



# “STRIVING”

News of the Ministry of Christ Episcopal Church  
222 Clinton Street in Delaware City, Delaware

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## The Warden’s Corner *Sandy Janowski*

With the change of the New Year comes some change in the leadership of Christ Church. As your new Senior Warden, I will strive to do my best as we face a year without a rector and a challenging building project. I am thankful for this opportunity to serve and also thankful to have a very capable vestry to provide leadership as well. Gale Warren did a wonderful job the last two years. Gale made sure we started the year with supply priests scheduled through the end of March.

Carol Stewart was elected to serve as Junior Warden. She will be the people’s warden, one you can go to with concerns to bring before the vestry. Carol will fill in for me when I am not able to be in church. She also will continue in her role as the Food & Fellowship Chairperson.

Paul Lyons will be Property Chairperson & Outreach Chairperson for the next year. Paul has been instrumental in keeping the food closet operating well this past year.

Liz Saunders switched jobs from Treasurer to Liturgical Chairperson. Liz will make sure our services are coordinated with hymns, readings and bulletins.

Ann Blackmore has taken over the Christian Education committee. We have good attendance in Sunday school and hope to continue offering age appropriate material which follows the lectionary.

Dan Saunders has taken the Treasurer’s job. He knows this job well having done it in the past. It also helps to have the software already loaded on the home computer. John Nickle will continue to assist the treasurer and be Stewardship Chair.

With the dedicated and enthusiastic participation of these individuals, and with the cooperation of our parishioners, Christ Church will have a successful 2010.

We have had two wonderful priests, Rev. Tammy Wooliver and Rev. Jay Hutchison, and two great lay persons, Don Hutcheson and Rev. Ron Owens, officiate our weekly services. We will also have Canon Joseph Tucker from time to time and will be having a retired Lutheran priest, Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pyscher, celebrate our service. These persons will continue to be our supply clergy as we begin a search for a part time rector. We will be formalizing a committee in the near future.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is February 16<sup>th</sup>. Gale Warren is the leader in charge and is welcoming volunteers to set up, cook, serve and donate food items for this community event. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall.

Ash Wednesday service will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> as we begin the Lenten season. The Rev. Tammy Wooliver will be our celebrant for the service.

Announcements have been made in church for contributions to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for Haiti relief. The Church Pension Fund has

generously offered to match funds up to \$5,000 donated through the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to “Christ Church” and earmark it for “ERD/Haiti”. The church will send the money to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund in order to obtain the matching funds.

Dan and Liz Saunders have agreed to be our delegates and Jack Williams will be an alternate at the Annual Diocesan Convention this year at St. Peter’s Church in Lewes. The convention will be held on March 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. This wonderful and informative event gives one an opportunity to learn about the many important programs the diocese supports through the acceptance money contributed by each parish.

Christ Church continues to be an active part of the ecumenical outreach in Delaware City. Gale Warren keeps in touch with the rectors from our neighboring parishes and attends the meetings for the food closet and



*Installation of vestry January 3rd, 2010*

community dinner, held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Gale will continue to be our chairperson on the building project which hopefully will begin in a few months. She is working with the A&D committee from the diocese to help work out our financial package so we can move forward with the repairs to the roof, walls and ceiling.

Please note that this issue of the newsletter is for the months of February and March. I will be taking a trip in February and will not be back when the March issue would normally be published. Therefore the next issue you receive will be the April issue.

I would like to thank all our parishioners who generously give their time, talents and treasure in so many ways – large and small. It is this participation which makes me most proud of our parish.

God’s Blessings.

Sandy

## Liturgical Committee Report

*by Liz Saunders:*

I would like to thank Bonnie Sellner for her hard work in coordinating the readers, ushers, and sound system technicians for each service. Also, thanks go to Don Hutcheson for scheduling the Communion Assistants and for leading us in our Morning Prayer services. Awesome work! Also we thank Rev. Ron Owens for delivering some soul searching sermons. Let’s not overlook the work that our two organists, Bonnie Sellner and Jean Bonner, put into organizing our music program. Then there’s Nancy Owens, who has provided wonderful piano music when our organists were not available to play the organ. Joan Meadows has done an outstanding job lining up the Eucharistic Visitors to take communion to the shut-ins. Gale Warren as head of the altar guild is involved in having the altar setup for each service. And the list goes on and on...

Most importantly, we need more members to volunteer to be ushers. Most of the current ushers wear many hats on a Sunday. Relief would be welcomed. Please think about volunteering to be an usher – you hand out bulletins, you greet people with a friendly smile, you collect the offering, and you have a rewarding experience. Please see me for additional information.

## Christian Education Report

*by Liz Saunders:*

The children continue to enjoy Sunday School. We have had three teachers taking turns leading the classes. They are Kim Stichberry, Janis Malloch, and Liz Saunders. The teachers have spent a lot of time preparing for some interesting arts and craft ideas for the children to do. Starting in February , Gale Warren will be added to the

rotation. Wanda Lyons is our Sunday School “Jack of All Trades” as she bounces from helping the older children with their projects to playing “Patty Cake” with the younger ones and always has a smile for the children. We welcome Ann Blackmore as the new Christian Education director and we all look forward to working with her.

We are hoping that the children will be able to present an Easter play to the congregation this year. Realizing that we don’t always have the same children each Sunday, we have decided to start rehearsing earlier than we have done in the past. Most likely, the play will be presented on April 11, the Sunday following Easter which is still during the Easter season. Therefore, starting with Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be rehearsing for the play during Sunday School. If your child would like to participate in the play, they need to attend as many Sunday School sessions as possible. As we get closer to the “Big Day” of the production, we may schedule a couple of Saturday rehearsals. Hopefully, with more practices, the children will have enough time to practice their lines and any music that may accompany the play.

## Financial Facts – As of December 31, 2009

*Dan Saunders, Treasurer*

Expenses Budgeted	\$64,212
Expenses Actual	<u>\$60,843</u>
Expenses <b>Under</b> Budget	\$ 3,369
Income Budgeted	\$59,910
Income Actual	<u>\$63,390</u>
Income <b>Over</b> Budget	\$ 3,480
Pledged Revenue	\$50,810
Pledged Received	<u>\$53,305</u>
Pledges <b>Over</b> Budget	\$ 2,495

Notes:

Financially, it was another great year for the church! Our income was almost \$2,500 more than the amount we had been predicted. Our expenses were \$3,369 under what we had budgeted. The budget was drawn up with a possible \$4,302 deficit and we came in with a \$2,547 surplus. We had an awesome sprint to the finish and came out a winner. We were able to transfer the \$2,547 surplus from the general checking account to our Miscellaneous Contingency Savings Fund or the “Rainy Day Fund”. A big thank you to all who faithfully handed in their pledges for every Sunday and donated their services, food, and other commodities. These donations are the reason that we are able to stay in the business of helping, healing, and spreading the Good News. Other high-lights for 2009 are:

- Christmas flower donations totaled \$487.

- The loose plate offering totaled \$1,300 which was \$500 more than what we had projected.
- \$350 was raised from the sale of Super G gift cards and was transferred to the Restoration and Maintenance Fund.
- A surplus of \$3,485 from the \$6,000 maintenance budget was transferred to the Restoration and Maintenance Fund for deferred maintenance work.
- \$50 was donated to the Delaware City Fire Company from the Local Outreach Fund.
- An additional \$1,000 over our pledged amount of \$5,000 was sent to the Diocese for our Diocesan Acceptance bringing the total to \$6,000 given for 2009.
- The 1% Theological Support of \$633 was given to the Diocesan Diaconate program.
- A total of \$633 was given to the Delaware City Community Center Senior's Group for 2009.
- A surplus of \$974 from the 2% Local Outreach and the Special Needs Fund was transferred to the Special Needs Savings Fund.
- A surplus of \$298 from the Altar Guild Fund was transferred to the Altar Guild Savings Fund.
- A total of \$4,408.19 was given by our members in 2009 toward the Challenge Grant offered by the for the upcoming property projects for wall stabilization, new roof, and possible new ceiling. We have a way to go but it is encouraging to see how the members are responding to support these projects. Thanks to Gale Warren who has given so much of her time, energy, and patience to pull these projects together.

## Birthdays

Feb 5	Edith Murphy
Feb 11	Gale Warren
Feb 12	Carol Stewart
Feb 13	Faye Weldon
Feb 18	Becky Abounabet
Feb 21	Darline Kane, Florence Smith
Feb 22	Misty Warren
Feb 23	Robert Wessells
Feb 26	Elva I Nickle, John Banks
Mar 1	Maria Tucker
Mar 4	Lee Herzog
Mar 5	Ellen Lewis
Mar 7	Allen Stichberry
Mar 8	Charles Petijean
Mar 12	Janis Malloch
Mar 16	Bill Lewis
Mar 26	Dawn Gwynn



## SERVICE SCHEDULES

### USHER

Feb 7 Carol Stewart, Janis Malloch  
Feb 14 Dot Havens, John Nickle  
Feb 21 Paul Lyons, Jordan Thomas, Dot Havens  
Feb 28 Carol Stewart, Janis Malloch  
Mar 7 Dot Havens, John Nickle  
Mar 14 Paul Lyons, Destiny Lyons, Dot Havens  
Mar 21 Carol Stewart, Janis Malloch  
Mar 28 Dot Havens, Paul Lyons

### LECTOR

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>
Feb 7	Don Avery, Janis Malloch	
Feb 14	Logan Malloch, Al Stichberry	
Feb 21	Bonnie Sellner, Gale Warren	
Feb 28	Kathryn Widdekind, Jean Bonner	
Mar 7	Janis Malloch, Don Avery	
Mar 14	Logan Malloch, Al Stichberry	
Mar 21	Kathryn Widdekind, Gale Warren	
Mar 28	Jean Bonner, Bonnie Sellner	

### SOUND SYSTEM

Feb 7	Paul Lyons	Mar 7	Paul Lyons
Feb 14	John Nickle	Mar 14	John Nickle
Feb 21	Gale Warren	Mar 21	Gale Warren
Feb 28	Paul Lyons	Mar 28	Paul Lyons

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Feb 7	Al Stichberry	Mar 7	Al Stichberry
Feb 14	Don Hutcheson	Mar 14	Don Hutcheson
Feb 21	Al Stichberry	Mar 21	Sandy Janowski
Feb 28	John Nickle	Mar 28	John Nickle

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Feb 7	Dot Havens	Mar 7	Dot Havens
Feb 14	Joan Meadows	Mar 14	Joan Meadows
Feb 21	Carol Schofield	Mar 21	Carol Schofield
Feb 28	John Nickle	Mar 28	John Nickle

### ACOLYTE

Feb 7 Sandy Janowski, Logan Malloch  
Feb 14 Adie Stichberry, Janis Malloch  
Feb 21 Adie Stichberry, Sammy Meyer  
Feb 28 Logan Malloch, Casey Meyer  
Mar 7 Sandy Janowski, Casey Meyer  
Mar 14 Adie Stichberry, Sandy Janowski  
Mar 21 Logan Malloch, Adie Stichberry  
Mar 28 Sandy Janowski, Sammy Meyer

If you cannot serve on the day you are scheduled, please call another acolyte to see if you can switch Sundays.

Adrienne Stichberry – 834-0551  
Janis & Logan Malloch – 454-1704  
Casey & Sammy Meyer – 838-4004  
Sandy Janowski – 834-9710  
Liz Saunders – 834-1090



## Calendar of Events

Feb 7 Holy Communion 10:15 am  
Vestry meeting following the service

Feb 14 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Feb 15 Soup Group meets at noon

Feb 16 Pancake Supper 5-7 pm

Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm

Feb 21 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Feb 28 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Mar 7 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Mar 8 Vestry meeting 7:30 pm

Mar 12 & 13 Annual Convention at St. Peter's Church in Lewes

Mar 14 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Mar 15 Soup Group meets at noon

Mar 21 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Mar 28 Palm Sunday service 10:15 am

Choir practice meets on Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Wednesday, March 24th is the deadline for the April issue. Articles may be sent to Sandy Janowski by e mail at [jsbirders@verizon.net](mailto:jsbirders@verizon.net) or call 834-9710.**