



MANNA

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

March 2011

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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 all,

Thank you all so much for the surprise welcome back luncheon at the end of February. I don't know how you all managed to get that past me. Sneaky, sneaky! It was a wonderful surprise and celebration. And, thank you from the bottom of my heart for dedicating the Parish Hall to me. I was beside myself, and I felt speechless. I still do! But it is truly one of the greatest honors I have ever received. Please know that it is a great privilege and joy to be your rector, and it feels so good to finally be back here with you after my lengthy medical leave.

As Gary, our Junior Warden, said, we still have some renovation work to do, but with the Parish Hall and Kitchen completed, the bulk of the work is done now. We have much to be proud of and thankful for.

May we always realize the incredible gift we have been given and may we use our building to serve others so that the Kingdom of God is made more of a reality here on earth!

Faithfully,
Siobhán+



Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes - 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2011





Notes from Vestry Meetings...

During the recent 2011 meetings we have elected the Wardens, set up committees for Audit and Finance, Property Rental and Christian Education. We accepted Neal Hamilton as our new Stewardship Chair. We have also kept close tabs on the Johnson Kitchen, Patterson Parish Hall and other church renovations. We will be eliminating the lock gate in the Ninth Street hallway with a door and installing super durable carpet. We will also have the Ninth Street and main stairway (parish hall to the Sanctuary) painted. We have also had several inquiries regarding rental of Patterson Parish Hall, which is great.

Our finances are in decent shape for this early in the year, but please keep your pledges current.

We have set the Strawberry Festival date of June 5th.

We met with Diane Cormack at our March 1st meeting. Diane graciously led us through an insightful discussion about the process of hiring a Christian Education Director. She has a wealth of experience in this area and her brief 'seminar' was well received and immensely helpful. The newly formed Christian Ed Committee will report back with their recommendations at our next meeting. We are very committed to this most important responsibility to our children and ourselves for our Church Family.

After prayerful consideration, we plan to focus on several areas this coming year. We will have further updates in future Manna issues, so please stay tuned. You probably guessed that Christian Education is one of them. As always please feel free to phone, email or even speak to any Vestry member with any ideas, comments, complaints or thanks. Remember, this is OUR CHURCH.

Peace to All,
Bruce Hamilton, Vestry Clerk

Senior Warden Report

Barb Barkley

A special thank you goes to everyone who helped with the cleanup of the kitchen and parish hall - Lisa and Scott Baker, Toni Balanger, Martha Hall, Bruce and Dot Hamilton, Neal Hamilton, Mike and Louise Lawson, Gary and Chris Metheny, Chuck, Jenny, and Carrington Reese, and Monree Patterson. Thanks also to everyone who attended the surprise luncheon for Siobhán and for the great food! There are plans afoot for the Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt with more details in the next *Manna*. Also, a date has been set for the Strawberry Festival - June 5, 2011.

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

<i>Sunday, March 6 Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 8</i>	<i>Pancake Supper 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 9</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Sunday, March 13 1st Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>
<i>Saturday, February March 19</i>	<i>Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 366.5148.</i>
<i>Sunday, March 20 2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Sunday, March 27 3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson Amy Porterfield Turner, Guest Preacher</i>
<i>Sunday, April 3 4th Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Peterkin Sunday</i>



Don't forget! Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Tuesday, March 8, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



THE PASTOR'S CAT

(Story submitted by Ann Heim)

Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc.

The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke.

The tree went 'boing!' and the kitten instantly sailed through the air - out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, 'Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping,' and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, 'Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?' She replied, 'You won't believe this,' and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, 'Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it.' She told the pastor, 'I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her.'

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.

Anyone can count the seeds in an apple; but only God can count the apples in a seed.

GIVE ME A SENSE OF HUMOR, LORD
GIVE ME THE GRACE TO SEE A JOKE
TO GET SOME HUMOR OUT OF LIFE
AND PASS IT ON TO OTHER FOLKS





2011 PETERKIN SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

May 22-27	Young Adult Camp
June 5-11	Staff Training
June 12-15	Mini Camp
June 15-18	Beginner Camp
June 19-25	Day Camp
June 26-July 2	Family Camp
July 3-9	Junior Camp
July 10-16	Senior Camp
July 17-23	Intermediate Camp
July 23-30	Hallelujah Hike
July 24-30	MAD (Music, Art, Drama) Camp

For more information on each camp, visit peterkin.org.

GYM TIME

The gym is now open each Sunday for 2 hours after services for anyone that wants to participate in "pick-up" basketball games (at any age) or use the ping-pong table.

Yoga Community Outreach

Place: **Christ Episcopal Church**

824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont

Price: Donation Based

Donation Recommendation: \$3.00-\$7.00

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Contact Sally for more information

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Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
3/6/11 <i>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	N. Hamilton K. Hamilton	K. Hamilton J. Hamilton	Alec W. Abby W. H. Baker	Team 1 All Season	K. Brown C.Colborn	T. Balenger B. Greely
3/9/11 <i>Ash Wed.</i>	7:00 pm	M. Lawson	K. Hamilton	N. Lopez	Team 3 Purple	Volunteers	Vestry Volunteers
3/13/11 <i>Lent I</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	J. Miller T. Steed	C. Boyles J. Burford	N. Lopez C. Boyles L. Marsh	Team 2 Purple	G. Boyles C. Colborn	B. Barkley L. Withers-Boyles
3/20/11 <i>Lent II</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	T. Steed C. Wood	B. Metheny M. Marsh N. Greely	Team 3 Purple	Steed-Marsh Family	L. Capsey-Baker T. Steed
3/27/11 <i>Lent III</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	B. Barkley C. Carlot	D. Nuzum Alec W.	Alec W. N. Greely Abby W.	Team 4 Purple	J. Burford L. Leon	L. Leon G. Metheny
4/6/11 <i>Lent IV</i>	10:30 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	L. Lawson M. Lawson	N. Hamilton A. Patterson	B. Metheny H. Baker F. Thornton	Team 1 Purple	Baker Family	D. Nuzum T. Balenger

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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