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The Newsletter of Christ Episcopal Church
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Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.
A nursery is provided.



*Our mission is to...
know God, love God, and serve others.*



Rectors's Message

The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson

Dear all,

The surgery to remove the kidney has been scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, September 7th. It sounds like I will also have to take more of the sutent after the surgery to take care of any of the cancer that is left in the lymph nodes. It doesn't sound like I will have to take the maximum dosage of the medication though, so it shouldn't be as hard on me as it was before.

I don't know how much longer all this will go on, but I hope I can come home to Fairmont before too long. I miss you all terribly. I know I keep saying that, but it's true. Life just isn't the same without you all. I love you, I miss you, and I can't wait to get back to you.

I've been wanting to write to each family individually but haven't found the energy yet. Please know that each of you remain in my daily thoughts and prayers though.

Faithfully,
Siobhán+

The CaringBridge website address is:
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/siobhanpatterson/>

Mother Siobhán's address at her parents' home is:
4504 Samar Street
Beltsville, MD 20705



It is hard to believe, but Fall begins the 23rd of this month. While Fall brings the end to Summer, it is the beginning to one of God's most beautiful seasons here in West Virginia. We get to enjoy beautiful blue sky days, cool nights and the vivid colors of the fall foliage all around us. We live in such a busy, hectic world, that it is important to take time to enjoy the simple pleasures all around us, and to contemplate the many blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Siobhan is scheduled to have surgery on September 7th. Please keep her in your thoughts and pray for her to have a successful surgery and continue on her road to recovery. I miss her greatly and cannot wait for her to return to us again, healthy and happy. I know she is deeply grateful of all of the support of our parishioners and many other people throughout our community who continue to pray for her victorious return. This surgery is a critical step in that process, and hopefully the turning point in her fight. Please keep her in your prayers!

While Siobhan is away, we are thankful to have Father Steve Haptonstahl helping to fill the void as temporary clergy. Father Steve lives in Cumberland, Maryland, and travels more than two hours roundtrip to provide services both in and out of the church on our behalf. We are very fortunate to have him, and his time and energy. If you have not already done so, please make it a point to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome. He was a long-time resident of the mid-west before his recent move to Maryland, so he is unfamiliar with "Mountaineer Pride". While we may not be able to convert him to being a "Mountaineer fan", we can show him the spirit and hospitality that entails!

September 12th will be a special day at our church. Our former minister, Father Richard "Dick" Schmidt, will be returning to provide worship services that day and renew old friendships (and kindle new ones). I am sure a good time will be had by all. Also, that day marks the return of the choir. Music director, Carolyn Kerr, devotes a lot of time and effort to provide us with great music throughout the year. The choir added a couple of new faces last year, and I'm sure Carolyn and the choir would love to have more. If you feel so

inspired, please join us for choir practice at 9:30 a.m. on September 12.

The renovations to the church are continuing to progress, and we have a lovely banners to advertise that to the community. We now have power for the new HVAC and fire alarm systems, and the downstairs should be noticeably more comfortable throughout the year. While we still have a lot to do, the Parish Hall improvements are become more visible each week. When the new ceiling is completed in the upstairs classrooms, that area will be marvelous. The kitchen renovations are beginning, and although they will not be completed for several months, the Parish Hall renovations should be completed by Presiding Bishop Katherine's visit to our church in early October. We will have a special evening service while she is here and should expect to have quite a crowd attending the service and coffee hour afterwards in our new Parrish Hall. Barbara Barkley asks anyone who is willing to help bake cookies to let her know. She says she needs about 80 dozen cookies! I'll bring a few dozen, Barbara.

In closing, I hope all of you had an awesome Summer and will be worshipping with us throughout this Fall season!

Peace,

Neal Jay Hamilton
Senior Warden

As mentioned above...

FORMER RECTOR, THE REV. DR. RICHARD H. SCHMIDT, HERE SEPTEMBER 12

Former Rector at Christ Church Fairmont, the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Schmidt, will be our celebrant and preacher on Sunday, September 12. Dick, his wife Pam, and sons Arne, Craig, and Andy are remembered fondly for their years with us in the 1970's and early 1980's. Dick is currently the editor and director of *Forward Movement Publications* in Cincinnati. Please plan to join us in welcoming them to Fairmont on September 12.





The Junior Warden will be conducting a WORK Saturday on 9/11.

Please come with your hands, gloves, and tools, and be ready to work. All ages and abilities are welcome!

This will be the one time concentrated effort opportunity to get the grounds, as

well as the interior of the church, ready for when the

Presiding Bishop makes her visit to our church.

Someone You once said in church to "Just call and we will come..." Well, I am calling and need any and all hands to help show the pride we have in our church.

Thank you!
Gary Methney

Presiding Bishop's Visit



The Presiding Bishop is coming to Fairmont on October 1.

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, previously Bishop of Nevada, is the twenty-sixth Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. She is chief pastor to the Episcopal Church's 2.4 million members in 16 countries and 110 dioceses, ecumenical officer, and primate, joining leaders of the other 38 Anglican Provinces in consultation for global good and reconciliation. Jefferts Schori was elected at the 75th General Convention on June 18, 2006 and invested at Washington National Cathedral on November 4, 2006.

On Friday morning, October 1, she will arrive in Fairmont. She will meet with clergy for lunch from 11-3 and will preside at a service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church at 7:00. Folks who plan to attend the service must call the church office (304-366-3471) by September 23rd and let Melinda know how many will be attending. Everyone is invited and welcome; we just need a count for planning purposes.

Cookies (900 or 80 dozen) are needed for the reception following the service on October 1. Also, monetary contributions will be accepted for other items needed for the reception. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, you can call me at home (304.366.7149, where I am rarely) or at work (304.367-0232, where I live! ☺). There will be areas where help with arrangements will be needed, and as more information comes to me, I will let folks know.

Barb Barkley

For more information about the Presiding Bishop's visit to West Virginia, please check the flyer enclosed in this Manna.



Vestry 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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While Mother Siobhán is away, call the church office or a vestry member in the event of a pastoral emergency. The diocese has arranged for pastors to be on call for any emergency that may arise.

ECM REPORT

Kyle Hamilton

Thanks to Bruce Hamilton, Mary & Steve Hoylman, Dana & Steve Riedeman for their able assistance in serving 83 meals at the *Soup Opera* on Saturday, August 18th. The staff at the *Soup Opera* appreciates our consistency and reliability, and the clients normally like our meals. My mission going forward is to increase our participation and enhance our outreach to the community. Please consider joining us on the third Saturday of each month in this endeavor.

HELP

I need someone to captain our volunteer team on Saturday, September 18th. FYI - responsibilities of the captain include planning the menu (should prepare for 75-80 meals), purchasing food items needed, contacting volunteer team, unlocking Soup Opera (normally just before 9:00 AM), cleaning up and locking up after lunch (lunch is served from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM). Typically, the volunteer team should be no fewer than five, with the optimum number being eight or nine. Please contact me to let me know your status. Thanks - Kyle

Call at 304-366-5148 or email kyle@wilsonfordlm.com if you help with this ministry.



After a much deserved summer break, the choir will resume on Sunday, September 12, with practice beginning at 9:30 a.m. Organist choirmaster Carolyn Kerr welcomes anyone who would like to join this group in leading our congregation in worship and praise to God.



Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 5
15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Pamela Shier

Saturday, September 11

Work Day at Christ Church

Sunday, September 12
16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Choir Practice
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Schmidt

Saturday, September 18

Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Need Captains and Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 304.366.5148.

Sunday, September 19
17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Rev. Steve Haptonstahl

Sunday, September 26
18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Rev. Pamela Shier



Final Update on Relay for Life

Tara Steed

As you know, a hearty crew of enthusiasts gathered this past June at Marion County's Relay for Life, a benefit for the American Cancer Society. Our team, *Siobhán's Saints*, was there to show our love and support for Siobhán, and to help in the fight against cancer. At the time of the event, the team of 19 official members and at least 5 other supporters had collected over \$1,000. Impressive! But...donations kept coming even after the event! The final submission to the cancer society was made in August, and our grand total of all money raised by *Siobhán's Saints* was \$1,970! We have truly made a measurable contribution to this worthy cause, and hopefully have sent a message:

We love you, Siobhan! We're behind you 100% of the way!!!

(Photos of the event, and a thank-you note from the Marion County Relay committee, are posted in the entry of the church.)

Church League Softball

...ended on a positive note. The Christ Church Team finished in first place in regular season play and finished in second place in the end-of-season tournament. Many thanks to Luke Huggins for organizing the team and to all who played, watched, and cheered us on! It was great fun for the team and for the children of team members!

Yoga Returns in September

Place: **Christ Episcopal Church**

824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont

Price: **Donation Based**

Donation Recommendation \$3.00-\$7.00

Check with Sally Tennant Tolka regarding the new schedule.

Sally Tennant Tolka: (304) 694-0107 or sjtennant@aol.com



Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
9/5/10 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton C. Carlot	N. Hamilton J. Burford	N. Lopez. H. Baker N. Greely	Team 2 All Season	J. Burford L. Leon	N. Hamilton L. Capsey- Baker
9/12/10 16 th Sunday After Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson M. Lawson	N. Hamilton A. Patterson	N. Lopez L. Marsh F. Thornton	Team 3 All Season	K. Brown C. Colborn	N. Hamilton B. Hamilton
9/19/10 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	M. Lopez B. Barkley	D. Nuzum M. Marsh	M. Marsh Alec W. Abby W.	Team 4 All Season	Steed-Marsh Family	L. Leon T. Balenger
9/26/10 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	T. Steed J. Miller	T. Steed C. Boyles	N. Lopez C. Boyles L. Marsh	Team 1 All Season	G. Boyles C. Colborn	L. Withers- Boyles C. Wood
10/3/10 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton C. Carlot	J. Hamilton K. Hamilton	B. Metheny H. Baker N. Greely	Team 2 All Season	Baker Family	G. Metheny L. Capsey- Baker

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