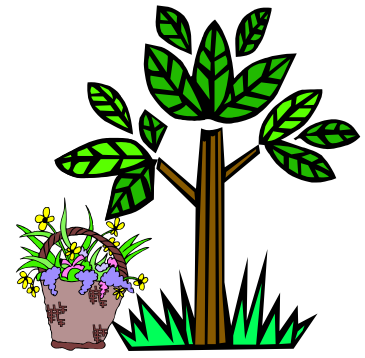




# MANNA



Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554

April 2008

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends,

How wonderful this past Holy Week and Easter Sunday were. Palm Sunday with its palms, procession, and special Gospel of our Lord's passion; Maundy Thursday with its focus on the Eucharist and Last Supper with our Lord, Good Friday with its liturgy for the world, and the joy of Easter. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Easter is the Queen of Seasons, the preeminent occasion to renew our baptismal vows to be the church in our day. Everything from Advent on leads up to Holy Week and Easter; everything from Easter on flows out of the joy of our Lord's resurrection. The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

Fr. Steve Swift

## Stewardship - Christ Episcopal Church

Mike Lawson

Our pledge income for 2008, as of this writing, is approx. \$17,000 less than what was pledged in 2007

Our objective must be.....the annual expenses of Christ Church Fairmont be covered by the annual giving of the parishioners!

Our mission is to follow God's word.

What is Stewardship? ----- Stewardship is the effective management of all of God's resources, which include earning, spending, saving, investing and giving. God has given us a great deal of instruction in His Word; in fact, there are 2,350 verses that deal with the subject of how we are to handle money. And it applies to all of us, no matter how much or how little we have. Jesus tells us in Luke 16:10, "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much..." Giving with a right attitude is also important, and giving joyfully will bring you so much more than a deduction, God will bless you for it.

and...

Matthew [25:34-40](#) — "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "



## A Note from Fr. Steve

As your search committee continues its search for a Rector, I have begun my search for a new position in interim ministry. The timetable for such a search is very much shorter than that for a Rector. I covet your prayers for my next position. Amy and I both would like to be closer to the East Coast without being in one of the Metroplex regions. I am committed to interim ministry and expect to serve the church in that capacity for the next 7-10 years.

Your Vestry and I have begun saying goodbye. As dates firm up we will have a couple of parish-wide opportunities to say goodbye. This 'saying goodbye' is the last of the interim tasks. Saying goodbye well now will help insure a healthy and exciting start-up with your new Rector. You have not had the opportunity to do that for more than 15 years. By God's grace, and through his blessing, our time together has been rich and rewarding.

I am deeply grateful for our time together. Of course, you will continue in my prayers.

## Peterkin Summer Camps 2008

### **Senior Camp: June 22-28, 2008** (*Youth entering grades 10-12 and recent High School graduates*)

This camp provides guidance into adulthood through personal growth, team work, and spiritual direction. Programs provide time for campers to ask and reflect on questions related to social, moral, personal and religious concerns.

### **Half Week Camps: June 29-July 3** (*New themes/programs for 2008 TBA soon!!!*)

### **Family Camp: July 6-12, 2008** (*Families and Adults*)

A week of family renewal in a caring Christian community, Family Camp brings together families of all kinds in a fun and relaxing atmosphere away from the daily demands of life at home. This camp offers discussion groups for all ages, as well as a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

### **Junior Camp: July 13-19, 2008** (*Youth entering grades 4-6*)

Campers at Junior Camp are introduced to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian. This camp offers instructional themes, worship, music, and a wide range of activities that allow campers to explore their relationship with Christ and each other.

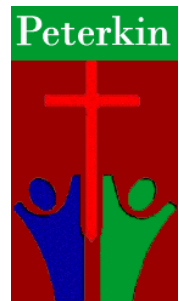
### **Intermediate Camp: July 20-26, 2008** (*Youth entering grades 7-9*)

This camp is designed to help young people grow as individuals and as members of the body of Christ. Many fun and engaging activities are offered to encourage campers to renew old relationships and form new and lasting friendships as they move closer to adulthood.

### **Creative Arts (Youth entering grades 4-7) /Hallelujah Hike (13-18 years old) July 27-August 2, 2008**

**Creative Arts Camp** allows young people to explore and celebrate their gifts and talents. Music, writing, the visual arts, and crafts are some of the talents that are nourished and expanded during this camp.

**Hallelujah Hike** is for those with an adventurous spirit! The Hike is designed to promote Christian identity and growth through community living in a rustic outdoor setting. Hikers have a chance to discover their connection to nature through tent camping, outdoor cooking, hiking, backpacking, adventure trails, plants and wildlife



## Lenten Reward

Chris Metheny

On April 6th, following worship services, the junior youth will take their Lenten collection of hygiene items to Scotts Place and then go to Valley Worlds of Fun for their Lenten Reward. The juniors have done a terrific job collecting hygiene items and learning the catechism in preparation for their Confirmation on June 29th when the Bishop comes to our church.



## Children's Sermon

One Easter Sunday morning as the minister was preaching the children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "what's in here?" "I know!" A little boy exclaimed, "pantyhose!! "

## Search Committee

Dana Riedeman

The Search Committee met on March 19 with Diocesan Consultants Faith Perrizo and Mary Ann Kersting to receive the candidate profiles that have been submitted thus far. The committee is currently making a first contact by mail with ten potential candidates for rector. So...we are moving along. Keep us in your prayers!

## ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

Approximately 60 meals were served to the clientele at the *Soup Opera* on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Neal Hamilton headed up the team of volunteers that included Mary & Steve Hoylman, Bruce Hamilton, Dick Hawkins and Dana & Steve Riedeman. The proceeds from our annual *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* fund the food we provide each month for this worthwhile organization.

The ECM is asking all the men of the church to mark Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for the upcoming *Strawberry Festival*. We will be providing whatever "manpower" is needed for preparations for this event.

## Junior Youth Lock - Down FIESTA FUN!

Chris Metheny

March 8th was the annual Junior Youth Lock Down. Fourteen teenage youth participated in the FIESTA themed fun complete with networking activities, confirmation lessons, sack race, egg race, scavenger hunt, food, and a new favorite "NERF Battle" in the gymnasium.

Special thanks to our church for continuing this ministry. The kids really look forward to this annual event.

## EGG-stra Special Egg Hunt

Chris Metheny



March 23rd was a crisp egg-citing morning at Christ Church. Not only did we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and enjoy the wonderful singing of our Choir during worship services. Twelve younger children and school age children had a terrific time seeking hundreds of eggs in the parish hall and the memorial gardens. Thanks to the loving support of our congregation these children gathered enough eggs to fill baskets and bags. The Easter story was reviewed in the library with the children while the eggs were being scattered. The grounds always look like they have been peppered with Jelly Beans and the joy is immeasurable. Thank you for your continued support of this activity.





## **Proud Parents**

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Lenin and Rachel Leon have announced the birth of Saul Alonso Leon on February 21st. Saul (Sah-OOL) weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. The Leon's have reported that, *"He is a very healthy little guy and we are "enjoying him SO MUCH".* Our congratulations to Lenin and Rachel !!

## **Strawberry Festival - Planning Stages - Mark Your Calendar !!!**

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The annual Strawberry Festival at Christ Church is being planned for **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**. Mike Lawson and Neal Hamilton are co-chairpersons this year. We are asking everyone's assistance in one manner or another - from providing baked goodies, baking the shortcakes necessary for our desserts, picking strawberries, kitchen help on Saturday and Sunday, selling tickets, parish hall set-up, etc.



This year's proceeds will be going toward our Christian Education program.

Please contact Mike, Neal or the church office offering your help. We need everyone's participation to make this a success.

Please watch your bulletin for more details. Everyone is encouraged to attend this wonderful event -- expect good food and good fellowship.

## **New Christ Church Ministry**

**Barb Barkley**

A new ministry is being formed at Christ Church. The ministry's goal is to reach out and assist those with ANY need. We will transport to church or to a doctor's appointment, bring in meals when needed, do grocery shopping, or pick up and deliver medications. Whatever the need, we will try and assist.

This ministry can only work if YOU let us know what your need is!

Also, if anyone in the congregation knows of a need, please let us know. Please call Barbara Barkley at work (367-0232) or at home (366-7149), or contact Bessie at the church office (366-3471).

If you have a need, no matter how big or small, we are here to help.

## **My Thanks**

**Amy Swift**

Thank you very kindly for all your gentle gifts given me during thermotherapy and recovery. I greatly appreciated your prayers, food, phone calls and visits. It was a tough year and your continued support has meant the world to me. You are a wonderful Christian group. I say prayers for your search and ours. My love to all.



## **40 Tips for an Exceptional, Superb & Powerful Life !**

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1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.
2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Buy a lock if you have to.
3. Buy a DVR, tape your late night shows and get more sleep.
4. When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement, "my purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_ today."
5. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.
6. Watch more movies, play more games and read more books than you did last year.
7. Make time to practice meditation, yoga, tai chi, or prayer. They provide us with daily fuel for busy lives.
8. Spend time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of 6.
9. Dream more while you are awake.
10. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured.
11. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, wild Alaskan salmon, broccoli, almonds & walnuts.
12. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
13. Clear clutter from your house, your car, your desk and let new and flowing energy into your life.
14. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
15. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
16. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
17. Smile and laugh more. It will keep the energy vampires away.
18. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
20. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
21. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
22. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
23. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
24. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
25. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
26. Forgive everyone for everything.
27. What other people think of you is none of your business.
28. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
29. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
30. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
31. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
32. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
33. The best is yet to come.
34. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
35. Do the right thing!
36. Call your family often. (Or email them to death!!!) Hey, I'm thinkin' of ya!
37. Each night before you go to bed complete the following statements:  
I am thankful for \_\_\_\_\_. Today I accomplished \_\_\_\_\_.
38. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.
39. Enjoy the ride. Remember this is not Disney World and you certainly don't want a fast pass. You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy the ride.
40. Share these thoughts with everyone you care about.

May your troubles be less,  
May your blessings be more,  
May nothing but happiness come through your door!



**TUSCAN SUN SPA - GIFT BASKET**

**Mary Hoylman**

As part of the Strawberry Festival (June 8<sup>th</sup>) this year, we are thrilled to be receiving a Gift Basket from the TUSCAN SUN SPA (compliments of Cheri Satterfield).

We will be offering two baskets for raffle with the other basket being Wines, Italian Foods, etc. (Wines are compliments of Barb Barkley).

Ticket prices will be \$1.00 per basket. You do not need to be present to win. If you would like to "get your name in the hat" before the Strawberry Festival or know someone that would be interested in getting in on this raffle, please use one of the forms below and return completed form and money to Mary Hoylman. Baskets will be on display during the Strawberry Festival with the winners being drawn around 2:30 p.m. that day.

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**RAFFLE FOR TUSCAN SUN SPA GIFT BASKET - \$1.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RAFFLE FOR WINE / ITALIAN GIFT BASKET - \$1.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Congrats to MacKenzie Boyles**

MacKenzie Boyles spent an exciting week (March 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>) in Washington, DC as a U.S. Senate Youth Scholar. MacKenzie, a senior at East Fairmont Senior High School, was one of two West Virginia seniors who joined 102 other delegates from each state for a week of intensive study of the federal government and the U.S. Senate in particular.

To be considered for this program, students were tested and then asked to write an essay. After being picked as a state finalist, students went to Charleston and gave speeches in the WV Supreme Court of Appeals chambers. Two weeks later, MacKenzie and a Morgantown High School senior were selected to attend.

Both WV high school seniors will receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Randolph Hearst Foundation.

MacKenzie is the daughter of Glenn & Laura Withers-Boyles. She serves as vice president of East Fairmont's student council and is editor-in-chief of the school yearbook. She was co-captain of the East Fairmont girls' soccer team and participated in five different sports during her four years at East Fairmont. She has also been a participant in the Marion County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program. Her career paths include a degree in biology as well as dental school. GREAT JOB MACKENZIE !!!

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Steve Hoylman**

Below is the Financial Report for February 2008.

Our loose plate and pledge collections were somewhat ahead of our projections due primarily to pre-payment of some of the pledge amounts. Further, our expenses were somewhat lower than projected.

January 1 thru December 31, 2008:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Loose Plate Collections	1,833	2,246	413
Pledge Collections	13,000	14,103	1,103
Expenses	31,184	26,856	(4,328)

February 2008 Only:	Budget	Actual	Net Difference
Loose Plate Collections	917	782	(135)
Pledge Collections	6,500	6,783	283
Expenses	15,592	13,250	(2,342)

## **Manna Article Requests**

**Mary Hoylman**

We are asking that all parishioners participate in submitting articles to the Manna. Submissions are requested by the 22nd of the month to meet the deadline of the next month's publication.

Articles can be sent to Mary Hoylman via email at mhoylman@indres.com; fax at 367-9737; phone at 363-4100 (daytime) or 367-0240 (evenings) - or articles can be dropped off to Bessie McCardle at the Church Office.

If you are on a Church Committee, please assign one person on the committee to submit updates to our congregation through the Manna on a monthly basis.



## Contact Information

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If you have any issues you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact one of the vestry members.

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## Senior Warden Report

**Kyle Hamilton**

As we enter Easter season the excitement of moving forward and growing seems to mirror the coming of spring. Many of our current "projects" are ready to blossom and grow just like the buds on the trees.

Vestry approved two items that the Capital Improvements committee listed as top priority for our property renovations. First, a French drain will be installed along the perimeter of the wall on the Fairmont Avenue side of the parish hall. Second, bids will go out immediately for a new roof and gutters. Once these items have been completed we will begin renovations in the parish hall, kitchen and classroom area.

The Search committee met with our Diocesan liaison, Faith Perrizo, and has started reviewing a list of potential candidates for our new Rector. The committee is presently in the process of working to pare down the initial list of ten candidates to a more workable list.

As part of our quest to grow this parish, some of your Vestry members will be attending the *Magnetic Church Conference* in Parkersburg in early April. The purpose of this conference is to teach us about new member ministry and prepare us for future growth.

Father Steve and I have completed a few "concluding conversations" with present Vestry members and plan to squeeze in a few more over the coming weeks. These informal "sit-downs" provide him with feed-back on his ministry here and will help him prepare for his next ministry, wherever that may be. It also helps us to bring some closure to his time here with us - something that we've not had in the recent past. Saying "good-bye" in a healthy, spiritual fashion is extremely important both to us and Father Steve.

A large, energetic committee, headed by Mike Lawson and Neal Hamilton, are busy making plans for the *Strawberry Festival* to be held Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall and side lawn. This is really a "whole church" function and we need everyone in the parish family to participate - and besides, it's really a fun time for all!

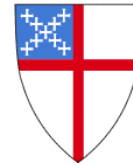
The next Vestry meeting is set for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in Father Steve's office.



## April Calendar

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Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Children's Mass & Gym Time)
Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Pre-school & Elementary Classes & 11:45 a.m. Juniors Confirmation Class
Monday, April 14	6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers)
Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Pre-school & Elementary Classes & 11:45 a.m. Juniors Confirmation Class
Sunday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Pre-school & Elementary Classes & 11:45 a.m. Juniors Confirmation Class
Saturday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christian Education Bonfire @ Metheny's (Details TBA)
Sunday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Children's Mass & Gym Time) Church School Recognition Sunday



## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

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Date	Service	Chalice	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristan	Ushers *	Counters
4/6/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	M. Boyles E. Lopez	M. Boyles C. Boyles B. Metheny	Team 1 White	Youth Ushers	K. Brown A. Heim
4/13/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton C. Carlot	C. Wood J. Burford	J. Wood A. Wadsworth M. Jacquez	Team 2 White	D. Hawkins J. Burford	T. Balenger J. Wallace
4/20/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton B. Barkley	T. Steed E. Lopez	R. Lawson C. Boyles M. Marsh	Team 3 White	L. Leon G. Boyles	N. Hamilton S. Tennant
4/27/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	J. Miller L. Lawson	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	E. Lopez B. Metheny N. Lopez	Team 4 White	K. Brown D. Hawkins	M. Lawson K. Brown
5/4/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	D. Hamilton B. Hamilton	C. Boyles N. Lopez	J. Wood M. Marsh A. Wadsworth	Team 1 White	Youth Ushers	C. Wood K. Hamilton



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