



“STRIVING”

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

July/August 2010

The Warden's Corner

Sandy Janowski

Here is an update on the structural project. The interior work for the wall stabilization is done. The rods across the ceiling are in place and are so thin that they are hardly noticeable. You may not be able to see them in the photo below. The exterior work will continue with repair of rotted wood and a new roof. We will have to live with the scaffolding on the outside of the church for a few more weeks.



Many, many thanks to those listed here for their financial support, enabling us to reach the goal for the Diocesan match.

Ethel Aastad
Anonymous
Alberta Banning
Ann Blackmore
Jean Bonner
Russell Budd
John P. Burchett, III and D.Dale Slotter
Delawarren Farms
Arlene Favreau-Pysher
Dot Havens
Don Hutcheson
Rector, Wardens, & Vestrymen of
Immanuel Church, New Castle
Sandy Janowski
The Rev. Jeanne Lindermann
Joan Meadows
Henry and Anne Nickle
John Nickle
Margaret O'Neal and Robert G. Boulden
Ron and Nancy Owens
Pancake supper proceeds
Charles Petitjean
Bernie and Dolly Redmond
Lauren Roberts
Bill and Charlotte Saunders
Liz and Dan Saunders
Carol Schofield
Bonnie Sellner
Spicer Funeral Home
Spring Fling Proceeds
Carol Stewart
Meg Titus
Ellen Turner
Roberta Walker
Bill and Nancy Whitesell
Kathryn Widdekind
Jack Williams

During the summer months, the choir will take their break from singing and Sunday school will not hold their usual classes. There will be parent volunteers to entertain the children from 10:15 to 10:45 during church services. The children will join the second half of the service.

I will also take a break from the newsletter for one month. This issue will be a combined July/August issue with service schedules and priest schedules listed on the last page.

After Labor Day, everything picks back up again with a parish picnic on September 12th.

Enjoy the summer!

Sandy



Christ Church welcomes the newly baptized Paige Marie Williams, pictured with her mother, Christina Williams.

Love of Country & Baseball

By Kim Stichberry

Don Hutcheson is very dedicated to holding the Memorial Day service at the point each year. The Christ Church choir leads the songs honoring our country.

Choir member, Allen Stichberry, was not in attendance this year because of his devotion to his son and the Delaware City baseball team.

Just a couple of weeks before, Stich's team was invited to play in the Larry Pyle Memorial Day Tournament. This tournament is held at a ball field in Brookside, a development in Newark, where Stich grew up and where he also played baseball.

The Delaware City team would get three games of challenging ball for the weekend.

Stich, along with his fellow coaches, Ron and Roy, guided the roster of boys to an impressive 1 loss and 3 wins to enter them in the championship on Monday morning.

The temperature was 90 degrees and the sun was bright for most of the weekend. Those boys played their hearts out.

The Delaware City/New Castle team beat Piedmont with a score of 11-5. The players were so happy. They each received a ribbon medal and the team won a very large trophy.

Mrs. Pyle has held this tournament, proudly, in honor of her husband, Larry Pyle. He was a player and a coach for much of his life and loved the game of baseball.

Stich also loves the game and his son Kevin. He has been a coach for the past five years. He has done a great job with all the boys he has had.

In closing, may I say I love you and God Bless you to have many more years of coaching. Happy Belated Father's Day.

Special moment: In game one, Kevin hits a home run over the fence and into the creek. He was proud of himself.

Christian Education Report

by Liz Saunders

Sunday school has recessed for the summer and will resume on September 12th. During the summer, the younger children are invited to attend the summer activities in the Parish House on Sundays from 10:15-10:45. These sessions will consist of craft, movies, games, etc. We are asking members to volunteer to share a craft project with the children, read a story, show a movie, or whatever else you can offer. Please consider volunteering for a Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. In accordance with the guidelines of the Episcopal Church, there needs to be at least two adults present in order for the activity to be held. Please see Ann Blackmore or Liz Saunders if you have any questions.

Liturgical Announcements

by Liz Saunders

Acolyte training will start on July 11 and will be held after the Sunday services. Training will be for current acolytes and for anyone else who would be

interested in serving as an acolyte. I hope that some adults in the congregation would consider volunteering for this rewarding service to our Lord. Unfortunately, in order for younger children to serve as an acolyte, they must be able to sit still and be attentive during the Sunday service. Adrienne Stichberry, one of our older and more experienced acolytes, graduated from high school this spring and is unable to serve any longer. We have appreciated Adrienne's loyal service and we wish the best for her as she moves into a new phase in life's journey. She will be missed but we will be thinking of her.



Sunday school children receive their certificates.



Emily DiOssi and Adie Stichberry both graduated from Delcastle High School.

Financial Facts – As of June 21, 2010

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| Expenses Budgeted | \$ 27,442 |
| Expenses Actual | <u>\$ 16,958</u> |

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| Expenses Under Budget | \$ 10,484 |
| Income Budgeted | \$ 26,756 |
| Income Actual | <u>\$ 27,265</u> |
| Income Over Budget | \$ 509 |
| Pledged Revenue | \$ 22,455 |
| Pledged Received | <u>\$ 23,045</u> |
| Pledges Over Budget | \$ 590 |

Notes:

- Our financial picture is good as we approach the end of the second 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 half of any year due to our making many annual outreach payments at the end of the year. This year our actual clergy expenses are lower than budgeted because we are using supply priests and Morning Prayer lead by Don Hutcheson.
- People have given over \$21,000 towards the Challenge grant, \$420 towards Special Needs and \$1276 towards other outreach programs to date.
- 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 June \$900 dollars will be transferred to saving so Christ Church will be in a good position to pay the first interest payment. Right now the interest payments will begin sometime after the project is completed and A&D has had time to set up a repayment schedule.

Birthdays

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|---------|--------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| July 6 | Robin Shute | Aug 4 | Ann Blackmore |
| July 9 | Sam Blevins | Aug 11 | Dick Weldon |
| July 10 | Roberta Walker | Aug 14 | Winifred Byrne |
| July 13 | Sheron Hutcheson | Aug 17 | Bill Nickle |
| July 16 | Canon Joseph Tucker | | |
| July 23 | Craig Weldon | | |
| July 24 | Bob Malinowski | | |
| Aug 18 | Nancy Whitesell, Candace Smith | | |
| Aug 24 | Curtis Saunders, Kelsey Koppel | | |
| Aug 26 | Frances Blevins | | |

SERVICE SCHEDULES

USHER

July 4 John Nickle, Paul Lyons, Destiny Lyons
July 11 Carol Stewart, Dot Havens
July 18 Paul Lyons, Jordan Thomas, Don Hutcheson
July 25 John Nickle, Carol Stewart
Aug 1 John Nickle, Paul Lyons, Destiny Lyons
Aug 8 Carol Stewart, Dot Havens
Aug 15 Paul Lyons, Jordan Thomas, Don Hutcheson
Aug 22 Carol Stewart, Dot Havens
Aug 29 John Nickle, Paul Lyon

LECTOR

| | <u>1st Lesson</u> | <u>2nd Lesson</u> |
|---------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| July 4 | Logan Malloch, | Janis Malloch |
| July 11 | Don Avery, | Jean Bonner |
| July 18 | Sandy Malinowski, | Al Stichberry |
| July 25 | Kathryn Widdekind, | Bonnie Sellner |
| Aug 1 | Gale Warren, | Janis Malloch |
| Aug 8 | Don Avery, | Jean Bonner |
| Aug 15 | Sandy Malinowski, | Al Stichberry |
| Aug 22 | Kathryn Widdekind, | Bonnie Sellner |
| Aug 29 | Kim Stichberry, | Janis Malloch |

SOUND SYSTEM

July 4 John Nickle
July 11 Paul Lyons
July 18 Paul Lyons
July 25 John Nickle
Aug 1 John Nickle
Aug 8 Paul Lyons
Aug 15 John Nickle
Aug 22 Paul Lyons
Aug 29 John Nickle

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

July 4 Al Stichberry
July 11 Sandy Janowski
July 18 John Nickle
July 25 Don Hutcheson
Aug 1 Curtis Saunders
Aug 8 Al Stichberry
Aug 15 Sandy Janowski
Aug 22 John Nickle
Aug 29 Don Hutcheson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

July 4 Carol Schofield
July 11 Joan Meadows
July 18 John Nickle
July 25 Dot Havens
Aug 1 Carol Schofield
Aug 8 Joan Meadows
Aug 15 John Nickle
Aug 22 Dot Havens
Aug 29 Carol Schofield

ACOLYTE

July 4 Sandy Janowski, Janis Malloch
July 11 Liz Saunders, Sammy Meyer
July 18 Sandy Janowski, Casey Meyer
July 25 Liz Saunders, Logan Malloch
Aug 1 Sandy Janowski, Casey Meyer
Aug 8 Liz Saunders, Sammy Meyer
Aug 15 Logan Malloch, Janis Malloch
Aug 22 Sandy Janowski, Sammy Meyer
Aug 29 Liz Saunders, Casey Meyer

If you cannot serve on the day you are scheduled, please call another acolyte to substitute for you.

Janis & Logan Malloch – 454-1704

Casey & Sammy Meyer –838-4004

Sandy Janowski – 834-9710

Liz Saunders – 834-1090

Calendar of Events

July 4 Holy Communion 10:15 am
July 11 Holy Communion 10:15 am
July 18 Holy Communion 10:15 am
July 25 Holy Communion 10:15 am
Aug 1 Holy Communion 10:15 am
Aug 8 Holy Communion 10:15 am
Aug 15 Holy Communion 10:15 am
Aug 22 Holy Communion 10:15 am
Aug 29 Morning Prayer 10:15 am
Sept 5 Labor Day Weekend
Sept 12 Sunday School begins & Parish Picnic

Priest Schedule:

July 4 – Canon Joseph Tucker
July 11 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
July 18 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
July 25 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
August 1 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
August 8 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
August 15 – Rev. Tammy Wooliver
August 22 – Rev. Muriel V. deBussy
August 29 – Morning Prayer
Sept. 5 – Rev. Muriel V. deBussy

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday, August 25th is the deadline for the September issue. Articles may be sent to Sandy Janowski by email at jsbirders@verizon.net or call 834-9710.