



MANNA



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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.*

Rector's Message

Siobhán Patterson

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Many of you will remember (or will remember hearing about) Zach Drennen. Zach is a priest from our Diocese who is currently doing missionary work in Kenya. He came to visit Christ Church early in January to preach and talk with us about his work and how we can be involved.

One very important thing Zach did while he was here was to get us thinking about the meaning of a missionary. He challenged the definition that I think many people cling to when they hear the word missionary. This model is one of a person being sent by the church somewhere to persuade or convince the people of a certain faith, denomination, set of ideas, etc.

Zach said his experience has led him to a different understanding of the word missionary. He said he went to Kenya and found the presence of God already there and that the Spirit was truly alive and well -- thriving -- among the people. He suggested that missionary work is less about this idea of "bringing God to other people" and more about building bridges and relationships with others so we can learn from one another.

Zach really got me thinking. There are several church words, like missionary, I think we tend to shy away from because of understandings that are not very relevant or because of understandings that have become so watered down that they have lost their meaning. Evangelism is another one of these words. (We started talking about this in church last Sunday, and we will be examining it further in the months ahead as our church prepares to host a Magnetic Church Conference* in the spring for the Northern part of the Diocese.)



Stewardship is yet one of these words, and I would like to briefly explore that with you now. In some ways, stewardship has become a code word for money. I would guess that, by and large, when most people hear the word stewardship, money, the collection plate, pledge cards, and capital campaigns come to mind. While money is a *part* of stewardship, it is not the meaning of it. Christian stewardship is about giving part of the gifts we have from God for the spread of God's kingdom on earth... our time and energy, our skills, our creativity, our dreams and imagination, our money, etc.

Money is important, but it's not what it's all about. And, it is risky for people and churches to define themselves by money. A letter from our Bishop, which was reprinted in our newsletter last month, addressed this point exceptionally well. I hope that you had a chance to look at it or that you will take the time to read it soon.

My hope for us is to embrace a broad view of stewardship, a view that emphasizes and encourages the many different types of giving for the spread of the kingdom. This year's Stewardship Committee -- Mike Lawson (Chair), Lisa Baker, Ann Heim, and Laura Withers-Boyles -- will help us explore the facets of Christian stewardship in the months ahead.

As we reflect on and discover all the things that we have to give for God's mission on earth, let us pray: Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 827)

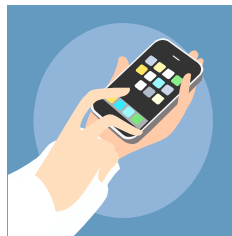
In Christ,
Siobhán+

*We will be hearing more about the Magnetic Church Conference from our Senior Warden, Kyle Hamilton. You can also learn more about Magnetic Church from the website: <http://www.magnetic-church.com/>.

New Telephone Number

PLEASE NOTE!

Rector's New Cell Phone Number: **304.368.8858**



ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

A total of 69 meals were served to the clients at the *Soup Opera* on Saturday, July 18th. A 'veteran' serving crew, consisting of Bruce & Kyle Hamilton, Mary & Steve Hoylman, Dana & Steve Riedeman and Leisa Hubbard, efficiently handled the lunchtime crowd. Saturday, August 15th is our next scheduled volunteer day and we welcome anyone from within the parish to come join us in this outreach ministry – we always have fun!



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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Important Dates to Remember

- Sunday, August 2* *9th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
- Sunday, August 9* *10th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
- Monday, August 10* *Vestry Meeting - 6:00 p.m.*
- Saturday, August 15* *10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 366.5148.*
- Sunday, August 16* *11th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Rev. Richard H. Schmidt
- Sunday, August 23* *12th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
- Sunday, August 30* *13th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Marriage of Sally Tennant and Bryan Tolka
and Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson



Christian Education Christian Education August 2009 August 2009

Christian Ed Kick-Off Plans!

Plans are being made for the kick-off celebration to return to our regular Christian Ed year!

There will be many new and exciting offerings for God's Children of all ages, and we are getting more input to make this a very successful year! Please let Chris Metheny or Tara Steed know if you can contribute time, love, or talents.

With renovations to the parish hall, we are looking for alternative sites to continue our ministries...even stretching beyond the borders of our walls!

We are planning classes for pre-school/elementary students, junior youth, senior youth, and adults. Mark your calendars for fall classes beginning at 9:30 am before worship services.

Plans for a Kick-Off Carnival and Picnic are being made. More information will come later, so watch the bulletins and September *Manna* for more information on dates, location, and times.

The best way to support your Christian Education Ministry is to come to church and bring your children to church school. If you need assistance with getting transportation for you or your children, please contact the church office for assistance. We need **"you"** to have a successful year!

New Torches Needed

There is a need for new processional torches (the candlesticks carried by acolytes during processions). The old ones are wobbly, and the brass is dented in places from years of use. I feel that they are a potential safety problem and would like to replace them. We would need to purchase two at a cost of \$159 each. If you would like to purchase one of these torches, please let me know. We could dedicate the new ones during a worship service. Dana Riedeman (304.366.0963) danalrr@aol.com

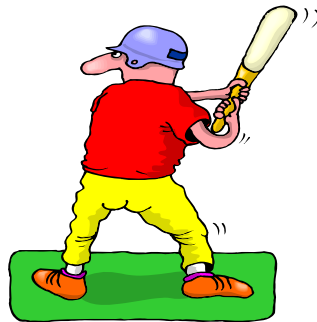


Church League Softball

For more information, contact Luke Huggins huggins@wwwc.edu

Church league softball games are played at the Trinity Assembly of God softball field off Old Rt. 73. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Sunday, August 2, 4:45 p.m.
Sunday, August 9, 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
August 15-16, Playoffs Begin



Bring your lawn chair and come out and support the Christ Church team!

Yoga Community Outreach

Place: **Christ Episcopal Church**
824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont

Price: Donation Based

Donation Recommendation \$3.00-\$7.00



With Instructors Sally Tennant and Lauren Hamilton
August Classes: August 1, 8, 16, 23, and 30 at 9:00 a.m.
Contact Sally for more information
Sally Tennant: (304) 694-0107 or sjotennant@aol.com



Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
8/2/09 9th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	C. Carlot M. Lawson	J. Hamilton K. Hamilton	Alec W. M. Marsh Abby W.	Team 2 All Season	B. Metheny G. Boyles	T. Balenger J. Wallace
8/9/09 10th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Barkley M. Lopez	J. Burford A. Patterson	C. Boyles N. Lopez L. Marsh	Team 3 All Season	J. Burford L. Leon	N. Hamilton G. Metheny
8/16/09 11th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	C. Wood D. Burnell	J. Wood B. Metheny N. Greely	Team 4 All Season	K. Brown Volunteer	K. Brown C. Wood
8/23/09 12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	M. Jazquez Alec W. Abby W.	Team 1 All Season	Steed-Marsh Family	K. Hamilton T. Balenger
8/30/09 13th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton N. Hamilton	J. Hamilton K. Hamilton	N. Lopez C. Boyles F. Tennant	Team 2 All Season	B. Metheny G. Boyles	L. Withers- Boyles S. Tennant
9/6/09 14th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Celebration of a Marriage and Holy Eucharist	C. Carlot M. Lawson	J. Burford A. Patterson	M. Marsh B. Metheny L. Marsh	Team 3 All Season	J. Burford L. Leon	J. Wallace G. Metheny

You are invited to attend the Celebration of the Marriage of Sally Tennant and Bryan Tolka as part of our worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 6, 2009.



Welcome

We are delighted to see so many new faces at church this year, and we would like to use the *Manna* to introduce some of our new folks.

If you are new to our parish within the last year, please tell us a little bit about yourself so that we can share the information with others and get to know you better.

Your name(s) _____

Names and ages of any children _____

Are you new to the area? If so, from where? _____

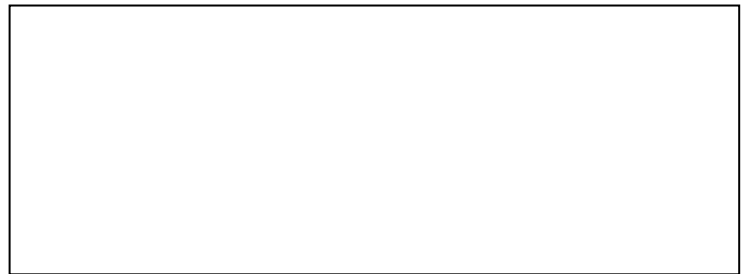
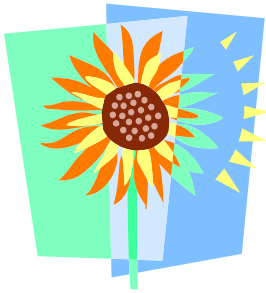
Tell us a little about yourself and your family. _____

You can send this information to the parish office at Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554, put it in the collection plate any Sunday, or e-mail it to danalrr@aol.com for the *Manna*.



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*For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Folliot Pierpoint



