



Christ Episcopal Church

Manna

December 2014



Welcome to our Church

Come out of the cold

and join us

every Sunday
morning

at 10:30 a.m. for

The Holy Eucharist

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OUTREACH AT CHRIST CHURCH

By Jim Kerr

Matthew 25:31-46. We heard it read again on "Christ The King" Sunday: "as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

You may ask "When did we do this at Christ Church?" Well, we did it:

1. When we served lunch at The Soup Opera Saturday, November 15th--and all the other 3rd Saturday of the month for years and years.
2. When we brought canned foods to The Altar of Repose and dedicated them for distribution to the hungry.
3. When we brought aluminum tabs to the church narthex to be taken to the Children's Hospital at WV University Hospital in Morgantown.
4. When we visited the elderly and widowed, and took the Eucharist to them, made a friendly phone call, sent them an Email, or mailed them a Manna of the month.
5. When we volunteered to help someone in need, or volunteered to teach in our church school, or volunteered at Fairmont Regional Medical Center.
6. When we sent money to our Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia, to help support Episcopal Clergy students to serve in Christ's Holy Church worldwide.
7. When we opened our Parish Hall to groups helping recovering alcoholics and their families, as well as groups helping those recovering from drug addiction.
8. When we open our gymnasium to groups of youth and adult basketballers, pickleballers, and volleyballers.

(Look at "The Wall" in the Parish Hall to get a picture of the efforts of our church congregation in Outreach.)

9. And now, when on December 14th at 5:30pm at our Congregational Christmas Dinner, when we bring an unwrapped toy for some child who would not be getting one otherwise. Crisscross has informed us that there will be many children who will not receive any gift even after The Fairmont Council Of Churches have distributed all the toys they gathered. So, our giving of gifts at our Christmas Dinner is "A Second Harvest" which is needed and will be appreciated by children of our Fairmont Community. Crisscross will be distributing our toys on our behalf.

When did we see The Lord hungry, sick, alone, in need of anything? "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Music Notes

By Carolyn Kerr

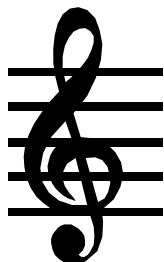


One of the two busiest months has arrived for the choir. Not only do we have to prepare for Sunday Worship Services, but, we must also prepare for the Service of Lessons and Carols, and the Christmas Eve Service. At all of these services, you will hear not only the traditional music of Christmas, but also some new pieces we have added to our library. We always look forward to the candlelight service with the carol, "Silent Night", also we will be blest again this year to hear Brianna Pudsell sing "O Holy Night". No one ever tires of "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" which will all be sung during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

The choir is also excited because they are getting new robes! We plan to wear them on Sunday, December 21st. Be sure to be present to see our "new" look.

Also, we welcome into our choir family, Amie Jo Farson, a student at Fairmont State, Barb Barkley, our do everything lady at the church, Rose Dutkevicz, our new Fairmont resident, and Joy Humphries, who came here from Montgomery, WV. It is so wonderful to have new folks join us! First time in the years I've been here that we have to use both sides of the choir loft. I am just as thrilled to have our faithful ones who have been with us for awhile. They include Steve Riedeman, Bruce Hamilton, Luke Huggins, and Mike Lopez in the bass section. Kyle Hamilton, Neil Hamilton, Mike Lawson, and Jim Kerr are the tenors. Our alto section includes Brianna Pudsell, Joyce Hamilton, and Joy Humphries, The sopranos are Dot Hamilton, Barb Barkley, Amie Jo Farson, Ann Patterson, and Rose Dutkevicz. It would be very much appreciated if you could express your thanks to these faithful ones who give so much to the church. They are a great group of people!

May you have a joyful Advent and Christmas season with the knowledge that Christ came into the world so that we could have eternal life right now.



May God richly bless you in the year ahead,

Christian Ed
By Amy Blake

Each week we do a fun craft after going over the bible story. Recently we made a pumpkin in class to celebrate Thanksgiving and the children wrote four things for which they are thankful.

Just a reminder, the Sunday school class will not meet on December 14th or 28th.



**Annual Christmas Supper
Sunday, December 14th at
5:00p.m.**

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE is happy to announce that the now Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held DECEMBER 14th at 5:30pm. We will gather in the Patterson Parish Hall to celebrate the anticipated birth of the Christ child and to eat together as those blessed by his coming.

Glenn Boyles and Family, along with the Outreach Committee, will provide the congregation with the evening meal and Christmas program. Everyone is invited. Come, bring an unwrapped toy for a child in Marion County and be prepared for an enjoyable evening together.



**Join us at Christ Episcopal Church
Saturday, December 6th
For an Advent Quiet morning
With
The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade**



The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade, now retired, is a native son from Fairmont, WV. Frank served as Rector at Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd in Parkersburg and for many years as Rector of St. Alban's Parish on the grounds of the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. He is a highly sought speaker and retreat leader.

Breakfast will be served at 9a.m.

Retreat from 10a.m. until noon.

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Please call (304) 622-3694
to let us know if you plan to join us.



Christmas Eve Mass
6:00p.m. service
(No service on Christmas Day)

Don't forget to pick up your
copy of the latest
Forward Daily Devotional
in the Narthex.



Condolences to

The Heims, on the loss
of Ann's sister, Nancy.

And

To Jack Wills, on the loss of
his beloved wife, Gloria.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

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Liturgical Assistants Calendar for 10:30am Holy Eucharist

If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements for a replacement yourself. Greeters should be in place at 10:15 to greet and provide assistance to those needing help. Lectors can find their weekly readings at: <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Date	Greeters	Chalice	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers	Counters
12/7 Advent	Ken M. Jude M.	Barb B. Lisa C.-B.	Kyle H. Joyce H.	Hunter B.	Team 4 Purple	Baker Family	Lisa C.-B. Barb B.
12/14 Advent 2	Glenn B. Laura B.	Bruce H. Dot H.	Bruce H. Dot H.	Abby W.	Team 1 Purple	Glenn B. Kent B.	Heather H. Toni B.
12/21 Advent 3	Barb B.	Jim K. Kyle H.	Barb B. Kyle H.	Nicolas G.	Team 2 Purple	Kent B. Glenn B.	Chris M. Jeff G.
12/24 Christmas Eve	Mike L. Louise L.	Neal H. Caroline C.	Neal H.	Hunter B.	Team 3 Purple	Baker Family	Toni B. Lisa C.-B.
12/28 1 st Sunday After Christmas	Martha H.	Dot H. Bruce H.	Dot H. Bruce H.	Nicolas G.	Team 4 White	Glenn B. Kent B.	Jim C. Chris M.

Announcements

December 6th: ConneXions presents **“Art in Advent”** led by Rev. Cynthia Byers Walter at the Carnegie Museum of Art. Call the parish office to register.

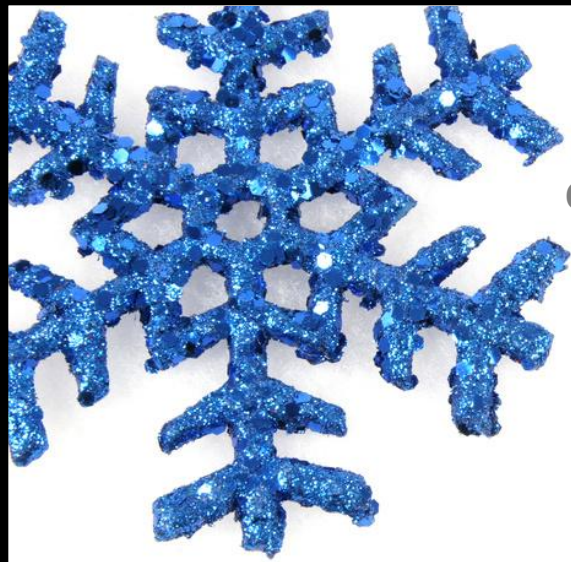
Sunday, December 14th – The **Christmas Church Dinner and Family Celebration** will be held 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, December 14th and 28th – The **Sunday School Class** will **NOT** meet.

Sunday, December 21st – **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS.** More to come.

Sunday, December 21st – **Vocal Tapestry** will present a concert of traditional Christmas Carols, both a cappella and with pipe organ, at 3:00 PM, in the sanctuary of Fairmont’s First Presbyterian Church located at 301 Jackson Street.

Special Note: Brianna Pudsell and Kyle Hamilton are both members of Vocal Tapestry and would encourage interested church members to attend. It should be a very rewarding Christmas program.



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