

A Newsletter from the Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Of Charleston, IL. January 2013



## The Disciple Harbinger

#### Pastor Sharon's Note

As I write this, Christmas is only a week away. The children are, without a doubt, excited and impatient and eagerly awaiting Christmas Day. Many of them are saying, "Hurry Santa--don't be late." (By the way, if you haven't seen the Christmas light display in the park in Mattoon, you've missed a real treat.) And the first significant signs of winter weather are due to arrive in a couple more days. Perhaps there will even be snow for Christmas. Don't forget, there will be a 7 pm Christmas Eve candlelight service on Monday.

It takes time and effort to prepare for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The elves have been busy here at OSRCC collecting socks and underwear for needy families. We have collected food for those who are hungry. We have received an offering for blankets for those who are cold. We've taken food to first responders in our city as a way of showing our appreciation for their faithful service. Last Sunday a group of members of our church travelled throughout Charleston to sing of Christmas blessings to some of our own members and to a number of residents in care centers located here. One carol told us of "figgy pudding." Do you know figgy pudding? And many of us give some of our time and talents to the many other charitable organizations in our community. We are among those who are Christ's hands and feet as we minister here in Charleston.

Thank you to all of you who have given in some way this season--and every season. You make life just a little brighter for many who have need. Through your efforts and generosity the love and light of Christ shines brighter in the world that continually is confronted by darkness.

Merry Christmas,

In peace,

Pastor Sharon

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

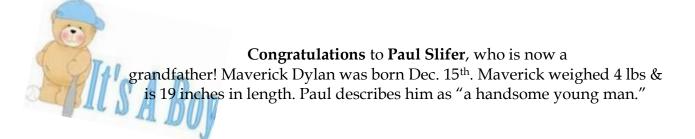
Children's Church - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - Sunday - following Worship

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

Choir - Thursday - 5:30 p.m.



#### SOUP STOP MOVE

The Soup Stop Program is being relocated to the Otterbein United Methodist Church, located at 2175 Harrison Ave. The program will begin serving at this location on January 2, 2013.

# RESTHAVEN MEMORIAL GARDENS

OSRCC owns four burial sites in the Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Mattoon, courtesy of Wayne and Agnes Hunt. These are available for purchase by anyone, including church members. If interested, contact Dr. Stan Huffman at 345-6889.

# 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.

# BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders
Meeting will be held on

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at
6:30 p.m. Please have all
reports into the office no later
than <u>Tuesday</u>, the 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank
you.

#### **COUGILL MANOR**

Join Pastor Sharon, the OSRCC Choir & anyone else who wishes to participate, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm, at Cougill Manor. Fun, music & fellowship – all are welcome!

# **ELDER OF THE MONTH**FOR JANUARY

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 *January*, the Elder of the Month is *Vicki Trueblood*, 345-7244 or 649-6449.

#### **POCKET CHANGE MISSION**

Our Pocket Change will be going to <u>The Coalition For People In Need</u> during the months of *January & February* .

#### COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP

The Congregational Life Committee is in charge of the coffee/juice fellowship this month.

#### **NEXT HARBINGER**

The next **Harbinger** will be **emailed/mailed** *around* **January 25th**. Please have all items into the office *no later than* **the 24**th. Thank you.

#### **WOMENS FELLOWSHIP**

CWF meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at **7:00 pm**. (*Note time change*). All woman are welcome!

#### SERVING THE LORD FOR JANUARY

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

- 6 Gayle Strader
- 13 Tricia Briggerman
- 20 Kaye Woorward
- 27 Kevin James



#### **ELDERS**

Jan Ernst & Kaye Woodward Mike & Gayle Strader Patty Maples & Tricia Briggerman Vicki Trueblood & Tarry James

#### DIACONATE FOR JANUARY

#### SERVE

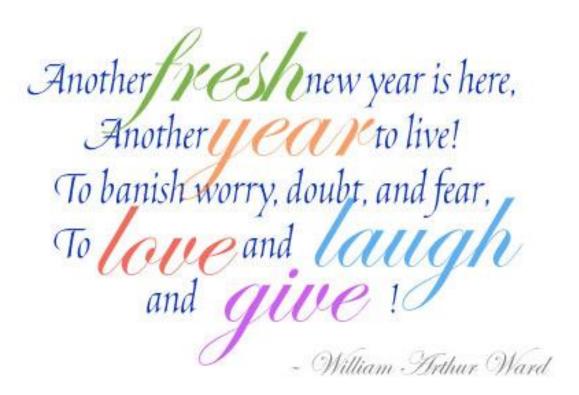
Iris Myers Maggie Huffman Susie May Mitch Goodwin

#### PREPARE

Maggie Huffman Iris Myers

#### GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Susie May Mitch Goodwin Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga, Joey Upton



#### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY

35:30 pm	Choir
69:30 am	Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
76:30 pm	Bible Study
96:30 pm	Board Meeting
105:30 pm	Choir
1210:00 am	Church Work Day
139:30 am	Worship/Children's Church/Adult SS following Worship
146:30 pm	Bible Study
166:30 pm	Elders Meeting
175:30 pm	Choir
177:00 pm	CWF
209:30 am	Worship/Children's Church/Adult SS following Worship
204:00 pm	Cougill Manor
216:30 pm	Bible Study
221:30 pm	PPR Meeting
245:30 pm	Choir
279:30 am	Worship/Children's Church w/Holy Hands Puppets/ Adult SS following Worship
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286:30 pm	Bible Study
315:30 pm	Choir

### Holy Humor

(Taken from www.jokes.christiansunite.com unless otherwise noted)

A preacher's little boy inquired, "Daddy, I notice every Sunday morning when you first come out to preach, you sit up on the platform and bow your head. What are you doing?"

The father explained, "I'm asking the Lord to give me a good sermon."

The little boy said, "Why don't he?"

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My daughter-in-law Alma and grandson Eddy were digging for fishing bait in my garden. Uncovering a many-legged creature, Eddy proudly dangled it before his mother. "No, honey, he won't do for bait," his mother said. "He's not an earthworm." "He's not?" Eddy asked, his eyes wide. "What planet is he from?"

A mother and father were frustrated with their two boys that had developed foul mouths from being around kids at school. The Father told his wife, "I know what my father would do if I used words like that. He would grab us up and whip us with a belt. I believe that is the only thing that will work with these boys." Being desperate, the mother said, "O.K., we will try that first thing Monday morning." On Monday morning the first boy came down the stairs for breakfast. He sat down and the mother asked him what he wanted for breakfast.

The boy said, "I want those "blankety blank" cornflakes. Without saying a word the Father grabbed him and whipped him good with a belt.

The second boy had witnessed the event from the top of the stairs. The Father look up at him and said, "What do you want from breakfast." The second boy said, "I don't know, but I sure don't want any of those "blankety blank" cornflakes."





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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