

## Sunday Worship Services

(11.30-01.15)

*Malayalam Holy Communion*

1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sundays

*English Contemporary*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

*English Holy Communion*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

*Sunday School*

(10.30-11.15)

*Choir Practice*

*After lunch*

## The Ministry Team (2008)

### Pastorate Committee

President Rev. Dr. L.E. Sahanam

Vice President. John T Thomas (Balu)

Secretary C. K. John

Joint Secretary Annamma Jacob (Leela)

Treasurer Ivan Patterthanam

### Members:

Abraham Kunnel

Cherian Abraham

Jacob Korah

Russal Samuel

Dr. Thomas Colacot

John Moolakalathil

Johnson John

Susy Mathew

Choir

Youth

W. Fellowship

### Conveners

Shaji Oommen

M.M. Mathew

Dr. Reena Colacot

Shibu Issac

Jiji Ivan

Auditor

Cottage Prayer

Retreat

Picnic

Choir Coordinator

**Aji Sam Mathew**

**Organist**

**Web Master**

**Maxwell**

**Gifford**

### Representatives:

Abraham Kunnel

Maxwell Gifford

Ecumenical

Council CSICMA

## The Lectionary

February 2008

**February 3: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter**

**Human Failures and Forgiveness**

Proverbs 24: 13-17 Psalm: 121

Romans 7:14-25 Luke 15:11-32

Lay Ministry: Prasad Philip & Family

**February 5: Ash Wednesday**

**February 10: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter**

Healing Ministry Sunday:

Compassionate Love & Healing

Isaiah 57:14-21 Psalm 103: 1-14

James 5:1-6 Mark 2:1-12

Lay Ministry: Youth

**Guest Speaker: Lena Warren**

**February 17: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter**

Faith in Christ

1.Kings 17: 17-24 Psalm: 34:1-15

Colossians 1:1-12 Mark 9:14-29

Lay Ministry: Benjamin George & / or

Russal Samuel Family

**February 24: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

Worshipping in Spirit & Truth

Amos 5: 18-27 Psalm 96

Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 11:1-13

Lay Ministry: Thomas Mathew & Family

**March 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Easter**

New Community in Christ

Judges 4:4-10 Psalm 89:1-18

Galatians 3:19-29 Matthew 9:9-17

Lay Ministry: Joy P Samuel & Family

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NEWS LETTER OF THE EMMANUEL CSI CHURCH

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### *Memory verses for February*

*"But let justice roll on like a river, righteous like a never ending stream".*

**Amos 5:24**

*The day of the lord is near for all nations. As you have done it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your head". Obadiah. 15*

### *The Presbyter Speaks out...✍*



*Dear Friends*

*The Church world over observe 5<sup>th</sup> February as Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the Lent season. It looks that this year even before the spirit of the Christmas is over the lent season has arrived! Any way, we like it or not, it is here.*

*However, lent season is a time for self examination, repentance and rededication. Some people observe lent by fasting or abstain from some thing they consider dear to them. And they contribute the amount saved through such means (the self denial offerings) towards missionary activities. The prime force behind such decisions is the self giving of Jesus on the cross for humanity.*

*I strongly believe that the primary responsibility of a Church is to involve in mission. The 1<sup>st</sup> century*

*Church in the midst of persecution found people, time and resources to engage in mission. A Church that does not involve in mission will have no growth either. If the Church expects the members to give tithe towards the ministry of the Church the Church should also give her tithe for mission.*

*Therefore, if we are thinking of growing let us also think of giving for mission: and one means of giving is through self denial.*

*You must have read about the persecution of Christians in Orrissa and Gujarat are facing. Why not we think of supporting one missionary either in Gujarat or Orrissa? When we decide to do mission God will provide for our ministry.*

*I want to thank the congregation for the support offered to the out going committee in the last two years. While I congratulate and welcome the new committee I also request you to give your full cooperation to them to lead our congregation to new heights.*

**In His service**  
**Sahanamachan**

**"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full". Matthew 6:16**

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## Birthdays

Mary John (Harsha)	6-Feb
Jacob Russal Samuel	10-Feb
Nikhil. George Itty	11-Feb
Sujatha Palangara	15-Feb
Benjamin George	17-Feb
Ivan Pattermthanam	23-Feb
Tony Mathew	24-Feb
Lena A Cherian	24-Feb
Teena Annie John	27-Feb
Jeremy P Joy	3-Mar

While these friends celebrate their happy days let us continue to remember them in our prayers.

### Choir Speak out

After the Carol Service there was a lot of enthusiasm to build up the choir and transform into a good Church choir. No choir can perform well without rigorous practice. Given the realities here I know it is extremely difficult to organize regular practices on week days. So the only possibility is to find some time in the available space. Therefore, it was decided in the last choir meeting to have regular practices after the worship service. Now that Aji is 'relaxed' he has promised to spend more time for practice along with Johny. Full choir will practice on first and third Sundays. On second and fourth Sundays all members (kids & adults) except the youth will practice.

Your **fasting** ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Isai: 58:4

### The Youth Speak Out

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Worship on February 10, 08 will be led by **Tina & Lena**.

**Ms. Lena Warren** (Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia) will be the preacher.

As decided, on the second and fourth Sundays the youth will meet for Bible Study/ discussion after the social hour/over the lunch. The youth are requested to make a note of it.

Those are called to lead

Vice president: Merin Shaji

Secretaries: Susan Samuel (Susie)

Rebecca John (Haseena)

Treasurer: Jacob John (Titty)

P C Rep. Johnson John

### UCC Speak Out

The Spring meeting of the Philadelphia Association of the United Church of Christ (UCC) will be held on April 27, 2008 (Sunday) at the Healing Stream U.C.C., at C & Indiana in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. at about 2.30.p.m. Probably we will be received into the United Church of Christ at this meeting. So kindly make this date and time available.

### CSI Synod Speak out

The 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Church of South India Synod concluded on 14<sup>th</sup> January at Visakhapattanam, AP. The following people were elected to lead the Church in the next two years. Kindly uphold them in your prayers.

Moderator:

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. J. W. Gladstone**,

South Kerala Diocese

Deputy Moderator:

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Christopher Asir**,

Madurai-Ramnad Diocese

General Secretary:

**Rev. Moses Jayakumar**,

Karnataka Central Diocese

Hon. Treasurer:

**Mr. Devasahayam**,

Karimnagar Diocese

### Pray for

Serena's father is not keeping good health. Serena Aniyam Kunju and Justin have gone to visit him. Kindly remember them in your Prayers.

### Note the Change of Address

Dr. Betty Benjamin &

Dr. Benjamin George

299 Green Street, Old Bridge, N J, 08857

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### Cottage Prayer:

*at the residence of*

**Cherian Abraham (Raju)**

**Annamma Cherian**

**February 23, 08 , at 6.30.p.m.**

3610 Valley Meadows Drive

Bensalem, PA, 19020.

**215 638 4534** for directions

### Sunday School Speak Out

Kindly note the memory verse from each book in the Bible. Any one can attempt. I would prefer you learning from the New International Version. But if you are using any other version, use it consistently. Learn the reference & verse.

Genesis	4:07
Exodus	20:12
Leviticus	19:31-32
Numbers	22:18
Deuteronomy	28;1
Joshua	24;15
Judges	6:12
Ruth	1:16
1. Samuel	15:22
2. Samuel	24:24b
1.Kings	18:21
2.Kings	7;9
1.Chronicles	29;9
2.Chronicles	11:04
Ezra	4:3b
Nehemiah	2:17
Esther	4:13-14b
Job	1;8
Psalms	27:4
Proverbs	3:28
Ecclesiastes	11:09
Song of Songs	8:06
Isaiah	66;13
Jeremiah	17:11
Lamentations	3:22,23
Ezekiel	36;26
Daniel	1;8

While they were worshiping the Lord and **fasting**, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them " Acts. 13:2