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Worship Services: 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

2009 Annual Meeting Address

Good morning! And thank you all for being here on this snowy day. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all, once again, for calling me here to be your Rector. I couldn't be happier than to be at Christ Church. It is my joy and privilege to be here engaging in ministry with you.

Many "thank yous" are in order this morning. Thank you, first and foremost, to the search committee: to Dana Riedeman, who was the chair of the committee, and to all the members of the committee (Chris and Gary Metheny, Beth Greely, Laura Withers-Boyles, John Burford, Kirstie Wadsworth, Ann Patterson, and Dick Hawkins) – thank you for your hard work and for putting my name forward. Again, I am absolutely delighted to be here.

I'd also like to thank: our wardens, Kyle Hamilton, Kent Brown, and Jeff Wallace; all the members of the vestry, especially the outgoing members, Mike Lawson and Ann Heim; our treasurers who have served this past year, Steve Hoylman (who I have to admit I am very jealous of right now, as he is enjoying the warm Florida sun) and Sally Tennant and Joyce Hamilton for assisting Sally; our staff members, Carolyn Kerr, Bessie McCardle, Monree Patterson, and Lucy Stanley; and to every group and *everyone* who gives their time and gifts to make Christ Church what it is. The list of people and roles is endless. Thank you all for your time, your gifts, your dedication, and your creative work. You are deeply valued and appreciated.



Typically, an annual report is a summary of the year that has just passed. But because 2008 was such a short year for me here (just about six weeks), this year, I am going to give my report in reverse. I'd like to briefly summarize what I hope for us in the year ahead. Looking ahead is important, and it is a focus I'd like us to have because it is the only way we will come to discover what God has in mind for us for our work together and for the future of Christ Church.

This year is a year of continued discernment for Christ Church. Discernment now shifts from discerning the call of a new rector to discerning how we will work together on the congregation's desired areas of focus. The parish profile that you developed for the search process emphasized a focus on four areas in particular: church development and growth, liturgy, spirituality, and pastoral care. I am excited about each one of these areas, and I look forward to working on them with you.

My intent is to work closely with the vestry members, other leaders, and with *everyone* in the congregation to identify God's specific mission for us, so that we can develop a vision and set goals to make that vision a reality. And, this process, I believe, begins with getting to know one another other.

My hope is to come to know all of you very well this year, and to help begin and facilitate this process, several members of the congregation will be hosting "Get to Know You" small groups. You will be hearing more about small group opportunities in the weeks to come, and I hope that each of you will participate in a group.

This coming year is a time to dream big and to open up ourselves and this church. It's a time to open ourselves and the church to new things, to new ideas, and to new people. God has already done wonderful things in and through this church community, and I believe that God will continue to do so. This year, let's put our minds and our hearts to understanding God's mission for us and to carrying out this mission. This work is always at the heart of the Church, and it is the specific work that lies ahead of us this year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Siobhán E. Patterson, Rector

Senior Warden Report

Kyle Hamilton

2009 Annual Meeting Report

2008 was indeed an interesting year! One of my main goals was to make sure we transitioned smoothly from Father Steve's final year as interim into our new ministry with Siobhán Patterson. From my perspective I believe this was accomplished. Hopefully, the congregation feels the same way.

Anyway, the 'interim' years are now behind us and it is now important for us to move forward with renewed vigor in anticipation of the marvelous things that we can achieve as a vibrant spiritual family. We have numerous projects planned to update much of our church property. The new roof was completed just in time for winter and should hold us for the next twenty-five years. New heating for the parish hall, kitchen, classroom and office areas, along with much-needed renovations to those areas will



soon commence. Handicap ramps and pews are another priority as we head into 2009. Needless to say, the Capital Improvements committee should stay pretty busy throughout the year!

Budget and finances continue as an ongoing concern at Christ Church. While we were blessed to receive tremendous gifts from both the William Johnson and Wesley Talkington estates, the bad news is that without those gifts we would be insolvent. In 2008 we needed \$77,500.00 of Trustee income to meet our financial requirements. This represents about half of our operational budget and, in my view, is totally unacceptable. Stewardship income has declined dramatically over the past two years, but your Vestry has continued forward on faith that this will improve with the stability of finally having a new Rector. Our vision is to provide a setting that welcomes, embraces, and nurtures all of us. Accordingly, we are committed to spending a large portion of our legacy money to make the improvements necessary to accommodate these goals. A line from the movie *Field of Dreams* summed it best. "Build it and they will come". Let's pray that it works!

Kyle Hamilton
Senior Warden

ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

ECM continues its monthly volunteer ministry on the third Saturday of each month at the *Soup Opera* in downtown Fairmont. Each year we use the proceeds from our annual *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* to fund our food purchases for this ministry.

On Saturday, January 17th, 2009 we had a great volunteer team to serve 71 meals to the clients at the *Soup Opera*. Lisa Baker, Jim Burnell, Dot & Bruce Hamilton, Mike Lawson, and Dana & Steve Riedeman prepared salad, garlic bread, green beans, Italian pasta casserole and ice cream sundaes. They were assisted by Fairmont Senior High student-volunteers Bill Hardy, Camille Leon, Josh Reddeman, Paige Starret, Deidre Tobin and Kristen Wood.

Mark your calendars now for the annual *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* – Tuesday, February 24th, 2009 from 5:00pm (even though patrons start showing up at 4:30) until 7:00pm. We can never guarantee what the turn-out will be, but we can always guarantee a festive atmosphere and a great time!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 25, 2009
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.



Stewardship Reminder:

Pledge Cards for 2009 are still available. Please contact Bessie at the church office (304.366.3471) if you need a pledge card. The Vestry needs our congregation's support to fulfill the mission of Christ Church.

...Speaking of Stewardship

Dear Parish Family:

I am writing on behalf of the Vestry with regard to our current financial situation.

As most of you know, in the past two years, Christ Episcopal Church has been blessed to receive generous gifts from the estates of Bill Johnson and Wes Talkington. The receipt of these gifts has made it possible for the church to distribute over \$250,000 to various deserving organizations. These gifts have made a difference in the lives of less fortunate individuals in our community and throughout the world. These bequests have also made it possible for the Vestry to consider several badly needed improvements to the church building – such as the new roof, which was recently completed. The Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church takes very seriously our responsibility to be good stewards of these gifts.

As 2008 came to a close and the new year began, the Vestry began discussing plans for 2009. This included developing the budget and mailing out pledge cards to parishioners. During the past couple of months, we have seen a marked decline in the number of pledge cards returned. To date, the church office has received only 27 pledge cards out of 83 mailed. This low response has made it impossible to balance the budget without a substantial injection of funds from the Trustees. As it stands, the 2009 budget includes a withdrawal of over \$96,000 from funds overseen by the Trustees in order to balance expenses. These funds are primarily comprised of the Johnson and Talkington gifts.

These charitable gifts have made it possible for your church to do wonderful things and to consider improvements that would not otherwise have been possible. However, these funds, or proceeds thereof, cannot be relied upon for the day-to-day operating expenses of the church. These costs should be offset by the pledge and plate donations from us – the congregation. Depletion of these reserves for ordinary expenses puts the ability of the church to continue community outreach projects in jeopardy and puts our church at financial risk.

We have a new rector, the Rev. Siobhán Patterson. We are at the beginning of her ministry at Christ Episcopal Church, and there is an excitement in the congregation. We are starting to see some new faces appear and some familiar faces return on Sundays. There is a new sense of purpose, a renewed sense of mission within the church. I believe we are at the start of an exciting new period at Christ Episcopal Church, and, with your continued support, we can have great success in 2009 and beyond.

If you haven't received a pledge card or need a new one, please contact Bessie in the church office (304.366.3471) to make arrangements.

God Bless,

Jeff Wallace



Annual Meeting Elections



At the Annual Meeting of Christ Church parishioners on January 18, the following people were elected to positions of responsibility: Gary Metheny and Laura-Withers Boyles were elected to the Vestry replacing Ann Heim and Mike Lawson; Steve Riedeman was elected to serve as Trustee; and Barb Barkley and Louise Starr were elected to serve as Deanery representatives and Diocesan Convention delegates.

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

Outreach Committee

Ann Heim

The Outreach Committee was created as a permanent committee by Christ Church Vestry on November 12, 2007. The main responsibility of the committee is to recommend gift expenditures from monies set aside for outreach from Bill Johnson's (and later from West Talkington's) bequest. All recommendations must be approved by the Vestry. Guidelines for the committee are:

1. All requests must be in writing and presented to the committee on a form that will be provided from the church office on request.
2. All requests must fall into one of the categories outlined in the committee's mission statement. That mission statement is: "We endeavor to financially support non-profit organizations that attempt to help people meet their basic needs by reducing poverty, improving education, and providing health care."
3. Monies will be allocated the first quarter of every calendar year.

Current committee members are Ann Heim, Kyle Hamilton, Steve Hoylman, Louise Lawson, Chris Metheny, and Jude Miller. Committee terms are for two years.

Christian Education

Chris Metheny

Christian Ed Spring-Lenten Outreach Project

During Lent, please bring personal grooming and hygiene items to church for distribution to HOPE and Scott's place. Shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, diapers, wipes, other hygiene products, deodorants, etc are all welcome in all sizes. Thank you in advance for your continued support of these projects



Monthly Church Gatherings

Beginning in February, please mark your calendars the fourth Saturday at 6:00 pm and plan to come to the Parish Hall for Dinner and Fun!

These will be opportunities for our congregation to fellowship and enjoy each other's company! When the weather permits, we can move these events outside and enjoy outdoor activities. When the weather is not permitting, there will be open gym time, ping pong, board games, cards, etc.

If you have games, cards, and other items that you wish to contribute, please feel free to bring them to the church. Menu options are suggested but can vary. Bring whatever you have time to get together or whatever you would like. Your participation is more important than what you bring!

February 28	6:00 pm	Indoor games - Nerf Battles in the Gym	Soup/Sandwiches/Salads
March 28	6:00 pm	Indoor games - Nerf Battles in the Gym	Pot Luck
April 15	6:00 pm	Indoor games - Nerf Battles in the Gym	Pastas/Casseroles/Sides
May 23	6:00 pm	Outdoor games - Lawn games	Picnic Foods
June 27	6:00 pm	Outdoor games - Lawn games	Picnic Foods
July 25	6:00 pm	Outdoor games - Lawn games	Picnic Foods
August 22	6:00 pm	Outdoor games - Lawn games	Picnic Foods
September 26	6:00 pm	Indoor games - Nerf Battles in the Gym	Barbeque Sandwiches/Sides
October 24	6:00 pm	Halloween Fun and games	Pizza/Salads/Sides
November 28	6:00 pm	Indoor games - Nerf Battles in the Gym	Leftover Casseroles
December 26	6:00 pm	Indoor games - Nerf Battles in the Gym	Appetizers

If you would like to coordinate one of the gatherings, or if you have additional suggestions, please contact Chris Metheny.



Christian Education Survey: Christ Episcopal Christian Education needs your input to continue to grow and be strong!

Please respond to the following questions and return to the church office to be forwarded to Chris Metheny.

1) Would you support attending Sunday School program classes on Sunday mornings 9:45 - 10:15?

Yes
 No, due to _____

2) Would you support attending at 9:45 if there was an adult study class or coffee/pastry?

Yes
 No, due to _____

3) Would you support Christian Education by volunteering? Check any that apply:

Making Coffee at 9:30 am for before church
 Bringing in a light morning snack
 Teaching a class ___ Preschool ___ Elementary ___ Youth ___ Adult ___ Any Age
 Organizing a combined class craft

4) Would you mark your calendar for the 4th Saturday at 6:00 pm each month to attend a parish wide dinner gathering and plan to participate to help our church grow?

5) I have lots of ideas and would love to share them. Please submit your email/phone or other contact information:

Name: _____
Phone: _____ (best time/day to call _____)
Email: _____



You are cordially invited to attend
The Celebration of a New Ministry
To Welcome Rev. Siobhan Patterson
to
Christ Episcopal Church
Fairmont, West Virginia

Monday, February 2, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Christ Episcopal Church
Rev. Michie Klusmeyer Presiding

A nursery will be provided.
Reception following in the Parish Hall



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009
7:00 A.M., 12:00 NOON, 7:00 P.M.

Small Group Get-Togethers to be Scheduled

Members of the transition group formed by the vestry to provide support for Rector Siobhán Patterson during her first year will soon be announcing the schedule for small group get-togethers. The get-togethers are being scheduled to facilitate the process of "getting to know" our new rector. If you would be willing to help by hosting a small group, please contact one of these members of the transition group: Kyle Hamilton, Toni Balenger, Louise Lawson, Chris Metheny, or Dana Riedeman.





LENTEN BIBLE STUDY LED BY DEDE BURNELL

Sundays at 9:30: March 1, 8, 22 & 29
Please join us for a study of Jonah!

Important Dates to Remember

<i>Sunday, February 1</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Siobhán Patterson Children's Mass with the first Children's Sermon and invitation for the youth to gather around the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer.</i>
<i>***Monday, February 3</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Service for the Celebration of a New Ministry Bishop Klusmeyer will preside, and the Very Rev. Kevin Kelly from Trinity, Huntington, will preach.</i>
<i>Sunday, February 8</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Siobhán Patterson Children gather in church before going to Sunday School. 11:45 a.m. Jr. Class.</i>
<i>Monday, February 9</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting</i>
<i>Sunday, February 15</i>	<i>Sixth Sunday After Epiphany 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Siobhán Patterson Children gather in church before Sunday School. 11:45 a.m. Jr. Class</i>
<i>Saturday, February 21</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers)</i>
<i>Sunday, February 22</i>	<i>Seventh Sunday After Epiphany 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Siobhán Patterson Children gather in church before Sunday School. 11:45 a.m. Jr. Class</i>
<i>Tuesday, February 24</i>	<i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 5:00-7:00 p.m. Parish Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 25</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday - Services at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m.</i>

Altar Guild

Ann Heim and Dana Riedeman

The Altar Guild of Christ Episcopal Church currently consists of a group of dedicated men and women who are responsible for the care and preparation of God's altar for worship. Currently, the active Altar Guild members (sacristans) are organized into four teams that serve on a rotating basis. Both active and inactive members assist with weddings and funerals. Ann Heim and Dana Riedeman are Co-Directresses of the Altar Guild. Current active members are Anne Ammons, Toni Balenger, Barbara Barkley, Caroline Carlot, Beth Greely, Martha Hall, Bruce Hamilton, Dot Hamilton, Susie Hawkins, Ann Heim, Mary Hoylman, Janet Jacquez, Louise Larry, Diane Miller, Dana Riedeman, Steve Riedeman, and Louise Starr.

Parishioners interested in serving on the Altar Guild should contact Ann Heim or Dana Riedeman



Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
2/1/09 Epiphany IV	10:30 am Holy Eucharist Children's Mass	C. Carlot L. Lawson	C. Boyles N. Lopez	N. Lopez B. Metheny A. Wadsworth	Team 2 All Season	Youth Ushers	K. Hamilton S. Tennant
2/2/09 Celebr. of a New Ministry	6:30 pm Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson	Dede Burnell C. Wood	J. Wood C. Boyles B. Metheny	Team 2 All Season	G. Boyles K. Brown	J. Wallace T. Balenger
1/18/09 Epiphany II	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	M. Lopez B. Barkley	D. Burnell T. Steed	N. Lopez M. Marsh M. Jacquez	Team 4 All Season	K. Brown Volunteer	T. Balenger K. Brown
1/25/09 Epiphany III	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	C. Boyles M. Jacquez	Team 1 All Season	B. Metheny G. Boyles	N. Hamilton M. Lawson
2/01/09 Epiphany IV	10:30 am Holy Eucharist Children's Mass	C. Carlot L. Lawson	C. Boyles N. Lopez	N. Lopez B. Metheny A. Wadsworth	Team 2 All Season	Youth Ushers	K. Hamilton S. Tennant

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 Bessie 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 Bessie McCardle.

Remember - we are asking that "families" volunteer to be ushers - can be parents with children, husband and wife only, parent and one child, etc.

Yoga Community Outreach
Place: Christ Episcopal Church
 824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont
Price: Donation Based
Donation Recommendation \$3.00-\$7.00



FEBRUARY SCHEDULE: Thursdays: Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Saturdays: Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 27 from 9:00-10:00 A.M.

With Certified Instructor Sally Tennant

Sally Tennant, (304)694-0107/ sjotennant@aol.com



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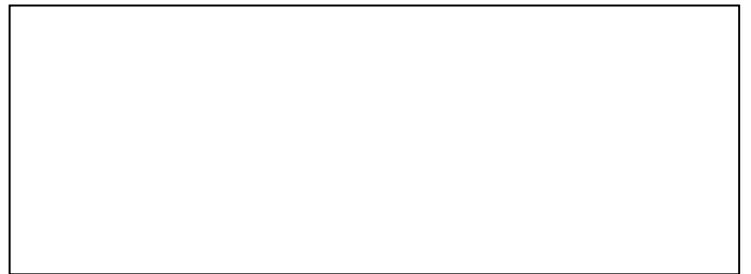
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*"Now let us all with one accord,
In company with ages past,
Keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
In his temptation and his fast."*

...Gregory the Great

