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*A Veteran Friendly Congregation*

# The Anchor

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## *A Song to Sing!*

It's (still) the beginning of a new year, and most of us are (still) thinking of changes we'd like to make in our lives. I'm thinking of changes we'd like to make in our parish. St. Clement's has wonderful people and a big heart. We have great music, good preaching (so I'm told), and beautiful liturgy. We have people of all ages, and many ethnicities. They don't show up all at once, but they do show up periodically. And we are *almost* at the pledge level to enter boldly into 2012. We balance our budget, year by year.

You surely noticed that all the above statements were framed in the positive. I could have just as easily talked from the negative view, pointing out what we do not have. You would read it, and nod to yourselves, and say, yes, we're slowly dying. So, if a few or several people are worrying along these lines, let's just name it. Are you ready to die? That would be an appropriate organizational response when we believe our collective work is done. However, I think we have a lot more work to do.

I just returned from a very intensive week of study at CDSP (our Episcopal seminary in Berkeley "Church Divinity School of the Pacific"). I informed the parish last spring that I have enrolled in a degree program called Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development, jointly offered by two seminaries – Seabury-Western in Chicago and CDSP. It is a three year (minimum) program with on-site courses, reading and electronic interaction among a cohort of eight parish priests who are supporting and challenging each other along the way. I am paying for this on my own, and using my two weeks and \$450 allowance for Continuing Education that is provided in our annual budget. Believe me, the tuition, travel and lodging costs are MUCH higher.

Why would I be doing such a program at this time in my life? The simplest answer is because I love you. Do I have to say more? I suppose I should.

St. Clement's has been a caring community throughout its fifty years. Each decade has had its highlights. We've continued

that trajectory in the important work we've done together in the six-and-a-half years I've served as your pastor. The way our church looks now is light years from the dowdy appearance it used to present to the world.

Physical changes are important, and we have to pay for them (have you contributed to the effort?), but they don't substitute for the reason we are Church in this community.

So, let's remind ourselves why St. Clement's is here in Rancho Cordova. It's *not* because we have the prettiest sanctuary, or the biggest Sunday School. It's *not* because we are the holiest or have the most meaningful liturgy. St. Clement's is Church, and not the only church, in this community because we believe that together we can serve God in the world. We serve God, we make God's love alive around us. We do this every day, everywhere. If we don't, we shouldn't be here. But as long as we do, we have work ahead.

At our Annual Meeting January 29 we will elect a new slate of Vestry members. Then in February these new leaders will gather for an intensive, though brief, planning retreat to present to you – the Church – goals and intentions for the coming year. Our focus at that retreat will be grounded in what we do best at St. Clement's – our strengths over the years. When you ask questions about what is best, and look for what is best, that is what you see: the best! Every organization can cite problems, but what matters is looking for successes. That's what we're going to do. We're going to build on what we have done best and what we do best. We're going to listen to everyone's ideas about what we are best at.

Going off to classes for a week was an interruption in my life. It was also an opportunity for great inspiration, and I received many inspirations.

Here is one that I find apropos of our life at St. Clement's. Whether we are shrinking or growing is not the question we need to ask. What we should ask is what we are called to do and to be. Consider the songbird. He sings not because he has an answer to life's questions but because he has a song. I think we have a song to sing. Will you join me in singing it?

May the love of Jesus set us free to sing!

Pastor Christine +

# Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year A

## February 5

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

PSALM: 147:1-12,21c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

## February 12

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

2 Kings 5: 1-14

PSALM: 30

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Mark 1: 40-45

## February 19

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

(Quinquagesima)

2 Kings 2:1-12

PSALM: 50: 1-6

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Mark 9: 2-9

## February 22

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

Psalm 103

2 Corinthians 5; 20b-6:10

Matthew 6: 1-6,16-21

## February 26

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

PSALM: 25: 1-9

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

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The composition of the vestry for 2012 will be determined at the January 29 annual meeting

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## At a Glance

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1
Tuesdays	Bible Study 7:00pm
	Parish hall
Fridays	Bible Study 10:30am
	Saralu Metven's home
February 2	Lunch Bunch 12 noon
February 15	Anchor Deadline
February 21	Shrove Tuesday
February 22	Ash Wednesday
	Services at noon and 6:00pm
February 25	Congregational Leadership Workshop

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 1	Sharon Burke-Polana
February 9	Bill Bell
	Jennifer Yee
February 10	Marj Heineke
February 18	Sera Benesh
February 25	Lupe Bennett
February 28	David Weber

## 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.

**The Rev. Christine Leigh-Taylor, Rector**

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## Lay Ministry Schedule February 2012

	SUNDAY February 5 5th Sunday After the Epiphany	SUNDAY February 12 8th Sunday After the Epiphany	SUNDAY February 19 Last Sunday After the Epiphany	SUNDAY February 26 First Sunday in Lent
Altar Guild	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn Randy Greenwood	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt Randy Greenwood	Jennifer Yee Phyllis Rayburn Randy Greenwood	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno Randy Greenwood
Ushers 8:00 a.m.				
Ushers 10:00 a.m.	Pam Quarles	Ray Stults Sherry Stults	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Acolytes 8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
Acolytes 10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Kathleen Gallagher	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Ken Dunham	Chris Wash	Jim Wash
Lectors 10:00 a.m.	Muriel Murray Bobbie Keill	Pam quarles Sarah Moridi	Mike Chapman Len Honeycutt	Quintilla Wells Mike Chapman
Intercessors 8:00a.m.	Saralu Methven	Chris Wash	Ken Dunham	Harry Shippy
10:00 a.m.	Bill Murray	Len Honeycutt	Irv White	Mike Chapman
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Bobbie Keill Debbi Honeycutt	Muriel Murray Len Honeycutt	Irv White Diedra White	Muriel Murray Debbi Honeycutt
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Phyllis Rayburn Mary Norsweather	Jim & Chris Wash	Irene Grant Randy Greenwood
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Carrol Cartwright	Bobbie Keill	Terry Sandhoff	Kathleen Gallagher Betty Chapman
Counters	Debbi Honeycutt Sharon Burke-Polana	Bill Murray Ray Stults	Sherry Stults Guido Polana	Len Honeycutt Stephen Saulman
PIE 8:00 & 10:00	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Betty Chapman	Mickey Broughton

## Black History Month

Maybe someday we won't need to be reminded that people of many ethnicities have made the United States the world leader that it is today. Perhaps there will come a time when American History taught at all grade levels includes the significant contributions of those who were not part of the white majority of our past. For now, however, as we grow into our destiny as a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-religious nation, it is important to recognize the roles that leaders of all backgrounds have played in our history.

Black History Month was the inspiration of Dr. Carter G. Woodson in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Woodson's parents were former slaves, and he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines. He finally enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population-and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

So, here's a little history quiz. Who was the first African American elected to the United States Senate, and when? The answer is on page six(next page).

### Adult Lenten Program

We will be offering our Lenten program at coffee hour after each service on Sundays. The goal is to involve as many worshippers as possible. This is a new way of doing Lenten study, so we would appreciate your feedback.

### Bible Study

Tuesday 7:00pm in the parish hall  
Friday 10:30am Saralu Metvens home

## Shrove Tuesday Dinner February 21

If Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and it does, that means Shrove Tuesday is our last (traditional) chance to eat foods that many people do without during the six weeks of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. At St. Clement's we'll gather at 6 pm in the Parish Hall for a yummy dinner. What is your pleasure? Pancakes or lasagna or....? And we'll have a new edition of Pastor Christine's Shrove Tuesday Trivia Game.

### Ash Wednesday Services & Lent

**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, February 22 at 12 noon and 6 pm.**

Why observe Lent? Is it a season of deprivation only? Is it an archaic practice that has no relevance in modern life?

We know that a little discipline goes a long way toward making us more productive. It also makes us more receptive to divine inspiration. So, during Lent, we are invited to pace ourselves a little more intentionally to behave in ways that we know are God-given. We exercise that wobbly muscle called will power to honor a power higher than us. We do it because we know that we get rusty and we need to go to the spiritual gym for regular work-outs. That is what Lent is about. Whether you want to give something up or take something on, this is a perfect time to be supported in your effort by your sisters and brothers in Christ. I invite you to a holy Lent.

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

## **Answer to Black History Month Quiz**

**Hiram Revels**, born September 27, 1827 in Fayetteville, N.C. Born a free black, Revels worked as a barber and as a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. During the Civil War he helped recruit two regiments of African American troops in Maryland and served as the chaplain of a black regiment. After the war he moved to Natchez, Miss., where he was elected an alderman (1868) and a Republican state senator (1870). In 1870 Revels was elected as the first African American member of the United States Senate. A few senators objected, arguing that Revels had not been a U.S. citizen for the nine previous years, a requirement for serving in the Senate—African Americans had only technically become citizens four years earlier, after the passage of the 1866 Civil Rights Act. But this ploy to keep him out of the Senate failed—the Senate voted 48 to 8 in favor of Revels. Revels served as senator from Feb. 25, 1870, to March 4, 1871. (His term was an abbreviated one because he was elected to complete the term vacated ten years earlier by Jefferson Davis, who left the Senate to become the president of the Confederacy.) After the Senate, Revels served as the president of a black college and returned to the ministry. He died January 16, 1901.

## **It's Empty Bowls Time Again!**

Empty Bowls is River City Food Bank's biggest fund-raiser; last year more than 1,100 people attended, bringing in \$106,000, 96% of which directly funded food programs. This year they hope to raise more than \$125,000 to help meet the growing need in our community.

The dates for the 9th annual Empty Bowls are Monday, March 5th for a soup dinner and Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 for lunch seatings at either 11:30 am or 12:30 pm. The dinner is \$60 and the lunch is \$30. All guests get to choose a handmade bowl, donated by professional potters, glass artists, wood turners, and area students, to take home with them as a reminder of the many in our community that are hungry and face an empty bowl each day.

Get a group together for this worthwhile and delicious event. To purchase tickets go to [Rivercityfoodbank.org](http://Rivercityfoodbank.org).

## **Help Rebuild our Church in Haiti**

It has been two years since a powerful earthquake hit Haiti and wrought incredible devastation in that already struggling country. Among the destruction was the Episcopal Cathedral Complex in Port-au-Prince, the capital. Holy Trinity Cathedral completely dissolved into rubble, as were many other buildings that served as the heartbeat of the community. The Episcopal Church has pledged to raise money to rebuild the Cathedral, and every diocese is involved in the effort.

Our Diocese of Northern California is mounting a campaign to raise \$100,000 by this Easter. The goal is to encourage every person to "buy a brick" for \$10.00, so that the Cathedral can be rebuilt, "brick by brick." This is NOT literally the way the cathedral will be re-constructed, as that would leave it vulnerable to another disaster.

The Bishop of Haiti says that the generosity of the whole church will do more than raise up bricks and cement; it will raise the hopes of a people who have lost so much of their earthly habitation.

We will see some photos of Haiti and the Cathedral, before and after the earthquake at our Shrove Tuesday dinner, February 21. Greg Voetsch is chairing our parish participation in the rebuild Haiti campaign; Greg went to Haiti about ten years ago and has his first-hand impressions of living conditions there.

Did you know that the Diocese of Haiti is the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church with 90,000 Episcopalians, served by thirty priests? In addition to churches, the diocese has provided national leadership in the areas of health care, education and development. The Cathedral Complex has also served as Haiti's cultural center, housing the music school, the nation's orchestra as well as many of the nation's artists who sold their works through the Cathedral shop. Much of this capacity to lead and serve has been destroyed by the 2010 earthquake. Rebuild our Church in Haiti is the first phase of the rebuilding process.

## February 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Lunch Bunch 12noon	Bible Study 10:30am	Thrift Shop 9:00-1:00 NA:10:00am AA:7:00pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Holy Eucharist 8:00-10:00 am  AA:6:30pm	Rector's Day off	Bible study 7:00pm	AA:6:00pm		Bible Study 10:30am	Daughter's of The King: 10:00 Thrift Shop 9:00-1:00 NA:10:00am AA:7:00pm
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29			
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# FEBRUARY 2012

## REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

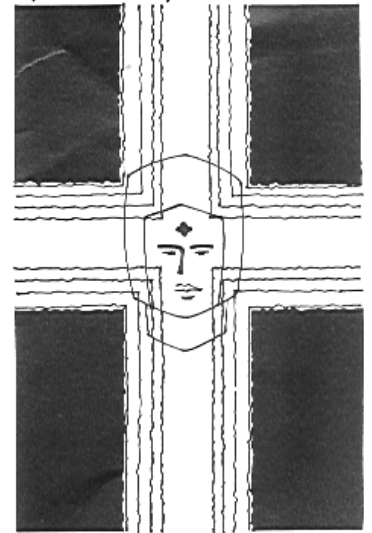
8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

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## Congregational Leadership Workshop – Feb. 25 (Sat.)

This annual workshop, offered in each deanery, provides wonderful opportunities to learn and grow. This year the location for our area is St. John's, Roseville. If you haven't seen their new church, you are in for a treat. The time is 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. including lunch. The focus is on change in the congregation. But there are other workshops, too. Check out the schedule at [www.norcalepiscopal.org](http://www.norcalepiscopal.org). Pastor Christine will be attending, and can provide rides.

## Lunch Bunch – Feb. 2

We continue our monthly healing service and fellowship lunch on Thursday, February 2. Please join us for this informal time of worship and eating. A call to the office is very helpful in planning how much food to prepare.