



The Disciple Harbinger

Pastor Sharon's Note

"When I start to feel overwhelmed by
the problems and stresses of
everyday life, I know it's time to find
a quiet place where I can retreat and
rest my mind, body, and spirit.

Meditation is good for my soul."

This writing by an anonymous author is a gentle reminder that all of us need those quiet places of retreat to which we can go for rest and renewal. Perhaps it is somewhere in our home. Perhaps it is somewhere in nature, e.g., a park or our back yard. Or, perhaps it is in church. Our churches should be and can be used for that quiet place of respite at times other than Sunday morning.

Here at OSRCC, the building is generally quiet most mornings. The sanctuary, and our chapel, are seldom used throughout the day. There may be much activity in the office area but generally no one is in the chapel or the sanctuary. If you need a quiet place to meditate, and cannot do so elsewhere, why not give the church a try? It's what we are for!

**In Christ,
Pastor Sharon**



Disciples of Christ History

In their book, "Journey in Faith", McAllister and Tucker wrote of the peak of the influence and strength of the Disciples in the mid-1920's. Church and Sunday School attendance were high. Offerings were good and church construction was endorsed with enthusiasm. Mission work was expanding and church colleges were being overstaffed for the boom.

By 1925 it was beginning to be obvious that this period of growth and expansion was coming to an end. Many changes were taking place on our society. There was movement from the farm to the city. There was a change in the moral standards of the people. The use of automobiles were increasingly popular. Consumerism was becoming the norm. And the radio and other opportunities of entertainment were affecting the church. And the church was slowly being split into two differing factions with differing opinions. Life would never be the same in the church. Does this description of changing times sound familiar?



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.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule for the Easter week activities and services.



Thursday, April 5th -

Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 8th -

Easter Sunrise Service – 7:00 am

Easter Brunch – 8:00 am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – 8:30 am

Worship/Children's Church – 9:30 am

"WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?"

CWF is continuing with the study of Phillip Yancey's *"What's So Amazing About Grace?"*
All women are invited and the next meeting is **April 19th at 6:30 pm.**

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

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

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Our Pocket Change will be going to the Pathways for Teens Program
during the months of March & April.



NEXT HARBINGER

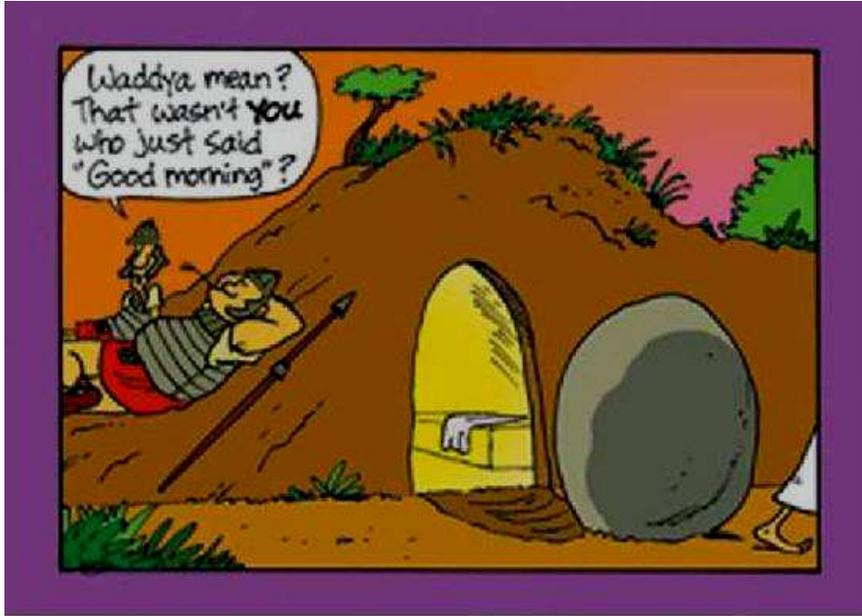
The next **Harbinger** will be **emailed/mailed** around Friday, April 27th, 2012. Please have
all items into the office **no later than Tuesday, April 24th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know will not be able to be in church and would like to receive communion, 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 & Jackie James are in charge of the Coffee/Juice Fellowship for the month of April.



SERVING THE LORD FOR APRIL

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 1 Patty Maples
- 8 Tarry James
- 15 Mike Chron
- 22 Jackie James
- 29 Cindy Maples



ELDERS

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

DIACONATE FOR APRIL

SERVE

- Kathy Zuniga
- Mitch Goodwin
- Maggie Huffman

PREPARE

- Jackie James
- Maggie Huffman

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

- Mitch Goodwin
- Kathy Zuniga
- Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga,

Jackie James

Joey Upton

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

The church has 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 **April**, the Elder of the Month is **Stan Huffman** – 345-6889 or 254-6887.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your calendars for some exciting events taking place in May.

May 6th, the **Adult Sunday School Class** will begin meeting following the Worship Service.

All adults are welcome.

Also on **May 6th**, at **2:00 pm**, all are invited to watch the movie "*Courageous*". Finger foods and drinks will be provided.

Later in the month, on **May 20th**, be sure to stay for the **Brunch** following the morning worship.



HAPPY EASTER

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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



APRIL 2012 ANNIVERSARIES

14 Garry & Jan Ernst



*Happy
Wedding
Anniversary!*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2012

1----9:30 am	Worship/Children's Church
2----6:30 pm	Bible Study
4----6:30 pm	Vision Planning Meeting
5----6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
8----7:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service
8----8:00 am	Easter Brunch
8----8:30 am	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
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
15----4:00 pm	Cougill Manor
16----6:30 pm	Bible Study
18----12:00 pm	Cluster – Paris IL.
18----6:30 pm	Vision Planning Meeting
19----5:30 pm	Choir
19----6:30 pm	CWF (<i>Study of "What's So Amazing About Grace" continues</i>)
22----9:30 am	Worship/Children's Church
22---12:30 pm	Chi-Rho
23----6:30 pm	Bible Study
26----5:30 pm	Choir
29----9:30 am	Worship/Children's Church





Holy Humor

(cause God likes to hear you laugh!!)
(Taken from www.signsandwonders.org unless otherwise noted)



MOTHER KNOWS BEST

A young lady came home from a date rather sad. She told her mother, "Anthony proposed to me an hour ago."

"Then why are you so sad?" her mother asked.

"Because he also told me he is an atheist. Mom, he doesn't even believe there's a Hell."

Her mother replied, "Marry him anyway. Between the two of us, we'll show him how wrong he is."

DON'T ARGUE WITH CHILDREN

A girl passed an old man's house on the way to Sunday School. One day the old man said, "Why do you always go to Sunday school? All they tell you is ridiculous fairy tales!"

So the little girl replied, "Like what?"

"Well," the old man said, "like that story about Jonah and the giant fish. Do you really believe that that could happen?"

"I don't know, but when I get to heaven I'll ask him."

The old man said, "Well, what if Jonah's not there?"

"Then you can ask him." the little girl replied.

ADAM & EVE

Adam was returning home late one night when Eve confronted him. "You're seeing another woman, aren't you?" she accused.

"Don't be silly," he replied. "You're the only woman on Earth."

Later that night Adam woke up feeling a tickle on his chest. "What on Earth are you doing?" he asked Eve.

"Counting your ribs."

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IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE BUSY FOR A VERY,
LONG TIME ... I NEED YOU TO RESEARCH
LEADING RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND FORMULATE
A SOUND CONCLUSION FOR ME TO EMBRACE

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ



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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