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

May 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.*

Rector's Message

Siobhán Patterson

Dear all,

Undoubtedly, you have all heard and read about the death of Osama bin Laden by now. Here are some meaningful quotes I saw posted over and over again by friends on *Facebook* after the announcement:

"O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." -- Prayer for Our Enemies from *The Book of Common Prayer*

"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

"By all means, celebrate the rescue of the innocent, even if it required the defeat of an enemy, but don't cheer the death itself. Don't celebrate that an evil man was killed; lament that he could not be saved as well." -- Ken Brown

This news is probably causing you, like many, to experience conflicting thoughts and emotions. Therefore, I invite you to consider doing some reading on the Christian response to bin Laden's death. One site I point you to -- to get you started -- is [this: http://blog.sojo.net/2011/05/02/how-should-we-respond-to-the-death-of-osama-bin-laden/](http://blog.sojo.net/2011/05/02/how-should-we-respond-to-the-death-of-osama-bin-laden/). There are many others, of course. Please feel free to share with me (and each other) what you find.

Faithfully,
Siobhán+



Senior Warden Report

Barb Barkley

The Strawberry Festival will be held on June 5, 2011, from 12:00 to 3:00, with the help of Louise Starr, Lisa Baker, myself, and all parishioners who are willing to help. There will be a meeting on May 8th after church to discuss details and make assignments. There will be someone calling all members to either make a donation, bake a cake, or make an item for the bake sale - or do all three! The Strawberry Festival will only be as successful as we make it – it will take ALL of us. More hands = more success. So, please, offer your time and talents.

Additionally, I would like to thank all who helped and or contributed to the Easter Breakfast: Lisa Baker, Toni Balenger, Danielle Bane, Amy Berardi, Amy Blake, Caroline Carlot, Diane Cormack, Bruce Hamilton, Joyce Hamilton, Louise Larry, Louise Lawson, Chris Matheny, Anne Patterson, Dana Riedeman, Jane Tyler, Karyn Wallace, and Laura Withers-Boyles. None of this would have happened without all your help! For those of you who missed the breakfast - come next year!!!!



Attendance &
Financial Report

March 2011

Week 1 ... 48

Week 2 ... 48

Week 3 ... 48

Week 4 ... 75

Sunday Service Average - 55

March Expense - \$15,326.46

March Offering - \$10,776.00

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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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The middle of April brought with it a dubious, annual, American tradition...filing (and paying) the remainder of our INCOME TAXES for the prior tax year. As proud, dutiful Americans we pay our share of taxes (without too much reservation), even though we don't always believe that they are used in the most wise or frugal manner. With that in mind, I ask you to consider increasing your donations to our church beginning now, and in the future. Not only are your donations to our church TAX DEDUCTIBLE, but they result in several other tangible benefits...to all of us. Your contributions keep our church fiscally sound. It supports maintaining a full time clergy and paying all of the bills and wages for support staff. That, in turn, helps us to continue our outreach and presence in this community. WITHOUT A DOUBT, I GUARANTEE YOU THAT EACH DOLLAR DONATED TO THIS CHURCH IS SPENT MORE BENEFICIALLY AND WISELY THAN ANY DOLLAR YOU PAY IN TAXES! As the Bible says, "Where your heart is...there your treasure will be also"! Think about it! We are ALL stewards of this parish! Our stewardship is not something we do only once a year when we fill out our pledge card, rather, it is a continuing calling to protect, support and maintain our church. As members of this congregation we are in a symbiotic, supportive relationship of GIVING to each other and RECEIVING from each other, both monetarily and non-monetarily. Our church is the foundation of all of that!

Peace!

Neal Jay Hamilton
Stewardship Chairman

Parish Directories are now
available at the entrance of the
church and in the Parish Office.

Highland Educational Project (HEP) Trip

St. Thomas a Becket in Morgantown has invited us to join them on a mission trip to the Highland Educational Project (HEP) in Welch, WV June 13th-17th. Is any one interested in going? Please let me know asap. This is a great opportunity for adults and youth alike.

Information about HEP can be found here: <http://www.wvdiocese.org/pages/HEP.html>

Guest Preacher

On Sunday, May 22nd, The Rev'd Dr. John A. Moulton will preach at the service about ***Food for the Poor***, a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Moulton will share what he has witnessed about *Food for the Poor's* mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Moulton was ordained in 1971 in the Diocese of North Carolina.

Please welcome Father Moulton.



Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, May 1
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 8
3rd Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson
Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15
4th Sunday of Easter

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

Saturday, May 21

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, May 22
5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrated by The Very Rev. Siobhán Patterson
Guest Preacher - Rev'd Dr. John A. Moulton, Food for the Poor project

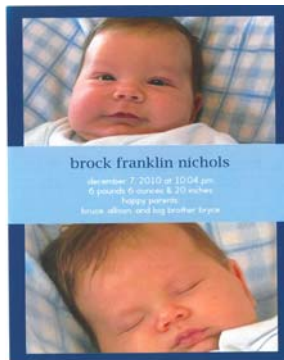
Sunday, May 29
6th Sunday of Easter

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

Belated congratulations to our families who welcomed new babies during the past year!



*Dr. Luke and Pam Huggins welcomed
Savion Edward Braden Huggins
Born July 7, 2010
7 lbs 13 oz*



*Bruce and Allison Nichols welcomed
Brock Franklin
Born December 7, 2010
6 lbs 6 oz*





CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Below is the softball practice and game schedule for Christ Episcopal Church for 2011.

If you want to play and have not signed up, please contact Dr. Luke Huggins at

huggins@bobcats.wvwc.edu

Registration fees are \$5.00, and checks should be made payable to Christ Episcopal Church.

| Date | Time | Opponent | Home Away | Field | Ump Time |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| Friday, May 6 | 7:00 PM | Practice at Wave Tek | | Trinity | |
| Friday, May 13 | 7:00 PM | Practice at Wave Tek | | Trinity | |
| Sunday, May 15 | bye | | | | |
| Friday, May 20 | 7:00 PM | Practice at Wave Tek | | Trinity | |
| Sunday, May 22 | 1:00 PM | 1 st Pres | Home | Trinity | 2:15 |
| Sunday, May 29 | 4:45 PM | TAG Navy | Home | Trinity | 3:30 |
| Sunday, June 5 | bye | | | | |
| Sunday, June 12 | 1:00 PM | NH Grey | Away | Trinity | 2:15 |
| Sunday, June 26 | 3:30 PM | BAPT | Home | Trinity | 4:45 |
| Saturday, July 2 | bye | | | | |
| Sunday, July 10 | 2:15 PM | TAG 3 | Away | Windmill | 3:30 |
| Saturday, July 16 | 11:15 AM | SP Black | Home | Trinity | 10:00 12:30 |
| Sunday, July 17 | 3:30 PM | Faith | Away | Windmill | |
| Sunday, July 24 | 1:00 PM | NH Gold | Home | Trinity | 2:15 |
| Saturday, July 30 | 10:00 AM | SP Red | Home | Trinity | 11:15 |
| Sunday, July 31 | 2:15 PM | SP Orng | Away | Windmill | 3:30 |
| Sunday, Aug 7 | 1:00 PM | TAG Mar | Away | Trinity | 2:15 |

We invite you to come and play or come and cheer!



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.

May Dates: 7, 12, 19, 21, 26

June Dates: 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

Contact Sally for more information

Sally Tolka: (304) 694-0107 or sjotennant@aol.com

Liturgical Assistants Calendar

| Date | Service | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Acolytes | Sacristans | Ushers | Counters |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 5/1/11 2 nd Sunday of Easter | 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | B. Barkely M. Lopez | T. Steed D. Nuzum | M. Marsh L. Marsh N. Greely | Team 4 White | Steed-Marsh Family | B. Barkley T. Steed |
| 5/8/11 3 rd Sunday of Easter | 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | B. Hamilton D. Hamilton | B. Hamilton D. Hamilton | C. Boyles B. Metheny H. Baker | Team 1 White | K. Brown C. Colborn | T. Balenger B. Greely |
| 5/15/11 4 th Sunday of Easter | 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | L. Capsey-Baker J. Miller | A. Patterson J. Burford | Alec W. N. Greely Abby W. | Team 2 White | J. Burford L. Leon | B. Hamilton L. Leon |
| 5/22/11 5 th Sunday of Easter | 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | K. Hamilton N. Hamilton | K. Hamilton J. Hamilton | N. Lopez B. Methney F. Thornton | Team 3 White | Baker Family | L. Capsey- Baker Laura Withers- Boyles |
| 5/29/11 6 th Sunday of Easter | 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | T. Steed D. Nuzum | T. Steed D. Nuzum | M. Marsh Alec W. Abby W. | Team 4 White | K. Brown C. Colborn | D. Nuzum T. Steed |
| 6/5/11 7 th Sunday of Easter | 10:30 am Holy Eucharist | M. Lawson B. Hamilton | C. Boyles N. Lopez | N. Lopez. C. Boyles L. Marsh | Team 1 White | G. Boyles C. Colborn | G. Metheny B. Hamilton |

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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