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

November 2008

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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.*

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Senior Warden Report

Kyle Hamilton

*"You say yes...I say no... you say stop, and I say 'go ,go, go'...oh no.  
You say 'good-bye' and I say 'hello!' Hello, hello!  
I don't why you say 'good-bye' I say 'hello!'"*

It may not be appropriate...but I just can't get the words (or the tune, for that matter) of this old *Beatles* song out of my head. I guess closing the book on the final chapter of Father Steve's time with us and looking forward to a new ministry with Siobhán Patterson somehow has me thinking abstractly. Anyway, we've said our 'good-byes' to Father Steve and are ready to say our 'hellos' to Siobhan – so get on board with me and start singing!

As we enter our new mutual ministry we have so many positive forces at work around us. The new roof is finally on the church building, and other improvement projects are ready to get started. The local economy has been 'shaken' a little, but is not crumbling like it is in some areas. Actually, our economy remains relatively stable. We have a number of dedicated parishioners that are always ready to 'jump in' and help when things need to get done. And... we're eager to grow and prosper as a community of faith!

Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> will be Siobhán's first service with us – so I'm urging everyone in the congregation to come to worship and welcome her into our parish. So please come and say 'hello'!

*Kyle*

God's Power, working in us, can do definitely more than we can ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:30



*Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church. Look graciously on us, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Your search committee first met in September of 2007 and finished their work one year later. We began each meeting with the above prayer and carefully considered the importance of our task. Last month we made a recommendation to the Vestry that we call Rev. Siobhán Patterson as the new rector for Christ Church Fairmont. Siobhán has most recently served as a curate at Trinity Episcopal Church in Huntington, West Virginia, and as the Episcopal Campus Minister for Marshall University. She has also served as curate at Trinity Episcopal Church in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Siobhán received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and was named 2002 Collegian of the Year. She earned her Masters of Divinity from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. In addition to serving on several Diocesan commissions, Siobhán has served on the program staff for Peterkin Summer Camps and enjoys working with youth and college students. We hope that you will open your hearts to her when she joins us in celebrating our first Eucharist together on Sunday, November 16.

### A Message from Our New Rector

Siobhán Patterson

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Greetings from Huntington! As I come to the end of my time here and wrap up my work with the wonderful people of Trinity Church and Marshall University, I grow more and more excited about the future each day as I make preparations to move up to Fairmont and begin work with all of you at Christ Church.

I can hardly wait until November 16<sup>th</sup>, which will be our first Sunday together. I am so thankful for the opportunity to come serve as your Rector. Truly, it is my privilege, and I look forward to many years of engaging in God's mission together.

Now, you may be wondering, "What do we call her?" You can call me by my first name, Siobhán. With that said, I do realize that pronouncing my name can be a bit of a challenge. That's okay! It's pronounced "Shavon" (not "Sigh-oh-ba-han" contrary to popular belief. Although, I have been known to respond to that!). If you would like to use a formal address or if you have children and want them to use a formal address, Mother Siobhán or Mother Patterson are appropriate.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you – your names and faces and your stories. And, I am excited to discover with all of you what God has in mind for us and for our work together. In the meantime, please know that you are in my prayers daily, and I ask that you keep me in yours.

Every Blessing,  
Siobhán+

Now to him who by the power at work within us  
is able to accomplish abundantly far more  
than all we can ask or imagine,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.  
*Ephesians 3:20-21*



Below is the Financial Report for September 2008. Our pledge collections for the month of September have fallen behind (even with the pre-payment pledges that were received the beginning of the year) and our expenses picked up this past month.

January 1 thru December 31, 2008:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Loose Plate Collections	8,625	11,043	2,418
Pledge Collections	58,500	57,492	(1,008)
Expenses	140,328	125,411	(14,917)
September 2008 Only:			
Loose Plate Collections	958	1,069	111
Pledge Collections	6,500	5,852	(648)
Expenses	15,592	17,605	2,013

Letters to all pledging participants were mailed out in October covering the third quarter of 2008. If you haven't already done so, please review the amounts stated in your letter as to your contributions as of September 30, 2008. If your records do not agree with the church's records, please call the office or contact Steve Hoylman (367-2040) or smhoylman@gmail.com.

**ECM Report**

Kyle Hamilton

Team Captains Dana and Steve Riedeman, with the help of Dot and Bruce Hamilton, Kyle Hamilton, Mary and Steve Hoylman, six volunteers from the Interact Club of Fairmont Senior High School, and one "lifeline" call to Susie Hawkins, served 70 meals to the clients at the Soup Opera on Saturday, October 18. We will serve meals again on November 15. Please mark that date and make an effort to join us in this worthwhile outreach ministry.

The ECM also hosted a farewell reception for Father Steve Swift on his last Sunday, October 26. The egg casseroles, delicious breads, and fruit salad nourished us all as we took the opportunity to say our "goodbyes" to Father Steve.

**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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## Kudos to our Youth!

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### Jenna Wood is "Taking the Field"

When the placekicker for East Fairmont High School's football team suffered a broken leg in a soccer game, coach Bill Haddox went searching among soccer players for a new kicker. The search led him to parishioner Jenna Wood. Jenna has become the first female varsity kicker in Marion County history. She has already played in a junior varsity game and scored two extra points. She will play in her first varsity game on Friday, October 31, when East Fairmont is on the road against Parkersburg South. Way to go, Jenna!

### Top Runners from Christ Church Youth

Catherine Boyles and Brett Metheny are members of the Fairmont Catholic Cross Country Team. On October 23rd both the boys and girls varsity teams won second place at the Mason-Dixon Cross Country Meet in Morgantown. Additionally, at the Marion County Cross Country Meet on October 20, Catherine received a runner's medal for placing in the top 15 runners, the girls' team received a Second Place Trophy, and the boys' team a Third Place Trophy. Congratulations to both Catherine and Brett!

## Christian Education

Chris Metheny

Christian Education Schedule for November:

November 2	Children's Mass - All children are invited to participate in various functions during the service (Greeters, Ushers, Readers, etc.)
November 9	Sunday School Classes 10:30 for Preschoolers, Elementary Ages Junior Youth following the service
November 16	Sunday School Classes 10:30 for Preschoolers, Elementary Ages Junior Youth following the service
November 23	Sunday School Classes 10:30 for Preschoolers, Elementary Ages Junior Youth following the service
November 30	<i>Get to Know You Sunday</i> and Coffee Hour

### *Get to Know You Sunday!*

This is a new program that Christian Education would like to initiate this year. We would like to invite someone from the congregation to come to the parish hall to introduce themselves to all children and talk to the children about Christ Church, what their job is outside of church, their favorite things, and work a craft with the children. We have purchased very simple craft projects, and then would like to display those projects to the congregation during a coffee hour following the service. Families are encouraged to participate in this function as well, helping to sponsor coffee hour treats/sweets/fruits/drinks. This will be a great way to grow our family strengths in our church and with coffee.



## Important Dates to Remember

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Sunday, November 2	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Fran McCoy (Children's Mass) Acolyte Training
Sunday, November 9	10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Pre-School & Elementary Classes 11:45 a.m. Jr. Class
Wednesday, November 12	6:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting
Saturday, November 15	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers and Co-Captains)
Sunday, November 16	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Siobhán Patterson and Pre-School & Elementary Classes Coffee Hour after the Service 11:45 a.m. Jr. Class - "Shop with a Cop"
Monday, November 17	6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
Sunday, November 23	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Siobhán Patterson and Pre-School & Elementary Classes 11:45 a.m. Jr. Class
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed
Sunday, November 30	First Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Siobhán Patterson Get to Know You Sunday
Sunday, December 7	Second Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Siobhán Patterson (Children's Mass) Coffee Hour and Christmas Mini-Bazaar following the service

## ECW

**Barbara Barkley**

Barbara Barkley and Louise Starr are planning the annual Christmas Mini-Bazaar and Coffee Hour for Sunday, December 5. The Bazaar will feature strawberry jam and other goodies. Parishioners will be called to contribute items for the bake sale. It's hard to believe we're thinking about Christmas already...it won't be long!

## Diocesan Convention

The 131st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia was held at the Lakeview Resort in Morgantown from October 24-26. St. Thomas á Becket Episcopal Church in Morgantown was the host parish. Barbara Barkley and Louise Starr served as lay delegates from Christ Church Fairmont.





# Yoga for Fitness

Christ Episcopal Church  
\$7 per Class/ \$6 Church Members  
With Certified Instructor Sally Tennant

If you would like to give yoga a try or know of someone who might be interested-  
we'd love to have you participate!

The November schedule is as follows:

All Levels: Saturdays: November 1, 8, 15, 22

Level II: Thursdays: November 6, 13

Gentle Class: Wednesdays: November 5, 12

Contact Information: Certified Instructor Sally Tennant, cell 304-694-0107  
E-mail: [sjotennant@aol.com](mailto:sjotennant@aol.com)



**THANK YOU**

- ❖ Toni Balenger would like to thank all who were so kind to her with gifts of prayers, cards, and food during her recent illness. It's great to have you back with us, Toni!
- ❖ Many thanks to Chris and Gary Metheny, Louise Lawson and others for their work on the All Hallows Eve dinner and party. It was great fun!
- ❖ Dana Riedeman would like to thank these dedicated members of the search committee for their unwavering commitment to the work of the committee: John Burford, Beth Greely, Dick Hawkins, Chris Metheny, Gary Metheny, Ann Patterson, Kirstie Wadsworth, and Laura Withers-Boyles.
- ❖ Many thanks to Rev. Richard Schmidt and Pam for their visit with us last month. It was wonderful to see them, their son Arne, Arne's wife Donna and their adorable boys. Chuck and Maxine Critchfield also visited with us that Sunday - it was a great day!



## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
11/02/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	M. Lopez B. Barkley	C. Boyles M. Marsh	J. Wood B. Metheny	Team 3 All Season	Youth Ushers	K. Brown J. Wallace
11/09/08	10:30 am Morning Prayer	N/A	J. Burford D. Burnell	A. Wadsworth M. Jacquez	Team 4 All Season	G. Boyles Volunteer?	K. Hamilton A. Heim
11/16/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton K. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	N. Lopez M. Marsh	Team 1 All Season	J. Burford L. Leon	T. Balenger S. Tennant
11/23/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	T. Steed C. Wood	J. Wood B. Metheny	Team 2 All Season	Steed/Marsh Family	C. Wood M. Lawson
11/30/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	C. Carlot K. Hamilton	J. Hamilton N. Hamilton	N. Lopez M. Marsh	Team 3 Purple	K. Brown B. Metheny	K. Hamilton K. Brown
12/07/08	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	A. Wadsworth B. Metheny	C. Boyles A. Wadsworth	Team 4 Purple	Youth Ushers	J. Wallace A. Heim

*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.*



Take time to exercise your right to vote on November 4, and take time to remember those who have served our country on Veteran's Day, November 11. Our veterans have served and fought to secure our rights - let's not forget their sacrifices.

Photo taken at the Morgan Family Cemetery at Prickett's Fort State Park by parishioner John Burford.



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*May the light of God's love burn  
brightly in your heart  
and around your table  
this Thanksgiving.*

