create in me a pure heart,
O God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me.**

-Psalm 51:10

Holy Humor

(cause God likes to hear you laugh!!)

(Taken from www.angelfire.com unless otherwise noted)



"There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor. After the close of the service, the group gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst. He was a visitor who had never attended their church before. "My friend," asked the pastor, did you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?" "Yes," said the visitor, "and after that sermon, I'm about as bored as you can get!!"

Q: Did you hear about that group of dyslexic devil worshippers?

A: They sold their souls to Santa!

A man: God, how much is a million dollars to you?

God: It is but a penny.

A man: God, how long is a million years to you?

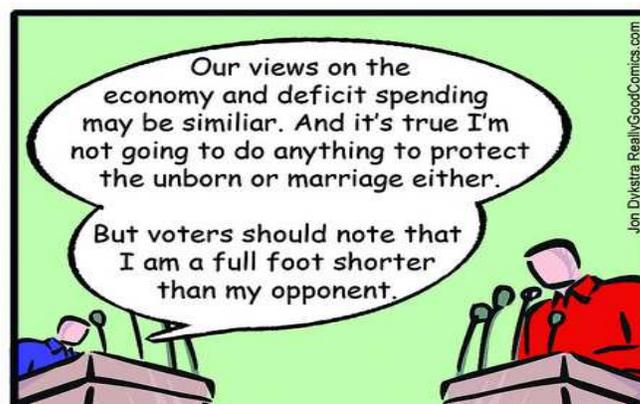
God: It is but a second.

A man: God, could you please give me a penny?

God: Sure, just a second.

"Top Ten Reasons for Joining the Choir"

10. Your running out of clean clothes and the choir robes save on laundry.
9. You've just been selected for jury duty and want to get used to sitting with a group of people.
8. Your church is so full you want to ensure that you always have a seat.
7. The collection plate is never passed to the choir.
6. There's a clock at the back of the sanctuary and you want to be the first to know when it's 12:00.
5. The preacher is new and you want to be close by in case he says something heretical.
4. For years you've wanted to know who sits in the back pews but were always afraid to turn around.
3. You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the preacher to catch you.
2. The chairs in the choir are the most comfortable in the sanctuary.
1. Your favorite movie is Sister Act!



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Marci Jo Ferguson – Secretary

Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Church during Worship 9:30 a.m.

Office hours are – Tuesday – Friday, 9-3