



# FEBRUARY MANNA

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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

2010 Annual Meeting  
Rector's Report

2009 was my first full year as Rector of Christ Church. It has truly been the best year of my life, both personally and professionally. I continue to feel deeply grateful, privileged, and excited to live and work here, and I am looking forward to many more wonderful years together engaging in God's mission.

From the very end of 2008 through 2009, we have welcomed several new people from 6 households to the church, and we have seen some growth in the number of pledging units between the 2009 and 2010 appeals. In 2009, the average Sunday attendance was 56, which is up from 45 in 2008. We give thanks for 3 baptisms in 2009: Lucia Jacquez, Alex Walker, and Kaelin Hamilton; and we give thanks for the lives of those who died during the year: Beverly Barrett Childs, Michael Grant, and Betty Jaynes.

The Vestry was hard at work this year. A lot of time and energy went into the preconstruction phase of the much needed repairs and renovations to the church building. There are many items that must be in place before actual work on buildings can begin to ensure that the project runs as smoothly as possible – meaning that work follows standard/expected business procedures, gets done in a timely manner, stays on budget, and is correct. This preconstruction phase is very detailed and time consuming but is extremely helpful in the long run. The Vestry has been diligent and thorough in this work, and we look forward to the completion of the repairs and renovations in 2010. The repairs and renovations, which have been mentioned a lot during the year (and are detailed in the Junior Warden's Report), address the safety, accessibility, and usability of the building and will open more possibilities for the ministry through our church.



All of the repairs and renovations are being paid for by funds in our endowment, specifically the money Bill Johnson and Wes Talkington left to the church. We are fortunate to have this funding, but as we move forward, we need to develop a building fund to address ongoing maintenance and upkeep and to generate funding for the parish to work with in the future. It is vital for current members to be proactive and invest in the building as well.

The church is not really the building but the people and the work of the people. During a major building project like ours, it is a challenge to stay focused on the people and the work of the people. But the Vestry, while working on the building project, has done an excellent job in keeping our focus where it should ultimately be. The Vestry is forward-looking and focusing on our ministry. In 2009, we also accepted some rare opportunities for the coming year: hosting and participating in a Magnetic Church Conference, which will help us attract and retain new members, and hosting a part of the Presiding Bishop's visitation to the Diocese of West Virginia.

We thank those who are continuing their service on the Vestry in 2010: Toni Balenger (Treasurer), Neal Hamilton, Gary Metheny (Junior Warden), Laura Withers-Boyles, and Carla Wood. Four members are going off of the Vestry at this time: Kent Brown, Kyle Hamilton, Sally Tennant, and Jeff Wallace. Each one brought exceptional gifts to the church through their Vestry positions, and I invite you to join me in thanking them for their service. All four served as officers during their terms. Sally served as Treasurer. Both Kent and Jeff served as Junior Wardens. And Kyle served as Senior Warden. Kyle not only served as Senior Warden, but he did so for three consecutive years *and* during a transition in clergy. This was no ordinary task. Kyle's work and commitment to the church has been outstanding, and I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to work with him, especially in my first year as a rector.

Additionally, several parishioners who served in other leadership roles are finishing their terms as well. Rick Heim is completing his term as a Trustee. Louise Lawson, Chris Metheny, and Jude Miller (Chair) have all completed terms on the Outreach Committee. We thank each of them for their commitment and good work. Details of their work are provided in other sections of the Annual Report packet.

In April, we welcomed a new staff member. Melinda Parker joined us as church Secretary. Her work has been exemplary. She not only keeps the office (and me!) in excellent order, but her work has been instrumental in positioning Christ Church for growth. We are fortunate to have Melinda and all of the staff members. Carolyn Kerr, through her work as Organist and Choirmaster, breathes much life, joy, and creativity to our worship. Monree Patterson, our Custodian, puts much care into cleaning and preparing the building for us and for those in our community who use the building for various purposes. Lucille Stanley takes excellent care of the children who visit the nursery during services and her work helps make the church welcoming to young families and children. Simply put, we are able to do the work of the church better because of our dedicated staff members.

In addition to my work in the parish, service to our community and our Diocese are very important to me. I have become involved in the community through the Greater Fairmont Council of Churches, and I hope to increase my participation and our parish commitment to responding to the hopes and needs of our community through the Council of Churches. The Council is an excellent avenue for service to our community and for growing in Christian unity. Having come to Christ Church from within our diocese, I was already involved in some of the ministries on our Diocesan level. I've remained the Program Leader for Senior Camp, the week-long high school summer camp at Peterkin and the Chair of the Commission on College and Young Adult Ministry. Ministry with our young people, not only here but in our Diocese, is a focus I always hope to have. In 2009, I was also elected as the Dean of our Deanery, which means that I convene our quarterly Deanery meetings and serve on the Diocesan Council.

I thank God for the year we've had, and I look forward to all that God has for us to do in the year ahead.

Faithfully,  
The Very Rev'd Siobhán E. Patterson, Rector





### Annual Meeting Elections

At the Annual Meeting of Christ Church parishioners on January 31, the following people were elected to positions of responsibility: Lisa Capsey-Baker, Beth Greely, Bruce Hamilton, and Lenin Leon were elected to the Vestry replacing Kent Brown, Kyle Hamilton, Sally Tennant, and Jeff Wallace; Kyle Hamilton was elected to serve as Trustee replacing Rick Heim; and Barb Barkley and Louise Starr were elected to serve as Deanery representatives and Diocesan Convention delegates.

### 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

#### **December 2009**

Week 1 ... 57

Week 2 ... 58

Week 3 ... Snow Cancellation

Week 4 ... 34

**Sunday Service Average - 50**

Christmas Eve Attendance - 122

December Expense - \$20,614.32

December Offering - \$10,444.05

### United Thank Offering

UTO Collection

October-December 2009: **\$161.19**

For more information about the UTO, go to:

[www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm)



**ECM Annual Report 2009**

ECM mission statement – “The mission of the Christ Episcopal Church Men’s group is to provide opportunities for men (and others) to deepen their spirituality through commitment to Jesus Christ and the church, to enjoy Christian fellowship, to engage in outreach to the community and to provide funding for various projects of the congregation or groups of the congregation.”

Each year this mission statement serves as a preamble to my annual ECM report. As I read it this year I found myself reflecting back to its origin during Hugh Walker’s tenure. Hugh worked quietly to instill a deeper sense of outreach in all of us, beginning with the *Coffee House* for the teen-age crowd and extending to the Men’s group volunteering at the *Soup Opera*. Back then we faced severe budgetary problems much as we have today, but he always remained confident that if we served others and reached out beyond the confines of our parish God would provide for us. As we enter another new year my hope is that we continue to keep outreach as a focal point of our corporate ministry.

For the year 2009, the ECM served meals at the *Soup Opera* eleven of twelve months (we missed in October due to numerous scheduling conflicts) and spent \$1648.79 for supplies. Our average cost per meal served was approximately \$2.50. The income to do this was generated from the *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* (\$930.61) and the *Strawberry Festival* (\$449.32). With the parish hall/kitchen renovations set to commence the first of February, we need to seek some ‘alternative’ sources to finance our outreach for the remainder of the year. The ECM did not meet formally during 2009, but hopefully we will remedy that later on this year.

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The next scheduled volunteer day for serving at the Soup Opera is Saturday, February 20th, at 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendar and join us in this ongoing ministry.



**NOTICE!**



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Due to current renovations to the Parish Hall, the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will not be held this year. The ECM will be back in full force for next year’s dinner!

Outreach Committee

Jude Miller

The Outreach Committee did not meet in January so we have little news. Jude Miller has been elected to the Milan Puskar Health Rite Board of Directors in Morgantown and has attended her first board meeting. What they are doing in Morgantown is so impressive that in many aspects the Morgantown clinic is the model for the state in terms of free health clinics. We are very fortunate that the Board of Directors approved Fairmont for one of their two branch clinics. The vestry will be appointing new Outreach Committee members so anyone interested should speak with Siobhán.

MULTIPHASIC BLOOD TESTING...



Christ Church will be one of the sponsors of the Multiphasic Blood Testing at Fairmont General Hospital on February 27, 2010. Please support this important fundraiser by having your blood tests completed on that day.

The tests are an important check on your health!

This year the proceeds with support the Episcopal Church Men's ministry at the Fairmont Soup Opera.

Yoga Community Outreach

Place: **Christ Episcopal Church**

824 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont

Price: **Donation Based**

Donation Recommendation: **\$3.00-\$7.00**



With Instructors Sally Tennant and Lauren Hamilton  
Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. Contact Sally for more information  
Sally Tennant: (304) 694-0107 or [sjotennant@aol.com](mailto:sjotennant@aol.com)



## Important Dates to Remember

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<i>Saturday, February 6</i>	<i>"Transforming Church Workshop" at Christ Church, Clarksburg</i>
<i>Sunday, February 7</i> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Tuesday, February 9</i>	<i>Vestry Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in the Rector's Office</i>
<i>Sunday, February 14</i> <i>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. "Pajama Party"</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 17</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday - Services at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, February 20</i>	<i>Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i> <i>(Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 366.5148.</i>
<i>Sunday, February 21</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Sunday, February 28</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

7:00 A.M., 12:00 NOON, 7:00 P.M.

## Lenten Program

Coming in Mid-March, there will be a Lenten program based on the movie "Crash". This moving program originated at Diocesan Convention last year and will be presented to the congregation at Christ Church. Look for more details in the March *Manna* and in Sunday bulletins.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## FEBRUARY UPDATE

**Sunday School** classes are continuing to meet. Depending on the renovations, the location may be changed week to week. Chris Metheny will attempt to let the families know via email where the class will meet on a week-to-week basis. As the weather gets warmer, we will try to take advantage of outdoor activities with our lessons.

**FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>** ... Jesus' Disciples – What it means to be a disciple and how many can you name?

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>** ... Sweet Heart Sunday! Jesus Loves all Children

If the Gym is available during the Sunday School hour prior to church, Christian Ed will have a **Pajama Party!** All kids are encouraged to come to church in their pajamas (It should be okay mom!) and have some fun in the gym with games, heart-shaped treats, and fruit punch! There will be a lesson about Jesus preaching and praying with children. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate.

**FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup>** Miracles, healings and teachings by Jesus! The elementary class is currently learning about Jesus, and we will spend several weeks reviewing all the favorite stories of Jesus' teachings, healings, and miracles.

**FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>** More miracles, healings, and teachings by Jesus! The elementary class is currently learning about Jesus, and we will spend several weeks reviewing all the favorite stories of Jesus' teachings, healings, and miracles.

### CHRISTIAN ED COLLECTING HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES

Don't forget to bring in hats, gloves, scarves to be given to the Soup Opera the Saturday of the ECM serving. Please bring those items in as soon as possible.

### LOOKING FOR A LEADER

Christian Education is looking for a Leader to work with the vestry in coordinating Christian Ed teachers and programming. Chris Metheny has decided that it is time for her to allow someone the amazing opportunity that she has been able to have. Tara Steed has worked closely with Chris all these years, and would greatly appreciate a second chair to continue the wonderful ministry that we have with our children. Listen to God's whispering to you and please let Mother Siobhán know of your desire to work with this ministry. Our CEC children deserve the best in youth ministry, and you can be a part of that ministry.



### Revised Common Lectionary Appointed readings for:

**Sunday, February 7** – Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

**Sunday, February 14** – Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

**Sunday, February 21** – Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

**Sunday, February 28** – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35





## 2010 Summer Camp Schedule

[www.peterkin.org](http://www.peterkin.org)

*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 diverse 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



Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants..
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
5. Make time to pray.
6. Play more games
7. Read more books than you did in 2009.
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minutes walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts or worry about things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need..
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with His/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree...

Society:

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything..
28. Spend time w/ people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is none of your business.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. GOD heals everything.
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change..
36. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
37. The best is yet to come..
38. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
39. Your Inner most is always happy.. So, be happy.



## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
2/7/10 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton C. Carlot	K. Hamilton J. Hamilton	C. Boyles M. Marsh N. Greely	Team 2 All Season	Youth Ushers	T. Balenger L. Withers- Boyles
2/14/10 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	L. Lawson J. Miller	T. Steed N. Hamilton	N. Lopez L. Marsh F. Tennant	Team 3 All Season	K. Brown C. Colborn	G. Metheny C. Wood
2/17/10 Ash Wed.	7:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	N. Hamilton (7:00 pm)	D. Nuzum (7:00 pm)	N. Lopez (7:00 pm)	Team 3 Purple	Baker Family (7:00 pm)	N. Hamilton L. Capsey- Baker
2/21/10 Lent I	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Barkley M. Lopez	A. Patterson J. Burford	M. Marsh Alec W. Abby W.	Team 4 Purple	L. Leon J. Burford	L. Leon B. Hamilton
2/28/10 Lent II	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	N. Lopez C. Boyles L. Marsh	Team 1 Purple	G. Boyles B. Metheny	T. Balenger B. Greely
3/7/10 Lent III	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton T. Steed	C. Boyles M. Marsh	B. Metheny F. Tennant N. Greely	Team 2 Purple	Youth Ushers	G. Metheny L. Withers- Boyles

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.

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