



# “STRIVING”

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

June 2010

## The Warden's Corner

*Sandy Janowski*

As you can see from the metal scaffolding both inside and outside the church, the building project has begun. The construction company is drilling holes to place the stabilizing rods from one wall to the other. And like with many projects on an old building, some unanticipated concerns have arisen. There were areas where rot was found along the wood plates and some of the blocks were soft inside. The solution will be to replace the rotted wood with masonry, put some epoxy in the anchor holes and add some rods for support in the blocks. This extra work will cost us an additional 2% of the total project. So we are working hard to raise the amount for the challenge grant by the deadline of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Many of our parishioners and some local businesses have generously given towards the challenge grant. Joan Meadows raffled her crocheted afghan and raised over \$300 toward the project. Also, over \$1,300 was contributed from the Spring Fling proceeds.

Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers have been busy taking Communion out to those who cannot be with us in church. They regularly visit Mary Beaston and will add Frances Azwol to the visit list. There is a need for more people to volunteer to do this very important work. The Diocese is offering free training on June 26<sup>th</sup> here at Christ Church. Please let me know if you would like to participate as an LEM, Communion Assistant or Worship Leader. They will do the training for all of these jobs at different times that day.

Sunday school has finished for the year. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the children will be recognized for their participation and also help with the service by ushering and reading.

We also have two high school graduates in our parish this year. Best wishes and congratulations to Adrienne Stichberry and Adam Weldon. Adie has been a dedicated acolyte for many years and has helped train some of our newer servers.

Our summer schedule of priests is full, with a couple of Morning Prayer services included. Our search committee of eight parishioners will be working on finding our next rector. I will give updates on this process over the summer.

God's Blessings.

Sandy



*Above: Joan Meadows sells raffle tickets for her hand crocheted afghan. The lucky winning ticket was held by Tammy Reynolds. Below: Faye Weldon raised money by face painting.*



## Christian Education Report

by Liz Saunders:

The Christian Education program has grown this past year. The number of classes doubled from 1 to 2; the number of teachers has grown from 3 to 6; the total number of students has grown from 25 to 30. Of the 30 total students, we have 8 students who have attended at least 50% of the classes. Next year, we are hoping that we can increase the number who attend at least 50% of the classes from 8 to 15 or 50% of the total number of students. This is our goal and this is where the parents and/or grandparents will be instrumental in reaching our goal. It is interesting to note that *more than 50%* of the children who attend are brought to Sunday school by their grandparents! Wouldn't it be great if the parents attended church with their children! Thank goodness for the grandparents. The vestry decided in its last meeting that on September 12<sup>th</sup> of this year, which is National Grandparents Day, the grandparents in our congregation will be recognized for their commitment in bringing their grandchildren to church.

The Sunday school children and teachers will be recognized for their dedication during the June 6<sup>th</sup> service. Pastor Arlene has agreed to present a Children's sermon on that date. Children will be ushering and reading the lessons as well. It would be great for parents and grandparents to be in attendance to support the children who attended Sunday school during the year. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

The following announcement was overlooked for last month's *Striving* issue. The children want to extend many thanks to Janis Malloch who stuffed 300+ plastic eggs for this year's Easter Egg Hunt and then proceeded to hide them along with help from Travis, Sammy, and Kevin for the church's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter day! What a good egg!!



## Financial Facts – As of May 16, 2010

Expenses Budgeted	\$21,615
Expenses Actual	<u>\$ 13,733</u>
Expenses <b>Under</b> Budget	\$ 7,882
Income Budgeted	\$21,075
Income Actual	<u>\$22,988</u>
Income <b>Over</b> Budget	\$ 1,913
Pledged Revenue	\$ 17,688
Pledged Received	<u>\$18,911</u>
Pledges <b>Over</b> Budget	\$ 1,223

### Notes:

- Pledge income is higher than predicted, while plate income is \$116 lower than budgeted.
- Our clergy expenses are \$3,100 under budget since we are using 100% supply priests.
- A total of \$96.07 was collected from the Lenten Mite boxes and was sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund.
- A total of \$150.00 was collected from the congregation for the Darline Kane Children's Education Fund. The church also contributed \$100 from the Local Outreach Fund.
- A total of \$356 was raised for the Camp Arrowhead Fund from the sale of Delaware City T-shirts supplied by Jack Williams. Also a donation of \$100 was given by a member of the congregation. Due to everyone's efforts and generosity, Travis Sheets will be spending an awesome week at Camp Arrowhead.
- A total of \$13,326.17 has been received toward the challenge grant for the Church wall/roof replacement project. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 by June 15<sup>th</sup>. We are almost there! With every dollar given toward the challenge grant, we reduce by \$4 the amount that we will be withdrawing from one of our Master A Savings Funds.



*Above: Julie Nolan sells flowers and garden plants.*

*Below: Yard sale shoppers browse the tables at the Spring Fling.*

## Student News

Curtis Saunders graduated magna cum laude from Bucknell University on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He received a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Mechanical Engineering. In August he will be heading off to Georgia Tech to pursue a PhD in Mechanical Engineering.



Congratulations from Dad, Mom, and Janet!



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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Wednesday, June 23rd is the deadline for the July/August issue. Articles may be sent to Sandy Janowski. Call 834-9710.**

