



# “STRIVING”

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

The Rev. Tammy S. Wooliver, Pastor

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## Pastor's Column

As I write this introductory article, I'm mindful that this is yet another time of the year for new beginnings. Of course there is New Year's Day, which initiates us into a new calendar year. There is Advent, which is the beginning of the Church year. And then there is this time of year, which doesn't really have a specific date or title. It can occur anytime from the middle of August to the middle of September. It's that time when you see "back to school" sales everywhere, school buses are back on the road, morning traffic is a mess again, students are returning to school in a new grade with a new class, vacations are ending, the beaches are emptying, Sunday School programs kick off, the nights get cooler, and there is a slight hint of the coming season of Autumn. All of that to say, what a great time of year to begin my new ministry with you here at Christ Church!!

There is a part of me that feels the anticipation of beginning a new thing, like the start of the school year. Perhaps you are feeling something of this also. All kinds of questions and possibilities ruminate in the imagination. And just like the beginning of a school year, there will be a period of "newness" where we will be learning about one another while getting into a comfortable routine. At some point the newness will wear off and a kind of status quo will set in, allowing us to move into the deeper aspects of being in a relationship. Between now and then, however, let's enjoy and revel in this new thing that God is doing in our midst.

Of course, I am not necessarily new to you. I've been serving as a regular supply priest since Fr. John left last November. As a supply priest, however, I just kind of flew in on Sunday mornings and flew out with little, if any, contact in between, which means there is much to learn about one another. You have probably by now heard me share that a hunk of my heart dwells in Oklahoma where

my son, Andy, his wife, Carey, and their blended family live, who includes Kyler, Ashley, Joshua, Brandon, and a soon to be born new granddaughter (late October)! I have been planning and will be going out to spend a couple of weeks with them after she arrives. Another new event!

You will learn about me that I love the "new;" the start of a new day, the beginning of a new week, visiting a new place, learning a new skill, meeting new people, and looking for what is new in what is old. If you can imagine fresh water pouring into stagnant water, that is what "new" feels like. I encourage you during this time of year when new things are happening around about us, that you look around in your life and ask, "Where can something new take place in my life?"

*Pastor Tammy+*



*Rev. Tammy Wooliver signs on as our new Pastor (pictured with Senior Warden, Sandy Janowski).*

## The Warden's Corner

*Sandy Janowski*

September is the beginning of the Sunday School year, choir is back, and Christ Church will have a new Pastor. The Rev. Tammy Wooliver has accepted the call to be our pastor beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Tammy has been one of our regular supply priests and comes with much experience in pastoral care. She is a chaplain at Christiana Care Wilmington Hospital, a supervisor and an educator. We look forward to having her lead us in our spiritual life. Welcome Pastor Tammy by attending the annual parish picnic on September 12<sup>th</sup> following the service.

The new roof is on the church building and the stability rods are in place. The foundation work has yet to be done but we are moving slowly to the finish line. After the work is completed, we will be finishing plans to construct the handicapped ramp into the parish hall. We have parishioners eagerly waiting for the ramp so that they may return to church services.

Some upcoming events held in the Diocese may be of interest. We will post them on the bulletin board in the narthex. If any event interests you please contact Carol Stewart or me.

*Safe Church Training* is being offered on September 18<sup>th</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, or October 9<sup>th</sup> at various locations in the county. This training is important for Eucharistic Visitors and Sunday school teachers and helpers.

On October 1st and 2nd, a conference on the *Magnetic Church* is being hosted at St. Anne's in Middletown. Concepts to help our church attract, welcome and retain new members.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold their Annual Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cathedral Church of St. John. They are also collecting toiletries for the Stockley Center in Georgetown. This home is a residential facility for adults with Developmental Disabilities. Suggested items include shampoo, conditioners, shaving lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, bath soap or liquid, unscented lotion, deodorant, powder and disposable razors.

*Parish Life Day* is being held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. This event has become very popular and some of the most interesting workshops fill up fast. You can pick up a brochure in the narthex or read about it on

[www.dioceseofdelaware.net](http://www.dioceseofdelaware.net) . If you would like to attend please see a vestry member so that we can sign you up.

And thinking way ahead, we will need someone to take charge of our Christmas outreach. This program has been successful the past few years due to the generosity of the parishioners and someone organizing the gifts. Help us find families in need and take charge of the gift requests. If this appeals to you please let me know.

Remember that the vestry members are your representatives for church leadership. If you have any concerns please relay them to your Junior Warden, Carol Stewart. They will be addressed at the monthly meetings. And do consider becoming a church leader. There will be openings on vestry at the end of the year.

*God's Peace*

*Sandy*

## Christian Education Report

*by Liz Saunders*

Wow, it's hard to believe that the summer vacation is almost over. The end of summer vacation means the start of a new Sunday School season. So, what's in store for this year? The younger children (5<sup>th</sup> grade and under) will be trying a new Christian education program titled "Weaving God's Promises" which was developed and written for the Episcopal Church. We will be sharing and acting out some of the great stories as found in the Old and New Testaments. Two of the lessons are the "Fall and Exile from Eden" otherwise known as "watch out for the snake" and "Cain and Abel" otherwise known as "how not to treat your brother". Sound exciting? Don't miss out on the excitement. This new program has lots of new and interesting crafts as well; you even get to make a snake and take it home to your mom! Remember to mark on your calendar that September 19<sup>th</sup> is our first gathering. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun together.

The older children will meet with Miss Gale and Miss Ann during this time. Lots of surprises await them.

As a reminder, the fun starts at 10:15 AM on Sundays in the Parish House. Please try not to arrive late. Late arrivals do disrupt the flow of the program.

At 11:00 the children will walk to the church building and join the service in progress in order to share in the breaking of the bread. Hope to see everyone on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Miss Liz, Miss Kim, Miss Janis, Miss Wanda, Miss Gale, Miss Ann

P.S. We do need people to volunteer to be a “baby playmate”. No lesson planning is required. Just come on over to the Parish House and play with the tots – great fun, great exercise, great rewards!! If you would be willing to help out, please see one of the teachers mentioned above.



*Poor Stitch, nurses his hand after an accident on the job.*

*The structural work continues.*



### **Food Closet Hours-**

Thursdays from 6-8 pm in the rectory. If you know of persons in need, please let them know that we have food available.



## SERVICE SCHEDULES

### USHER

Sept 5 Paul Lyons, Jordan Thomas  
Sept 12 Carol Stewart, Dot Havens  
Sept 19 Paul Lyons, Destiny Lyons, Don Hutcheson  
Sept 26 Carol Stewart, Dot Havens

### LECTOR

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>
Sept 5	Janis Malloch,	Gale Warren
Sept 12	Don Avery,	Jean Bonner
Sept 19	Sandy Malinowski,	Al Stichberry
Sept 26	Joan Meadows,	Kim Stichberry

### SOUND SYSTEM

Sept 5 Paul Lyons  
Sept 12 Paul Lyons  
Sept 19 John Nickle  
Sept 26 John Nickle

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sept 5 John Nickle  
Sept 12 Al Stichberry  
Sept 19 Sandy Janowski  
Sept 26 Don Hutcheson

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sept 5 Joan Meadows  
Sept 12 Dot Havens  
Sept 19 Carol Schofield  
Sept 26 John Nickle

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Sept 12 Liz Saunders  
Sept 19 Kim Stichberry  
Sept 26 Janis Malloch

### ACOLYTE

Sept 5 Liz Saunders, Tammy Reynolds, Kira  
Sept 12 Sandy Janowski, Logan Malloch,  
Kim Stichberry  
Sept 19 Liz Saunders, Sammy Meyer, Janis Malloch  
Sept 26 Sandy Janowski, Casey Meyer,  
Kim Stichberry

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

Sept 5 Holy Communion 10:15 am  
Labor Day Weekend

Sept 9 Choir rehearsal 7:15 pm

Sept 12 Holy Communion 10:15 am  
Sunday School begins &  
Parish Picnic

Sept 19 Holy Communion 10:15 am  
Sea Sunday

Sept 26 Holy Communion 10:15 am

Choir rehearsals are held Thursday evenings  
at 7:15 pm.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday, September 22nd is the deadline  
for the October issue. Articles may be sent to  
Sandy Janowski"  
7UII 834-9710.

### September Birthdays

Sept 2 Amanda Kane  
Sept 3 John Nickle  
Sept 7 Kevin Kowal  
Sept 22 Wanda Thomas  
Sept 26 Emily DiOssi,  
Fran Azwol  
Sept 27 Russell Budd  
Sept 28 Ron Owens

