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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 all,

As April begins, we find ourselves in the midst of **Holy Week**. Holy Week is the time in the Church year when we reflect on Christ's Passion – his physical, spiritual, and mental suffering before and at the time of his trial and execution by crucifixion – and when we celebrate his Resurrection and our salvation, which Christ won for us once and for all through his Passion and Resurrection.

Our Holy Week schedule includes:

- The **Palm Sunday** liturgy on March 28th at 10:30am beginning in the Memorial Garden
- Holy Eucharist with the Solemn Stripping of the Altar on **Maundy Thursday**, April 1st, at 7:00pm
- The **Good Friday** liturgy on April 2nd at 7:00pm
- And on **Easter Day**, April 4th, we will have:
 - at 9:30am a Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Hour
 - and at 10:30am a Festival Holy Eucharist with the baptism of Lyla Marie Rieser and the final part of the Choir Cantata.

Let us gather together at these times during Holy Week and live into the mystery of Christ's Passion and Resurrection and the salvation that it accomplished for all people.

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

February 2010

Week 1 ... Snow Cancellation

Week 2 ... 44

Week 3 ... 46

Week 4 ... 65

Sunday Service Average - 52

February Expense - \$13,040.41

February Offering - \$7,592.00

Corrected January Financial Report:

Expense - \$10,833.44

Collection - \$6,980.71



October '09 - January '10 collection:

\$237.19

For more information about the UTO, go to:

www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm

The February '10 collection of \$141.09 is going to Episcopal Relief and Development to aid Chile in the aftermath of the earthquake.



ECM Report

The next scheduled volunteer date for the Soup Opera is Saturday, April 24, 2010. Thank you to those who helped serve on March 20: Jim Burnell, Bruce Hamilton, Mike Lawson, Donna Nuzum, Dana and Steve Riedeman, and a Fairmont Senior High School student volunteer. We invite and encourage any parishioner to join us each month in this ministry.

The Jelly Bean Prayer

*Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made.
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.
A bag full of jelly beans
Colorful and sweet,
Is a prayer, Is a promise,
Is a friend's small treat.*

Important Dates to Remember

<i>Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>7:00p.m. Holy Eucharist with the Solemn Stripping of the Altar</i>
<i>Friday, April 2 Good Friday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service</i>
<i>Sunday, April 4 Easter Day</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist and Baptism of Lyla Marie Rieser Celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson Choral Cantata Part III</i>
<i>Saturday, April 10</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Betty Jaynes</i>
<i>Sunday, April 11 2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Tuesday, April 13</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Rector's Office</i>
<i>Friday, April 16 Saturday, April 17</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Magnetic Church Conference - Parish Hall 8:30 a.m. - Magnetic Church Conference - Parish Hall</i>
<i>Sunday, April 18 3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Saturday, April 24</i>	<i>Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 366.5148.</i>
<i>Sunday, April 25 4th Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

APRIL UPDATE

Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt! Come to the parish hall for our 9:30 am Easter Eggs-travganza! Bring your BIG basket too! The older youth will be hiding filled eggs for the younger children in the gymnasium and/or the front lawn and garden.

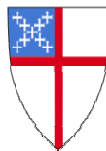
There will be a brief lesson and craft to entertain children as the eggs are being hidden. The plan is for the actual hunt to take place around 9:50 so PLEASE be sure to arrive prior to that so that every child can participate.



Christian Education **has only three more weeks** after Easter. The elementary class has been learning the stories of the Old and New Testament including the names of the twelve disciples. The youth have been discussing and understanding the liturgy lessons each week.

Christian Education Recognition Sunday is scheduled for May 2 during the worship service. Please plan to bring the Sunday School participants to be recognized by the congregation for their dedication this year.

Christian Education Leadership is looking for support with various talents. Please see Mother Siobhan to let her know that your calling has been heard!



Revised Common Lectionary Appointed readings for:

Sunday, April 4 – Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 I Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-8
Sunday, April 11 – Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 18 – Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
Sunday, April 24 – Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30





A co-ed, all-ages **church softball team sign up** is at the entrance of the church and in the Parish Office.

For more information, contact Luke Huggins (huggins@wwc.edu).

The cost is \$20 per person and covers t-shirt and league fees. Checks should be made out to Christ Episcopal Church (Put "softball" in the memo line.).

Yoga Community Outreach

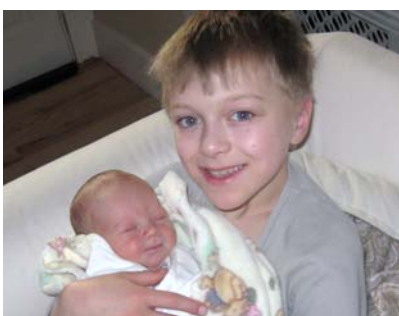
Place: **Christ Episcopal Church**
824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont

Price: **Donation Based**

Donation Recommendation: \$3.00-\$7.00



With New Instructor Robin Yeager
Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.



Finn with new baby brother...

*Hello All,
Our baby has arrived. Richard Theodore Tennant Tolka was born on March 16 at 7:37 am. He weighed 8lbs - 20 1/2 inches. Things are great!
Hope all is well!*

Sally





2010 Summer Camp Schedule

www.peterkin.org

Scholarships are available. Please see Mother Siobhán for scholarship information.

Junior Camp: June 20-26

For upcoming 4th, 5th and 6th graders

Senior Camp: June 27– July 3

Open to youth entering 10th, 11th, and 12th grade, as well as graduated high school seniors

Beginner Camp: July 5–8

An abbreviated session for our youngest independent campers, Beginner Camp allows rising 2nd and 3rd graders to try out an overnight camp in a safe and encouraging environment.

Mini- Camp: July 8-11

Designed for kids from 10 months old to those entering 3rd grade. Campers must bring an adult to experience camp with them.

Family Camp: July 11-17

Open to families of all types

Hallelujah Hike: July 17–24

Open to youth from ages 13-18

Creative Arts Camp: July 18-24

Focusing on helping kids develop and nurture talents, is available to campers entering 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades.

Intermediate Camp: July 25-July 31

Intermediate Camp, offered to rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders



A recent note from our Missionary, Zack Drennen...

Beloved,

As clergy, one of my principle responsibilities is to administer the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. Due to circumstances here, my opportunities for much 'administration' are infrequent in Kenya. Most often, the Bishop, in whose Sunday entourage I typically travel, handles Holy Communion, and only rarely do I get the chance to preside over an altar. Baptisms even less so. The locals prefer to head to their vicar for such rites, and it has been months, if not years, since I last facilitated a proper dipping in the Name of our Lord. That drought ended in a veritable deluge last Sunday when I was asked to fill in at a baptismal service at St. Thomas, our local parish.



Kenyans, it should be noted, have no problem doing things *en masse*. Weddings, funerals, and baptisms can, of course, be performed on an individual basis, but the predominant feeling here is, "Hey, if we can knock a few out at once, why not? The more, the merrier." Only two weeks ago, I was with the Bishop at a confirmation service when the vicar informed us that five couples were hoping to be married by the Bishop that same day. Most American clergy would have had a conniption fit on the spot, but the Bishop was overjoyed at the prospect, and we had them lined up and exchanging rings in no time. I should not have been surprised, therefore, when upon showing up for the baptismal service, I noticed no less than 20 mothers awaiting a proper dunking for their *watoto*. We began the service and, when it came time for the actual baptisms, the *mamas* lined up and one-by-one handed me their babies. Admittedly, I was a little confused as to which God-parent corresponded to which child, particularly as it seemed that when none were present, a bystander would quickly step in to fill in the gap. And so it went; no sooner would I put down one baby when another would be thrust into my arms. One of the parents overseeing the affair took pity on me and wrote down the names of each child, making the embarrassing taboo of misnaming someone at their baptism slightly more avoidable. But, let's be honest: These are problems we like to have. It is comforting to experience the Church so alive, to have to orchestrate the baptism of 20 babies or a mass impromptu wedding for five couples, and to experience the blessings of life *en masse*.

Take them to Uganda:

This is the first year in the Elewana Project where we have had to figure out what to do with our graduates. Not a problem for those who graduated with good grades; we ask their sponsors to consider funding them, at least partially, through their college or university studies. Those who did not finish well present more of a problem. When we started the sponsorship program two years ago, we selected students based primarily on need. Many came from such difficult situations (orphaned and the like) that they were well behind in their studies and struggled to maintain passing grades even after we began assisting them. (Now-a-days, we are bit more discerning and accept only those students who demonstrate both a need and significant academic ability.) As a result, we had seven sponsored graduates with grades insufficient for any local college or training institute. The only option, it seemed, was for them to go home and (as the Kenyan expression goes) 'get married'. Not ready to throw in *that* towel, we are experimenting with another option: Uganda. Ugandan high schools go for 6 years (comparable to the British 'A' level) instead of Kenyan's four ('O' level). So in an effort to see our students into higher education, we have taken the seven across the border to two Ugandan schools and enrolled them into Standard 5 (grade 13).

In typical fashion, we were forced to mimic headless chickens to make this happen. After securing the needed parental consent, we sent everyone home for a week to get what supplies they could muster: report cards, soap, rubber boots, and anything else they would need while boarding in Uganda. We then schlepped everyone to the hospital for a 'physical' and then around town for the school supplies they didn't get at home. When (relatively) ready, we packed the Land Cruiser (our new vehicle!) and high-tailed it across to the border to the schools which had agreed to take our students.

I am always amazed at how the presence of a Bishop greases the wheels of progress. Through his heavy hand, we were able to get everyone across the border despite the fact that none of our students had national ID's or passports: their baptismal certificates and a wink and a nod from the Bishop were sufficient. And driving through Customs, the Bishop had only to lean out of the car and ask the agent about his family to have the gate opened with a smile and salute to beat the band. As Mel Brooks once said, "It's good to be the king." And so, by the end of the day, we had all seven *wanafunzi* enrolled and off to class, where they will stay for the next two years. I hope and pray they won't squander the opportunity.

Mad Love, Zach



Our sponsored graduates before their trip to Uganda



Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
4/1/10 Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Solemn Stripping of the Altar	N. Hamilton	N. Hamilton M. Lopez	B. Metheny	Team 2 Red	Baker Family	G. Metheny L. Capsey-Baker
4/2/10 Good Friday	7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy	C. Carlot	D. Nuzum	N. Lopez	Team 3 Red	L. Leon J. Burford	T. Balenger B. Hamilton
4/4/10 Easter Day	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton N. Hamilton	K. Hamilton A. Patterson	C. Boyles Alec W. Abby W.	Team 4 White	G. Boyles C. Colborn	L. Withers-Boyles N. Hamilton
4/11/10 2 nd Sunday of Easter	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	D. Hamilton B. Hamilton	N. Lopez C. Boyles L. Marsh	Team 1 White	Steed-Marsh Family	L. Capsey-Baker B. Greely
4/18/10 3 rd Sunday of Easter	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson M. Lawson	J. Hamilton J. Burford	B. Metheny F. Thornton N. Greely	Team 2 White	K. Brown C. Colborn	L. Leon G. Metheny
4/25/10 4 th Sunday of Easter	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Barkley M. Lopez	D. Burnell C. Wood	Alec W. M. Marsh Abby W.	Team 3 White	Baker Family	T. Balenger C. Wood
5/2/10 5 th Sunday of Easter	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	T. Steed J. Miller	M. Marsh C. Boyles	C. Boyles B. Metheny N. Greely	Team 4 White	Youth Ushers	L. Withers-Boyles B. Hamilton

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