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

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Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

A nursery is provided.

Christian Education classes for all ages on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Our mission is to...*

*know God, love God, and serve others.*

*Rector's Message*

*Siobhán Patterson*

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is off to a great start in 2010. We have an exciting year ahead of us at Christ Church, and at this time, I want to highlight three things about our new year: the building renovations throughout the year, the Magnetic Church Conference in the spring, and the Presiding Bishop's Visitation in the fall.

The **building renovations** will begin later this month (January 11th-13th) with much needed repairs to the organ. We are also scheduled to sign contracts this month with our architects and contractors for various other projects. This work, which will be done in phases, includes:

- major drainage repairs
- electrical upgrades
- installation of HV/AC systems (to heat and cool the Parish Hall and Kitchen, Sunday School Classrooms, Nursery and Choir Room area, and Offices)
- upgrade of the four sets of red doors to meet fire code
- renovation and upgrade of the Parish Hall and Kitchen
- ADA compliant: bathrooms, parking near the Parish Hall along 9th Street, and entrances to the Parish Hall and Church

Further details and updates will be given as we progress and as work is being done on the building.



In addition to the renovations, we will, as you know, be hosting a **Magnetic Church Conference** with noted evangelist Andrew Weeks April 16th-17th. "The Magnetic Church Conference is non-confrontational, practical evangelism to help churches attract and retain new members", and you can read more about it on the website: [www.magnetic-church.com](http://www.magnetic-church.com). Many parishioners are involved in the preparations for this conference. We are inviting all the churches in our diocese and several area churches of other denominations to attend this conference. I hope as many parishioners as possible from Christ Church will attend this conference. It will give us a wonderful boost of energy and ideas!

Another exciting event we have to look forward to this year is the **Presiding Bishop's Visitation**. The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, will be making her visitation to the Diocese of West Virginia in the fall of 2010. And we have been asked to have her here at Christ Church on Sunday, October 3rd to celebrate the Eucharist and preach and to talk with people before and after the service. This is, among many things, a wonderful testament to the confidence of our Diocese in the welcoming and hospitable spirit of Christ Church. We can expect to have many people from our Diocese, especially from our Deanery, with us that day. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Again, we have a full and exciting year ahead of us, which will help us live more fully into the ministry that God has for us to do. So let us be glad and give thanks for it!

Faithfully,  
*Siobhán+*

Senior Warden Report

Kyle Hamilton

Please note that our Annual Meeting will take place after church on  
January 31.



### **Pledge Card Reminder**

Pledge Cards for 2010 were mailed out to each household in November. Please remember to mail your card in to the Parish Office or put it in the collection plate at Church if you haven't already done so. If you need another card, please call Melinda in the Parish Office. Your contribution is very much appreciated!



## Attendance & Financial Report

### November 2009

Week 1 ... 80

Week 2 ... 54

Week 3 ... 54

Week 4 ... 63

Week 5 ... 43

### Sunday Service Average - 59

November Expense - \$11,854.18

November Offering - \$11,055.75

### United Thank Offering

Our collection from October and November for the United Thank Offering (UTO) totals: \$103.46.

For more information about the UTO, please visit the website:

[www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm).

Our UTO donation, which will be presented each year at Diocesan Convention, will be the sum of the last Sunday collections at the blessing for birthdays and anniversaries. Your offering is a way to give thanks for the lives and relationships of those with birthdays and anniversaries during the month and for **all** the blessings in our lives.

### 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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ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

The morning of Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> greeted us with about six inches of snow on the ground and another six inches or so still falling. Undaunted by the weather, our volunteer crew showed up at the *Soup Opera* and served 47 meals. Most of the clients that trekked into the *Soup Opera* that day did so on foot, as driving tended to be a bit hazardous. Because of the snow we only served about half the number of meals that are usually served on Saturdays.

Many thanks to Dana & Steve Riedeman, Lisa Baker, Siobhán Patterson, and Mattie Klithermes for their assistance despite the inclement weather. Our next scheduled volunteer day is Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10:30 am. Please mark your calendar and join us in this ongoing ministry.



Mini-Bazaar Report

Barb Barkley and Louise Starr

Barb Barkley and Louise Starr would like to thank everyone who helped with the Mini-Bazaar and coffee hour. "Thanks to everyone who baked for the bake sale. We had lots of goodies and good fellowship. Our special thanks to Lisa Baker who helped with the Bazaar and made all the children's favors and helped with coffee hour. Thanks to Louise Larry for helping with coffee hour. A big special "thank you" to Monree Patterson who decorated the parish hall and rest rooms. Looked great! Thanks also to Toni Balenger and Ann Heim for their help."



Prayer Chain

We are re-organizing our prayer chain and invite you to become a part of this important part of our church life. Prayer requests will be called into Jane Tyler (304.366.2058), and she will call the next person on list. The prayers will be passed on, and when the chain is complete, Jane will be notified.

*"Prayer is like the wind...you can't see it, but you can see what it does."*

JOIN US!

Call Louise Starr (304.366.6995) to be added to the present prayer chain.



## Outreach Committee

*Jude Miller*

The Outreach Committee met on December 2, 2009, and considered several requests for funds from local charitable organization. We approved a request from Literacy Volunteers to reallocate \$100.00 of the previous grant we had awarded them. For the second year we voted to donate money to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund; this year in the amount of \$7,500. We also allocated \$5,000.00 to the Fairmont Food Pantry. Their food supply was very low going into the holiday season. As all of you know, the vestry presented to the Outreach Committee a generous amount of money from both the Johnson and Talkington estates. Most of the Outreach Committee's time and energy for the past two years has been dedicated to fairly awarding grants to deserving charitable organizations that impact local, state and world-wide causes; causes whose goals are to continue Christ's work in the world. As our funds dwindle, the Outreach Committee has discussed how we can do God's work through other good works. We plan to identify 3 or 4 local organizations with whom the church already has a connection, and make an attempt to provide needed goods and services. We are a small committee and will need many of you to help us carry out this vision. Thank you for all your support and prayers.



## MULTIPHASIC BLOOD TESTING...

Christ Church will be one of the sponsors of the Multiphasic Blood Testing at Fairmont General Hospital on February 27, 2010. Please support this important fundraiser by having your blood tests completed on that day. The tests are an important check on your health!

## GREAT GIVEAWAY

*The Stewardship Committee* sponsored our first annual GREAT GIVEAWAY on a snowy Saturday in December. Under the leadership of Laura Withers-Boyles, the giveaway was a great success, and the committee is considering additional events in the future.

## 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  
**Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. (January 9, 16, 23, and 30)**

Contact Sally for more information

Sally Tennant: (304) 694-0107 or [sjotennant@aol.com](mailto:sjotennant@aol.com)



## Important Dates to Remember

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Sunday, January 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Morning Prayer led by Bruce Hamilton

Sunday, January 10  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Happy Birthday Jesus Party in the Parish Hall  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson  
Epiphany Coffee Hour following the Service

Monday, January 11

Vestry Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in the Rector's Office

Saturday, January 16

Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
(Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 366.5148.

Sunday, January 17  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Holiday - Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 24  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rt. Rev. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia

Sunday, January 31  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson  
ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING THE SERVICE



### Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Klusmeyer's annual visitation to Christ Church will be on Sunday, January 24, 2010.



### CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Christ Church will be held after the worship service on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

Please plan to attend!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## JANUARY UPDATE

### Christian Ed Update

On **January 10** we will hold the rescheduled “Happy Birthday Jesus Party”. We will be learning about the Wise Men coming and bringing their gifts to the baby Jesus and the Star of Bethlehem.

In honor of Jesus’ Birthday, everyone is invited to bring Jesus a gift to be given to a local agency for distribution in the form of **Hats, Gloves, or Scarves!** You don’t have to attend the party to give them; please give to Chris Metheny, and she will make sure Jesus’ gifts get delivered for you!

Classes are continuing in the Christian Ed Rooms for all ages! The youth are studying the lectionary lessons, and the elementary age children are learning about the “Miracles of Jesus” now through Easter. Any talents, time, or gifts that you have to share with Christian Ed are welcome! See Chris Metheny or Tara Steed for more information.



### Revised Common Lectionary

#### Appointed readings for:

Sunday, January 3 – Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23  
 Sunday, January 10 – Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
 Sunday, January 17 – Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 I Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11  
 Sunday, January 24 – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 I Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21  
 Sunday, January 31 – Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 I Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

### Electronic Manna?

ANY PARISHIONER WHO WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE THEIR *MANNA* ELECTRONICALLY SHOULD CONTACT DANA RIEDEMAN AT [danalrr@aol.com](mailto:danalrr@aol.com)

### COFFEE CANS NEEDED

The Altar Guild is in need of large coffee cans or other large cans for use in delivering altar flowers. Please bring the cans to church any Sunday and leave in the coat room in the back of the church or drop off at the church office. Many Thanks!



## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
1/3/10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas	10:30 am Morning Prayer	N/A	T. Steed A. Patterson	N. Lopez L. Marsh F. Tennant	Team 1 White	Steed-Marsh Family	K. Hamilton S. Tennant
1/10/10 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton T. Steed	T. Steed A. Patterson	M. Marsh Alec W. Abby W.	Team 2 White	Baker Family	L. Withers- Boyles S. Tennant
1/17/10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Barkley M. Lopez	N. Hamilton D. Nuzum	N. Lopez C. Boyles L. Marsh	Team 3 All Season	J. Burford L. Leon	N. Hamilton J. Wallace
1/24/10 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist Bishop's Visit	L. Lawson J. Miller	D. Burnell C. Wood	B. Metheny F. Tennant N. Greely	Team 4 All Season	K. Brown C. Colborn	C. Wood K. Brown
1/31/10 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 pm Holy Eucharist Annual Meeting	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	Alec W. B. Metheny Abby W.	Team 1 All Season	G. Boyles J. Burford	K. Hamilton G. Metheny
2/7/10 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton C. Carlot	K. Hamilton J. Hamilton	C. Boyles M. Marsh N. Greely	Team 2 All Season	Steed-Marsh Family	T. Balenger L. Withers- Boyles

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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