



*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.



Congratulations to Paul Slifer, who is now a grandfather! Maverick Dylan was born Dec. 15th. Maverick weighed 4 lbs & is 19 inches in length. Paul describes him as “a handsome young man.”

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 Tuesday, the 8th**. Thank you.

COUGILL MANOR

Join Pastor Sharon, the OSRCC Choir & anyone else who wishes to participate, on the 3rd 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 *The Coalition For People In Need* 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 24th*. Thank you.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

CFW meets on the 3rd 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

Another *fresh* new year is here,
Another *year* to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To *love* and *laugh*
and *give* !

- William Arthur Ward

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

JANUARY 2013 BIRTHDAYS

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

*(Early Feb. Birthdays: 4-Patty Maples;
7-Dylan Briggerman)*

JANUARY 2013 ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 Paul & Tricia Briggerman



happy anniversary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY

- 3---5:30 pm Choir
- 6---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 7---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 9---6:30 pm Board Meeting
- 10---5:30 pm Choir
- 12--10:00 am Church Work Day
- 13---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult SS following Worship
- 14---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 16---6:30 pm Elders Meeting
- 17---5:30 pm Choir
- 17---7:00 pm CWF
- 20---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult SS following Worship
- 20---4:00 pm Cougill Manor
- 21---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 22---1:30 pm PPR Meeting
- 24---5:30 pm Choir
- 27---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church w/Holy Hands Puppets/
Adult SS following Worship
- 27---12:30 pm Chi-Rho
- 28---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 31---5:30 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?"

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