



MANNA

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

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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.



Ash Wednesday Service
with the Imposition of Ashes - 7:00 p.m. on February 22, 2012

Rector's Message

Siobhán Patterson

2012 Annual Meeting Rector's 2011 Report

The best way I can summarize our year is like this: God has given us new life to live into together. After a serious and lengthy medical leave in 2010, which was difficult for both you and I, God brought us back together in 2011 and through this has given us a very clear and powerful example of His gift of the Resurrection, reminding and reassuring us that He brings new life out of devastation and death.

Thank you, first and foremost, for supporting me in my effort to get back to life and work. I never could have come this far without you. Thank you, also, for your extraordinary welcome back. I am *still* overwhelmed and overjoyed by the honor of "Patterson Parish Hall". And, thank you for giving me the continued privilege of being your priest.



In many ways for me in 2011, it was like starting over. I spent significant time and energy getting reacquainted with you and catching up on your lives and re-establishing my work with the Vestry, discovering where we are now and where we need to go. I feel I have gained a good, solid understanding now and am ready to forge ahead with you. I believe God has great things in store for Christ Church, and I remain committed to the work God has for us to do together.

Several individual 'thank you's' are in order at this time. Thank you to our lay staff members: Carolyn Kerr (Organist/Choirmaster), Melinda Parker (Secretary), Monree Patterson (Custodian), Lucille Stanley (Nursery Worker), and Donna Nuzum (newly hired Christian Education Director). After 3 ½ years of service, Dana Riedeman is handing over the *Manna* to Amy Blake. Barb Barkley and Louise Starr are completing many years of service as our Diocesan Convention Delegates and Deanery Representatives. Toni Balenger has agreed to continue serving as our Treasurer. Steve Riedeman is completing a 3-year term as lead Trustee. Laura Withers-Boyles and Gary Metheny (Junior Warden of 3 years) are completing 3-year Vestry terms. Barb Barkley has two more years on the Vestry, but is completing her 1-year term as Sr. Warden. And special and heartfelt thanks go to the 2010 Vestry, especially Neal Hamilton and Gary Metheny, who were our Wardens through my medical leave and through the bulk of our building renovations. The roles of Sr. and Jr. Warden are always significant, but even more so in the absence of the Rector and through major church projects. They have more than "earned their stripes."

2011 Sacramental and Attendance Records:

Baptisms- 11 (Theo Tolka, Blake Barkley, Sara Barkley, Christa Vincent, CeCelia Logue, Ryan Jacquez, Cruz Jacquez, Kamyryn Walker, Landon Wallace, Brock Nichols and Grace Midkiff)

Confirmations- 0

Weddings- 1 (Seth and Ruby Brown)

Deaths and/or burials- 5 (Mel Colburn, Rebecca Snider Riedeman, Brenda Logue, Tracy Knox and Maronee Janes Wroe)

Average Sunday Attendance- 56

Easter Attendance- 115

Christmas Attendance- 122

Faithfully,

The Rev. Siobhán E. Patterson



Annual Meeting Report

Bruce Hamilton

The Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church was held after the service on Sunday, January 29th. Reverend Shiobhán asked all in attendance to please read her *Annual Rector's Report*. She thanked Barb Barkely for her service as this past years Senior Warden; retiring Vestry members Gary Metheny and Laura Withers-Boyles; Dana Riedeman retiring as Editor of the *Manna*; Steve Riedeman retiring as Trustee and especially Gary Metheny retiring from his unprecedented three year position as Junior Warden. The wonderful and necessary renovations to our church facility would not have been completed without Gary's steadfast dedication to insure this large project was completed.

Reports from the various church organizations were included in the meeting packet - Senior Warden, Altar Guild, Memorial Garden, ECM, *Manna*, Outreach Committee, Christian Education and Organist/Choirmaster. Church Treasurer, Toni Balenger reviewed the 2011 Treasurer's report noting certain areas of concern. She also reflected on our continuing need of support from the Trustees. Toni also presented the 2012 budget. Steve Riedeman reviewed the Trustee's Report and noted that the Trustees diversified our holdings and consolidated the accounts with one brokerage firm to keep administrative costs reasonable. He noted that the Trustees will again this year need to continually monitor our investments due to the

volatile stock market. We are profoundly grateful for Steve's proactive leadership as a steward of the Trust Accounts. Gary Metheny briefly reviewed the completed renovations, discussed the remaining work to be completed at the church and stated that we need to have work done at the rectory. He concluded by thanking everyone their support of him during his time as Junior Warden - his 'second job'. Neal Hamilton presented the Stewardship & Pledging report relating where pledges stand for the coming year. Kyle Hamilton spoke about the upcoming Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. He asked that all who are able please plan to assist in this annual event and that a planning meeting will held soon.

The following parishioners were elected to various positions. Vestry - Chris Metheny; Trustee - Jeff Wallace; Convention Delegates/Deanery Representatives - Jim and Diane Cormack; Alternate Convention Delegates/Deanery Delegates - Lisa Capsey-Baker, Barb Barkley, Chris Metheny, and Bruce Hamilton. We are grateful for their willingness to service our church.

The meeting concluded with our Lord's Prayer.

Thank You to Dave and Heather for providing the food and refreshments for the coffee hour and Annual Meeting.

Attendance &
Financial Report

December 2011
Sunday Service Average - 47

December Expense - \$14,097.87
December Offering - \$ 9,298.25



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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<i>Lisa Capsey-Baker</i>	<i>304-363-7134</i>	<i>slhmbaker@hotmail.com</i>
<i>Beth Greely</i>	<i>304-367-0182</i>	<i>bethgr@rocketmail.com</i>
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<i>Chris Metheny</i>	<i>304-366-2033</i>	<i>methenyc@wvuh.com</i>
<i>David Blake</i>	<i>304-363-4765</i>	<i>david.blake@asmnet.com</i>
<i>Tara Steed</i>	<i>304-296-5393</i>	<i>tls.email@yahoo.com</i>

Senior Moment of Sudoku

Christine Metheny



Have you ever played Sudoku? It is a number puzzle in which numbers are filled into a 9x9 grid of squares so that every row, column, and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 once. I am kind of a Sudoku novice and like the process of looking at the patterns, filling in the gaps, and solving the puzzle.

At the annual meeting 1/29/12, the reports were reviewed, treasurer's report, budget was approved, as well as our convention delegates and vestry members elected. I was elected to a vacancy on the vestry. Following the annual meeting, there was a brief meeting to the new vestry, where I was appointed Senior Warden, and Lisa Baker was appointed Junior Warden.

I tell you this to paint a picture. Our church is much the same as a Sudoku puzzle, our pews can be looked at as the grids. In order to fill those pews, we will need to look for the pattern to fill a particular spot. We need to focus our attention on our foundation, reviewing bylaws, procedures, policies, and church records, all of which are the "rules" by which we build and fill our grid. It is not a matter of random selection to fill a need, it is the process of looking at the grid, determining the possible combinations, and then testing the theory to see if it works. The best part is when you get the gap filled, then on to the next gap. Are you getting the picture?

We need to fill our grid, and no one person can do this alone. It will take our time, our talents, and our stewardship to fill in our grid. It will take all of us working together. We have our mission in front of us to remind ourselves every week in the bulletin and in our newsletters, but I will remind us again:

Our mission is to know God, love God, and serve others!

Our Church Profile statement is to move from survivorship to mission....

Can you help fill the gaps in our grid? Can you Sudoku?



ECM REPORT ...Kyle Hamilton

Saturday, January 21st marked our scheduled volunteer day at the *Soup Opera*. The enthusiastic crew, captained by Donna Nuzum & Lisa Baker, prepared for our usual crowd of 75-80 clients. For some unknown reason attendance was low for a Saturday as we served only 58 meals. So we left the *Soup Opera* with enough chili and fruit to serve another meal!

Typically we scratch and scrape to have enough to serve everyone, so having excess was a new experience. Thanks to Donna & Lisa for their efforts in planning, buying and preparing the food for this outreach ministry.

Two surprise volunteers showed up to help (as well as add to their required community service hours). Mackenzie Boyles and her fellow Dental school friend, Christina Hamer added some youth and enthusiasm to our regular volunteer group. Dot & Bruce Hamilton, Jenni & Chuck Reese, Chris Metheny, Mike Lawson and Steve Riedeman rounded out our superb cooking/serving crew.

Important dates for February are: Saturday, February 18th – *Soup Opera* and Tuesday, February 21st – *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 21, 2012

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED...

The Altar Guild is in need of some new members to assist with altar preparations for worship services. If you would be interested in helping with this important ministry, please call the church office or Dana Riedeman (304.366.0963).

Parish Notes:

Congratulations to Caroline Logue and Isabella DeFrance on their baptisms.

Congratulations to Ross Lawson on his acceptance into Med School at West Virginia University.

Condolences and Prayers to the family of Scott Baker who lost his mother recently and to the family of Jim Cormack who recently lost his father.

Prayers for Jessica Buffey who is expecting a daughter this month.

Prayers for Chris Shamblin and his family...Chris is in the military and will be serving overseas for a few weeks soon.

Thank you to Amy Blake who has agreed to become editor of the Manna beginning with the March 2012 issue.

(Note: I have enjoyed my time as Manna editor and thank everyone who helped me with this important ministry - Dana Riedeman)





Important Dates to Remember

<i>Sunday, February 12</i> <i>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Tuesday, February 14</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting, Church Library</i>
<i>Saturday, February 18</i>	<i>Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</i> <i>(Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 304.366.5148.</i>
<i>Sunday, February 19</i> <i>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Tuesday, February 21</i>	<i>5-7 p.m. Pancake Supper</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 22</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes</i> <i>celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>
<i>Sunday, February 26</i> <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson</i>



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



...from Barb Barkley

I would like to thank everyone who baked cookies for the Christmas cookie/jam sale. We made \$700.00 on the cookies, which gave all five paid employees \$150.00 each (great!) and \$80.00 to the Salvation Army from the sale of the jam. I want to thank Rachel Leon, Mary Hoylman, Toni Balenger, Danielle Bane, Beth Greely, Carolyn Kerr, Neal Hamilton, Amy Blake, Ann Heim, Chris Metheny, and thanks to Dana Riedeman and Lisa Baker for the cookies goodies for the coffee hour. A special thanks to Toni, Lisa and Donna Nuzum for the terrific cleanup. I couldn't have done it without you!!!! To all who made a donation and/or purchased cookies - my thanks!! This would not have happened without you. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed doing it! If I have left anyone out - please forgive an old lady! ☺ Barb

PLEDGE CARD REMINDER

Pledge Cards for 2012 were mailed out to each household in November. Some have been sent again. Please remember to mail your card in to the Parish Office or put it in the collection plate at Church if you haven't already done so. If you need another card, please call Melinda in the Parish Office. Your contribution is very much appreciated!





Peterkin Summer Camp dates have been announced, and Counselor and Counselor in Training Applications will be available soon. For more information, contact the church office (304.366.3471) or visit www.peterkin.org.



We are looking for volunteers to assist with nursery coverage during the Sunday worship service. An additional person each Sunday to assist Lucy Stanley in the nursery will ensure that we are on board with “Safeguarding Our Children” guidelines. Volunteers will be rotated. So, the more volunteers we have, the better. Please contact the church office (304.366.3471) to add your name to the list.

A VOLLEY FROM THE CANON, NUMBER 127
A EUCHARIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY
Donald K. Vinson (The Rev. Canon)
Canon for Mission and Transition
Diocese of West Virginia

We’ve called ourselves a Eucharist-centered community in the Episcopal church for over 40 years now. Such a thing as a “Morning Prayer parish” hardly exists any more. It’s a complete triumph for liturgical renewal.

Or at least it has been. Now, forty years in, we’re beginning to face some tough choices that are causing us to reflect on just what it means to be Eucharist-centered. Many of our congregations can no longer have a priest of their own, every Sunday. Substitutes and part-timers are rare and in great demand. Now, we begin to ask ourselves—just what does it mean to be a Eucharistic community? Does it mean that all liturgies must culminate in the distribution of bread and wine? Is our worship unfulfilled and unfulfilling if we don’t receive the “chip and a sip” at the end? Or is there more to transcendent worship than even that?

When we offer Morning Prayer together (remember, that form of worship we used to love so much, which most congregations hardly know how to do anymore?) are we NOT Eucharist-centered? How many celebrations does it take to tip the balance?—weekly? Biweekly? Monthly? Were our grandparents and our historic congregations non-Eucharist-centered in the past?

Eucharist is more than mere consumption. In the amazing transformation of communicants into disciples, Jesus continues to perform miracles of sacramental blessing. We may just discover that we do not come to worship on a weekly basis just to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. We gather to BECOME the Body and Blood of Christ. In making Eucharist of us, he also makes us truly community.

Diocesan Offerings...Information is available from the church office.

Canon Faith Perrizo's webinar on mysticism, "The Dark Night of the Soul," is being offered again for a spring term. Also, Canon Donald Vinson's introduction to the Episcopal Church, "Old Things Made New" is available online for self-paced study or as a resource for church groups. Please make these resources known to your parishes and those who might be interested.



Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
2/5/12 5 th Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	Barb B. Jude M.	Catherine B. Sharon H.	Catherine B. Hunter B. Nicholas G.	Team 1 All Season	Glen B. Kent. B.	Bruce H. Laura W-B.
2/12/12 6 th Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	Tara S. Caroline C.	Tara S. Joyce H.	Nicki L. Leah M. Finn T.	Team 2 All Season	John B. Lenin L.	Tara S. Chris M.
2/19/12 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	Lisa C-B. Neal H.	Kyle H. Neal H.	Catherine B. Alec W. Abby W.	Team 3 All Season	Baker Family	Lisa C-B. David B.
2/22/12 Ash Wed.	7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	Bruce H. Dot H.	Dot H. Bruce H.		Team 3 Purple	Volunteers	Bruce H. Barb. B.
2/26/12 1 st Sunday in Lent	10:30 am Holy Eucharist	Kyle H. Barb B.	John B. Meredith M.	Brett M. Meredith M. Leah M.	Team4 Purple	John B. Lenin L.	Tara S. Lenin L.
3/4/12 2 nd Sunday in Lent	10:30am Holy Eucharist	Jude M. Caroline C.	Dede B. Carla W.	Nicki L. Hunter B. Nicholas G.	Team1 Purple	Steed-Marsh Family	Beth G. Lisa C-B.

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 Amy Blake 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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