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January 2012

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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.

***** Annual Meeting*****
Sunday, January 29, 2012
Following the Worship Service

SOUP OPERA OUTREACH THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Rector's Message

Siobhán Patterson

Dear all,

Happy New Year! My hope is that 2012 will bring, among many things, much refreshment and deep joy to our congregation. The last couple of years have been a bit weighty for us, so it's really important that we focus on having fun, a lot of fun together now. Simply gathering for fun (or leisure if you will) with one another is as important to our ministry as anything we do in and through the church to build the kingdom of God here on earth. The refreshment and joy that leisure will bring will only strengthen us to do the heavy lifting we are called to do in our life as Christians.

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 825)

Faithfully,
Siobhán+



Health Update:

Hopefully by now everyone has seen/heard Mother Siobhán's wonderful news. The December PET/CT scan shows no cancer activity! She will continue to be on cancer treatment for maintenance purposes and will continue to be closely monitored by her doctors in Maryland.

To celebrate the good news, Siobhán invites everyone to do one thing in 2012 to join the fight against cancer. Some suggestions:

- Make a donation to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude, CaringBridge, etc.
- Participate in one of the many avenues to raise money like Relay for Life, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Team in Training, etc.
- Pray regularly for all cancer patients and their families, ALL caregivers, doctors, nurses, researchers, newer and better treatments, and scientific breakthroughs
- Make a prayer quilt or shawl for a cancer patient
- Donate your hair for wigs to Locks of Love or Pantene's Beautiful Lengths
- Discontinue any habits that may cause/contribute to cancer such as smoking or use of other tobacco products
- Talk to your doctor about cancer screenings especially if you are experiencing any symptoms

For more information see Siobhán's CaringBridge website or join the Facebook Event: "Nocanceuary" & "Cancer Freebruary"

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

November 2011

Week 1 ... 48

Week 2 ... 54

Week 3 ... 65

Week 4 ... 54

Sunday Service Average - 55

August Expense - \$13,861.15

August Offering - \$ 9,245.25



Important Dates to Remember

Saturday, January 21

Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
(Need Volunteers) Call Kyle Hamilton at 304.366.5148.

Sunday, January 22
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson

Sunday, January 29
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson
Annual Meeting following the service

Sunday, February 5
5th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Siobhán Patterson

Please note that our
Annual Meeting will take
place after church on
January 29



PLEDGE CARD REMINDER

Pledge Cards for 2012 were mailed out to each household in November. 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.





Come one! Come all!...to Christian Education...fun, food, fellowship, 9:30 on Sunday mornings. See you then!

Winter Gameathon

January 21st. Basketball Game: Adults vs. All Kids (Teens, you too!)

For us non-basketball players: Board Games and Snacks.

Time 2:00-4:30 ???

Bring any finger foods or drinks to share.

Let me know if you plan to come. E-mail dinuzum@gmail.com or call the church office.

Still planning a sled party as soon as we get enough snow.



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.

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## **Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Events**

Northern Ski Trip

February 3-5 @ Trinity, Shepherdstown & White Tail  
A ski retreat for all middle school and high school students.

Southern Ski Trip

February 10-12 @ St. Stephens, Beckley & Winterplace  
A ski retreat for all middle school and high school students.

College and Young Adult Retreat

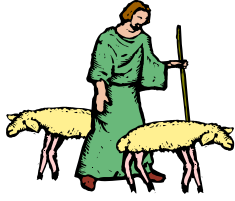
February 24-26 @ Jackson's Mill  
This years college retreat will be centered around adult relationships from a Christian perspective.

Provincial Youth Event

March 23-25 @ Peterkin Camp and Conference Center  
WV hosts this year's provincial youth event, gathering high school students from WV, VA, PA, DC, MD, and DE. More information and registration forms will become available as the event draws closer!

Contact the church office (304.66.3471) for more information about any of these events.





## The Parable of the Talents in Action...

We tried an experiment based on the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Mother Siobhán offered \$50 each to two volunteers from the congregation with the charge to multiply the money in a month's time. Amy Blake and Louise Lawson jumped at the opportunity, and their results are beyond impressive. Both Amy and Louise let family, friends, co-workers, etc. know what we were up to and challenged them to match donations for charitable purposes in response. Their results are below. Mother Siobhán is SO pleased with how well this went that she is willing to give another \$50 if there is anyone else who would like to attempt a multiplying experiment. Simply let Mother Siobhán know if YOU would like the \$50.

### Amy Blake's Results:

Wounded Warriors: \$70  
Humane Society: \$175  
American Cancer Society: \$265  
Timmy's Fund: \$155  
Pregnancy Resource Center: \$130  
St. Jude's: \$50  
Gail Parkins Ovarian Cancer Awareness: \$10

Total = \$855

### Louise Lawson's Results:

Marion County Soup Opera: \$500  
Food for the Poor: \$500  
Union Mission: \$100  
Secret Santa: \$440

Total = \$1540



### Death Announcement:

Mike Hall passed away on January 1st. Mike was a beloved member of Christ Episcopal Church for many years and will be deeply missed by many in both the Church and community. May his soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

### Birth Announcements:

Congratulations to parents Amanda and Kevin Hamilton and grandparents Dot and Bruce Hamilton on the arrival of Brody Glenn Hamilton.



Congratulations to parents Kendra and A.J. Goldberg and grandparents Kyle and Joyce Hamilton on the arrival of Lucille Elizabeth Goldberg. Lucy was born on December 27th. She was 8lbs, 13oz and 21 in.



## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

| Date                                                       | Service                                      | Eucharistic Ministers       | Lectors                    | Acolytes                            | Sacristans           | Ushers *              | Counters                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1/1/12<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>after<br>Christmas     | 10:30 am<br>Morning Prayer                   | N/A                         | C. Boyles<br>N. Lopez      | N. Lopez<br>C. Boyles<br>B. Metheny | Team 4<br>White      | Volunteers            | T. Balenger<br>L. Withers-Boyles |
| 1/8/12<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>after the<br>Epiphany  | 10:30 am<br>Holy Eucharist                   | B. Hamilton<br>D. Hamilton  | B. Hamilton<br>D. Hamilton | B. Metheny<br>N. Greely<br>H. Baker | Team 1<br>All Season | Steed-Marsh           | T Steed<br>D. Blake              |
| 1/15/12<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>after the<br>Epiphany | 10:30 am<br>Holy Eucharist                   | T. Steed<br>C. Carlot       | T. Steed<br>J. Burford     | Alec W.<br>N. Greely<br>Abby W.     | Team 2<br>All Season | J. Burford<br>L. Leon | B. Greely<br>T. Steed            |
| 1/22/12<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>after the<br>Epiphany | 10:30 am<br>Holy Eucharist                   | L. Capsey-Baker<br>D. Nuzum | D. Nuzum<br>M. Marsh       | M. Marsh<br>L. Marsh<br>F. Thornton | Team 3<br>All Season | Baker Family          | L. Capsey-Baker<br>D. Nuzum      |
| 1/29/12<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after the<br>Epiphany | 10:30 am<br>Holy Eucharist<br>Annual Meeting | K. Hamilton<br>N. Hamilton  | N. Hamilton<br>Alec W.     | B. Metheny<br>Alec W.<br>Abby W.    | Team 4<br>All Season | Steed-Marsh<br>Family | G. Metheny<br>T. Balenger        |
| 2/5/12<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after the<br>Epiphany  | 10:30am<br>Holy Eucharist                    | B., Barkley<br>J. Miller    | C. Boyles<br>S. Hiltz      | C. Boyles<br>H. Baker<br>N. Greely  | Team 1<br>All Season | G. Boyles<br>K. Brown | B. Hamilton<br>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.

**\*\*Ushers should be in place around 10:15 to serve as greeters for arriving worshippers and to provide assistance to those needing help.**

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