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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 Parish Family and Friends,

It's been a *good and active* summer! Now that we're at summer's end (hard to believe, I know!), I'd like to share with you some of our highlights.

We had a good turn out on summer (June–August) Sundays with an average attendance of 56, which is up from an average summer attendance of 42 last year. Throughout the summer, parishioners continued to help out each month with the Soup Opera downtown. In June, we had a successful Strawberry Festival; we received heartfelt thanks from the Health Right Clinic for the Church's monetary gift; and we celebrated the baptism of Lucia Grace Jacquez. In June and July, several of our youth members attended summer camps at Peterkin (and I am really looking forward to receiving some of them next summer at Senior Camp, which I have had the privilege of leading the past few years). We had a good turnout for the monthly parish gatherings (which we will now need to put on hold until we are through with the upcoming Parish building renovations). We also enjoyed being a part of the Church League softball games. We had a lot of fun playing, enjoyed giving each other a hard time (especially the Rector who totally deserved it ☺), and won 3 games over the summer. Thank you to all who played, all who came out to watch and support the team, and to Luke Huggins for coordinating our team and getting us out there.



Our Vestry, Trustees, Outreach Committee, Stewardship Committee, Christian Ed. Director and Teachers, and Building Renovations Committee all met over the summer and have done some exceptional work, all of which will help us start out on very strong footing as we enter fall months and begin to pick back up with things at the Church. I am looking forward to the full year we have ahead of us – with Christian Ed. classes for youth and adults, major renovations to our building, and preparations to host a Magnetic Church Conference for the northern part of the Diocese in the spring, among many other wonderful things. Mostly, I look forward to being with you all through whatever we decide to do and through whatever comes our way!

In Christ,
Siobhán+



Senior Warden Report

Kyle Hamilton

After a brief, one-month hiatus the Vestry met again on August 10th in the Rector's office. Junior Warden Gary Metheny is hard at work getting various renovation projects up and running. Rev. Siobhán Patterson is organizing a 'Parish life' committee to handle some of the pastoral and social items that always need attention. The Outreach committee has also been busy 'giving away' our money to needy organizations. Christine Metheny, our Christian Ed coordinator, is busy recruiting teachers for Sunday school. So, all in all, there is a lot of activity happening at Christ Church as we prepare for a fresh school year.

On the negative side, we are still draining funds from our Trustees to meet our operating expenses. While we are certainly blessed to have an endowment to 'support' our parish, we really need to 'wean off' our dependency of the trust fund. I don't want to dwell on this – but it is crucial to our health and welfare as a parish to become self-supporting.

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of April 16 & 17, 2010. Christ Church will be hosting "The Magnetic Church" conference that weekend. Our hope is to have 75-100 participants (both from our parish and surrounding Episcopal, Lutheran & Presbyterian churches) for this exciting evangelical seminar. Having attended this conference last year, I can guarantee that this will provide an unbelievable shot of invigoration into our parish!

ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

Mary's Marvelous Fresh-Brewed Iced Tea and Steve's Special Kool-Aid ran a neck-and-neck race for 'most popular drink' at the *Soup Opera* on Saturday, August 15th. Due to some early 'quality-control' problems, Steve's Kool-aid lost this close contest by a very slim margin. (Better luck next month Steve!) A small group of only 50 clients enjoyed hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, potato chips & ice cream sundaes in addition to the wonderful liquid refreshments provided on this hot August afternoon.

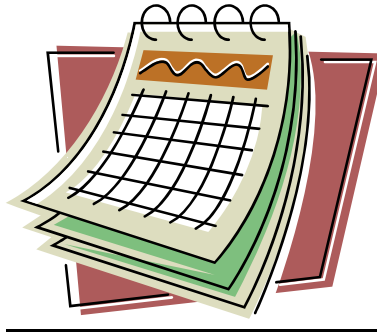
Many thanks to Jim Burnell, Bruce Hamilton, Mary & Steve Holyman, and Steve Riedeman for their assistance in serving lunch as part of our on-going outreach. The next scheduled volunteer date is Saturday, September 18th and Dana & Steve Riedeman are serving as team captains. We invite and encourage any parishioner to join us each month in this ministry. Work times are from 10:30am to around 1:30pm. Rarely during this brief time of helping others do we not enjoy ourselves.



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

- Sunday, September 6* *14th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
- Sunday, September 13* *15th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
9:30 a.m. Church School for All Ages
Choir Begins
- Monday, September 14* *Vestry Meeting - 6:00 p.m.*
- Saturday, September 19* *10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soup Opera (Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 366.5148.*
- Sunday, September 20* *16th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Black of the Lutheran Church
- Sunday, September 27* *17th Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson

Upcoming Events:

October 2-4 Diocesan Convention in Charleston

Sunday, October 4 – Morning Prayer with reading of Bishop Klusmeyer's Convention Sermon

Sunday, October 11 – The Rev. Zach Drennen of the Elewana Education Project will be back to visit us.



Christian Education September 2009

Sunday, September 13, Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.



FLIP FLOP SUNDAY!



September 13, 2009 9:30 am

To welcome back our Kids Christian Education Programs, we are inviting all the kids, and parishioners, to wear their FLIP FLOPS to Church. We will be having some games, crafts, snacks, and activities to welcome the Sunday school programs back from the summer! So plan to join the fun and enjoy FLIP FLOP Sunday!

CHRISTIAN ED NEEDS FOR FALL

Just a gentle opportunity to let you know that we could still use your skills in Christian Education... What skills you ask??? Well, whatever skills you have: prayers, music, teaching, special gifts, snacks, kids! We are planning classes for all ages, and need everyone's participation to be part of the program! Just see Mother Siobhan, Chris Metheny, or Tara Steed to offer what you can! Thanks so much for your love and support!

Announcement: Fairmont Catholic School Prayer Walk

- **Prayer Walk** - Last fall the students and faculty of Fairmont Catholic did our first "Prayer Walk" around town. This year our WALK will be on Friday, September 25 beginning at 12:45. Our route will take us down Jackson St., up Monroe St. past the library, up Adams St. past the Court House, and on to the Soup Opera. We will be singing "Walking in the Light of Christ" and other songs, and we will be stopping to offer prayer and a blessing at various buildings. We hope to have parents and townspeople along our "parade route".



New Torches

Many thanks to Barb Barkley and Steve and Mary Holyman for offering to purchase new processional torches. The torches have been ordered and will arrive soon.

Tour of Northern Britain

Former Rector Dick Schmidt wants to let us know about a tour opportunity. There are still spaces left if anyone is interested!



“Forward Movement, publisher of the daily devotional Day by Day, is celebrating its 75th Anniversary next year and is offering a first class tour of Northern Britain. The Anglican Heritage Tour will take visitors to cathedrals, chapels and churches, as well as some of Britain’s prettiest gardens and houses. Forward Movement’s Editor, the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Schmidt (Dick), will lead the tour, lecturing along the way about the sacred spaces and historic places that will be visited. The tour, June 4-14, 2010, is limited to 22 participants who will travel by deluxe motor coach. The accommodations are all excellent hotels and converted country houses, and meals will be provided in fine dining establishments or historic manor homes. Tour information, is on our website (www.forwardmovement.org). Click on About Us and then on Anglican Heritage Tour. You will then be able to download the brochure. Or, contact Francie Morrison at Forward Movement (francesm@forwarddaybyday.com) to request a brochure.”

We would like for you to meet parishioners...

Linda and Gary Jack – Linda and Gary live in Fairmont and are often seen in church with their two grandchildren Zylar (3) and Zaylee (1). Gary is an attorney with Duquesne Light in Pittsburgh, and Linda is a caterer and enjoys gardening and bird watching. Zylar and Zaylee live in Pittsburgh.

Donna and Tom Nuzum – Donna and Tom are back to West Virginia from Orange County, Virginia. They are originally from this area and have two grown sons. Tom has his own interior painting and repair business; he was in the construction business in Virginia. Donna is a teacher who spent her last six years teaching third grade. Donna plans to join the Altar Guild and the choir and is interested in becoming a lay reader.

Parishioners who would like to submit information should contact Dana Riedeman, 905 Shelby Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554 danalrr@aol.com



Outreach Committee

Jude Miller

The Outreach Committee members (Toni Balenger, John Burford, Louise Lawson, Chris Metheny, Jude Miller and spiritual advisor Mother Siobhan) have been meeting monthly throughout the spring and summer months. I want to thank the members for their faithful attendance at our meetings and for their creative and wise decision making skills. The committee has made a commitment to continued support for any organization to which we give a sizable donation. We are a small committee and are earnestly asking volunteers interested in helping the many worthwhile, non-profit organizations in our area to contact any committee member. There are many ways to help these groups with additional goods and services, and we don't want our outreach to be limited to a one-time check. The vestry is currently funding the Outreach Committee by allocating 10% of the money the church received from the Bill Johnson and Wesley and Liliias Talkington estates. Below is a summary of the applications for funds the committee and the vestry have approved for this year:

- Peterkin Application for repair work--\$5,000
- Marion County Family Resource Network Application to help fund a summer Teen Leadership Institute at FSU for at-risk-students---\$5000
- Scott's Place Application to help with transitional housing so their residents can successfully transition from shelter living to community living---\$9,112
- Literacy Volunteers Application for the purchase of a digital projector, laptop and software to better train their trainers---\$1,887
- Energy Express Program Application for a summer reading program--\$3,000
- Elewana Project Application, our Episcopal African mission project, to help with scholarships, computers, solar panels and housing--\$25,000
- Marion County Family Resource Network Teen Leadership Challenge to help with curricular supplies for classes to empower at-risk-students in middle and high school--\$5,000
- The committee recommends that we organize a drive to gather office and kitchen supplies for the Disability Center.

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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
September Classes: September 12 and September 26 at 9:00 a.m.
Contact Sally for more information
Sally Tennant: (304) 694-0107 or sjtennant@aol.com



Welcome

We are delighted to see so many new faces at church this year, and we would like to use the *Manna* to introduce some of our new folks.

If you are new to our parish within the last year, please tell us a little bit about yourself so that we can share the information with others and get to know you better.

Your name(s) _____

Names and ages of any children _____

Are you new to the area? If so, from where? _____

Tell us a little about yourself and your family. _____

You can send this information to the parish office at Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554, put it in the collection plate any Sunday, or e-mail it to danalrr@aol.com for the *Manna*.

Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
9/6/09 14 th Sun. after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	C. Carlot Volunteer	J. Burford A. Patterson	M. Marsh B. Metheny L. Marsh	Team 3 All Season	J. Burford L. Leon	J. Wallace G. Metheny
9/13/09 15 th Sun. after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	C. Wood D. Burnell	N. Lopez Alec W. N. Greely	Team 4 All Season	K. Brown Volunteer	K. Hamilton K. Brown
9/20/09 16 th Sun. after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Metheny C. Boyles F. Tennant	Team 1 All Season	Steed-Marsh Family	N. Hamilton S. Tennant
9/27/09 17 th Sun. after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton M. Lopez	N. Hamilton D. Nuzum	Alec W. M. Marsh Abby W.	Team 2 All Season	B. Metheny G. Boyles	L. Withers- Boyles J. Wallace
10/4/09 18 th Sun. after Pentecost	10:30 am Morning Prayer	N/A	C. Boyles N. Lopez	C. Boyles N. Lopez N. Greely	Team 3 All Season	Youth Ushers	G. Metheny K. Hamilton

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