



Christ Episcopal Church

The Rev'd Siobhán Patterson

## Rector's Corner

Dear all,

"It's that time again!" is a phrase I hear and use often in the fall. Fall is a time when pretty much everything seems to start back up or happen. One aspect of our church life we use the phrase, "It's that time again!", for is the annual pledge campaign, and well folks, "It's that time again!" A pledge card for 2013 is included in this issue of the Manna for those of you who are eager to receive and return your pledge card. Pledge cards will also be mailed out, as usual, to each home within the next couple of weeks. But whether you decide to clip the pledge card out of the Manna or wait for one in the mail, here is some (I hope helpful) food for thought about stewardship:

- Money is, of course, a part of stewardship, but stewardship is not *all* about money. Stewardship is ultimately about being good stewards of what God has given us by giving of ourselves (our time, talents, and treasures) in thanksgiving to God for all that God has given us.

- Whether or not the church (or other organizations we give to) really *needs* the money, we need to give. Giving is an important part of living out a life that strives to model Christ.

- A clergy colleague once told me of his experience with pledging. He said that the times he decided to tithe and do so "off the top" are the times he didn't struggle with money even when it didn't make sense from a budgetary standpoint. And the times he gave from what was "leftover" are the times he struggled with money. I have found the same thing to be true in my experience. Even if there are real concerns holding you back from the idea of tithing (10%), try starting with a lower percentage but giving it "off the top" rather than from what is "leftover." This seems to make a difference.

Let us strive to be a people - as individuals and as a church community - who is happiest when we are giving!

Faithfully,

*Siobhán<sup>†</sup>*

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# Announcements

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Looking for a way to serve? Contact the Parish Coordinator (366-3471) to become a Liturgical Assistant.

## **COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS**

Don't forget that Coffee Hour Sign-ups are still available! Nothing fancy, as simple as donuts, cookies, coffee, and juice! Its about the fellowship more than the food!

## **CONFIRMATION**

Due to Bishop Klusmeyer making his next visitation to CEC next year on Sunday, August 25, 2013 we will be offering a youth preparation course. Classes will be held twice a month on Sunday evenings with activities for both fun and community service mixed in. Please contact Chris Metheny (366-2033) to register. Adults can also be confirmed or received at the service next August. Separate training will be offered at a later time.

## **SPECIAL CAMPAIGN**

Each parish in the diocese is requested to designate one Sunday as "CPC Sunday". The Church Periodical Club (CPC) is dedicated to the worldwide Ministry of the Printed Word and to the Promotion of Christian Mission. Monies that are collected are used to sponsor national and diocesan grants. Please make checks payable to The Church Periodical Club and put them in the collection plate or send to the Parish Office. Grant guidelines and applications are available on the diocesan website.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The preschool class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Christian Education classrooms. During this time, a discussion group for parents will be held each week in the Library.

## **UPCOMING/CURRENT EVENTS**

- Bible study and lunch with Jim Kerr every Wednesday, at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Contact Jim (366-2580) for more information.
- "Kristel Bell Method" music program for children. Carolyn Kerr is offering music instruction to children 4 and up during the Sunday morning sermon, creed, confession, and the peace. Each child will learn to ring their bell according to color cards. Please contact Carolyn (366-2580) for more information.
- Fall College and Young Adult Retreat, October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Lakes Conference Center near Ripley, WV.
- Register to attend: Autumn at Peterkin, October 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>. A relaxed and lightly structured weekend for family and friends. See flyer in Narthex.
- "Receiving and Responding to the Gifts of Advent," a silent retreat, November 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center.
- New youth event for high school students, "Safe Haven", November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, at Jackson's Mill near Weston, WV.



Condolences to Anne Patterson for the loss of her sister-in-law Margaret and Danielle Bane for the loss of her dear friend Cil.

**All Hallow's Eve**

hosted by The 2013 Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 28 at 6:00 pm  
All Hallow's Eve in the Parish Hall  
Come in costume if you dare...  
and bring a covered dish to share...



Mark your calendars for **October 14<sup>th</sup>**.

You won't want to miss the debut performance of the Children's Bell Choir during the service.

**Mother Siobhán** will be away on vacation Monday, October 15th - Sunday, October 21st. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call our Parish Coordinator, Michelle during office hours, or Sr. Warden, Neal Hamilton during the off hours. Michelle or Neal will alert the clergy person on-call for pastoral emergencies for response. Mother Pamela Shier will celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, October 21st.

**Living a Life of Stewardship**



**Christ Episcopal Church**

Your offering touches many lives,  
and in giving you receive.

**Sharing my gifts from God**

I/we will give

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly/monthly

Total Giving \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Our Operating year begins Jan. 1, 2013

## Bible Study

By Jim Kerr

All persons interested in an in depth study of the Holy Bible are invited to our Wednesday, 11:00am fellowship and luncheon in the Patterson Parish Hall. I will lead us through the pages of our Biblical quest of our Christian beginnings. Carolyn and her friends will serve a delightful noontime meal. Warm and wonderful friendship will be enjoyed by all and we can be on our way by one o'clock.

October Schedule:

- 10/3 "Living the Christian Life"  
1 John
- 10/10 "Living the Christian Life" continued  
1 John
- 10/17 "Living the Christian Life" continued  
1 John
- 10/24 "Living the Christian Life" continued  
1 John
- 10/31 "Proper Behavior in the Christian Church"  
James

### Average Sunday Attendance

August: 56  
September: 59

### Financial Report

August Income: \$6,398  
August Expenses: \$23,491

September Income: \$8,110  
September Expenses: \$14,973



Proofreading escapee has been located and caught. Last month's edition welcomed our Newest Altar Guild member. Make note to welcome our Newest **LECTOR**, Carrington Reese. Your September debut was phenomenal. Thank you for your service!

## Church Contact List

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## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements for a replacement. Ushers should be in place at 10:15 to serve as greeters and provide assistance to those needing help. Lectors can find their weekly readings here: <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers	Counters
10/7	10:30am Holy Eucharist	Jude M. Barb B.	Dede B. Anne P.	Finn T. Catherin B. Nicholas G.	Team 1	Kent B. Lenin L.	Beth G. Lenin L.
10/14	10:30am Holy Eucharist	Bruce H. Dot H.	Nikki L. Carrington R.	Brett M. Emma B. Hunter B.	Team 2	John B. Glenn B.	Barb B. Neal H.
10/21	10:30am Holy Eucharist	Kyle H. Caroline C.	Sharon H. Catherine B.	Alex W. Abby W. Nicholas B.	Team 3	Baker Family	Bruce H. David B.
10/28	10:30am Holy Eucharist	Neal H. Lisa B.	Joyce H. Alex W.	Nikki L. Finn T. Brett M.	Team 4	Kent B. Lenin L.	Kent B. Beth G.
11/4	10:30am Holy Eucharist	Jim K. Barb B.	Tara S. Dede B.	Catherine B. Meredith M. Leah M.	Team 1	Baker Family	Tara S. David B.

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