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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.*



Rectors's Message

The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson

Dear all,

The hardest part about my health situation is being away from you all. So, it was wonderful to be in church with you last Sunday. Thank you for your warm "welcome home", the wonderful coffee hour, and all you did for me and my mom and sister throughout the week. The visit did a lot of good for my spirits.

There is not much news to report at this time. I'm about to finish the second round of the treatment, and I have a doctor's appointment on August 9th. Again, you can check the CaringBridge website or check in with any of the Vestry members for updates at any time.

Please know of my constant love and prayers for all of you. I look forward to getting better and being with you again.

Faithfully,
Siobhán+

The CaringBridge website address is:
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/siobhanpatterson/>

Mother Siobhán's address at her parents' home is:
4504 Samar Street
Beltsville, MD 20705





Presiding Bishop's Visit

The Presiding Bishop is coming to Fairmont on October 1.

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, previously Bishop of Nevada, is the twenty-sixth Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. She is chief pastor to the Episcopal Church's 2.4 million members in 16 countries and 110 dioceses, ecumenical officer, and primate, joining leaders of the other 38 Anglican Provinces in consultation for global good and reconciliation. Jefferts Schori was elected at the 75th General Convention on June 18, 2006 and invested at Washington National Cathedral on November 4, 2006.

On Friday morning, October 1, she will arrive in Fairmont. She will meet with clergy for lunch from 11-3 and will preside at a service at Christ Church at 7:00. Folks who plan to attend the service must call the church office (304-366-3471) by September 23rd and let Melinda know how many will be attending. Reservations must be made by September 23rd. There will be areas where help with arrangements will be needed, and as more information comes to me, I will let folks know.

Barb Barkley

Jr. Warden Report

Gary Metheny

Renovation Update:

The Parish Hall renovation is nearing completion! Painting has been done, and carpeting has been installed. Work on the kitchen should begin soon with completion scheduled prior to the Presiding Bishop's visit on October 2.

The "Magnetic Church Conference" held in April revealed several suggestions to make our sanctuary more welcoming. One suggestion that the vestry supported was the removal of the last row of pews on each side. This was done 7/23/10 to allow for:

- 1) better accessibility with walk-way room at the beginning of the service so that people are not colliding with the procession;
- 2) better accessibility for wheelchair seating;
- 3) a gathering area inside the sanctuary during inclement weather since there is no awning over our steps;
- 4) space for a few rocking chairs for young parents with little ones that need a little loving, or anyone that needs a little rocking during the service - a very nice touch to say that we welcome you and want you to be comfortable;

(The Boyles family has offered to make a donation toward the purchase of these chairs. Please contact Gary Metheny at 304-365-1087 or 304-366-2033 if you are interested in contributing.)

5) space for an informal small gathering or coffee hour. (A coffee hour was held in this space in the sanctuary in honor of Mother Siobhan's visit on 7/25/10, and it was very welcoming.)

The pews have been temporarily moved to the parish hall.

So far, the renovations projects have been under budget, and any remaining funds will be used to complete much needed work at the Rectory.

A workday was held 7/10/10 – thanks to all who helped. The mold stain above the Rose Window in the sanctuary was cleaned, and it still needs to be painted. Light bulbs were changed in the sanctuary, and the basement and choir room areas were cleaned. More work needs to be done, and we will schedule another workday soon. Watch the *Manna* and the bulletins for more details.



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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While Mother Siobhán is away, call the church office or a vestry member in the event of a pastoral emergency. The diocese has arranged for pastors to be on call for any emergency that may arise.

ECM REPORT

Kyle Hamilton

Since July is a hot month we 'lit-up' the clients at the *Soup Opera* with hot Italian sausage hoagies on Saturday, July 17th. The 'heat' from the hoagies apparently didn't bother them as we received numerous compliments and had many requests for 'seconds'. The veteran crew of Dot & Bruce Hamilton, Mary & Steve Hoylman, Dana & Steve Riedeman and Kyle Hamilton served 83 meals during the lunch hour... and nobody went away hungry.

In the coming months we need some additional helpers to 'step-up' and help out. August 21st is the next scheduled volunteer day, and I need someone to captain the September date on the 18th (as it 'conflicts' with the WVU - Maryland football game!). Call at 304-366-5148 or email kyle@wilsonfordlm.com if you can pitch in on either of these dates.

FORMER RECTOR, THE REV. DR. RICHARD H. SCHMIDT, HERE SEPTEMBER 12

Former Rector at Christ Church Fairmont, the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Schmidt, will be our celebrant and preacher on Sunday, September 12. Dick, his wife Pam, and sons Arne, Craig, and Andy are remembered fondly for their years with us in the 1970's. Dick is currently the editor and director of Forward Movement Publications in Cincinnati. Please plan to join us in welcoming them to Fairmont on September 12.



Important Dates to Remember

<i>Sunday, August 1 10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rt. Rev. Alexander Black</i>
<i>Sunday, August 8 11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>Morning Prayer led by Bruce Hamilton</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 10</i>	<i>Vestry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday, August 15 12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>Saturday, August 21</i>	<i>Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 304.366.5148.</i>
<i>Sunday, August 22 13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>Sunday, August 29 14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</i>

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Our record is now 6-0.
GO TEAM!

“The Christ Episcopal softball team defeated St Paul’s Red on July 18th in a stunning display of scoring power to take our record to 6 & 0. Lead by the defensive prowess of Mackenzie “let no line drive get past me” Boyles, and an offensive resurgence of Gary “one step behind you” Metheny, the team came from behind to win by 10 runs in 6 innings.”

Church league softball games are played at the Trinity Assembly of God softball field off Old Rt. 73.

The remaining schedule is as follows:
Saturday, July 31 – Two games: 10:15 a.m. vs. Trinity Assembly of God Navy
and at 2:15 p.m. vs. Emmanuel Baptist
Playoff schedule to be announced

Bring your lawn chair and come out and support the Christ
Church team!

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



No Yoga in August

Sally is taking the month of August off - check the next Manna for the September schedule.



After a much deserved summer break, the choir will resume on Sunday, September 12, with practice beginning at 9:30 a.m.



Organist choirmaster Carolyn Kerr welcomes anyone who would like to join this group in leading our congregation in worship and praise to God.

Thanks

Many thanks to church secretary Melinda Parker for her dedication and diligence through this difficult period at Christ Church. The absence of our rector and the confusion created by the renovations have made her job more difficult these past few months. We appreciate your efforts, Melinda!



Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
8/1/10 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton C. Carlot	N. Hamilton A. Patterson	N. Lopez. H. Baker F. Thornton	Team 1 All Season	L. Leon J. Burford	N. Hamilton L. Leon
8/8/10 11 th Sunday After Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N/A	D. Hamilton B. Hamilton	M. Marsh Alec W. Abby W.	Team 2 All Season	K. Brown C. Colborn	B. Hamilton G. Metheny
8/15/10 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson M. Lawson	K. Hamilton J. Hamilton	N. Lopez C. Boyles L. Marsh	Team 3 All Season	Steed-Marsh Family	L. Capsey- Baker T. Balenger
8/22/10 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	M. Lopez B. Barkley	D. Burnell C. Wood	B. Metheny H. Baker N. Greely	Team 4 All Season	Baker Family	C. Wood B. Greely
8/29/10 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	T. Steed J. Miller	T. Steed D. Nuzum	Alec W. M. Marsh Abby W.	Team 1 All Season	G. Boyles C. Colborn	L. Withers- Boyles L. Leon
9/5/10 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton C. Carlot	N. Hamilton J. Burford	C. Boyles H. Baker N. Greely	Team 2 All Season	J. Burford L. Leon	N. Hamilton L. Capsey- Baker

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