



“STRIVING”

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

April 2010

The Warden’s Corner

Sandy Janowski

Finally, spring is here. Just like Easter arriving after a long Lent.

And what a long winter it was. Three feet of snow caused Christ Church to cancel two services and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

But our parish was busy working behind the scenes on our structural project. Finalizing plans, working out a financial package, fundraising, picking out colors of roof shingles, and preparing to meet with the town historic review board. Gale Warren continues to lead this project and is hoping the contractor will be able to begin in April. The fundraising has been impressive with many parishioners contributing toward a 3 to 1 matching grant from the Diocese. We are halfway to the goal.

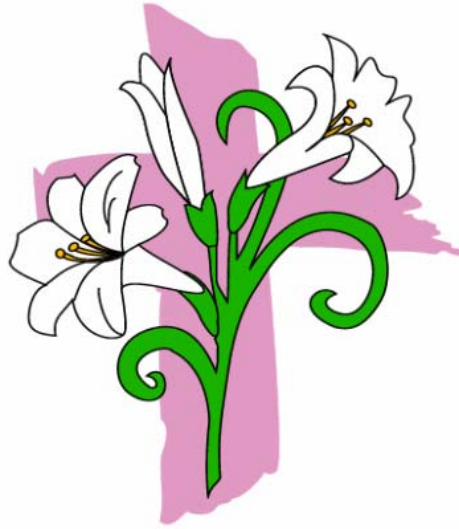
Joan Meadows has found a way to contribute by crocheting an afghan to be raffled off on Mother’s Day. The proceeds from the ticket sales will be given to the building project. Ask to see her lovely needlework!

We welcome anyone to submit ideas that will help us reach our goal and beyond. More details about the finances of this project are outlined in the Treasurer’s column.

We will continue our fellowship with the Agape dinner on Maundy Thursday. Coffee hours are still very popular after church services. It is never the same from week to week. Thanks to the many contributors of food.

At the end of this month Christ Church will have their biggest fundraiser of the year with the annual Spring Fling. Sandy Malinowski will coordinate this event and is looking for lots of helpers. Donations for the white elephant table should be priced and brought to the parish house. Items are already stacking up so start cleaning out your closets.

In March, Dan and Liz Saunders, Jack Williams and I attended the 225th Annual Diocesan Convention in Lewes. In spite of the very soggy weather we enjoyed the fellowship of other parishes, informative workshops and an entertaining guest speaker –Retired Bishop Martin Shaw from the Argyll and the Isles of Scotland. He told us amusing stories and sang several songs.



One of the resolutions passed at convention this year is for all parishes to send one youth to Camp Arrowhead each year. Jack Williams will sell t-shirts at Spring Fling to raise the funds to help with tuition so that we may accomplish that goal.

Supply clergy have been scheduled through the summer months and I will publish the list each month. On April

11th after our Morning Prayer service I would like anyone interested in discussing our next steps in the rector search to stay for an informal discussion. If you would like to have an input that would be a good time to express it. The clergy schedule for the next few weeks is as follows.

- April 1 – Rev. Jay Hutchinson
- April 2 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
- April 4 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
- April 11 – Morning Prayer w/Don Hutcheson
- April 18 – To Be Determined
- April 25 – Rev. Jay Hutchinson
- May 2 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
- May 9 – Pastor Arlene Favreau-Pysher

God’s Blessings.
Sandy

Christian Education Report

by Liz Saunders:

Wow, this Sunday School year is flying by. It’s hard to believe that we already have met for 26 sessions and have only 9 more Sundays until summer break. We have grown during the past 26 classes not only in numbers (we had 14 children and 4 teachers on March 21st) but in our knowledge of what God wants us to do.

Four weeks ago, a second Sunday School class was started for our older children. It is being led by Gale Warren and Ann Blackmore. For those older children who want to have a lively discussion on various topics, this class fits the bill. It's not too late to join in as every Sunday has a different topic.

In reviewing the year, I believe that there are a couple of areas that we can work together to improve. It is apparent that the children enjoy the Sunday School time; therefore, more consistent attendance is attainable and is necessary to empower the children with the knowledge of the teachings of Jesus to prepare them and provide them with compassion, morals, strength, and confidence as they grow. These are invaluable lessons that they need to hear, feel, and experience.

The last Sunday for Sunday School will be May 30th. Certificates and recognition of regular attendance will be presented on June 6th.



Cooking for the pancake breakfast.



A happy diner!

April Birthdays

- Apr 5 George Smail
- Apr 11 Jean Bonner
- Apr 12 Liz Saunders
- Apr 17 Don Whitesell
- Apr 18 Adam Weldon
- Apr 19 Zach Weldon



Financial Facts – As of March 14, 2010

Dan Saunders, Treasurer

Expenses Budgeted	\$11,658
Expenses Actual	<u>\$ 7,445</u>
Expenses Under Budget	\$ 4,213
Income Budgeted	\$11,441
Income Actual	<u>\$13,147</u>
Income Over Budget	\$ 1,706
Pledged Revenue	\$ 9,602
Pledged Received	<u>\$11,156</u>
Pledges Over Budget	\$ 1,554

Notes:

- Our financial picture is good as we approach the end of the first quarter of 2010.
- Pledge income is higher than budgeted, while plate income is off a bit.
- Expenses are typically lower than budgeted in the first quarter of any year. This year our actual clergy expenses are lower than budgeted because we are using supply priests and Morning Prayer lead by Don Hutcheson and Ron Owens.
- So far people have given \$445 to ERD for relief of the earthquake victims in Haiti.
- The Vestry budgeted \$300 / month in 2010 to cover the cost of repaying principal and interest on the anticipated A&D loan. At the end of

March \$900 dollars will be transferred to saving so Christ Church will be in a good position to pay the first interest payment in July and begin repaying the loan in October.

Structural Project and Challenge Grant

Donating money towards the A&D Challenge Grant is a good way to stretch your donation for this and future building projects at Christ Church. For every dollar Christ Church receives towards this Challenge Grant, the Diocese adds 3 dollars! The effect of the Diocese's generosity on how much money Christ Church needs to take out of savings for this structural project is seen in the chart below. The amount of money needed from savings for this project will have a direct effect on Christ Church's ability to do projects that have been delayed so that they will not interfere with the structural project. Money from savings that is not used for this project will be available for other currently identified projects and be available for unexpected emergency repairs. The delayed projects include the handicap ramp, refurbishing the church windows, ceiling repairs, the steeple, kitchen upgrades and ventilation improvements under the church. We need to reach our goal of \$15,000 in donations by June 15th. We are half way there as of March 14th. If more than \$15,000 is received by June 15th, the Vestry will decide whether to use the excess to reduce the size of the A&D loan or put the money towards other projects.

Total Cost	\$ 144,131.00
Grant from Diocese	\$ 19,000.00
Net 1	\$ 125,131.00
15 year A&D loan	\$ 54,000.00
Net 2 (Challenge Grant and Christ Church Savings)	\$ 71,131.00

	Challenge Grant			Savings Needed
	Donation	Match from Diocese	Total	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 71,131.00
	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 67,131.00
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 63,131.00
	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 59,131.00
	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 55,131.00
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 51,131.00
	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 47,131.00
	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 43,131.00
Amount as of 3/14/2010	\$ 7,555.19	\$ 22,665.57	\$ 30,220.76	\$ 40,910.24
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 39,131.00
	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 35,131.00
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,131.00
	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 27,131.00
	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 23,131.00
	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 19,131.00
	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 15,131.00
June 15, 2010 Goal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 11,131.00

SERVICE SCHEDULES

USHER

Apr 2 Carol Stewart, Dot Havens
Apr 4 Janis Malloch, John Nickle
Apr 11 Paul Lyons, Angelina Lyons, Dot Havens
Apr 18 Carol Stewart, Paul Lyons, Jordan Thomas
Apr 25 Dot Havens, Carol Stewart

LECTOR

	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>
Apr 1	Joan Meadows, Don Avery	
Apr 2	Sandy Malinowski, Jean Bonner	
Apr 4	Janis Malloch, Don Avery	
Apr 11	Logan Malloch, Al Stichberry	
Apr 18	Kathryn Widdekind, Bonnie Sellner	
Apr 25	Jean Bonner, Don Avery	

SOUND SYSTEM

Apr 2 John Nickle
Apr 4 Paul Lyons
Apr 11 John Nickle
Apr 18 Paul Lyons
Apr 25 Paul Lyons

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Apr 4 Sandy Janowski
Apr 11 Don Hutcheson
Apr 18 Al Stichberry
Apr 25 John Nickle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Apr 4 Dot Havens
Apr 11 Joan Meadows
Apr 18 Carol Schofield
Apr 25 John Nickle

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAD TEACHER

Apr 4 Liz Saunders
Apr 11 Janis Malloch
Apr 18 Kim Stichberry
Apr 25 Liz Saunders

ACOLYTE

Apr 4 Logan Malloch, Adie Stichberry, Casey Meyer
Apr 11 Sandy Janowski, Sammy Meyer
Apr 18 Adie Stichberry, Logan Malloch
Apr 25 Sandy Janowski, Janis Malloch

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

Apr 1 Agape Meal & Maundy Thursday service
6:30 pm

Apr 2 Good Friday service at noon

Apr 4 Easter Sunday
Holy Communion 10:15 am
Easter Egg hunt following the service

Apr 10 Church Grounds Clean-up Day from
8 AM-noon

Apr 11 Morning Prayer 10:15 am
Sunday school play
Informal Church meeting following
service

Apr 12 Vestry meeting 7:00 pm

Apr 18 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Apr 19 Soup Group meets at noon

Apr 24 Spring Fling

Apr 25 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Choir practice meets on Thursday evenings at
7:15 pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Wednesday, April 21st is the deadline for
the May issue. Articles may be sent to
Sandy Janowski by calling 834-9710.**
