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

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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

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Thank you all for a wonderful first Holy Week at Christ Church! It was wonderful to have so many people present and involved on Easter Day and at the services throughout the week.

Special thanks to our Organist/Choirmaster, Carolyn Kerr, and all the choir members for the Easter Cantata and all of the beautiful music throughout the week; to our Altar Guild Directresses, Dana Riedeman and Ann Heim, and all the members of the Altar Guild for preparing the worship space each day; to Lisa Baker who organized the Maundy Thursday Christian Seder Supper; to everyone who made contributions to the children's Easter Egg Hunt; to Lucy Stanley for her work in the nursery; and to Monree Patterson for her hard work in keeping the Church building clean.

Not too long after Easter Day, on April 22nd, our new Secretary, Melinda Parker, began working in the Parish Office (you can read more about Melinda inside the newsletter). She is a wonderful addition to the staff, and I am delighted to have her here with us. Please be sure to welcome Melinda to Christ Church when you have the opportunity.



Churches typically experience some "downtime" after Easter and through the summer months. To help keep us active and engaged, we're going to try a few things out on Sundays this summer. Christian Education for the youth of all ages will *continue* through the summer months with crafts and/or short lessons before services at 9:30am (look inside the newsletter for details). While the youth activities are going on, informal gatherings with light refreshments will be offered for the adults. (Formal Christian Education Classes for adults -- bible studies and topical forums -- will then begin in the Fall when we kick off the new Church School year.) Also during the summer, the children will be invited up to the front of the Church during the services for Children's Homilies when I will talk with them briefly about the lessons, God, faith, etc. I hope that you all will give these activities a try.

May you feel renewed in the love of God this Easter Season, this coming summer, and always!

In Christ,

Siobhán+

ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

Many thanks to Lisa & Scott Baker and Dot & Bruce Hamilton for leading the volunteer team at the *Soup Opera* on April 18th. A total of 65 meals were served to the clientele on that day. A huge volunteer team consisting of Hunter & Mason Baker (children of Lisa & Scott), Christine, Gary & Brett Metheny, Jim Burnell, Rush Janes, Mike Lawson and Steve Riedeman, plus four high school volunteers from Fairmont Senior High took part in this outreach ministry on a sunny Saturday. A good time was had by all! The next volunteer day is Saturday, May 16th.

Senior Warden Report

Kyle Hamilton

Plans are once more underway for the annual *Strawberry Festival* scheduled for Sunday, June 7th in the Parish Hall and side yard. Please mark your calendars now and plan to participate in another 'fun day' at Christ Church!

Stewardship continues to be an ongoing concern of the Vestry as we continue to rely heavily on the Trustees to remain solvent. The good news, however, is that we got a positive response from a 'plea letter' we sent out last month. So I guess the bottom-line is that, while we are still struggling, things are definitely improving. We'll continue to keep 'the Stewardship conversation' active throughout the year.

New Church Secretary

Hello, my name is Melinda Parker and I am the new secretary for Christ Episcopal Church. I have an Associate of Science Degree in Secretarial Studies from Fairmont State University. I live in the Fairmont area and I have been married to Roy Parker, a Lieutenant in the Fairmont Fire Department, for 16 years. We have a son, Cory, who is twelve and our pride and joy. We also have two beautiful cats. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to meeting and working with everyone. Thank you.



Christ Church's participation in the Multiphasic Blood Testing Day at Fairmont General netted \$700. Again, many thanks to Lisa Baker, Chris Metheny, Dana Riedeman, and Laura Withers-Boyles for working shifts on testing day.

Strawberry Festival



Sunday, June 7, 2009
In the Parish Hall

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>
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<i>Laura Withers-Boyles</i>	<i>304-363-2295</i>	<i>dds1910@aol.com</i>

Remember Mother's Day on May 10...

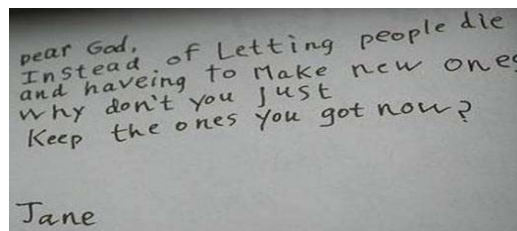
Even he that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of his mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought, ---the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven.---Longfellow



Important Dates to Remember

- Sunday, May 3 *4th Sunday in Easter*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
Children's Mass and Sunday School Recognition
- Sunday, May 10 *5th Sunday in Easter*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
Mother's Day
- Saturday, May 16 *10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 366.5148*
- Sunday, May 17 *6th Sunday in Easter*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
- Sunday, May 24 *7th Sunday in Easter*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
- Sunday, May 31 *The Sunday of Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson

A child's letter to God..



On Memorial Day we remember those who gave their lives for freedom.

*"We show our thankfulness in prayer
This honor you deserve
Giving all for freedom's call
That we may live without reserve."*



Christian Education

May 2009

Recognition Sunday – On Sunday May 3, which is also a Children’s Mass Sunday, we will recognize all of our church school age children during the announcements.

Summer Craft Time – We plan to continue to have some craft time during this summer for our kids to get them in the habit of attending church school in the summer.

Plans for Fall - We will have a “KICK OFF CARNIVAL” in the fall around 9/13 to welcome the children back to formal Sunday School curricula and classrooms for all age groups.

If you are interested in helping with any classes/ages/projects, please let Mother Siobhan or Chris Metheny know.



Parish Dinner – Saturday, May 30, 2009 6:00 P.M.

You are invited to a bon-fire at the Metheny's in WHITEHALL. The plan is to roast hot-dogs in an open fire. Bring picnic items, lawn chairs, yard games, etc. There is a tree-house, trampoline, soccer area, (SAFE) lawn darts, or horseshoes, plenty of parking, and lots of fun! If the weather is "Liquid Sunshine" we will have the fun in the parish hall. Call (304.366.2033) or email (methenyc@wvuh.com) Chris for more information or directions.

Don't forget the parish dinners are scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month. **EXCEPT for this May – it's the 5th Saturday!** With the weather getting nicer, we can move some of these dinners to outdoors. If you are interested in hosting one of these dinners, please let Chris Metheny know what date and where.



Peterkin Summer Camp Schedule

Senior Camp: June 21 – June 27

Junior Camp: July 5 – July 11

Intermediate Camp: July 12 – July 18

Family Camp: July 19 – July 25

Hallelujah Hike (note: extended one extra day): July 25 – August 1

Creative Arts Camp: July 26 – August 1

Camp registrations are now available online through the Peterkin website (peterkin.org), at the bottom of the "Summer Camps" page, or by using this web address: <http://www.peterkin.org/pages/camps.html>).

Full details are available in the church office and in the entryway of the church.

Church League Softball

A co-ed, all-ages **church softball team sign up** is at the entrance of the church and in the Parish Office.

For more information, contact Luke Huggins (huggins@wwc.edu).

Yoga Community Outreach

Place: **Christ Episcopal Church**

824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont

Price: Donation Based

Donation Recommendation \$3.00-\$7.00



With Certified Instructor Sally Tennant
Contact Sally for more information and a May schedule.
Sally Tennant: (304) 694-0107 or sjotennant@aol.com



Liturgical Assistants Calendar

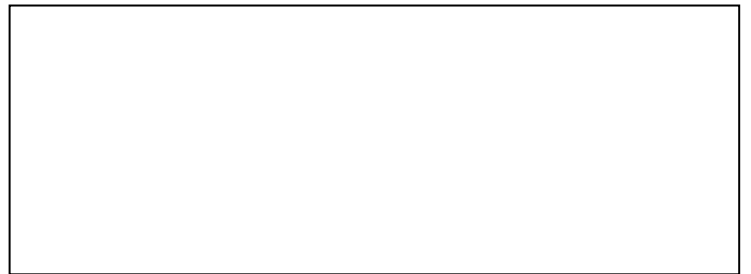
Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
5/3/09 4 th Sunday in Easter	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	B. Metheny C. Boyles	J. Wood B. Metheny N. Greely	Team 1 White	Youth Ushers	C. Wood. N. Hamilton
5/10/09 5 th Sunday in Easter	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton N. Hamilton	K. Hamilton J. Hamilton	M. Jacquez Alec W. AbbyW.	Team 2 White	J. Burford L. Leon	K. Hamilton G. Metheny
5/17/09 6 th Sunday in Easter	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Barkley M. Lopez	C. Wood T. Steed	N. Lopez C. Boyles F. Tennant	Team 3 White	Steed-Marsh Family	T. Balenger J. Wallace
5/24/09 7 th Sunday in Easter Sunday	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	C. Carlot M. Lawson	D. Burnell J. Burford	B. Metheny J. Wood N. Greely	Team 4 White	G. Boyles K. Brown	K. Brown L. Withers- Boyles
5/31/09 Sunday of Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	M. Marsh M. Jacquez F. Tennant	Team 1 Red	B. Metheny J. Burford	N. Hamilton S. Tennant
6/7/09 2 nd Sun. in Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	Alec W. N. Lopez	Alec W. N. Lopez Abby W.	Team2 All Season	Youth Ushers	K. Hamilton C. Wood

Congratulations
 to
 2009 East Fairmont High School Graduate
Jenna Wood!
 You have much to be proud of!
 Good luck at West Virginia University and best wishes for the future!



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*"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! The dead is living, God for evermore!
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!*

...Venantius Honorius Fortunatus



