Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! This is the first anniversary of Fr. Travis and Kelly King joining our clergy staff. We have been truly blessed by their friendship and ministry among us, and we pray that baby Colton will soon be allowed to come home with them.

Vision Team Update

Last year, our vestry began a visioning process with a retreat with Canon Phil Ashey, the CEO of the American Anglican Institute. The Vision Team began meeting in the spring and worked first on updating our core values and mission statement. In June, we had another meeting with Phil, and he outlined the process of discerning a vision. This fall we have only met once a month, which means that we have not gotten as far as we would have hoped. At our last meeting, the consensus was that we needed to meet more often and regularly in 2016 to listen to the Lord.

Last November, the vestry also asked you to participate in a parish survey. One hundred seventy-seven surveys were completed, seventy percent by those who are over the age of fifty-five (125). We would have loved to have heard more from those in their twenties through forties.

The Vestry has decided to have several dessert meetings in January to discuss the survey results, and to continue listening to you, the congregation. We hope that you will be able to attend one of these meetings, and by the first of the year we will be announcing the times and locations of the meetings.

Women’s Retreat

Every year, God blesses the women of St. Clement through the worship, fellowship, teaching and testimony of the Annual Women’s Retreat. Don’t forget to sign up online or in the welcome center. The dates of the retreat are February 5-7, 2016.

January is Stewardship Month

Please remember that we rely on additional giving at the end of the year to meet the needs of our church operations and the many missions and ministries we support. We ask you to prayerfully consider making an end of year offering. All gifts that are postmarked through the 31st are deductible in 2015 for IRS purposes. Thank you!

On Saturday and Sunday, January 30-31, we will ask you, the members of the Church of St. Clement, to make financial commitment for 2016.

While many Christian ministries (and secular non-profits) are constantly raising funds, we trust that God will touch the hearts of His people to return their tithes and offerings first through His church, and then to prayerfully consider which other ministries to support.

God’s Word is full of promises to those who are faithful to Him in their finances. The Bible teaches us to bring our tithes and offerings as “first fruits” to God. In other words, we give back to God before we even take care of our own needs. This accomplishes several things:

• We must reflect on how everything we have is from God which makes us grateful;
• We give to God as an act of faith and obedience, trusting that he will “supply all of our needs through His riches in glory in Christ Jesus;
• We learn to budget and be good stewards of what God has given us.

May our Lord Jesus shine His love upon you,

The Rev. William C. Cobb, D. Min.
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Daughters of the Holy Cross invite all St. Clements Women

Daughters of the Holy Cross is an order of women who have taken a four-fold vow of Prayer, Service, Study, and Evangelism. It is open to all Anglican women who might be seeking a community in which they can fulfill these vows in service to Jesus Christ. St. Therese of Lisieux Chapter here at St. Clements is planning a discernment class for early 2016. If you would like to talk to a Daughter about the order, and about the class, look for any woman wearing the DHC cross, or contact our President Anne Walker in the church library.

GriefShare

A new session of GriefShare 2.0 will start on January 6th and continue until March 30th, 2016. Meetings are held in the church conference room from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Whether your loss occurred recently or some time ago, this bible based series can help you identify how God will help you do this difficult walk. Meetings consist of a short video, that is coordinated to the workbook, and time for group sharing and questions. You can participate on any level, or not at all, depending on what you need. Sessions are free but there is a one time $15.00 charge for the workbook.

Childcare is available.

For more information contact Linda Lane (ldoughtie@aol.com)

Jody Schwartz will share photography with both the ST CLEMENT FINE ARTS MINISTRY on Sunday January 17 at 10 AM in Wyburn Roderick Hall;
and on Monday the 18th with CLEM’S & CLEMENTINE’S at 11 AM in the Mayfield Room, with a wonderful luncheon to follow.
(Communion at 10:30, of course).
All are welcome to receive Jody's warm enthusiasm and inspiration for great shots of loved ones. Bring your camera or iPhone to practice some of Jody's tips, indoors and outdoors, weather permitting.

Stephen Ministry

GET INVOLVED
BECOME A MINISTER
TRAINING BEGINS JANUARY 19TH, 2016

For more information to become a Stephen Minister, please call Diane Tatem (915-433-5034), Denise Celani (915-637-1969) or Dave Baker (915-525-2591).

MEN OF CHRIST
WILL MEET JANUARY 14TH
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ANDY QUINTANA AT 915-487-1766 OR amquintana@live.com

Daughters of the Holy Cross
Dear God, Thank you for making me one of your children. I love you Jesus, I love you Papa God. AMEN!

CHILDREN’S CORNER
Rachel Degenhart, Children’s Ministry Director

Several people have asked me for information on how to lead a child to Christ. The following is condensed from Affirming Foundations, a children’s Sunday curriculum by Mike Seth. “The greatest truth about God is that HE IS LOVE! (1 John :16). The kind of love God has for us is a Father’s love. Jesus, God’s own son, always referred to God as “Father” (John 5:19-20). Father God wants to be a loving daddy to every child.

Whether or not you have a great father here on earth, you have a wonderful Heavenly Father. From the very beginning, Papa God knew and wanted you! That is why He made you. You are not an accident or mistake! (Ps 139:14). He will take care of you, and give you what you need (Phil 4:19). He will protect you, you don’t have to be afraid (Is 40:11).

When we choose to do wrong and hurtful things, like lying, cheating, and stealing, it is SIN. The Bible says that sin separates or keeps us away from Father God. How sad! The Bible also says, all of us have sinned and fall short of God’s GLORY (His goodness, greatness, love and power) (Ro 3:23). Now, if God is love and wants us to be close to Him, to know Him and enjoy Him, BUT…He is also holy and can’t let sin be near Him…What are we going to do? Because Father God is so full of love for us, He did a most amazing thing. He sent His own Son, Jesus. Jesus came to take away the sin of the world (John 3:16). He was just like His Father, pure and holy. By dying on the cross Jesus took our punishment for all the wrong things we have done and all of our sin. Jesus died for you because He loved and wanted to obey His Father. Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we can be forgiven! That means we can come to Papa God, be close to Him, and enjoy His love! When we ask Jesus to come into our heart, and receive God’s forgiveness, we actually become a new creature (II Cor 5:17). Our sins are erased away, and our hearts become clean and pure.

So, how do we receive this FREE GIFT, called SALVATION? Eph 2:8,9 says that we are saved by faith. Faith is believing in your heart that Jesus is God’s Son, and that what He did on the cross for you, is really true! When we receive the Father’s love and forgiveness, we become adopted into His family (Romans 8:15b). You will get to enjoy His presence and fall more in love with Him every day, because like a Good Daddy, He will always have time for you! Would you like to know the Father’s love, receive forgiveness of your sins, and become one of His children? Say this prayer, and mean it with all you heart...

“Dear God, Thank you for making me. Thank you for loving me. I am sorry for the wrongs things I have done. I am sorry for my sins. Thank you, Jesus for dying on the cross for me. I believe you are God’s Son, and right now I ask you to come into my heart. Father, I receive your forgiveness. Thank you for making me one of your children. I love you Jesus, I love you Papa God. AMEN!”

St. Clement’s Parish School

I am blessed and honored to have been asked to return to St. Clement’s Parish School all of last year and this year to serve as Interim Head of School. I have enjoyed and have loved every minute of my service at this wonderful school. St. Clement’s school is continuing to progress quite nicely in every respect. Our enrollment at the school is on the increase, our finances are stable, our teachers and students are happy and hardworking and parents of our students are most supportive. St. Clement’s School maintains a strong reputation for having a superior academic program. Alumnae from years past continually come back to inform us of their success in high school and college and report that St. Clement’s School formed the foundation for their success.

The enrichment opportunities at St. Clement's are many. It is such a pleasure to watch our students perform the talents that they are acquiring here. The orchestra and choir sounds are rich and deep and the acting performance of our speech and drama students is at a high level and has no comparison. Our athletic teams which include cross country, track, volleyball, basketball and football are competitive and skilled for their age groups. Our Outdoor Education program provides our students the opportunity to discover the great outdoors and to hike, rock climb and enjoys the camping experience. All of these opportunities are designed to inspire confidence and skill that will last a life time.

Importantly also is the fact that our Christian growth opportunities through Chapel, and other events such as the ever popular Veggie Tales Chapel and Lessons and Carols, are spiritually motivating. Our children are continually taught valuable scriptural lessons from the bible by capable teachers of the bible. At St. Clement’s School we celebrate God’s love for each and every one in that He gave His son Jesus Christ to redeem us. It is a blessing and a treat that at our school, we are free to pray, to sing God’s praises, to read and discuss scripture and to celebrate our patriotic history without hesitation and without threat. To God is the Glory.

I am thankful for St. Clement’s School, for its rich history and for its valuable tradition. I am thankful to have been a part of its history and that somehow I will be a part of its glorious future. I am also thankful that I will be able to serve for the rest of this year into the summer. I hope to see, as I finalize my Interim period of time, another Head of School who is experienced, knowledgeable and skilled as a leader to be able to take St. Clement’s School to academic and spiritual heights that are yet ahead. It is with Thankfulness that I say, Merry Christmas.

Nick Cobos
Thank you to all the ladies from the Wednesday morning bible study group who came together and gathered shoe box gifts for our little ones in our church in Kilometro 33, in Juarez! It was fun seeing the joy in their faces! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God Bless you,
Ken and Esmeralda Hanna

The events we had on December were the best way to bring 2015 to a close. We had our Annual Christmas party were we did a white elephant gift exchange, most kids got really cool presents like nerf guns or cat shirts but a kid went home with a pineapple as his Christmas gift! Overall, the Christmas party was a success! Additionally, we had our very first Girls’ Night In Sleepover! The girls met up at Youth Ministry Leader Pat’s house for a night of cookie eating, movie watching, and dog playing! We had a bunch of fun bonding with every girl. Lastly, our highlight event was attending the One Thing Conference in Kansas City, MO. This conference surrounds one with an atmosphere of worship and prayer in order for one to have an encounter with God. We had over 20+ in our group, which consisted of youth kids and College Church attendees. The teachings were faith challenging and motivated us to fall deeply in love with God. We welcomed the New Year worshipping and praising the Lord along with 20,000 other young adults.

If you are a student in 6th to 12th grade we welcome you to join us on Wednesdays and Sundays! We would love to talk and get to know you better! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and happy New Year!

With love,
The Youth Ministry Leadership Team

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR WINTER RETREAT!!!
The Youngish Adults are headed to Cloudcroft
January 15-17!
There is no cost, but please RSVP to Rev. Travis King at travis@stclements.com or 915-533-4915
Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends! We can’t thank you enough for all your generosity with the Christmas store! It was another wonderful year. We had over 40 families come and shop. Moms and Dads left with gifts in hand some wrapped, some waiting to be wrapped at home. But everyone left with full hands and full hearts. Thank you for all your help this year!

We also thank you for all the year end donations. We could not do what we do without your support and prayers!

As a new year rolls around we are looking forward to many things. We are excited to have our kids back in programs. This semester we are looking forward to internships for Catalyst kids, new classes for middle schoolers, continued fun in Launch Pad and growing excitement for summer camps!

If you have any questions please contact Sami DiPasquale at sami@ciudadnueva.org

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for the 2016 Vestry

Every fall we seek candidates for nomination to the Vestry, whose members are elected at our Annual Congregational Meeting in February. Nominations to replace four retiring Vestry members are sought for three year terms beginning February 2016.

The vestry has adopted the following requirements for serving on the vestry. A person must be:

1. At least eighteen years of age
2. A voting member of the church
3. A committed Christian, who maintains disciplines of Bible Study and Prayer
4. Believing the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and the Creeds of the Church to be authoritative in defining biblical Christian faith.
5. Regular in worship and active in the life of the congregation
6. A giver of record for at least a year who is committed to tithing or working toward a tithe
7. Able to attend to as many as two meetings a month, vestry retreats, etc.

The vestry nominating process is meant to be a process of mutual spiritual discernment. Therefore we should seek to choose vestry members that we know to be prayerful, knowledgeable of scripture, who have a personal relationship with Christ, and a desire to serve him through serving this parish. Nominees will be asked to answer questions approved by the vestry. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please obtain that person’s permission prior to submitting his or her name.

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