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Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554

December 2009

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The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson, Rector
Rector's Cell Phone: 304.368.8858
Rector's E-mail: christchfmt.rector@gmail.com

Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

A nursery is provided.

Christian Education classes for all ages on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Our mission is to...

know God, love God, and serve others.

Rector's Message

Siobhán Patterson

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As I am sure you are well aware, we are now into one of the busiest months of the year. It's a time of year in our culture that is generally packed with making holiday plans and arrangements, shopping, decorating and cooking, traveling or receiving guests, visiting, and so on. We try to remind ourselves in all of the busyness to stop... or at least to slow down... so we don't miss the joy that this time of year can bring.

Advent, the Church Season leading up to Christmas, which we are into now, is a time that reminds and invites us to slow down, to stop so that we can make room in our lives to welcome joy, that is, to welcome Christ into our lives. We receive joy in reflecting on Christ's birth, and we receive joy in anticipating Christ's coming again when the fullness and glory of God's Kingdom will be revealed.

Remember this Advent Season to slow down, to stop and ponder the mysteries of Christ's birth and Christ's eventual coming again. Allow these mysteries to stir your mind, heart, and imagination and to enliven you to be a part of bringing Christ's saving work to the world.

In Christ,

Siobhán +



Senior Warden Report

Kyle Hamilton

Please note the enclosed "Save the Date" card for the "Magnetic Church Conference" that will be held at Christ Church on the weekend of April 16 & 17, 2010. Please contact me or any vestry member if you are willing to help. Vestry contact information is listed below.

Pledge Card Reminder

Pledge Cards for 2010 were mailed out to each household in November. Please remember to mail your card in to the Parish Office or put it in the collection plate at Church as soon as you are able. If you need another card, please call Melinda in the Parish Office. Your contribution is very much appreciated!

Attendance &
Financial Report

October 2009
 Week 1 ... 40
 Week 2 ... 50
 Week 3 ... 55
 Week 4 ... 56

Sunday Service Average - 50
 October Expense - \$19,248.36
 October Offering - \$12,135.75

Vestry Contact Information

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact one of the vestry members.

<i>Vestry Member</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
<i>Kent Brown</i>	<i>304-366-9445</i>	<i>wbrown6@ma.rr.com</i>
<i>Toni Balenger</i>	<i>304-363-7825</i>	<i>nonatoniwv@yahoo.com</i>
<i>Kyle Hamilton</i>	<i>304-366-5148</i>	<i>kyle@wilsonfordlm.com</i>
<i>Neal Hamilton</i>	<i>304-677-1779</i>	<i>neal@mountain.net</i>
<i>Gary Metheny</i>	<i>304-366-2033</i>	<i>garymetheny@comcast.net</i>
<i>Sally Tennant</i>	<i>304-694-0107</i>	<i>sjotennant@aol.com</i>
<i>Carla Wood</i>	<i>304-363-7938</i>	<i>carla414@msn.com</i>
<i>Jeff Wallace</i>	<i>304-594-1436</i>	<i>jeffmwallace@yahoo.com</i>
<i>Laura Withers-Boyles</i>	<i>304-363-2295</i>	<i>dds1910@aol.com</i>

ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

Christ Church volunteers served 95 meals to patrons of the Soup Opera on November 21. Assisting Kyle were Amy Blake, Marcus, Michael, and Ryan Jacquez, Rev. Siobhán Patterson, Steve and Dana Riedeman, and volunteers from the Interact Club of Fairmont Senior High School. The next scheduled volunteer date for the Soup Opera is Saturday, December 19. We invite and encourage any parishioner to join us each month in this ministry.



GREAT GIVEAWAY

Don't Forget...

The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring our first annual (ever) GREAT GIVEAWAY, under the leadership of Laura Withers-Boyles. The giveaway will be held at our church this Saturday, December 5th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Last minute donations (new/good quality gifts of toys, winter clothing, children's clothing, linens, shoes and boots) should be brought to the Parish Hall prior to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. This is an opportunity to grow in Christ by helping our neighbors. You are welcome to come out and join us on Saturday!



Christmas Mini-Bazaar

Christ Church's Annual Christmas Mini-Bazaar and coffee hour will be held on Sunday, December 13th, after church. Please bake your favorite Xmas cookies, bread, or anything special and package the items for sale. There will also be Strawberry Jam for sale. Anyone who would like a "special order" of jam (6 or more jars), should let Barb know in advance. Let's everyone pitch in and make this the best bazaar ever!



Important Dates to Remember

<i>Saturday, December 5</i>	<i>"Great Giveaway" in the Parish Hall from 8 a.m. until items are gone</i>
<i>Sunday, December 6</i> <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Sunday, December 13</i> <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i> <i>Annual Christmas "Mini-Bazaar" and Coffee Hour following the service</i>
<i>Monday, December 14</i>	<i>Vestry Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in the Rector's Office</i>
<i>Saturday, December 19</i>	<i>Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i> <i>(Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 366.5148.</i>
<i>Sunday, December 20</i> <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. "Happy Birthday Jesus" party in the Parish Hall</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Advent Cantata followed by Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Thursday, December 24</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Family Service at 6:00 p.m.; Late service at 10:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday, December 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day; Office Closed</i>
<i>Friday, January 1</i>	<i>New Year's Day; Office Closed</i>



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DECEMBER UPDATE

Keep on coming and join us for a “Happy Birthday Jesus” party!

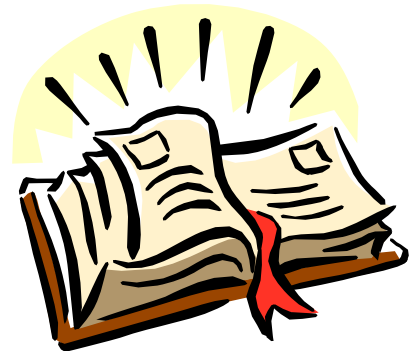
Christian Education classes continue to meet weekly in the classrooms. Participation has been steady! Continue to bring your family to participate in classes for all age groups.

Christian Ed. thanks everyone who participated in the “Keeping Warm” outreach initiatives in November. The food and personal warmth and hygiene items that were collected were donated to the Soup Opera. Christian Ed. will have another drive in Lent.

On Sunday, December 20th – Christian Ed. is having a “Happy Birthday Jesus” Party in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. There will be a re-telling of the Nativity Story. Christian Ed. welcomes everyone to join the birthday celebration... they would love to have “Special Guests.” If you would like to contribute as a special guest or provide some treats for a goody bag for roughly 15-20 participants, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. See Chris Metheny or Tara Steed about contributions.

Bible Study

An adult Bible Study led by Dede Burnell will continue on Sunday, December 6, and Sunday, December 13, at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!



Revised Common Lectionary

Appointed readings for:

Sunday, December 6 – Baruch 5:1-9 Canticale 4 (p. 50 BCP) Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
 Sunday, December 13 – Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticale 9 (p. 86 BCP) Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
 Sunday, December 20 – Micah 5:2-5a Canticale 3 (p. 50 BCP) Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (4-55)
 Sunday, December 27 – Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7 John 1:1-18



A Note from Bishop Klusmeyer...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Right Reverend Charles Vache died recently on the Feast of All Saints. Bishop Vache served as Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, and then followed that ministry by serving several other places, including being the Assisting Bishop of West Virginia, during the transition from Bishop Smith to me.

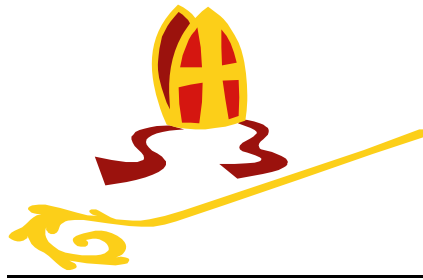
Please join me in prayer, as we give thanks to God for Bishop Vache's ministry, and we pray for his family and friends at this time of bereavement.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

In Christ,

+WMK

(Bishop Vache's funeral was held on Friday, Nov. 6th at Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Virginia.)



Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Klusmeyer's annual visitation to Christ Church will be on Sunday, January 24. If anyone desires to be baptized, confirmed, or received on that day, please let Siobhán know as soon as possible.

United Thank Offering

Our collection from October for the United Thank Offering (UTO) totals: \$69.71.

For more information about the UTO, please visit the website:

www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm.

Our UTO donation, which will be presented each year at Diocesan Convention, will be the sum of monthly UTO collections at Church. On the last Sunday of each month, all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries that month will be invited to come forward at the end of announcements for a blessing. As participants are making their way forward, collection plates will be sent through the congregation. Your offering is a way to give thanks for the lives and relationships of those coming forward and for **all** the blessings in our lives.



Christmas Memorial Flowers:

If you would like to make a donation to the Christmas Memorial Poinsettias, please fill out this form and return it to the collection plate or church office with your check. It can be mailed to the office at Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554

Your Name (as you want it to appear in the Christmas bulletin):

In Memory of _____

And/or

In Thanksgiving for _____

Amount of Donation: _____



Christmas Services

Sunday, December 20, 10:30 a.m. Advent Choral Cantata
Thursday, December 24, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service
Thursday, December 24, 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Late Service

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

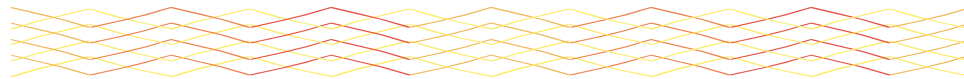
Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. (December 6, 13, and 20)

Contact Sally for more information

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

On Saturday, December 6, a gift for a child in need in lieu of a donation would be welcomed!





“Transforming Church” Workshop

Register now to attend one of the five “Transforming Church” workshops being held around the Diocese in the coming weeks. Canon Donald Vinson has scheduled the workshops in several convenient locations so that long travel and overnight stays are not necessary for participants. Attend the one that works best for you!

All of our congregations need a breath of fresh air! Workshop participants will discuss alternatives for worship that may appeal to people in your community who are NOT already Episcopalians or even practicing Christians. This is your opportunity to let us hear what you think will work for YOUR church. YOU decide, with the help and encouragement of others, how to breathe some new life into your congregation! This is NOT meant to replace what is already working with your present congregation, nor is it an effort to imitate what other denominations are doing. The purpose here is for us to discuss how we can present our strengths and unique witness in ways that are appealing to people in our community who have never thought of the Episcopal Church as offering anything beneficial to them. There is no set expectation or outcome from this workshop – the discussion alone will be beneficial to your congregation! For each congregation/entity, there should be a priest represented (if you have one) and at least one lay leader with some interest and responsibility for worship and program.

Workshop Dates and Locations

(All workshops are on Saturday.)

January 9, 2010
January 16, 2010
January 23, 2010

Ascension, Hinton
St. Luke's, Wheeling
Trinity, Martinsburg

February 6, 2010
February 13, 2010

Christ Church, Clarksburg
St. Timothy's, Hurricane

Time: 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$10

(This fee includes lunch and snacks.)

-----**Registration Form**-----

Name _____

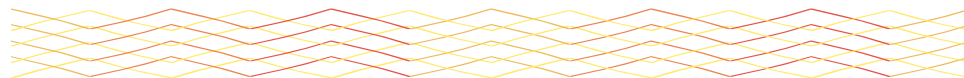
Your Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I wish to attend this “Transforming Church” workshop: _____
Date and City

Register at least two weeks prior to the date of the workshop. Mail this registration form with your check for \$10 to:

Transforming Church Workshop
Diocese of WV
PO Box 5400
Charleston, WV 25361



Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
12/6/09 <i>Advent II</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	N. Hamilton C. Carlot	N. Lopez M. Marsh	N. Lopez C. Boyles L. Marsh	Team 4 Purple	Youth Ushers	L. Withers-Boyles J. Wallace
12/13/09 <i>Advent III</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	K. Hamilton T. Steed	N. Hamilton D. Nuzum	B. Metheny F. Tennant N. Greely	Team 1 Purple	K. Brown C. Colborn	K. Brown S. Tennant
12/20/09 <i>Advent IV</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Choral Cantata</i>	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton T. Steed	Alec W. M. Marsh Abby W.	Team 2 Purple	Baker Family	T. Balenger N. Hamilton
12/24/09 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6:00 pm <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Family Service</i>	B. Barkely M. Lopez	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	Alec W. Abby W. N. Greely	Team 3 White	J. Burford L. Leon	J. Wallace S. Tennant
12/24/09 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	10:30 pm <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	L. Lawson J. Miller	K. Hamilton J. Hamilton	C. Boyles B. Metheny N. Lopez	Team 3 White	G. Boyles K. Brown	K. Hamilton G. Metheny
12/27/09 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	N. Hamilton C. Carlot	C. Wood D. Burnell	C. Boyles B. Metheny N. Greely	Team 4 White	C. Colborn G. Boyles	C. Wood L. Withers-Boyles
1/3/09 <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i>	10:30am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	T. Steed K. Hamilton	T. Steed A. Patterson	N. Lopez L. Marsh F. Tennant	Team 1 White	Steed-Marsh Family	S. Tennant K. Hamilton

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 Melinda Parker at the church office. Anyone that will not be available to serve on a Sunday for the upcoming month is asked to contact Dana Riedeman or Melinda.

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