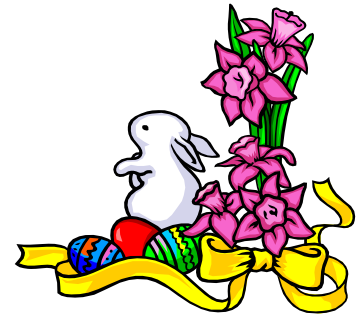


# MANNA



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

March 2008

Dear parish family and friends,

I write this article on the verge of my annual retreat at the Roman Catholic Retreat House in Huttonsville. It is a silent retreat, silent from dinner on Thursday through lunch on Sunday, a silent retreat. Hard to imagine going so long without speaking. Silence, space, and solitude come to mind. All your needs taken care of. Good food, quiet lifeless, winter surroundings. Every opportunity to be alone, together with God. Thoughts, feelings, hopes and disappointments all come to mind while on retreat. I go for that quietness, that freedom from daily concerns, that time alone together with God. By the time you read this I will have returned, quiet on the inside, full of God's presence, and ready to take up my life again.

We are fast approaching the 'last things' of interim ministry, the last time we will celebrate Holy Week and Easter together, the last time we will recognize our graduating seniors, the last Strawberry Festival.... Yet you are also on the edge of an entirely new ministry with a fully tenured Rector. Soon you'll be visiting several candidates, bringing the finalists in for an onsite interview and then issuing a call. Exciting times. Breath taking times. Not too long from now, we'll say good bye and then you'll say hello to your new Rector. All in good time, likely three to six months. At the appropriate time we will wrap up this interim ministry and God will bless us as we each continue ministry in the church. On another occasion I'll share more about my plans to continue in interim ministry.

We continue on pilgrimage through Lent to prepare for the joy of the resurrection. May your Lent be holy season and your Easter joyous!

The Lord is risen!  
Faithfully,  
Fr. Steve

## Search Committee Report

Dana Riedeman

The Search Committee is currently preparing a printed copy of our Parish Profile as a brochure that will be available for prospective candidates for rector at Christ Church. That brochure will be in circulation beginning in March, and our website should be ready for viewing in March. Our next step is to begin receiving names of interested candidates for examination by the committee and our Diocesan consultants. Please continue to pray for us!



## Easter Cantata

Carolyn Kerr

The choir is once again preparing a special service for Easter Sunday. By your request, we will present the cantata, "Lord of Light" by Bruce Greer and Nancy Gordon. You will remember from last year the story of Peter, the Woman at the Well, a Jewish Rabbi, and a child as they met Jesus. All of these experiences are told through contemporary music and the spoken word.



Come and share in the celebration of our risen Lord as we again proclaim the wonders of his life, death and resurrection on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. service of Worship and Holy Eucharist.

## Prayer Chain Revision

Louise Starr

At present we have two Prayer Chains and we are revising the Prayer Chain because several that were on the Prayer Chain have moved away. We would like you to take part in this vital program. Prayers for our Parish needs and needs of our Parishioners are so important in the life of our Parish.

The Prayer chain has a Chairman, who Prayer requests are directed to. She in turn contacts the next person on the list with the request and they pass it on until the last person contacted calls the leader to let her know the Prayer chain is complete.

Jane Tyler will be the Chairman. Prayer requests are directed to her and she will start the request to the next one on list.

Each Prayer Chain participant will be given a list of names and telephone numbers of all participants. If the next name on the list can't be reached, go to following one.



Our Prayer is:



*Direct us O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begin, continue, and end in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please call Louise Starr at home (366-6995) or leave a message at the office (366-3471).

## "Lock Down" Reminder

As previously published, Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>; from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is our Junior Lock Down.

The Juniors (and their invited friends) spend the day in the parish hall and gym with group lessons, free time with gym and crafts, music, games, networking, food, and fun.

We are accepting any assistance for food, games, prizes, your talents and time! Please contact Chris Metheny to participate in some way at 366-2033 or email her at [christinemetheny@comcast.net](mailto:christinemetheny@comcast.net). You may also call the church office at 366-3471 from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Monday thru Friday.



**ECM Report**

**Kyle Hamilton**

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Christ Church ECM, along with help from some of the youth and women of the parish, successfully hosted their traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. One of the patrons that enjoyed the fare that evening asked me how long we'd been doing this event. My answer was simply, "As long as I've been here" (which is about forty-five years!) The point being that, even as we move forward and look to grow through change, "tradition" can continue to be a very positive thing! So, thanks to all who participated and enjoyed the evening - we'll look forward to doing it again next year.



The biggest "beneficiary" of our pancake supper is the local Soup Opera. ECM uses the proceeds from this event to purchase food in the preparation of meals for the Soup Opera clientele once each month. Seventy-five meals were prepared and served on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> by Bruce & Dot Hamilton, Kyle Hamilton, Mike Lawson and Steve Riedeman. We continue this ministry every third Saturday of each month and invite any and all in the parish to join us in this community outreach. **Please give me a call if you can volunteer for any of these Saturdays.**

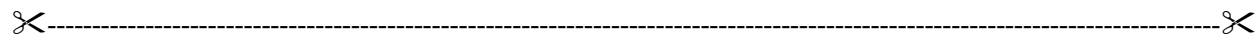
**Treasurer's Report**

**Steve Hoylman**

Below is the Financial Report for January 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	917	1,464	547
Pledge Collections	6,500	7,320	820
Expenses	15,592	13,606	(1,986)



**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS**



**If you would like to contribute to the Easter Memorial Flowers, please fill out this form and place in the church collection plate or mail to Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554. Checks should be made payable to "Christ Episcopal Church".**

**Name (as you want it to appear in the bulletin):**

**Amount of Donation:**

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**Flowers Given in Memory of:**

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**and/or in Thanksgiving for:**

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I love the Lenten season! As corny as that may sound, it really is true. During a time of year when the weather is normally cold, damp and miserable we have the opportunity to reflect and pray, meditate and plan, and simply be at peace. I find this respite from our fast-paced lives refreshing as well as rejuvenating.

Four new parishioners joined your Vestry this month. Toni Balenger, Neal Hamilton, Sally Tennant and Carla Wood are the latest additions replacing Mike Hall, Louise Lawson, Chris Metheny and Jenny Reese. We welcome the new members and thank the retiring ones for their service over the last few years. Serving on Vestry is much like working as a waiter or waitress. It is something you need to experience to keep your perspective in the right place.

Moving forward through 2008 we have numerous things happening within our church. The Search Committee is busy with the process of finding a priest. The Outreach Committee is in the process of formalizing and structuring procedures for our corporate giving, and the newly formed Capital Improvements Committee will be meeting soon to start making plans for much needed renovations to our building. On the spiritual side, we are blessed to have Dede Burnell leading a weekly Bible study throughout Lent and Father Steve conducting mid-week Eucharist services every Wednesday morning.



Please mark your calendars for the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Holy Week holds promise as one of the most meaningful spiritual experiences we've had at Christ Church for some time. The choir, under the direction of Organist Carolyn Kerr, will be performing an Easter Cantata, and Father Steve is planning a special service on Good Friday. We look forward to having great attendance at both Palm Sunday and Easter Day services - so plan on worshipping with us!

**Free Stuff for You or For Someone Else**

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The Fairmont/Marion County Freecycle™ group is open to all who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano or an old door, feel free to post it. Or maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself! Nonprofit groups are also welcome to participate!

One main rule: everything posted must be free. This group is part of The Freecycle Network, a nonprofit organization and a movement of people interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills. Check out [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) for other cities and info on the movement!

Just go to: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Fairmont\\_freecycle/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Fairmont_freecycle/)

**MENSA PUZZLE - Can You Find the Proverb?**

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A variation on a proverb is coiled in the grid below. To spell it out, start with an "I" and move to an adjacent letter in any direction. All letters will be used exactly once. *Hint:* The enumeration - that is, the number of letters in each word, plus punctuation - is (2 2 5 3 3'1 7, 3 9 9). Don't give up! Call or Email Mary Hoylman if you need the answer.

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## State Champions - Fairmont Senior High School

Fairmont Senior High School won the West Virginia boys high school swimming championship for the 10th year in a row

**Ross Lawson**, a senior on the team, was on the winning team of the 200 Medley Relay for Fairmont Senior consisting of Jonathan Turner, Ross Lawson, Andrew Bonasso and Hunter Murray). Ross also placed second in the State in the 100 Breaststroke and seventh in the 100 Freestyle.



Congratulations to all members of the Fairmont Senior High School team and their coaches. GREAT JOB ROSS on your final year of high school swimming!!

## Peterkin Summer Camps 2008

There will be a detailed schedule of the summer camps this year at Peterkin, however, the following is a listing of this year's weekly schedule. Registration material will be available soon and more information will be in future Mannas as well as at the Church Office.

June 22 - 28:	Senior Camp
June 29 - July 3:	Half Week Camps (New Themes/Programs TBA Soon!!)
July 6 - 12:	Junior Camp
July 13 - 19:	Family Camp
July 20 - 26:	Intermediate Camp
July 27 - August 2:	Creative Arts / Hallelujah Hike

## The Easter Lily

Easter has its share of traditions: egg decorations and hunts; gift baskets and chocolate bunnies, sunrise church services, parades, and, of course, the Easter Lily. For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life - the spiritual essence of Easter.

History, mythology, literature, poetry and the world of art are rife with stories that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers. Dating back to Biblical lore, the lily is mentioned numerous times in the Bible. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ told his listeners: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet..... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.






Easter Lilies' white blossoms symbolize the purity of Jesus. Lilies, emerging from the earth in the spring, also symbolize new life and the resurrection of Christ.

According to legend, when Jesus walked the earth, all the plants and animals — beautiful and ugly alike — bowed their heads in respect. The lily, however, considered itself too beautiful and proud to bow. After the Crucifixion, the lily was so ashamed it bowed its head, and continues to do so as a sign of respect.



## February Calendar

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Saturday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Multiphasic Blood Screening @ FGH (Sponsored by CEC)	
Sunday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Children's Mass & Gym Time	
Wed., March 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Saturday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Junior Lock-Down - Parish Hall	
Sunday, March 9 <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, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting	
Saturday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers)	
Sunday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Palm Sunday - Blessing of the Palms) 10:30 a.m. Pre-school & Elementary Classes & 11:45 a.m. Juniors Confirmation Class	
Wed., March 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Thursday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar	
Friday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 p.m. Good Friday Services	
Sunday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Easter Sunday)	
Sunday, March 30 <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 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Fourth Sunday of Lent) - Children's Mass & Gym Time	

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](mailto: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

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

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*New Vestry Members - Please advise if there is a change in your "contact" information.*



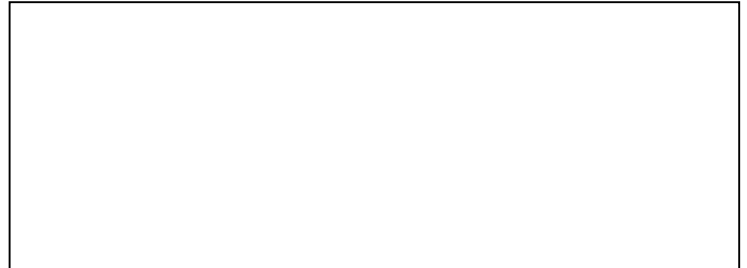
## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Chalice	Lectors	Acolytes	Altar	Ushers *	Counters
3/2/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton L. Lawson	C. Boyles N. Lopez	J. Wood C. Boyles M. Jacquez	Team 1 Purple	Youth Ushers	K. Hamilton K. Brown
3/9/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton B. Barkley	T. Steed J. Burford	R. Lawson A. Wadsworth M. Marsh	Team 2 Purple	D. Hawkins L. Leon	A. Heim T. Balanger
3/16/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist Palm Sunday	B. Logue C. Carlot	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	E. Lopez B. Metheny N. Lopez	Team 3 Red	J. Burford G. Boyles	J. Wallace N. Hamilton
3/20/08	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday				ALL Teams Red	Available Ushers	
3/21/08	7:00 p.m. Good Friday				No Teams Red	Available Ushers	
3/23/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist Easter Sunday	J. Miller L. Lawson	T. Steed C. Wood	J. Wood M. Marsh A. Wadsworth	ALL Teams White	K. Brown D. Hawkins	S. Tennant M. Lawson
3/30/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton B. Logue	K. Brown N. Hamilton	T. Hamilton N. Lopez M. Jacquez	Team 4 White	L. Leon J. Burford	E. Wood K. Hamilton
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



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