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

October 2008

Senior Warden Report

Kyle Hamilton

Nature's transition from summer to fall always seems so seamless... the nights gradually become cooler and the morning air takes on a special crispness that invigorates the early riser. Hopefully, Christ Church's transition to a new ministry will mirror Mother Nature! As Father Steve prepares to leave us for an exciting new ministry in Baltimore, MD we also look forward to the swell of enthusiasm that accompanies a call to a new, full-time priest for Christ Church. Please keep Father Steve and Amy in your prayers, as well as your Vestry and the Search committee as we move forward to these fresh opportunities.

Sally Tennant, our resident yoga instructor and Vestry member, has agreed to assume the responsibilities of the job as Church Treasurer. Sally will be replacing Steve Hoylman, who has served faithfully, diligently and flawlessly for the past few years. Thank you, Steve, for an awesome job!

Cannon Wadsworth has accepted the call to take over as the editor of *Manna*, replacing Mary Hoylman. Once again, many thanks to Mary for taking on 'a job nobody wanted' and performing it above expectation! Both Mary and Steve will be missed, but Vestry has complete confidence that Sally and Cannon will carry-out their duties competently and confidently.

While I'm handing out *kudos*, I want to recognize Barb Barkley for her consistent presence and availability. Barb does a lot of work 'behind the scenes' that generally goes unnoticed... but is always appreciated!

Bishop Michie Klusmeyer came for his annual visit on Sunday, September 21st to Baptize Nikki Lopez and Confirm Catherine Boyles, John Burford, Nicholas Greely, Nikki Lopez, Brett Metheny and Meredith Marsh. Congratulations to all! After a wonderful social gathering, the Bishop sat down with Vestry and reviewed where we've been and (hopefully) where we're going. We are truly blessed to have a loving and caring Bishop looking over us!

Sunday, October 12, 2008 - Dick Schmidt Visitation

Dick Schmidt will visit Christ Church on Sunday, October 12th as guest preacher and celebrant. Presently, Dick and Pam reside in Cincinnati, Ohio where Dick works as the editor of *Forward Movement*. (The *Forward -Day by Day* publication offers daily meditations and inspirational vignettes on the daily scriptural passages. Copies are always available in the entrance of the church.)

Dick served Christ Church as Rector during the 1980's.

Please mark the date on your calendar and join us for worship on October 12th!



Treasurer's Report

Steve Hoylman

Below is the Financial Report for August 2008.

January 1 thru August 31, 2008:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Loose Plate Collections	7,333	9,485	2,152
Pledge Collections	52,000	61,640	9,640
Expenses	124,736	108,281	(16,455)
August 2008 Only:			
Loose Plate Collections	917	1,194	277
Pledge Collections	6,500	18,336	11,836
Expenses	15,592	16,672	1,080

ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

The 'two-man wrecking crew' of Kyle Hamilton and Mike Lawson, assisted also by Father Steve Swift, served 68 meals to the clients at the *Soup Opera* on Saturday, September 20th. It was a day where the rest of our regular volunteers were either out of town or busy with other responsibilities, and thus we were 'stuck' on our own! Fortunately, everyone that was hungry got fed..., and we survived without any permanent scars or brain damage. Whenever you have a team of seven or more, things go rather smoothly and everyone has a good time. But when there are only two or three it really becomes a challenge. Thanks to Mike and Father Steve for working hard without complaint.

Dana and Steve Riedeman will be captaining the volunteer team on Saturday, October 18th. Please mark that date and make an effort to join in this worthwhile outreach ministry.

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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Father Steve has announced that Sunday, October 26th will be the last service he performs at Christ Episcopal Church. We certainly wish him well in Baltimore !





"Friends are God's way of Taking Care of Us." (written by a Metro Denver Hospice Physician)

I just had one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and wanted to share it with my family and dearest friends.

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die - I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a Gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay.

When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her.. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95.

I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying " don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. So I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car, who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent Jan 1, and finally in desperation had finally called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?"

This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."



It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.

Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings...

Psalms 55:22 "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."



Our Mission is to Know God, Love God, and Serve Others

There are three Christian Education classes this year: "Preschool to 2nd Grade", "Elementary Level (3rd and 4th Grade)", and "Junior High Youth (5th thru 8th Grade)".

We will continue with Children's Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

Below is our schedule for the year:

Date	Preschool 10:30 a.m.	Elementary 10:30 a.m.	Junior 11:45 a.m.
5-Oct	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Children's Mass & Acolyte Training
12-Oct	Class	Class	Class
19-Oct	Class	Class	Class
26-Oct	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday
2-Nov	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Children's Mass & Acolyte Training
9-Nov	Class	Class	Class
16-Nov	Class	Class	Class
23-Nov	Class	Class	Class
30-Nov	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday
7-Dec	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Children's Mass & Acolyte Training -- Christmas Outreach Program
14-Dec	Class	Class	Class
21-Dec	Class	Class	Class
28-Dec	Christmas Break - No Class	Christmas Break - No Class	Christmas Break - No Class
4-Jan	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Children's Mass & Acolyte Training
11-Jan	Class	Class	Class
18-Jan	Class	Class	Class
25-Jan	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday
1-Feb	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Children's Mass & Acolyte Training
8-Feb	Class	Class	Class
15-Feb	Class	Class	Class
22-Feb	Class	Class	Class
29-Feb	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday
1-Mar	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Children's Mass & Acolyte Training -- Lock Down Day
8-Mar	Class	Class	Class
15-Mar	Class	Class	Class
22-Mar	Class	Class	Class
29-Mar	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday
5-Apr	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Children's Mass & Acolyte Training
12-Apr	Class	Class	Class
19-Apr	Class	Class	Class
26-Apr	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday	Get to Know Sunday
3-May	Recognition Sunday	Recognition Sunday	Recognition Sunday
10-May	Mother's Day	Mother's Day	Mother's Day



Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 1st	6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 5th	Coffee Hour after Church Service
Monday, October 13th	6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
Saturday, October 18th	10:30 a.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers and Co-Captains)

Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristan	Ushers *	Counters
10/05/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	M. Lopez B. Barkley	N. Lopez B. Metheny	N. Lopez M. Marsh	Team 3 All Season	Youth Ushers	K. Brown C. Wood
10/12/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	J. Burford D. Burnell	C. Boyles B. Metheny	Team 4 All Season	G. Boyles Volunteer?	K. Hamilton A. Heim
10/19/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton K. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	N. Lopez M. Marsh A. Wadsworth	Team 1 All Season	J. Burford Volunteer?	T. Balenger J. Wallace
10/26/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	M. Lopez N. Hamilton	C. Boyles M. Jacquez	Team 2 All Season	L. Leon Volunteer?	N. Hamilton S. Tennant
11/2/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Barkley M. Lopez	C. Boyles M. Marsh	J. Wood B. Metheny	Team 3 All Season	Youth Ushers	M. Lawson K. Brown

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/

Anyone that will not be available to serve on a Sunday for the upcoming month is asked to contact Mary Hoylman or Bessie McCardle.

Remember - we are asking that "families" volunteer to be ushers - can be parents with children, husband and wife only, parent and one child, etc.



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