



# MANNA

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

December 2011

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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.*



*Advent Cantata: Sunday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.*

*Christmas Eve Services: 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Day Service: 10:30 a.m.*



*Rector's Message*

*Siobhán Patterson*

Dear All,

Blessings to you this Advent season. The Choir will perform an Advent Cantata on Sunday, December 18th at the 10:30am service. Our Christmas Eve services will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 6pm (Family service with a children's program) and 10pm.

Our Christmas Day service will be held on Sunday, December 25th at 10:30am. Please enjoy the Advent poems below in your Advent reflections.

Faithfully,  
Siobhán+



ADVENT POEM #1

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Into the bleakest winters of souls, Lord, you are tiptoeing on tiny infant feet to find us, hold our hands.

May we drop whatever it is we are so busy about these days to accept this gesture so small that it may get overlooked in our frantic search for something massive and overwhelming.

Remind us that it is not you who demands large, lavish, celebrations and enormous strobe-lit displays of faith. Rather, you ask only that we have the faith of a mustard seed and willingness to let a small hand take ours.

We are ready.

Margaret Anne Huffman

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ADVENT POEM #2

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*Holy  
Anticipation  
that  
breathtaking  
space in between  
what has been,  
what is,  
what is to come.*

*Whose winter dreams reveal secret longings  
and winged angels announce the cooing of Love.*

*You draw us to the edge of Advent possibility  
like the song of angels drawing shepherds--*

*eyes wide and breath held--  
waiting, watching.*

*Come, settle into our living for awhile  
and do not let us settle for too little. Amen.*

Pamela Hawkins



## 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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### Attendance & Financial Report

#### **October 2011**

Week 1 ... 35

Week 2 ... 81

Week 3 ... 70

Week 4 ... 54

Week 5 ... 53

**Sunday Service Average - 59**

August Expense - \$18,123.54

August Offering - \$ 9,873.00

**Coffee Hour  
in the Parish Hall on December 18  
following the worship service and choral cantata**

### ECM Report

Kyle Hamilton

The third Saturday of each month is our scheduled volunteer day at the Soup Opera. . 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, December 17, 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](mailto:kyle@wilsonfordlm.com).



“Jesus comes among us to remind us of a world living together in peace, to reclaim and make real that vision of creation for all humanity and all God’s creatures,” Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori says in the Christmas message for 2011.

The following is the text of the Presiding Bishop’s message:

### **Christmas Message 2011**

*See, your salvation comes* – Isaiah 62:11

The great prophets before Jesus proclaimed a vision of a nation and a people redeemed. We continue to share that yearning – as the Christmas hymn puts it, “the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.” We’ve seen abundant hopes spring up in the past year across the Arab world and Eastern Europe, and in the global Occupy movement. Those voices seek a world of greater justice, communities in which decisions and the gifts of creation are more available to all. Our understanding of salvation is most profoundly about justice in community, and as Christians we believe that help and healing for all are grounded in the incarnate presence of God – among us and within us.

We look for salvation to the one who came among us in the most humble way, a helpless child born in a scandalous way to a poor peasant couple. The Incarnation, God with us, changed the world in ways that we insist are leading to the ultimate healing of all creation. “See, your salvation comes,” says the prophet in every age, yet it is not yet fully come upon us. We live in hope for its fullness. May hope be nourished within us, in each and every human being and community, for the journey toward God’s healed and holy future.

That proclamation of coming salvation is a part of Isaiah (Isa 62:6-12) that will be read in some congregations at Christmas, but if you don’t hear it, go and read the whole of it. Its centerpiece speaks of what that salvation looks like:

*The Lord has sworn...*

*I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies,  
and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored;  
but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord,  
and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.*      Isa 62:8-9

That is not a vision of pristine isolation, but a vision of comfort and healing to a people frequently at war, occupied, or exploited by superior forces. The fear of powerful others taking and using for themselves the produce of the poor is healed and transformed into a society in which the gifts God provides will be shared by all. For when salvation comes, that society will

*be called, ‘the Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord’;*

*and you shall be called, ‘Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.’*      Isa 62:12

Jesus comes among us to remind us of a world living together in peace, to reclaim and make real that vision of creation for all humanity and all God’s creatures. That world is put right as relationships between God and humanity are set right. The relationship between God and human being cannot be set right without equal healing of relationships between us mortals. See, your salvation comes! Will we welcome that healing?

**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Donna J. Nuzum, Christian Education Director

Please join us for Christian Education on Sunday mornings,

Class Times:

School age (Ages 6-11) 9:30 to 10:15

Youth (Ages 12-???) 9:30 to 10:15

Preschool/K (Ages 2-5) 9:45-10:15

We still have a low attendance at Christian Education classes. Please try and make it to some of the Sundays. We can adjust times if needed.

Children and youth who would still like to take part in the Children's Program on Christmas Eve should let me know before this Sunday, December 18.  
djnuzum@gmail.com

If we get snow....haha.... We are planning a sledding trip to Chestnut Ridge. A date will be announced later.

Middle School/High School Ski Trip, Feb 3-5 at White Tail.

## *Christmas Memorial Flowers:*

*If you would still like to make a donation to the Christmas Memorial Poinsettias, please contact the church office by December 20 with your information. A check can be mailed to the office at Christ Episcopal Church, 824 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554*



## Important Dates to Remember

*Saturday, December 17*

*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, December 18  
4th Sunday in Advent*

*10:30 a.m. Advent Cantata and Holy Eucharist celebrated by  
The Rev. Siobhán Patterson  
Christian Education beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour after the service in the Parish Hall*

*Saturday, December 24  
Christmas Eve*

*6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service and Holy Eucharist celebrated by  
The Rev. Siobhán Patterson  
10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson*

*Sunday, December 25  
Christmas Day*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson  
No Sunday School*

*Sunday, January 1  
1st Sunday in Christmas*

*10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer led by Bruce Hamilton  
No Sunday School*



*Liturgical Assistants Calendar:*

*If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements on your own for a replacement ahead of*

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	**Ushers	Counters
12/4/11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Capsey-Baker J. Miller	D. Burnell C. Wood	N. Lopez H. Baker L. Marsh	Team 3 Purple	K. Brown J. Burford	T. Balenger L. Capsey-Baker
12/11/11 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B., Hamilton D. Hamilton	C. Boyles B. Metheny F. Thornton	Team 4 Purple	Baker Family	B. Hamilton G. Metheny
12/18/11 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	C. Carlot T. Steed	T. Steed J. Hamilton	M. Marsh L. Marsh N. Greely	Team 1 Purple	J. Burford L. Leon	L. Leon T. Steed
12/24/11 Christmas Eve	6:00 pm Family Service Holy Eucharist	L. Capsey-Baker D. Nuzum	D. Nuzum Alec W.	Alec W. Abby W. H. Baker	Team 2 White	Baker Family	D. Nuzum L. Capsey-Baker
12/24/11 Christmas Eve	10:00 pm Holy Eucharist	J. Miller B. Barkley	A. Patterson N. Lopez	N. Lopez	Team 3 White	K. Brown G. Boyles	B. Barkley Volunteer
12/25/11 Christmas Day	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	D. Nuzum	D. Nuzum	Volunteers	Team 3 White	Volunteers	Volunteers
1/1/12 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas	10:30 am Morning Prayer	N/A	C. Boyles N. Lopez	N. Lopez C. Boyles B. Metheny	Team 4 White	Volunteers	T. Balenger L. Withers-Boyles
1/8/12 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday After The Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	TBA	Team 1 All Season	Steed-Marsh Family	T. Steed D. Blake

*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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