



MANNA

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

July 2008

Senior Warden Report

Kyle Hamilton

We enter the summer season on a high note coming off an extremely successful *Strawberry Festival* on Sunday, June 8th. Many thanks go to Mike Lawson and Neal Hamilton for taking on the responsibility of organization, and to Barb Barkley and Louise Starr for their guidance, patience and diligence throughout the whole process! It was truly a 'congregational effort' as a majority of our parishioners contributed in some form or fashion. So, a big 'thanks' to all of you that helped make the *Strawberry Festival* one that Christ Church was proud to host.

Father Steve continues his quest for his next ministry and our Search Committee continues their process of sorting through prospects in our search for a permanent priest. Everyone should be aware that we actually have a contract with Father Steve through the end of September, and if he leaves before then he must pay a \$4 million penalty (ha! ha!). Seriously speaking, we have allowed Father Steve to leave 'early' should an interim opportunity come along before the end of September.

Vestry approved the purchase of a Cassock/alb & surplice as a 'going away present' for Father Steve. Any parishioner wishing to donate toward this gift can do so by making a check payable to 'Christ Church - Rector's gift' and send it to Bessie at the Church office. This gift will be presented to Father Steve at his 'going away' reception when that date is announced.

The Outreach committee, under the guidance of Chairwoman Ann Heim, has been very active recently making gift decisions from the Bill Johnson bequest. A list of the approved gifts thus far is found in Ann's report in this issue of the *Manna*. Thanks to this committee for all their hard work to date - but they still have much work to be done!

Vestry also approved the bid for the roof replacement. Work on this project should start very soon - as will some of the other projects on tap to renovate and update our physical structure.

The next Vestry meeting is set for Monday evening, July 14th at 6:00pm in Father Steve's office.

Search Committee Report

Dana Riedeman

The Search Committee met on June 18 and reviewed information from eleven additional profiles of clergy who are seeking positions. Those profiles were sent to us by the Diocesan office. The committee has sent a letter of interest and information to seven of those clergy. We are also in the process of following up with the clergy person from our first list of candidates who expressed an interest in the position. Any parishioners who are in contact with Episcopal priests who might be aware of other clergy interested in a position at our parish should contact a member of the search committee.



A hot and sunny June 8, 2008 provided the backdrop for the 23rd Annual Strawberry Festival. This year's event was truly special because of all the time and energy devoted to the Festival by our fellow parishioners. The event was well attended and realized net proceeds of \$1,268.38 which will be split between the ECM and Christian Education.

While officially "co-chaired" by Mike Lawson and myself, Barbara Barkley, Louise Starr and many others devoted their experience and skills to the project - making our job easy. Louise Starr, Bessie McCardle and I got publicity of the event out early to the newspaper, radio stations, TV stations and other churches. Steve Riedeman, Mike Lawson, Bruce and Dot Hamilton, and Joe Larry all helped with the signs on the church grounds.

Chris Metheny arranged for all the important strawberry "pickers" which numbered 21: Chris, Gary & Brett Metheny, Nancy & Kent Brown, Dot & Bruce Hamilton, Tara Steed, Meredith & Leah Marsh, Leah's friend Kate, Kyle Hamilton, Matt Berardi, Laura, Catherine & Glenn Boyles, Beth & Nicolas Greely, Mike Lawson and myself. That made what can sometimes be a long arduous task take only one hour.



The "cleaning and slicing" duties were performed by: Barbara Barkley, Louise Starr, Dana Riedeman, Amy Berardi, Amanda Berardi, Mary & Steve Hoylman, Diane Miller, Louise Larry, Joyce Hamilton, Toni Balenger, and Neal Hamilton with Finn Tennant-Thornton acting as "taste tester".

Martha Hall, Jane Tyler, Amy Berardi and Peg Turner made telephone calls to enlist dessert cakes and baked goods. The decorations and tables were set up by Steve & Dana Riedeman with assistance from Caroline Carlot.

Dot & Bruce Hamilton secured the hot dogs, buns and condiments with the sauce provided by Dana Riedeman. Hot dog serving was done by Louise Lawson, Dot Hamilton, Jude Miller and Mike Lawson.

Betty Jaynes worked hard in advance to provide trays of her "famous mushroom sandwiches", which were expertly prepared by the kitchen crew: Bruce Hamilton, Martha Hall, Louise Larry, Toni Balenger. Barbara Barkley and Beth Greely took care of the strawberry shortcakes. Diane Miller whipped up dozens of fantastic strawberry milkshakes. The wonderful pork barbecue was provided by Louise Starr and served with a smile by Steve Hoylman and Janet Jacquez. The Berardi family handled the beverage table. McDonald's donated the orange drink. The dessert cakes were provided by Jane Tyler, Peg Turner, Anna Ammons, Toni Balenger, Martha Hall, Dot Hamilton, Joyce Hamilton, Ann Heim, Janet Jacquez, Chris Metheny, Diane Miller, Allison Nichols, Melanie Rieser, Tara Steed, Sally Tennant, Dana Riedeman, and Louise Lawson.

Tara Steed organized the games for the youth with Brett Metheny, Nicolas Greely, Catherine Boyles, and Meredith Marsh helping in the "set-up".

Dana Riedeman, Lisa Riedeman, Steve Riedeman and Joyce Hamilton operated the greeters and cashiers tables.

Ann Heim took care of the altar after church because the set-up crew was busy with other duties downstairs.

Brett Metheny, Nicolas Greely, and Monree Patterson helped with the clean-up. All in the while, Mike Lawson and I were in awe of how wonderful the whole thing took shape.



23RD Annual Strawberry Festival (Continued)

Mary Hoylman organized a fantastic raffle of two great baskets - one donated by Cheri Satterfield from the "Tuscan Sun Spa" and the other, a "wine and pasta" basket made possible with donations from Walmart, Rider Pharmacy and Barbara Barkley. The "raffles" alone brought in \$332.00 at \$1.00 per chance.... wow! Sherry Ice won the "Tuscan Sun Spa" basket, while our own Carla Wood won the "wine & pasta" basket.

The "Bake Sale" overseen by Carla Wood, Laura Withers-Boyles, Catherine Boyles, and Cheri Satterfield was a smashing success and made \$473.68. Many people donated their delicious baked goods and jellies to make this sale so tremendous: Laura Boyles, Nancy Brown, Caroline Carlot, Beth Greely, Dot Hamilton, Laurie Hannah, Louise Larry, Neal Hamilton, Amy Berardi, Rachel Leon, Ann Patterson, Dana Riedeman, Melanie Rieser, Cheri Satterfield, Louise Starr, Sally Tennant, Karyn Wallace, Carla Wood, Peg Turner, Barbara Barkley and Toni Balenger.

Cash donations were also given by Diane Parker, Ceil Johnson and Nancy Kocsis.

In summary, I COULD HAVE MADE THIS REPORT REALLY SHORT BY JUST SAYING THANKS CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, but I would rather take the time (like so many did) to give recognition and deserved thanks to all whose time and energy helped make this a memorable event! IF I FORGOT ANYONE'S EFFORTS - I'M SORRY FOR THE OVERSIGHT, BECAUSE SO MANY OF YOU HELPED!

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THE 23RD ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL GREAT !!!

Coffee Hour Update

Ann Heim



Janet Jacquez has graciously agreed to help organize coffee hours. She would like one more person to help her with that task. She would also like to ask, through the Manna, that people contact her to volunteer for individual Sundays.

Coffee hours will be the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Janet at 366-4181 to choose your month, or volunteer to be a co-chairman.

The E.C.M. (Episcopal Church Men) have volunteered to be first on the list **THANK YOU E.C.M. !!!**

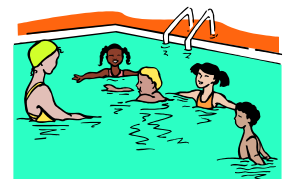
Christian Education All WET !

Chris Metheny

Many special thanks to the Boyles Family for hosting the Christian Education Swim Party. Since the BonFire was cancelled due to unpredictable weather in May, it was rescheduled in June and replaced with a swim party.

The Boyles family graciously hosted about half of the Christian Education Families for a cook-out. Great fun, food, and fellowship as always were enjoyed. Thank you also to those attending.

Christian Education will kick-off this fall. Look for details in coming Mannas. **If you would like to help out with our fun activities or projects, please let Chris Metheny know.**



Outreach Committee

Ann Heim

The Outreach Committee of Christ Episcopal Church met on June 4, 2008. The committee meets monthly on the Wednesday preceding Vestry meeting (unless conflicting schedules require a change). Committee members include: Ann Heim, Chairman; Steve Hoylman; Louise Lawson; Chris Metheny; Jude Miller; and Kyle Hamilton ex-officio member.

Just as a reminder, the committee was directed by the Vestry to tithe 10% of Bill Johnson's legacy to the community at large. The following gifts have been designated and approved by Vestry:

- United Way of Marion County - \$25,000
- The Diocese of WV(via the Bishops Discretionary Fund) - \$26,000
- Peterkin Conference Center - \$10,000
- Episcopal Relief & Development (to benefit a needy village I Africa) - \$9,935
 - One Water Well
 - 200 trays of drought-resistant seeds
 - two latrines
 - 20 shares of a fish farm
 - 25 malaria nets
 - 10 goats
 - 20 ducks
- American Red Cross(local chapter only) to aid in local disasters - \$25,000
- Marion County Soup Opera (for non-perishable give-away food items) - \$10,000

Contact Information

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

Vestry Member	Phone Number	Email Address
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Carla Wood	363-7938	carla414@msn.com
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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.



July Yoga Classes

Sally Tennant

The yoga classes for July are as follows. If you would like to give yoga a try or know of someone that might be interested - we'd love to have you participate!

There will not be any classes the week of July 5th through July 12th (vacation).

All Levels Vinaysa:

Tuesdays: July 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th (10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
Saturdays: July 19th and 26th (9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

Level II:

Thursdays: July 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Price: Community Members \$7.00 per class / Church Members \$6.00 per class
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont, WV

Contact Information: Certified Instructor Sally Tennant, cell 304-694-0107
home 287-2515 Email: s jotennant@aol.com



Treasurer's Report

Steve Hoylman

Below is the Financial Report for May 2008. Our pledge collections for the month of May have fallen behind and our expenses picked up this past month. The year-to-date collections have not been reflecting this "shortage" due to the pre-payment pledges that we had received the beginning of the year.

January 1 thru December 31, 2008:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Loose Plate Collections	4,583	5,413	830
Pledge Collections	32,500	32,485	(15)
Expenses	77,960	69,582	(8,378)
May 2008 Only:			
Loose Plate Collections	916	1008	92
Pledge Collections	6,500	4,756	(1,744)
Expenses	15,592	16,434	842

Christ Church Ministry

Barb Barkley

We want to help! Christ Church members would like 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.



A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

"What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning.

"There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap-- alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember -- when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.



Thanks to the Hamiltons

If you haven't visited our Memorial Gardens lately - do yourself a favor and take a walk through this area. It is absolutely beautiful!

Special thanks to Bruce and Dot Hamilton for all their hard work of extending some of the beds, planting new shrubs and planting the flowers in front of the Memorial Stone.

Thanks Bruce and Dot - we appreciate your landscaping talents and your time.

Important Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, July 2nd 6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting
- Friday, July 4th Independence Day - Office Closed
- Monday, July 14th 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- Saturday, July 19th 10:30 a.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers and Co-Captains)

Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristan	Ushers *	Counters
7/6/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton M. Lopez	C. Boyles N. Lopez	J. Wood B. Metheny N. Lopez	Team 2 All Season	D. Hawkins G. Boyles	C. Wood K. Hamilton
7/13/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson N. Hamilton	K. Hamilton J. Hamilton	B. Metheny N. Lopez	Team 3 All Season	L. Leon J. Burford	A. Heim T. Balenger
7/20/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Barkley C. Carlot	M. Lopez T. Steed	A. Wadsworth M. Marsh	Team 4 All Season	G. Boyles D. Hawkins	J. Wallace N. Hamilton
7/27/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	N. Hamilton C. Wood	R. Lawson M. Jacquez	Team 1 All Season	B. Metheny K. Brown	S. Tennant M. Lawson
8/3/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	M. Lopez K. Hamilton	J. Burford D. Burnell	M. Boyles C. Boyles	Team 2 All Season	Steed /Marsh Family	K. Brown C. Wood

If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements on your own for a replacement ahead of time.

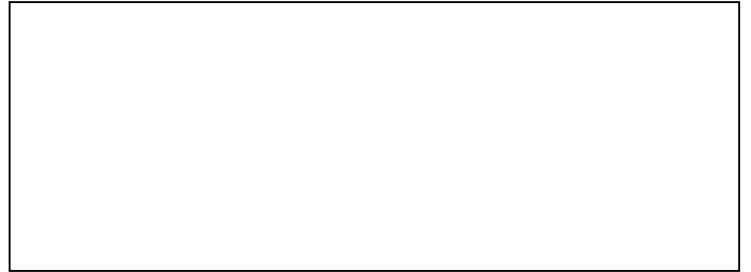
Anyone still willing to volunteer for any of the above positions, please contact Bessie at the church office or call Mary Hoylman (contact information in another section of Manna).

Remember - we are asking that "families" volunteer to be ushers - can be parents with children, husband and wife only, parent and one child, etc. The Steed/Marsh family will be serving in this capacity first on August 3rd. If you can participate in September - please contact us.



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