



“STRIVING”

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

May 2010

The Warden’s Corner

Sandy Janowski

Good news for Christ Church. The long awaited building project will finally begin this month. The town’s historic review board has blessed the project, the building permit has been issued, and construction materials have been ordered. The contractor has informed us that services can go on as scheduled during the construction. In a few weeks we will have more stable walls and a new roof.

We are still working towards our goal of raising \$15,000 for the challenge grant from the A&D fund by the Diocese. We are reaching the 60% mark and hopefully the profit from Spring Fling will get us even closer. If you are still considering a donation toward this project, please donate before June 15th so the diocese will match those dollars 3 to 1. Any funds raised beyond that amount will help reduce the size of the A&D loan or be put towards other projects. If you have any questions about the project please ask Gale Warren, our project coordinator, or a member of vestry.

On April 11th, Don Hutcheson, our worship leader for Morning Prayer, led services wearing his kilt. Don proclaimed it to be Tartan Day in celebration of Scottish independence. (I think he is getting ready for the Scottish Games next month.)



James Turner pictured on the left, Don Hutcheson on the right.

An interesting thing happened last month. A painting by Elizabeth D. Boyer, past parishioner of Christ Church, returned to Delaware City after 53 years. The painting was a gift to outgoing rector Rev. William George Huber in 1957. Dr. Huber passed away in 1998. He and his wife Katherine had five sons including a set of twins. The painting was given back to the church by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Huber from Dimondale, Michigan.

In the photo Mrs. Elva E. Nickle and Mrs. Carol Stewart, daughter of the artist, display the painting of Christ Church. Mrs. Nickle fondly remembers the Huber family.



Thanks to all of you who contribute in so many ways. A group of 8-10 people gathered on April 10th to clean up the parish grounds. There was lots of pruning, raking and transplanting. Under the direction of Paul Lyons, everyone got their hands dirty.

It takes a lot of hard work to organize the Spring Fling. Sandy Malinowski worked hard to recruit her army of volunteers to prepare breakfast and lunch, staff the white elephant tables, face painting and flower sale.

The food closet is getting bare. Cereal, tuna, soup, instant noodles and sugar are most needed. Donations can be left in the parish hall or narthex.

Although we have had great supply clergy lead our services, it is time to organize our search committee to look for our next rector. So far we have had six women

sign up to be on the committee. Where are the men? Let a member of vestry know if you are interested in working on this group.

The clergy schedule for the next few weeks is as follows.

- May 2 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
- May 9 – Pastor Arlene Favreau-Pysher
- May 16 – Rev. Jay Hutchinson
- May 23 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
- May 30 – Morning Prayer with Don Hutcheson

God’s Blessings.
Sandy

Christian Education Report

by Liz Saunders:

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The Children’s Easter Play, *Easter Joy* by Hope Baden Beck, was presented on April 11 and was a huge success. What a turnout of children! In looking back at the events leading to the play, I realized that God does listen and will provide. Until the day of the play, we were never able to gather all of the participants together for a “full” rehearsal and, yet, the children had memorized their lines (Casey had even memorized the whole play) and were able to project the Easter message to the congregation as summed up in the last lines of the play.

“Jesus rose that Easter and He’s living today. So we try to please him in every way.

We help at home and share at play. Whenever we need him, we close our eyes and pray.”

One of the surprises was the emergence of 1 year old Lucas Havens, with the largest grin on his face, from the tomb after the stone was rolled away. His dad, Jimmy, had not realized that Lucas and he were going to have a part in the play. However, since we did not someone to act out the part of Jesus exiting the tomb, Jimmy agreed to guide Lucas in this role.

For the finale, the congregation joined in with the singing of “Jesus Christ is Coming Again” to the tune of “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” as played by Jean Bonner on the organ. Now, that was an interesting combination. I’m sure that Jean never in her wildest dreams thought she would be playing that particular tune in a church setting. She did a great job!

Thanks go to the following cast of characters;

Our veteran actors: Casey Meyer, Jordan Thomas, Angie Lyons, Pauley Lyons, John Malinowski

Our first timers: Brodie Havens , Lucas Havens, Taylor Lagasse, Skylar Saganich

Angels: Sandy Janowski, Kim Stichberry
Special Guest: Jimmy Havens
Organist: Jean Bonner



Sunday school children perform their Easter skit. Wanda Lyons helps Pauley with his lines.

May Birthdays

- May 7 Bonnie Sellner
- May 11 Cole Barrett
- May 14 Marna DiOssi
- May 25 Father John Brockmann
- May 26 Judi Barrett
- May 30 Cody Ayers



SERVICE SCHEDULES

USHER

May 2 Dot Havens, Janis Malloch
May 9 John Nickle, Paul Lyons, Destiny Lyons
May 16 Carol Stewart, Dot Havens
May 23 Janis Malloch, Paul Lyons, Jordan Thomas
May 30 John Nickle, Carol Stewart

LECTOR

	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>
May 2	Jean Bonner,	Janis Malloch
May 9	Logan Malloch,	Al Stichberry
May 16	Kathryn Widdekind,	Bonnie Sellner
May 23	Don Avery,	Jean Bonner
May 30	Janis Malloch,	Logan Malloch

SOUND SYSTEM

May 2 John Nickle
May 9 Paul Lyons
May 16 John Nickle
May 23 Paul Lyons
May 30 John Nickle

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 2 Don Hutcheson
May 9 Al Stichberry
May 16 Sandy Janowski
May 23 John Nickle
May 30 Don Hutcheson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

May 2 Dot Havens
May 9 Joan Meadows
May 16 Carol Schofield
May 23 John Nickle
May 30 Dot Havens

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAD TEACHER

May 2 Liz Saunders
May 9 Janis Malloch
May 16 Kim Stichberry
May 23 Liz Saunders
May 30 Liz Saunders

ACOLYTE

May 2 Janis Malloch, Adie Stichberry
May 9 Sandy Janowski, Logan Malloch
May 16 Adie Stichberry, Casey Meyer
May 23 Sandy Janowski, Sammy Meyer
May 30 Janis Malloch, Logan 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

May 2 Holy Communion 10:15 am

May 9 Mother's Day
Holy Communion 10:15 am

Search Committee meeting after
coffee hour

May 10 Vestry meeting 7:00 pm

May 16 Holy Communion 10:15 am

May 17 Soup Group meets at noon

May 23 Holy Communion 10:15 am

May 30 Morning Prayer 10:15 am
Last Sunday School class

June 6 Holy Communion 10:15 am
Sunday School recognition

Choir practice meets on Wednesday evenings at
7:15 pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Wednesday, May 26th is the deadline for
the June issue. Articles may be sent to
Sandy Janowski at (834) 971-0551**