



**Christ Episcopal Church**

**The Rev'd Siobhán Patterson**

## Rector's Corner

Dear all,

I share with you the following statement from The Very Rev. Gary Hall, Dean of Washington National Cathedral, on the recent storm:

"The storm known as Sandy placed some of the most densely populated areas of the country in its path of wind, rain, floodwater, and snow. Disrupting millions of lives up and down the Eastern seaboard, it placed serious demands on our infrastructure and put critical systems to the test. We thank God for the meteorologists whose foresight and dedication prevented this unprecedented weather from coming as a surprise. We also offer prayers of gratitude for those whose service has eased suffering and will continue to do so, especially in the most hard-hit regions of New York and New Jersey, over the coming weeks.

In this period when the universal church honors all saints and all souls, the more than 100 individuals who have died from this storm are on our minds and will be in our prayers as well. Their deaths make clear the importance of stable infrastructure and the risks of unstable climate. Honoring their lives, and following the example of so many who helped our country through this trying time, let us strive to find stability and direction in whatever new storms our society and planet may face. May we also render continued praise and thanks to God for all the people and places that matter to us, reaffirming a will to share the talents God has invested, in us, through them."

We are very fortunate, again after a second storm in recent times, in our immediate area. Let us be watchful for and mindful of the various ways we might each reach out to those effected more deeply by the storm. Some ways you can help:

- Pray for those effected, those responding, and for restored order
- Check on your neighbors, especially the elderly, the infirmed, and those who live alone
- Volunteer to help those in need, either close to home or away from home
- Make a contribution to Episcopal Relief & Development (see details inside this newsletter) or other disaster relief organizations

Faithfully,

*Siobhán<sup>†</sup>*

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Our hope is in the Lord, who will provide a "refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain." (Isaiah 4:6)

# Announcements

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Looking for a way to serve? Contact the Parish Coordinator (366-3471) to become a Liturgical Assistant.

## **COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS**

Don't forget that Coffee Hour Sign-ups are still available! Nothing fancy, as simple as donuts, cookies, coffee, and juice! Its about the fellowship more than the food!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The preschool class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Christian Education classrooms. During this time, a discussion group for parents will be held each week in the Library.

## **HURRICANE SANDY**

Please help people recover from this devastating storm. The Episcopal Relief & Development are now accepting donations at P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116.

## **UPCOMING/CURRENT EVENTS**

- Bible study and lunch with Jim Kerr every Wednesday, at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Contact Jim (366-2580) for more information.
- "Kristel Bell Method" music program for children. Carolyn Kerr is offering music instruction to children 4 and up during the Sunday morning sermon, creed, confession, and the peace. Each child will learn to ring their bell according to color cards. Please contact Carolyn (366-2580) for more information.



- Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Guest preacher, The Rev'd Bill Thomas from our Diocesan Stewardship Commission.
- Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – The Greater Fairmont Council of Churches is hosting their Annual Fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus. Dinner tickets are \$20. Contact the Rev'd D.D. Meighen (203-4037) or Kathleen (786)300-7680, to make reservations.

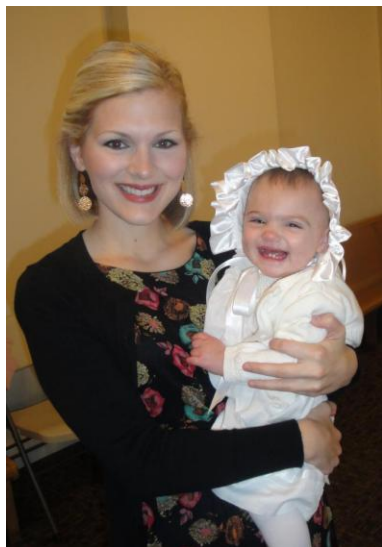


Condolences to  
Kyle and Joyce Hamilton  
for the loss of Vic, their  
daughter's father-in-law.

Congratulations to Chris and Janette Shamblin on their newest addition! Keaton Blaine Shamblin was born on October 22, 2012, 7lbs, 20 inches.



**Congratulations to Ken Miller!** Fairmont State University's Alumni Association recently honored Ken as one of the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients.



Congratulations to Lillian (Lily) Buffey on her baptism last month!

## Bible Study

By Jim Kerr

All persons interested in an in depth study of the Holy Bible are invited to our Wednesday, 11:00am fellowship and luncheon in the Patterson Parish Hall. I will lead us through the pages of our Biblical quest of our Christian beginnings. Carolyn and her friends will serve a delightful noontime meal. Warm and wonderful friendship will be enjoyed by all and we can be on our way by one o'clock.

November Schedule:

11/7 "Proper Behavior in the Christian Church" continued  
James

11/14 "Proper Behavior in the Christian Church" continued  
James

11/21 "Proper Behavior in the Christian Church" continued  
James

## Outreach From Within Dinner

Our newly formed outreach committee is planning a congregational dinner to be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Parish Hall to kick off our outreach campaign for 2013. The goal is to have 100 in attendance ( your families and friends are invited as well)! There is no charge, but the committee invites you to bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child (ages 0-12) for a donation from our parish to a Christmas Toy Drive for children in need. Please make your reservation with the Parish Coordinator, 366-3471. More information and personal invitations to come.

## All Hallow's Eve

Hosted by The 2013 Confirmation Class

Rescheduled for:

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

All Hallow's Eve in the Parish Hall

Come in costume if you dare...

and bring a covered dish to share



## Average Sunday Attendance

October: 50

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## Liturgical Assistants Calendar

If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements for a replacement. Ushers should be in place at 10:15 to serve as greeters and provide assistance to those needing help. Lectors can find their weekly readings here: <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

| Date  | Service                   | Eucharistic Ministers  | Lectors                   | Acolytes                               | Sacristans         | Ushers              | Counters             |
|-------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 11/4  | 10:30am<br>Holy Eucharist | Jim K.<br>Barb B.      | Tara S.<br>Dede B.        | Catherine B.<br>Meredith M.<br>Leah M. | Team 1             | Baker Family        | Tara S.<br>David B.  |
| 11/11 | 10:30am<br>Holy Eucharist | Jude M.<br>Caroline C. | Catherine B.<br>Anne P.   | Finn T.<br>Emma B.<br>Nicolas G.       | Team 2             | Steed-Marsh Family  | Beth G.<br>Kent B.   |
| 11/18 | 10:30am<br>Holy Eucharist | Bruce H.<br>Dot H.     | Nikki L.<br>John B.       | Alec W.<br>Abby W.<br>Brett M.         | Team 3             | John B.<br>Glenn B. | Barb B.<br>Bruce H.  |
| 11/25 | 10:30am<br>Holy Eucharist | Kyle H.<br>Lisa B.     | Sharon H.<br>Alec W.      | Nikki L.<br>Emma B.<br>Hunter B.       | Team 4             | Baker Family        | Neal H.<br>David B.  |
| 12/2  | 10:30am<br>Holy Eucharist | Neal H.<br>Tara S.     | Joyce H.<br>Carrington R. | Brett M.<br>Meredith M.<br>Leah M.     | Team 1<br>(Purple) | Kent B.<br>Lenin L. | Bruce H.<br>Lenin L. |

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