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# The Anchor

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## *Gone camping...*

I'm heading off to camp. That used to mean a time of fun and leisure. I went to church camps all through my childhood years. (Only once did I attend a Girl Scout camp, and I have to say that the church camps were better!)

Many adults have nostalgic memories of summer camp, or just summer vacations. My family went to either Huntington Lake (east of Fresno) or Lake Tahoe just about every summer. We would usually rent a small cabin. Days were filled with swimming, water skiing (I learned to water ski at Lake Tahoe, where the freezing temperature was a powerful incentive to stay on top of the water), and socializing. Nights were for dances, movies and community sings. After several weeks of this, I was both fit and tan.

So, as I write, I'm getting ready to go back to Lake Tahoe for a week as chaplain at Camp Noel Porter, which is our diocesan camp and retreat center in Tahoe City. As chaplain I get to go to camp for "free" but that means that I plan, preach and preside at worship services every morning (five days) and organize a teaching/learning activity for about an hour every day. I'd say I'm singing for my supper. However, Shadow will be camp dog for a week, and David gets to hang out. We should get a little bit of free time each day. I'll have my computer and cell phone with me, and will be tending to some church business while I'm there. However, at my skin's age, I will try NOT to come back with a tan!

I pray that you may be spending some restful time in beautiful places, too.

In Jesus' name,

Pastor Christine +

## What our General Convention did this summer, and why we care

By Pastor Christine (with lots of help from Episcopal News Service)

The Episcopal Church (TEC), which is headquartered in the United States but comprises churches in 15 sovereign countries, meets every three years to conduct business. (There are means of taking urgent actions between conventions, but that is not the intent.) This year, General Convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Some observers commented that this meeting is the largest religious gathering in the world! It certainly requires a large amount of energy and devotion.

Attending Convention as a delegate is a labor of love. Meetings begin early in the morning and often last well into the evening. And that's every day for ten days. The current structure of our church requires policy initiatives or changes to go before General Convention (GC), and to work their way through appropriate committees to the two houses (House of Delegates and House of Bishops). This year a group was formed to look at this structure of TEC over the next two years, so perhaps it will change after the next GC, but probably not before.

*Hundreds* of resolutions are brought to the GC. Some have major consequences and some represent smaller concerns. This year several big impact issues – or at least items that some media like to trumpet – surfaced. Here are three of them, not in any priority order. Please note that I was not there; these are second-hand observations.

**The Anglican Covenant** – Although this was a much-anticipated issue, GC decided to “decline to take a position.” So, TEC is not saying ‘yes’ or ‘no’ but trying to stay in conversation with our Anglican partners around the world. For those who are unfamiliar with the ‘Covenant,’ it is a proposal which, when adopted by churches currently within the Anglican Communion (we don’t know how many national churches in the Anglican Communion it will/would take to adopt the Covenant) would specify a process for dealing with a church which takes an action that ‘offends’ another church in the Communion. (There have been several ‘offenses’ in recent years: all of them involve the inclusion of homosexual persons in the life and leadership of the Church.) The procedure described in the

## Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year A

### August 5

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
PSALM 51:1-13  
Ephesians 4:1-18  
John 6:24-35

### August 12

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
2 Samuel 18:5-9,31-33  
PSALM 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35,41-51

### August 19

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
1 Kings 2:10-12:3:3-14  
PSALM 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August 26

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11),22-30,41-43  
PSALM 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

Do you have a will?  
Have you remembered the  
Church in  
your will?

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## At a Glance

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1
Sundays	Bible Study 9:00 am
	Sunday School Room
Fridays	Bible Study 10:30am
July 29-August 2	Vacation Bible School
August 2	Lunch Bunch 12 noon
August 8	Daughter's of the King
August 15	Anchor Deadline
August 19	Vestry Meeting 12:00noon

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 1	Justin Smith
	Quintilla Wells
August 6	Judy Jensen
August 7	Ethel Bartmess
August 20	Gaylen Quarles
August 21	Trish McClurg-Slaff
August 22	Jim Sullivan
August 23	Randy Grimwood
	Eleanor Ransom
August 31	Melissa McCullough- Honeycutt

## Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits

Please call the church office(635-5282) or send an e-mail to the church (st.clements@hotmail.com) if you would like communion brought to you or a family member.

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Covenant says that only those national churches that endorse the Covenant can vote to sanction a church that they deem has ‘offended’ the Communion. You can get relevant information on this issue from the website “NoAnglicanCovenant.org,” which despite its name presents all sides.

Throughout the Anglican Communion, seven provinces have approved or subscribed to the Anglican Covenant: Ireland, Mexico, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, South East Asia, Southern Cone of America, and the West Indies. The Anglican Church of Southern Africa has adopted the document pending ratification at its next synod meeting later this year.

Three provinces – the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines have voted against adopting the covenant. In March, it became clear that the Church of England could not adopt the covenant in its current form when a majority of its dioceses voted the document down. The Church in Wales last April gave the covenant “an amber light, rather than a green light.” And now we can add TEC’s position to the tally.

Meanwhile, Deputy Josephine Hicks from North Carolina, a member of convention’s world mission committee, endorsed the Continuing Indaba program, which facilitates ways for Anglicans to learn from one another and communicate across different contexts. “We heard on the committee a resounding support for maintaining relationships in the Anglican Communion,” she said. Hicks also serves as the Episcopal Church’s lay member on the Anglican Consultative Council, the communion’s main policy-making body. She said that it’s important for the Episcopal Church to continue to be a part of the various councils of the Anglican Communion because that is “where relationships are forged, where our voice can be heard, and where we have the

chance to dispel inaccurate perceptions.”

**A Balanced Budget for the next Triennium** – This is actually a big and immediate issue, because revenues to fund the operations of TEC have been steadily declining and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori faced this issue squarely a few months before General Convention. She proposed an alternate budget for the next triennium, and it was the one adopted. It is balanced at \$111,516,032, compared to \$111,808,350 for the current *triennium*, and comes with a very small surplus of \$30,000. It involves the reduction of nearly 11 Full-Time-Equivalent positions. Important for us is that it assumes a lower percentage of apportionment from dioceses, recognizing what is really paid versus what is asked.

**Rites to bless Same-Sex Unions** – In a vote by orders, the House of Deputies concurred with the House of Bishops to pass Resolution A049, which authorizes provisional use of the rite “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” starting Dec. 2 (the first Sunday of Advent). Clergy will need the permission of their bishop under the terms of the resolution. (Our bishop has permitted such blessing ceremonies for nearly two years, with several requirements. Some of those requirements are now being lifted.) However, the resolution states that, under existing canons, clergy can decline to preside at a blessing liturgy and says that no one “should be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities” for objecting to or supporting the 77th General Convention’s action on blessings.

Here is how the voting went, according to Episcopal News Service. (*CLT Note: the House of Deputies is composed of both clergy and laity. The House of Bishops has only bishops, but does include retired bishops. Deputations are the delegates from a particular diocese, so reporting the vote*

by “deputations” gives a picture of how all the dioceses of TEC voted.) Deputies carried by 78 percent in the clergy order, with the clergy in 85 deputations voting yes, 22 no and four divided; and 76 percent in the lay order, with laity in 86 deputations voting yes, 19 no and five divided. The bishops had approved the resolution earlier with a roll call vote of 111 to 41 with three abstentions. The resolution also calls on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) “to conduct a review process over the next triennium, making clear that this is a work in progress,” according to the Rev. Ruth Meyers, deputy of the Diocese of Chicago, and chair of the subcommittee that presented the rite. The resolution directs the SCLM to include “diverse theological perspectives in the further development of the theological resource” and to invite responses from throughout the church as well as from the Anglican Communion and the church’s ecumenical partners.

### **Our Giving Garden is Giving!**

We took our first carton of fresh (organic) produce to River City Food Bank on July 17. They were very grateful! They gave us a sign to post in front of our garden indicating that we are part of the “growing circle” network. We would like to take a box of produce to them every Monday – that is, if we had a different driver volunteer for one Monday a month. That way, you could bring extra bounty from your own gardens and fruit trees on Sunday, and it would get to RCFB quickly. We could do this on Tuesday, too, but food would not be as fresh. What do YOU think would be a good system?

### **Lunch Bunch is August 2**

Our first-Thursday-of-the-month healing service and fellowship lunch continues strong as ever. Please join us. A call to the office to say you’ll be there helps us figure out how much food to prepare, but if you decide at the last minute, just come on over!

## ***Updates for those taking The Bible Challenge***

Yes, there’s a lot of violence and wiping out of whole communities in the books we have read so far (Genesis to 2 Chronicles). The thoroughness of destruction is most likely over-stated for various historical purposes – e.g. to explain why a town changed its name, or how the mono-theistic religion of Judaism spread to certain areas. Because we don’t know Hebrew, we can’t appreciate some of the naming schemes and explanations, but this is why a Bible with footnotes is so helpful.

In the New Testament, we have finished with 1 and 2 Corinthians, many of whose passages we find familiar. This is a church that Paul planted in a very busy Hellenistic (Greek) city. In 1 Cor. we have the words of institution of the Lord’s supper (1 Cor. 11-23-26). There is the great ‘hymn to love’ that is used at so many wedding ceremonies. And 1 Cor. 15 gives what I think is a great rationale for the Christian belief in resurrection. He even takes on what kind of body we might need in the resurrected life.

2 Corinthians may be a composite of fragments of different letters, but it indicates that Paul’s pastoral connection to that church continued. One of my favorite passages is 2 Cor. 3: 18- 4:7. Note the part about a “treasure in a clay jar.” It is meant to remind us that things on earth are perishable – as are clay jars – but the treasure is not. I have on my desk a “treasure in a clay jar” that I made over ten years ago. The treasure in my jar is a clay cross. I keep it on my desk.

I hope you are finding inspiration in our joint reading project.

Pastor Christine

### **August Vestry Meeting is August 19 at 12:00 noon**

Vestry usually meets on the second Sunday of the month. In August, due to vacation schedules, we will meet on the third Sunday.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			AA 6:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00 noon	Bible Study 10:30am	Thrift Store open 9:00am – 1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
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## What do you think about Gun Control?

The unprovoked and surprising killing of movie-goers in Colorado last week is a shock to our country. We pray for those who were killed randomly and senselessly, and for those many more who were wounded.

Should this event – and other recent events - spur us to reconsider gun control? The alleged killer apparently owned his guns legally. Where does the United States stand with respect to other nations regarding gun possession? We can have a dialog about this.

## Choir Retreat coming up

One of the many blessings we enjoy at St. Clement's is wonderful music. That is due to the inspired leadership of our Minister of Music, Carole Maxson, AND to the gifted and faithful dedication of our choir. Making music is a time-honored ministry. If you'd like to get more involved in this effort, please speak to Carole. The choir makes an annual overnight retreat at Carole and Chuck's house in Arnold to preview music for the fall and Christmas. This year, an accomplished music professor and vocal coach is going to give the choir a workshop, too.

# Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church August 2012

August 2012	SUNDAY August 5 10th Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY August 12 11th Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY August 19 12th Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY August 26 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee Stephen Souلمان
Ushers	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
8:00 a.m.	Pam Quarles	Ray & Sherry Stults	Help needed	Help needed
10:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
Acolytes				
8:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Kathleen Gallagher	Debbi Honeycutt
10:00 a.m.				
Lectors	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy
8:00 a.m.	Bill Murray	David Bridges	Chuck Maxson	Pam Quarles
Lectors	Mike Chapman	Quintilla Wells	Muriel Murray	Kent Ransom
10:00 a.m.				
Intercessors	Jim Wash	Saralu Methven	Chris Wash	Ken Dunham
8:00a.m.	Bill Murray	Ray Stults	David Bridges	Bobbie Keill
10:00 a.m.				
E.M. (Chalice)	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
8:00a.m.				
E.M.(Chalice)	Deidra White	Debbi Honeycutt	Muriel Murray	Sharon Burke-Polana
10:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweather	Chris & Jim Wash	Irene Grant
Coffee Hour		Phyllis Rayburn		Randy Grimwood
8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Gallagher	Debbie Popp	Carol Cartwright	Bobbie Keill
Coffee Hour	Betty Chapman			
10:00a.m.	Kent Ransom	Sherry Stults	Sharon Burke-Polana	Ray Stults
Counters	Guido Polana	Muriel Murray	Stephen Souلمان	Harry Shippy
PIE 8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Debbi Honeycutt	Betty Chapman	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray

# **AUGUST 2012**

## **REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST**

**10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST**

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### **Founders' Day Picnic – an Annual Celebration September 8**

It's not clear to me when the Founders' Day picnic got moved to June, but last year we celebrated it on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Clement's, which happened to be on September 10. June is usually very hot in the valley, and September can be, too, but often is a little more pleasant. Anyway, the Vestry decided to go for September 8 this year – Saturday – from 12 to 3 pm. Lunch on the lawn, under the trees, games, conversation, relaxation. Do you have anything to add?

We'll have hot dogs – meat and vegan – and sodas and water. Everything else is up to you. Bobbie Keill has volunteered to be in charge of the pot-luck part, so give your ideas to her.

We'd like someone to head up games – for children and adults. (No dunking pool this year!!!) And if you've got an idea for entertainment, let's hear it!

A September picnic is just a great way to begin the fall!