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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 all,

We had a great summer, but things are really picking up now that the fall has arrived. **Christian Education and the youth program** have resumed now that we have hired a Christian Education Director.

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the youth.

Hopefully, **adult education** classes are not too far off. A survey - regarding topics and times - will be going around shortly, but if you are interested in attending or leading adult education classes, please let me know as soon as possible.

Besides Christian Education for youth and adults, we have a lot to look forward to this fall. **Coffee Hour** is now being held every Sunday after the service. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church. Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour sometime.

It can be as simple as coffee and donuts.

Many thanks to all who have hosted Coffee Hour since we began in August. Regular Coffee Hours have provided a wonderful time of food and fellowship!

We will also be celebrating a number of **baptisms** this fall. Kamryn Nicolle Walker, daughter of Mike and Stephanie, and Landon

Jeffery Wallace, son of Jeff and Karyn and grandson of Steve and Dana, will be baptized. There are a few others who have expressed interest in being baptized, and hopefully we will get them on the calendar soon as well.

The Rev. Zach Drennen, our Missionary from the Diocese of WV and founder of the Elewana Education Project in Kenya, will be visiting us in November, and we have a few fundraisers going on to support his work. It will be great to present him with a healthy check to support his life-giving and life-changing work with our brothers and sisters in Kenya.

The **renovations** to the Church building should be completed this fall. We still have the new concrete entrances to the Church and Parish Hall to do. Related to the



renovations but separate-we are going to be working on getting a **media system** for the Parish Hall, which will open up many, many more opportunities for fellowship and education.

Our **annual Pledge Card campaign** will begin this month, so I hope you all are feeling very generous. :-) As you know, we are relying heavily on our endowment to meet operating expenses, and we need to

be mindful to move in the direction of our pledges fulfilling the operating budget.

We have much more to look forward to, and I hope to see everyone at services and events!

Faithfully,
Siobhán+

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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Attendance & Financial Report

August 2011

Week 1 ... 34
 Week 2 ... 70
 Week 3 ... 42
 Week 4 ... 55

Sunday Service Average - 50

August Expense - \$15,314.73
 August Offering - \$ 5,947.00



Senior Warden Report

Barbara Barkley

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pampered Chef Sale that was held on September 27 to help support our missionary, Zack Drennen, and his work with the Elewana Educational Project in Kenya. We have made \$500.00 so far and have one contribution of \$100.00, for a total of \$600.00. We also want to thank everyone for bringing food to the luncheon honoring Chris Shamblin and his family upon his return from Kuwait. The food was wonderful!!!! A special thanks to Bruce Hamilton and Lisa Baker for their help before the dinner, Chris Metheny who set up and decorated the tables (They looked great!), and all those who helped with the cleanup. It was a nice afternoon of fellowship and fun as we thanked the Shamblins for their sacrifices and thanked God for the safe return of Chris.

ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

An enthusiastic volunteer team served 86 meals to the patrons of the *Soup Opera* on Saturday, September 17th. Laura Withers-Boyles and daughter Catherine, along with Dot & Bruce Hamilton, Donna Nuzum, Dana & Steve Riedeman were joined by "new-bees" Jenny, Chuck & Carrington Reese to prepare a delicious meal of hot dogs w/chili sauce, baked beans, garden salad, potato chips and ice cream sundaes. The clients went away with full bellies, and the volunteers shared a delightful morning serving them. The third Saturday of each month is our scheduled volunteer day. We look forward to continuing this important outreach ministry and are constantly seeking "new" volunteers to help out. If you'd like to give it a try please contact me at 304-363-0500 to find out more information. Our next volunteer day will be Saturday, October 15, starting at 10:30 am. If you'd like to join this important ministry, please contact Kyle Hamilton at 304-363-0500, ext.12 or kyle@wilsonfordlm.com.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education began on Sunday, September 25. We had a few children. We hope each week will see more of God's children in attendance. Sunday School teachers are: PK-K Class - Rachel Leon, Jessica Buffey, Amy Blake; School Age (6 to 10 year-old) Class - Lisa Capsey-Baker, Tara Steed; Youth Class - Jim Cormack. Please thank all of these people for volunteering to teach our children.

We could still use another person for the school-age group. If Tara and Lisa both can't be here, it leaves a substitute by herself/himself.

If you can donate snacks for October we will need goldfish crackers, animal crackers, and juice. I am matching some snacks to the lesson.

If you have any suggestions, please e-mail me - I will be happy to have them. We are using *Godly Play and Seedlings* for the curriculum. Please visit a room and join in our lessons and fun.

Donna J. Nuzum, Christian Education Director
djnuzum@gmail.com



Important Dates to Remember

*Sunday, October 2
16th Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer led by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson and Diane Cormack
Christian Education beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour
Diocesan Convention*

*Sunday, October 9
17th Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
and The Rev. Pamela Shier
Christian Education beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Service of Burial - Maronee Janes - 1 p.m.
Renewal of Marriage Vows - Chris and Gary Metheny - 4 p.m.*

*Friday and Saturday
October 14-15*

*Diocesan Youth Event at Christ Church Fairmont
Youth to assist at Soup Opera*

Saturday, October 15

*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, October 16
18th Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
Baptism of Kamyryn Nicolle Walker
Christian Education beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour*

*Sunday, October 23
19th Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
Christian Education beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour*

*Sunday, October 30
20th Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
Christian Education beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour*

Sorrow shared is halved; Joy shared is doubled...



All Hallow's Eve Party

October 30

For children, parents and parishioners of all ages

6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Games, refreshments and best costumes contest.

Costumes should be a Biblical character, church or saint theme. (See Donna Nuzum if you need ideas.)



WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR CHURCH

"All things come of thee oh LORD and of thine own have we given thee..."

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

"Where your heart is...your treasure will be also."

As Christians we know well these phrases, but do we mean what we say? Do our actions follow our words? Do we really give of ourselves and our treasure?

The contributions of your "treasures" to our church may be expressed in a variety of ways: by giving your energy, time and talents; by providing financial resources; and, by being a part of the congregational family which continually restores and renews all of our spirits.

Every year we are asked to donate to various charities, and next month you will receive your annual pledge card in the mail. Your pledge to our church is truly different from all the rest because it supports your church and provides you and yours with direct benefits. Your donations make it possible for us to maintain a community of faith which supports both our "inner" church (such as worship services, choir, childcare and Christian education) and our "outreach" programs.

We have spent two years repairing and refurbishing our church in order to make it more functional, comfortable and appealing. This is not the time to look back, pat ourselves on the back and say all is done. It is now time to look forward and continue our efforts by utilizing our blessings and growing our church. Our ability to refurbish our church was made possible by donations of deceased parishioners, namely Bill Johnson and Wesley Talkington, who both cared deeply about sustaining this church and made provisions to enable us do that.

We are all stewards of Christ Episcopal Church. We are all entrusted with the management and care of what GOD has given us. As members of this congregation we are in a symbiotic and supportive relationship of giving to each other and receiving from each other. Together we uphold all those things we hold dear... the blessings of life, health, growth, harmony, justice, abundance, peace, fulfillment, joy and praise of GOD. In that calling, I ask that when you receive your pledge card, you prayerfully consider renewing, and perhaps increasing, your pledge to your church for this upcoming year. If you have never made a pledge to our church, please take a minute to reflect on your role in this church's life and, conversely, this church's role in your life, and make a commitment to help. Truly these donations will allow the foundation of our church to remain strong and our doors to remain open. **Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill-out and return your pledge card.**

Neal Jay Hamilton
2011 Stewardship Chairman





Please Note: It is important for parishioners to keep their "contact information" (new cell phone number, addresses, etc.) up to date. Persons can call the church office or fill out a "Database Update Form" that is available in the narthex.

A note from Mother Siobhán: Helen Colborn has moved to the Heritage in Morgantown, and Christian is staying with Melanie and Ed Rieser during the week. Laura is taking Helen and Christian to Trinity Episcopal Church in Morgantown with her. Laura says they miss their Christ Church family but are happy in their new living quarters.

They can, of course, receive visitors, so I will be going out there periodically and will be asking our Lay Eucharistic Visitors to do so as well. I invite any and all of you to visit if you can as well. Trinity will take good care of them, I know, but we will not forget them.

Birth Announcements



Congratulations to new Grandpa Kent Brown and to his son, Seth, and daughter-in-law, Ruby, on the birth of their first child.

Mason Nathaniel Brown was born in Taiwan on Sunday, August 28th.
He was 5 pounds, 4 ounces and 18.5 inches long.



Yoga Community Outreach

Place: **Christ Episcopal Church**

824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont

Price: **Donation Based**

Donation Recommendation: \$3.00-\$7.00

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Contact Sally for more information

Sally Tolka: (304) 694-0107 or sjotennant@aol.com

Remaining October sessions: October 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29



An Excerpt from Steve Jobs' 2005 Stanford Commencement Address...

The following is an excerpt from an address that was delivered by Steve Jobs, then CEO of Apple Computer and of Pixar Animation Studios, at Stanford University's 114th Commencement on June 12, 2005. Steve Jobs, one of the most creative minds of our time, passed away last week.

“When I was 17, I read a quote that went something like: “If you live each day as if it was your last, someday you’ll most certainly be right.” It made an impression on me, and since then, for the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: “If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?” And whenever the answer has been “No” for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something.

Remembering that I’ll be dead soon is the most important tool I’ve ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything — all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure — these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart.

About a year ago I was diagnosed with cancer. I had a scan at 7:30 in the morning, and it clearly showed a tumor on my pancreas. I didn’t even know what a pancreas was. The doctors told me this was almost certainly a type of cancer that is incurable, and that I should expect to live no longer than three to six months. My doctor advised me to go home and get my affairs in order, which is doctor’s code for prepare to die. It means to try to tell your kids everything you thought you’d have the next 10 years to tell them in just a few months. It means to make sure everything is buttoned up so that it will be as easy as possible for your family. It means to say your goodbyes.

I lived with that diagnosis all day. Later that evening I had a biopsy, where they stuck an endoscope down my throat, through my stomach and into my intestines, put a needle into my pancreas and got a few cells from the tumor. I was sedated, but my wife, who was there, told me that when they viewed the cells under a microscope the doctors started crying because it turned out to be a very rare form of pancreatic cancer that is curable with surgery. I had the surgery and I’m fine now.

This was the closest I’ve been to facing death, and I hope it’s the closest I get for a few more decades. Having lived through it, I can now say this to you with a bit more certainty than when death was a useful but purely intellectual concept:

No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don’t want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because Death is very likely the single best invention of Life. It is Life’s change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new. Right now the new is you, but someday not too long from now, you will gradually become the old and be cleared away. Sorry to be so dramatic, but it is quite true.

Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people’s thinking. Don’t let the noise of others’ opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.

When I was young, there was an amazing publication called The Whole Earth Catalog, which was one of the bibles of my generation. It was created by a fellow named Stewart Brand not far from here in Menlo Park, and he brought it to life with his poetic touch. This was in the late 1960’s, before personal computers and desktop publishing, so it was all made with typewriters, scissors, and polaroid cameras. It was sort of like Google in paperback form, 35 years before Google came along: it was idealistic, and overflowing with neat tools and great notions.

Stewart and his team put out several issues of The Whole Earth Catalog, and then when it had run its course, they put out a final issue. It was the mid-1970s, and I was your age. On the back cover of their final issue was a photograph of an early morning country road, the kind you might find yourself hitchhiking on if you were so adventurous. Beneath it were the words: “Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.” It was their farewell message as they signed off. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish. And I have always wished that for myself. And now, as you graduate to begin anew, I wish that for you. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.”



Liturgical Assistants Calendar:

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	**Ushers	Counters
10/2/11 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Morning Prayer	N/A	D. Nuzum J. Burford	M. Marsh L. Marsh H. Baker	Team 2 All Season	J. Burford C. Colborn	T. Balenger D. Nuzum
10/9/11 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Capsey-Baker T. Steed	T. Steed C. Wood	Alec W. C. Boyles Abby W.	Team 3 All Season	K. Brown C. Colborn	T. Steed L. Capsey-Baker
10/16/11 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist Holy Baptism	K. Hamilton N. Hamilton	J. Hamilton N. Hamilton	N. Lopez B. Metheny F. Thornton	Team 4 All Season	Baker Family	B. Barkley G. Metheny
10/23/11 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Barkely J. Miller	T. Steed Alec W.	M. Marsh Alec W. Abby W.	Team 1 All Season	Steed-Marsh Family	T. Balenger L. Leon
10/30/11 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Capsey-Baker D. Nuzum	C. Boyles D. Burnell	C. Boyles B. Metheny N. Greely	Team 2 All Season	G. Boyles L. Leon	B. Greely L. Withers-Boyles
11/6/11 All Saints Sunday	10:30 am Holy Eucharist Holy Baptism	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	N. Greely L. Marsh H. Baker	Team 3 All Season	K. Brown J. Burford	L. Capsey-Baker D. Blake

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. ****Ushers should be in place around 10:15 to serve as greeters for arriving worshipers and to provide assistance to those needing help.**

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