



# “STRIVING”

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

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## Warden's Corner

By Liz Saunders

Good News! We finally have a complete vestry! Gale Warren volunteered her services to be the fifth vestry member and I volunteered to be Senior Warden. Last Sunday, in a quick vestry meeting after church, the vestry voted to accept our services for a one year term. The dedicated vestry members for this year are Wanda Thomas, Janis Malloch, Bonnie Sellner, Kim Stichberry, and Gale Warren. Dan Saunders will remain as treasurer and will be the sole male in the administrative workings of the church. The committee chairpersons and Junior Warden will be determined at the next scheduled vestry meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

February is shaping up to be a busy month for the congregation. For a short month (even through this is a leap year), there are many activities. We will be co-hosting, along with St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church of Milton, the Diocesan Convention that will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Dover. We appreciate the work that Sandy Janowski has been doing to organize the duties for which we are responsible. Numerous members have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to help with the events. What a wonderful congregation!

Bishop Wayne Wright will make his annual visitation to Christ Church on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Jake Hunter Marvel, the son of Brittany Loveland and Seth Marvel, will be baptized by the Bishop during the service. Brittany is the daughter of Buddy and Ellie Loveland. All are former parishioners of Christ Church and we welcome them back with our Christian love.

The pancake supper will be held on Shrove Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. All pancake flippers should start getting their wrists in shape. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. More information about these two events will follow in future Sunday bulletins.

We have two new acolytes, Nicole Sterrett and Travis Sheets, who have started serving on a regular basis. They are doing a terrific job! Carol Schofield will make her debut as a Communion Assistant on March 4<sup>th</sup>. It is invigorating to see new faces serving in different

places. A new face or two in Altar Guild would be welcomed!

At the top of the “to do” list for vestry is the starting of the proceedings to fill the part-time rector position that has been vacant since Pastor Tammy moved to Oklahoma. Stay tuned.



Cookie donations were sent to John Owens who is serving our country in Afghanistan.

## Food & Fellowship

By Janis Malloch

We have several events coming up in the near future. I would greatly appreciate parishioners to volunteer to chair some of them. The following events need an organizer.

Bishop's Visit – Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Pancake Supper – Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Agape Supper – April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Fling – April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Picnic – TBA  
Year End Luncheon – TBA

I want to thank all of the parishioners that help with the fellowship after church. Your donations of food are greatly appreciated by all. However, we still need folks to sign up for the upcoming months. If you are not able to provide items I will gladly help you. Let me know what I can do to help.

## Financial Facts – As of December 31, 2011

*Treasurer, Dan Saunders*

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Expenses Budgeted           | \$ 59,933        |
| Expenses Actual             | \$ <u>62,027</u> |
| Expenses <b>Over</b> Budget | \$ 2,094         |
| <br>                        |                  |
| Income Budgeted             | \$ 58,200        |
| Income Actual               | \$ <u>64,120</u> |
| Income <b>Over</b> Budget   | \$ 5,920         |
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| Pledged Revenue             | \$ 50,000        |
| Pledged Received            | \$ <u>54,890</u> |
| Pledges <b>Over</b> Budget  | \$ 4,890         |

### Comments on 2011 Income:

For the year, total income was \$5920.11 above budget. Increased pledging and faithful giver income, \$4890.00 above what was budgeted, accounted for most of the increase. The increase in Altar Guild income is largely due to the increase in the cost of flowers. Plate income, interest and dividends, Williams Choir Fund and miscellaneous income were close to what was expected.

### Comments on 2011 Expenses:

For the year, total expenses were \$2093.69 lower than budgeted and this is mainly due to lower clergy costs with Pastor Tammy leaving at the end of August. Some operating expenses were higher than budgeted while others were lower and together they offset each other. Because of increased income and lower expenses, the Vestry in December approved increasing the 2011 Diocesan Acceptance by \$1414.00 to \$6414.00 or roughly 10% of our income. The Vestry also approved sending an extra \$2000 dollars to the Diocese on our outstanding A&D loan.

### Other 2011 Items:

Christ Church ended the year with \$43787.77 in savings spread over 10 sub accounts, along with \$6593.69 in our checking account. The value of our Master A account with the Diocese varied last year with the stock market. We will not get a December statement for several weeks, but at the end of November, the total value was \$99,887.92. At the end of the year, the Vestry voted to give our annual donation to support a theological seminary to Virginia Theological Seminary, we gave money to the Lions Club, Delaware City Fire Department, the DC Community Center and the DC Senior Center.

### Comments on 2012:

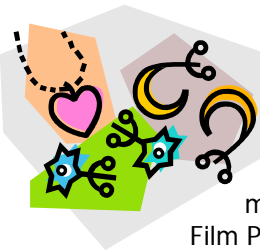
The church has received 25 pledges for 2012 for a total of \$45,710. In addition we have some faithful givers who do not pledge. The Vestry expects an additional \$7500 from them. While we are starting the year with supply priests, the Vestry approved budgeting \$16,000 for clergy salary along with \$2880 pension expenses to show any potential priests that the church has the means to support them. Other 2012 income and expenses are close to what occurred in 2011.



Christ Church has agreed to host the following event and you are invited.

**JEWELRY FASHION SHOW**  
**Benefit for**  
**Christian Motorcyclist Association**  
**Saturday, February 25, 2012**  
**2pm – 4pm**

This event is to make contribution to their annual fund raiser titled **Run for the Son**. 100% of all donations go toward their ministry ventures. No administrative costs are paid through these contributions.



The Christian Motorcyclist Association is an inter-denominational organization dedicated to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Their ministry partners include the Jesus Film Project, Missionary ventures (providing motorcycles, boats, or horses, as appropriate for missionaries serving in remote locations) & Open Doors (International evangelism bible distribution), and ministering to the U.S. motorcycling community.

**Please RSVP to the event coordinator:**  
Carol Schofield, at 302-832-8544 to help us provide adequate supplies. Come help support this ministry.

**PRIZES & FUN YOU!**

*Free gift for the first 5 to RSVP  
Bring a friend and receive a gift  
On time door prize*

**Jewelry by Premier Design**

Demonstrated by Florence Smith

Light refreshments will be served.

**Thank you from Pastor Arlene**



Pastor Arlene would like to thank Christ Church for her Christmas gift. It was greatly appreciated.

**Calendar of Events**

- Feb 5 Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
  - Feb 10 & 11 Diocesan Convention Dover
  - Feb 12 Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.  
Bishop's Annual Visit
  - Feb 13 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
  - Feb 19 Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
  - Feb 20 Book Group meets at noon
  - Feb 21 Pancake Supper 5-7 p.m.
  - Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
  - Feb 25 Jewelry Show 2-4 p.m.
  - Feb 26 Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
  - Mar 4 Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
  - Mar 11 Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
  - Mar 12 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
  - Mar 18 Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
  - Mar 19 Book Group meets at noon
  - Mar 25 Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
- Choir rehearsals are held Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m.