



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

March 2012

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The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson, Rector
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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.



~ Please mark the following Easter services on your calendar ~
April 1st - Palm Sunday (Holy Eucharist)
April 5th - Maundy Thurs - 7PM
April 6th - Good Friday - 7PM
April 8th - Easter Sunday - 9AM (Brunch/Egg Hunt)/10:30AM (Holy Eucharist)



Dear all,

Lent - the annual church season beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 weekdays to Easter - is a sacred and holy time that calls us to repentance, to express our deep sorrow and regret for our sins. The word 'repentance' sounds heavy and complex, and it is. But simply put, to repent means to stop and return to the Lord. A common spiritual discipline or practice Christians take up during Lent is to 'give something up' or 'take something on'. Whether you give something up or take something on, this practice should help you repent or return to the Lord. This practice should be about giving something up that distracts you from God and God's purposes or about taking something on that helps you to better direct your focus to God and God's purposes. The things we give up or take on day in and day out throughout Lent to help us strengthen our focus on God prepares us to receive the gift of new life - which Jesus gave us through his death on the cross and resurrection - that we celebrate on Easter. As we prepare ourselves for Easter, may we gain a better focus on God through our spiritual practices this Lent.

Faithfully,
Siobhán+

Vestry Contact Information

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact one of the vestry members.

Vestry Member	Phone Number	Email Address
Barb Barkley	304-366-7149	bbbarlar@aol.com
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January Attendance and Financial Report
Average Sunday Attendance: 49
Income: \$14,119.50
Expense: \$17,631.59



I always look forward to the Lent season, as an opportunity of personal commitment to daily devotions, a commitment to something I have given up, and looking forward to new life, growth, opportunity, and (hopefully a new dress and shoes for Easter – tee hee).

We have such great opportunities for growth right now in our church.

We are located on a main street in Fairmont, and spring brings our gardens to life and our property is blooming! Passersby see that!

They can see our lots on Sunday mornings filling with vehicles.

They can hear our bells calling to worship and communion.

They have come to our Pancake Suppers, Strawberry Festival, and other community outreach events.

We need to invite them to Sunday morning worship.

* How about Palm Sunday (4/1)! We will even give them Palms to wave and sing Hosanna with us!

* How about Easter Sunday (4/8)! We have the Egg Hunt & Breakfast before service. What a great time of fun and Fellowship!

* Or anytime you would like to bring someone, a birthday blessing, an anniversary, a baptism (we have many of those scheduled too)!

Again, if you have talents (or your friends have some talents) to share, we are in need of volunteers for a lot of teams:

- 1) Budgets and Financial Reviews
- 2) Communications
- 3) Administration
- 4) Christian Education
- 5) Outreach
- 6) Fun! Fun! And more Fun!

Mentioning the Easter Egg Hunt, we will be happy to collect your filled plastic eggs for our little ones to search out... we have a lot of little ones, so please bring them to the library for hiding on Easter morning.

I have asked Barbara Barkley to help organize the breakfast portions of that festivity, so she will be calling on you for that as well.

If you haven't received an email from me, then I don't have your email address. Please forward that to methenyc@wvuhealthcare.com or text me at [304-365-1086](tel:304-365-1086).



Parish Notes

Melinda Parker, our beloved and dedicated Parish Secretary of nearly 3 years, will be moving on from CEC to take a full-time employment opportunity. Her last day at CEC will be Thursday, March 8th. Melinda and the excellent work she does day in and day out will be deeply missed by many. A farewell thank you gift from the Parish is in the works. If you would like to contribute to this gift, here's what you need to do:

1. Write a heartfelt thank you note or letter to Melinda *AND/OR*
2. Make a monetary donation that will go to the purchase an Edible Arrangement that will be delivered to Melinda.

*Notes/ letters and donations can be placed in the collection plate at Church or sent to the Parish Office. Monetary donations must be marked "For Melinda". All of the notes/ letters will be compiled and sent together. The deadline for contributions is **Friday, March 30th by 4pm.***

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.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS ARE 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).



Congratulations!

Lillian (Lily) Paige Buffey was born on Sunday, February 12th at 2am. She is the daughter of Jessica and granddaughter of Amy and Matt Berardi. Lily was 7lbs, 7oz and 20.5 inches



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



Important Dates to Remember



Each Wednesday in March

Bible Study and lunch at 11am in the Patterson Parish Hall with Jim Kerr

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Tuesday, March 13

Vestry Social from 5:45pm / Vestry Meeting from 6:30pm - 7:45pm in the Parish Library

Saturday, March 17

Christ Church Volunteer Day at the Soup Opera, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

Baptism of Lucy Goldberg at the 10:30am Service
(Daughter of Kendra and A.J. and granddaughter of Joyce and Kyle Hamilton)

Liturgical Assistants Calendar

Date	Service	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers *	Counters
3/4/12 2 nd Sunday in Lent	10:30am Holy Eucharist	J. Miller C. Carlot	D. Burnell C. Wood	N. Lopez H. Baker N. Greely	Team1 Purple	Steed- Marsh Family	B. Greely L. Cap- Baker
3/11/12 3 rd Sunday in Lent	10:30am Holy Eucharist	N. Hamilton B, Barkley	<i>J. Burford</i> <i>C. Boyles</i>	<i>C. Boyles</i> <i>B. Metheny</i> <i>F. Tennant</i>	Team 2 Purple	<i>G. Boyles</i> <i>J. Burford</i>	D. Blake L. Leon
3/18/12 4 th Sunday in Lent	10:30am Holy Eucharist	K. Hamilton L. Cap-Baker	M. Marsh N. Lopez	N. Lopez H. Baker E. Bane	Team 3 Purple	<i>Baker Family</i> <i>K. Brown</i>	T. Steed C. Metheny
3/25/12 5 th Sunday in Lent	10:30am Holy Eucharist	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	<i>Al. Wadsworth</i> <i>A. Patterson</i>	<i>Al.</i> Wadsworth Ab. Wadsworth N. Greely	Team 4 Purple	L. Leon	B. Hamilton B.Barkley
4/1/12 Palm Sunday	10:30am Holy Eucharist	T. Steed	J. Hamilton K. Hamilton	B. Metheny M. Marsh L. Marsh	Team 1 Red	Steed- Marsh Family	B. Greely D. Blake
4/8/12 Easter	10:30am Holy Eucharist	C. Carlot L. Cap-Baker	B. Hamilton D. Hamilton	N. Lopez H. Baker N. Greely	Team 2	Baker Family	B. Hamilton L. Cap- Baker

If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements on your own for a replacement ahead of time. If you cannot be available to serve on a Sunday for the upcoming month is asked to contact Amy Blake.

**** Ushers should be in place at 10:15 to serve as greeters and provide assistance to those needing help. ****



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