

A Newsletter from the Old State Road Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Charleston, Il.  
**July 2013**

# *The Disciple Harbinger*

## **Sharon's Note**

The story is told of Helen Keller who, when she was six-years-old, received a handmade doll from an aunt. The doll was made of towels and was gangly and misshapen. It had been made specifically for Helen with a lot of love; but it was not a pretty creation. Helen picked up the doll and began to "feel" its features. Perhaps it was because of her own blindness that she noticed the doll had no eyes. Helen pulled on a string of beads that her aunt was wearing. She pulled until the necklace broke. Helen searched until she found one of the beads. She then put it on the face of the doll where an eye should have been. The aunt understood. She took Helen's hand and touched Helen's own eyes; and then she guided Helen's hand to the doll's face placing the hand where the eyes should have been. Helen nodded, "Yes".

The aunt searched the home until she found two buttons that could be sewn on the dolls face for eyes. Helen could not see the effect. Yet she insisted that her aunt make the doll better than it was. Helen wanted her doll to be whole. In order to be whole, the doll needed to have eyes.

We too desire to be whole. We know we are not complete, not our best, but we keep searching and trying. Yet, we can't do it ourselves. Nor can anyone do it for us. Only God can make us whole. Only God can make us all that we can and should be. Through Christ, we can become a whole and better person. God desires for each of us this wholeness.

*In Christ,  
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.*



### June Calendar


- June 20—Soup Stop, 10:30 am  
Choir Practice, 5:30 pm  
CWF, 7:00 pm
- June 23-Worship/Children’s Church, 9:30am  
Holy Hands here  
Adult SS following worship
- June 24—Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- June 25—Marketing, 1:30 pm
- June 27—Soup Stop, 10:30 am  
Choir Practice, 5:30 pm
- June 29—Holy Hands Puppet Show 7:00pm
- June 30-Worship/Children’s Church, 9:30am

### Important Dates to Remember!!

September 14, 2013  
Pet Blessing




October 11/12, 2013  
Church Yearbook pictures  
Be Ready to Shine!!




### July Calendar

- July 1—Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- July 3—CCAR cleans, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- July 4—Office closed
- July 7—Worship/Children’s Church, 9:30am  
Adult SS after worship
- July 8—Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- July 10—Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- July 11—Soup Stop, 10:30 am  
Choir Practice 5:30 pm
- July 14-Worship/Children’s Church, 9:30 am
- July 15—Bible Study. 6:30 pm
- July 17—CCAR cleans, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- July 18—Choir Practice, 5:30 pm  
CWF, 7:00 pm
- July 21-Worship/Children’s Church, 9:30 am  
Adult SS after worship  
Cougill Manor, 4:00 pm
- July 22—Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- July 24—Elders, 6:30 pm
- July 25—Choir Practice, 5:30 pm
- July 28-Worship /Children’s Church, 9:30am  
Adult Sunday School after worship  
Holy Hands here
- July 29—Bible Study, 6:30 pm

September 28, 2014  
Homecoming and Mortgage  
Burning



## Introducing Our New Secretary!!

Hello everyone! I am Sheri Feast and I am a recent graduate of Lake Land College with an Administrative major. A lifelong resident of Mattoon, with a few travels here and there. I am also happily married to an Englishman from London, England. We have a delightfully blended family of 5 (yes 5!) boys. The oldest having just finished his service as a Queen's Guardsman is now touring the world with his girlfriend of 4+ years. The second is migrating to the States and lives with us for now. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> son is proudly serving in the National Guard and is stationed at West Frankfort, Il. for now. The youngest two are 10 & 9 and keep us on the go all the time. If you add in our 3 dogs and 7 fish you know everything about me.

I hope to get to know many of you and am available to help with anything you think I may be good at. Thank you for the opportunity to serve your church, I hope I do a job that is all you hope for and more.

*Sheri Feast*

## Holy Humor

Lloyd V. Rogers, of Presidio of Monterey, CA, passed on the following story:

Then Jesus took his disciples up on the mountain, and gathering them about him, he taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor." "Blessed are the hungry." "Blessed are those who mourn." "Blessed are the oppressed..."

Then Simon Peter said, "Do we have to write this down?" And Andrew said, "Are we supposed to know this?" and James said, "I don't have papyrus with me." And Philip said, "Will we have a test on this?" and Bartholomew said, "Do we have to turn this in?" and John said, "The other disciples didn't have to learn this." and Matthew said, "Can I be excused?" and Judas said, "What does this have to do with the real world?"

Then one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and inquired: "Where is your anticipatory set? Where are your objectives in the cognitive domain?"

And Jesus wept.



**Holy Hands Puppet Show**

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**At 7:00 p.m.**

**Come and Enjoy the Show!!**

## Special Offerings



Easter is used	For General Ministries
Pentecost is used	For New Church Development
Week of Compassion is used	For Special Missions fund
Reconciliation is used	For Special Missions fund
Thanksgiving is used	For Higher Education
Christmas is used	For Regions offering

### SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you 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 served the first Sunday of each month.

**Pocket Change  
Ministry for July**  
**Food Pantry**



### Coffee/Juice Fellowship

Julie McGowan and Nancy Oakley are in charge of the coffee/juice fellowship for June!

In July, Jan & Garry Ernst and Norma Mineo will be providing refreshments.

### Elder of the Month

#### For July!

The church has an Elder of the 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 July, the Elder of the Month is Tricia Briggerman

## Board of Elders Meeting

(Open to All)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office no later than Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!!

## Cougill Manor

Join Pastor Sharon, the OSRCC choir and anyone else who wishes to participate, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at Cougill Manor. Fun, music & fellowship.

**All are Welcome!!**



## Calling all Women!!

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)  
Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month  
at 7:00 p.m.

**All women are welcome!!**

## Worship Leaders

**July 7: Gayle Strader**

**July 14: Tricia Briggerman**

**July 21: Kaye Wells**

**July 28: Kevin James**



## Elders

**July 7: Laurie O./Mike C.**

**July 14: Jan E./ Vicki T.**

**July 21: Stan H./Patty M.**

**July 28: Tarry J./Kaye W.**

## **DIACONATE FOR JULY**

### **SERVE**

Nancy Oakley  
Susie May  
Beverly Peters  
Kim Steffes

### **PREPARE**

Nancy Oakley  
Beverly Peters

### **GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Susie May  
Nancy Oakley  
Kristyn Haworth/Emily Zuniga  
Joey Upton



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

2 – Roger & Beverly Peters

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1- Ed Buxton  
3 Christie Edmonds  
6- Jon Adams  
6- Audra Roach  
6- Susie May  
10- Pastor Sharon Patton  
14- Joyce Allen  
15- Madison Endsley  
16- Florence 'Sammie' Giffin  
28- Ruth Bunch  
29- Gene Etnire

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

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

Office hours are—Tuesday—Friday, 9-3

