

# MANNA

The new School  
Year has begun.  
Be careful!

Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554 September 2008

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## Confirmation Sunday

Chris Metheny

With much anticipated excitement, the Rt. Rev. Michie Klusmeyer will be at Christ Church on Sunday, **September 21st** to confirm the following Junior Youth participants:

- Catherine Boyles
- Nikki Lopez
- Meredith Marsh
- Nicolas Greely
- Brett Metheny
- Alec Wadsworth

These amazing young individuals participated in confirmation classes last year, completing activities in our church, community, as well as finding their place in God's plan. **Please come join our service to witness them taking their next step in their Journey with God.** Anyone who is seeking confirmation information should contact the church office and Father Steve Swift.

## Deanery Picnic

Barb Barkley

There will be a Deanery Picnic on Sunday, September 14th at 2:00 p.m. at our church. All the churches in the Deanery will be attending (parishioners included). The "picnic" will be a covered dish dinner with hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Beginning August 10th, we will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to know how many people will be attending. Updates will be in the bulletin, as well as in the next Manna.

A Deanery Meeting will be held after the picnic - report to follow in the October Manna.

## Manna Editor Requests / Changes

Mary Hoylman

The "October" issue of the Manna will more than likely be my last Manna publication for a while. Steve and I are planning on spending some of the "winter months" in Florida. This distance (even with email) will probably make me feel too "out of touch" with the happenings of Christ Episcopal Church to stay on top of all events that should be reported. Kyle Hamilton and the Vestry have been notified of this change and are looking for a replacement Editor.

As always, we are asking all parishioners (and especially any committee representatives) to 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.

For now, your 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.



*It was so nice to see Helen and Christian Colburn in church this past month. We've missed you and wish you good health! Helen was sweet enough to tell me that she enjoyed some of the articles that are in the Manna. So Helen, here's another one for you!*

What Goes Around Comes Around

The man slowly looked up. This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new. She looked like that she had never missed a meal in her life. His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before.

"Leave me alone," he growled. To his amazement, the woman continued standing. She was smiling -- her even white teeth displayed in dazzling rows. "Are you hungry?" she asked.

"No," he answered sarcastically. "I've just come from dining with the president. Now go away." The woman's smile became even broader. Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm.

"What are you doing, lady?" the man asked angrily. "I said to leave me alone."

Just then a policeman came up. "Is there any problem, ma'am?" he asked.

"No problem here, officer," the woman answered. "I'm just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?" The officer scratched his head. "That's old Jack. He's been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?"

"See that cafeteria over there?" she asked. "I'm going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for awhile."

"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted. "I don't want to go in there!" Then he felt strong hands grab his other arm and lift him up. "Let me go, officer. I didn't do anything."

"This is a good deal for you, Jack," the officer answered. "Don't blow it."

Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman and the police officer got Jack into the cafeteria and sat him at a table in a remote corner. It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived. The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by the table.

"What's going on here, officer?" he asked. "What is all this. Is this man in trouble?"

"This lady brought this man in here to be fed," the policeman answered.

"Not in here!" the manager replied angrily. "Having a person like that here is bad for business."

Old Jack smiled a toothless grin. "See, lady. I told you so. Now if you'll let me go. I didn't want to come here in the first place."

The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled. "Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm down the street?"

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"Of course I am," the manager answered impatiently. "They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms."

"And do you make a goodly amount of money providing food at these weekly meetings?"

"What business is that of yours?"

"I, sir, am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company."

"Oh."

The woman smiled again. "I thought that might make a difference." She glanced at the cop who was busy stifling a giggle. "Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?"

"No thanks, ma'am," the officer replied. "I'm on duty."

"Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?"

"Yes, ma'am. That would be very nice."

The cafeteria manager turned on his heel. "I'll get your coffee for you right away, officer."

The officer watched him walk away. "You certainly put him in his place," he said.

"That was not my intent. Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this." She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest. She stared at him intently. "Jack, do you remember me?"

Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes "I think so -- I mean you do look familiar."

"I'm a little older perhaps," she said. "Maybe I've even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry."

"Ma'am?" the officer said questioningly. He couldn't believe that such a magnificently turned out woman could ever have been hungry.

"I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment. I walked the streets for days. It was February and I was cold and nearly starving. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said. "I was behind the serving counter. You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy."

"I know," the woman continued. "Then you made me the biggest roast beef sandwich that I had ever seen, gave me a cup of coffee, and told me to go over to a corner table and enjoy it. I was afraid that you would get into trouble. Then, when I looked over, I saw you put the price of my food in the cash register. I knew then that everything would be all right."

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"So you started your own business?" Old Jack said.

"I got a job that very afternoon. I worked my way up. Eventually I started my own business, that, with the help of God, prospered." She opened her purse and pulled out a business card. "When you are finished here, I want you to pay a visit to a Mr. Lyons. He's the personnel director of my company. I'll go talk to him now and I'm certain he'll find something for you to do around the office." She smiled. "I think he might even find the funds to give you a little advance so that you can buy some clothes and get a place to live until you get on your feet. If you ever need anything, my door is always opened to you."

There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I ever thank you?" he said.

"Don't thank me," the woman answered. "To God goes the glory. Thank Jesus. He led me to you."

Outside the cafeteria, the officer and the woman paused at the entrance before going their separate ways. "Thank you for all your help, officer," she said.

"On the contrary, Ms. Eddy," he answered. "Thank you. I saw a miracle today, something that I will never forget. And thank you for the coffee."

## Yoga For Fitness Classes

Sally Tennant

The yoga classes for September 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!

Note: You will see I have added a Gentle Class on Wednesday. This is geared to anyone that is interested in yoga but maybe hesitant to do the other classes offered. I will attend to health issues and difficulties in this class. It will be a very gentle class providing an introduction to yoga for those who are beginners.



### All Levels:

Tuesdays: Sept. 2, 16, 23, & 30 (10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)  
(Note: No Class 9/9/08)

Saturdays: Sept. 6, 13, 20, & 27 (9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

### Level II:

Thursdays: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

### Gentle Class:

Wednesdays: Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 (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

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## 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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## Junior Warden Update

Kent Brown

The roofers have begun tearing off the old roof and the hedge trimming and mulch-as-needed should happen within the next few weeks.

The thermostat in the Sanctuary that serves the Sanctuary and Gym has been changed and I will be leaving the directions in the small closet where we keep the light bulbs and hymn numbers. There are 4 possible time settings for each of 7 days - shown as Wake, Leave, Return, and Sleep. Each of these may be set to any time during the day, as long as they are in order. Currently, the thermostat is set to auto-shift between heat and cool and the temperatures are set to Heat - 62 degrees and Cool - 82 degrees for each of the day's settings except for the following:

- Monday: 7:30 - 9:30 pm
- Tuesday: 10:00 - 11:00 am
- Thursday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Sunday: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Each temperature for these times above are set to H-70d and C-74d. Please let me know if any of the times or temps need changed.

Other items about the thermostat are:

1. To change current temperature just push the arrows up or down as you need. This temperature will hold for that current time period and revert to the programmed schedule upon reaching the next time period setting.
2. You can change the temperature and hold it by pushing "Hold", but remember that the temperature will remain just as you set it for 24/7/52 until you release the "Hold."
3. The times should be set to only what times you need. The thermostat is supposed to have somewhat of a "brain" and will learn what lead times are needed to get to the correct temperature.
4. Anyone is welcome to view the settings by pushing "Schedule", then "View" and use the "up & down arrows" for moving around. Nothing you do will leave a lasting change. If, however, you choose "Edit" for anything, it will be permanent when you finish.

## Christian Education

**Chris Metheny**

Christian Education is gearing up for an exciting fall semester. We strongly encourage your involvement with the kids of all ages. We will have classes beginning in September, the exact details will be forth coming and available in the bulletin. We plan to continue to have the Children's Mass with children involvement in age-appropriate functions.

We will be planning the All Hallow's Eve Dinner, which is a church wide function, so go ahead and mark your calendar for October 26th for a wonderful time to gather and enjoy some fellowship and good food.

Our Christian Education classes will also continue its outreach activities sponsoring Christmas Angels and others in our community with toys and food.

If you have a talent to share with the kids; music, yoga, movies, or other fun activities (fishing, running, biking, hiking) we are always open to incorporating God's will with fun events and activities. Please let anyone in the Christian Education program know.

You can always contact Chris Metheny at 304-366-2033 or 304-365-1086 or email [methenyc@wvuh.com](mailto:methenyc@wvuh.com) or [christinemetheny@comcast.net](mailto:christinemetheny@comcast.net). Thank you always for your loving support of our Christian Education programs!

## Treasurer's Report

**Steve Hoylman**

Below is the Financial Report for July 2008. Our pledge collections for the month of July have fallen behind. 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.

<b>January 1 thru July 30, 2008:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Over / (Under)</b>
Loose Plate Collections	6,415	8,291	1,875
Pledge Collections	45,500	43,304	(2,196)
Expenses	109,144	91,609	\$17,535)
<b>July 2008 Only:</b>			
Loose Plate Collections	916	1,132	216
Pledge Collections	6,500	3,879	(2,621)
Expenses	15,592	12,331	(3,261)

## The Water Pistol

When my three-year-old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink.

I was not so pleased. I turned to mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?"

Mom smiled and then replied..... "I remember!!!"

## Important Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, Sept. 3rd 6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting
- Sunday, September 7th Coffee Hour after Church Service
- Monday, Sept. 8th 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- Sunday, Sept. 14th 2:00 p.m. Deanery Picnic (Covered Dish - Sign-Up Sheet in Narthex)
- Saturday, Sept. 20th 10:30 a.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers and Co-Captains)
- Sunday, Sept. 21st 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Bishop Visit / Confirmation

## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristan	Ushers *	Counters
8/31/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	M. Lopez B. Barkley	J. Burford D. Burnell	C. Boyles M. Marsh	Team 2 All Season	G. Boyles B. Metheny	M. Lawson K. Brown
9/7/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton L. Lawson	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	N. Lopez B. Metheny A. Wadsworth	Team 3 All Season	L. Leon J. Burford	C. Wood K. Hamilton
9/14/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	M. Lopez N. Hamilton	T. Hamilton M. Marsh M. Jacquez	Team 4 All Season	T. Steed L. Marsh	A. Heim T. Balenger
9/21/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton C. Carlot	C. Wood J. Burford	J. Wood B. Metheny C. Boyles	Team 1 All Season	G. Boyles L. Leon	J. Wallace N. Hamilton
9/28/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	J. Hamilton K. Hamilton	A. Wadsworth M. Jacquez	Team 2 All Season	B. Metheny J. Burford	S. Tennant M. Lawson
10/05/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	M. Lopez B. Barkley	T. Steed M. Lopez	N. Lopez M. Marsh	Team 3 All Season	K. Brown G. Boyles	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.

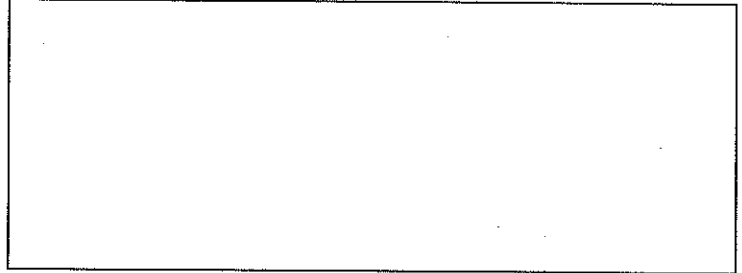
Anyone still willing to volunteer for any of the above positions, please contact Bessie at the church office or call Mary Hoylman (contact information in another section of Manna).

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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*“Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet  
is fighting some kind of battle.”*