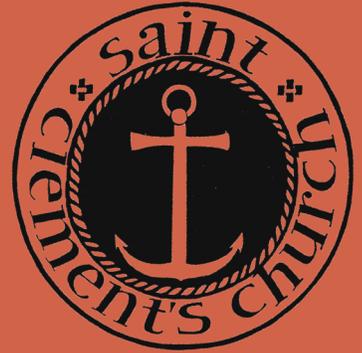


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The Feast of the Transfiguration

August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which commemorates Jesus' unveiling as the Son of God, and his radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James and John on a mountaintop.

The Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus "was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light." At this moment Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking with Jesus. Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to make three "booths" (or "dwellings") for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud stated, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples fell on their faces in awe, but Jesus encouraged them to arise and "have no fear." When the disciples looked up, they saw only Jesus (Matthew 17:1-8).

The Transfiguration is also mentioned in two other gospel accounts (Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28-36) and is referred to in the Second Letter of Peter, which records that "we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" and "we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18).

The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment because it revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ. Some think that the setting on the mountain is significant because it becomes the point where human nature meets God, with Jesus acting as a point of connection between heaven and earth.

Celebration of the Transfiguration began in the eastern church in the late fourth century. The feast is celebrated on August 6, which is the date of the dedication of the first church built on Mount Tabor, which is traditionally considered to be the "high mountain" of the Transfiguration. There are scholars, however, who believe the Transfiguration occurred either on Mount Hermon, which borders Syria and Lebanon, or on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary Year B

August 5, 2018

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a

PSALM: 51:1-12

Ephesians 4: 1-16

John 6: 24-35

August 12, 2018

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 31-33

PSALM: 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6: 41-51

August 19, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3:3-14

PSALM: 111

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 51-58

August 26, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43

PSALM: 84

Ephesians 6: 10-20

John 6: 56-69

Notes from the Vestry

I'm a little late in getting the Anchor out. Sorry. But it gives me a chance to talk about the last Vestry meeting. This meeting was held August 2, a little out of synch with the schedule. The date was moved up to accommodate Fr. Kenn, who is on vacation as you read this.

Kent presented a very concise report, as always. As of August 2, we are in the red by some \$4957.00. This is a little better than Kent had anticipated. He explains it the we have made up our deficit by some \$2000.00. He thinks that this is about all we will make up over the year, so he thinks we will finish the year about \$6389.00 in the red. If you add in the fact that we are only covering the cost of a part-time priest (Fr. Kenn, who works like he is full time, is only compensated part time) the fiscal outlook for St. Clements is a little clouded. I report this because we will continue to encounter this matter in future Vestry meetings.

Moving on let's look at Facebook. We have a problem. Our resident Facebook master/Webmaster, Lynette Yoes, has moved to Folsom. I have been doing a bit to keep the website up to date, as has Fr. Kenn, but we really need someone who sees this as a ministry and can devote some time and knowhow to it. It's our public face and we could use some help. So if you feel moved...

Speaking of ministries (What a neat Segway) we have a ministry fair coming up On September 9. We will showcase our various activities so that you might know what is going on. When you attend you will notice that there are some items for whom no champion has yet emerged. Some of our ministries exist on paper only and desperately need help. Again, if you feel moved...

Our Ministerial Fair will be accompanied by a barbeque and pot luck. Look for sign up sheets to be placed in the narthex in the very near future.

You will notice a flyer on the door of the church and in this publication for a Fall Class (for want of a better descriptive term) by Reverend Peter Rogers. The "class" is tentatively scheduled to start September 9 (September 9 is going to be a REAL BUSY DAY!!!) The presentation title is "Finding the Old Testament in the New." Fr. Rogers taught at Fuller Theological Seminary and has written a book with the same

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title. I am led to believe that he is quite the speaker and that the “class” will be very interesting. This might be well worth the time.

Fr. Kenn attends the St. Francis Men’s Club breakfast at Annie’s Breakfast and Steaks in Orangevale. He has expressed the wish that some of the men in St. Clements join him. They meet at 7:30 if you are so inclined.

The Thrift Shop will have summer hours (9:00-12:00)

I probably should say something about the church arrangement. Think about it. How do you like it? What orientation do you think works best? With the arrangement present at the time of this writing it would be necessary to move the lights and TV screens. What do you think about that? We’ll make a decision in the near future so don’t be too surprised if somebody asks you.

That doesn’t cover everything, but we’ve hit the high spots. Until next month.

St. Clement's Contemplative Prayer Group

"Silence is God's first language." - John of the Cross

The St. Clements Contemplative Prayer Group will meet in the St. Clements Sanctuary at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 22.

This group is an informal gathering to explore together the vibrant traditions of silent Christian prayer. There are many methods of being in the mindful presence of God—some ancient and some more modern. The group will be a chance to delve into these different methods and traditions while giving us the forum to discuss our experiences as we try them out.

There are no experts here! Whether this is the first you're hearing about contemplative prayer, you've been curious for years, or you already practice some form of meditation, the group is open, welcoming, and affirming to everyone and anyone with any interest in contemplative/ centering prayer. This is an opportunity to come together in community with patience and kindness to discover how Christian meditation can give us another avenue to explore our relationship with God.

Please email Emily Hyberg if you have any questions.

emily.hyberg@gmail.com

Christian Formation

On Thursdays at 10am Fr. Kenn is holding a Morning Prayer and Book study club. The title under discussion is [A Million Miles in a Thousand Years](#) by Donald Miller. This is the follow-up to the last book by Mr. Miller. So far the discussions have been lively and informative. The book is available on Amazon. Fr. Kenn invites everybody to attend!

Brunch and Brew

It seems that our Fr. Kenn is quite the Baumeister. It's a hobby of his and he's decided to share it with us. The Brunch and Brew Club will get together again in August(perhaps August 18) at 10:00am ish. He will teach us how to brew craft beer and there will be a bite to eat. This should be a lot of fun. Bring your friends! \$5.00 donation suggested to cover materials.

If you plan to attend let Fr. Kenn know

AUGUST MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, August 25th at 7pm!

The movie hasn't been settled yet. Perhaps "Risen." there will be more information in the Anchor Lite. Come and join in the fellowship. We'll have light refreshments, you know, popcorn. Should be good fun!! 😊 😊 😊 😊

Laundry Love

Since the first day that Fr. Kenn started here he has been talking about a "laundry ministry." The idea is to go to a laundromat and pay for peoples laundry. No preaching. No sermons. Just kindness. This gets us out into the community in a very visible but non-threatening way.

This ministry is a bit behind. With any luck we'll get it going in August, the day after Movie Night



Ministry Fair and Barbeque

September 9 after the 10:00am service. For those of you who get there early the fair will be set up between the 8:00am and 10:00am service. The BBQ will include hot dogs and pulled pork sandwiches with a pot luck for the various side dishes. Please plan to attend.



Worshipping in the Beauty of Holiness - Confession

by Marj Heineke

There is a saying abroad in the Episcopal Church at present in regard to confession... SOME MAY... NONE MUST... SOME SHOULD. As you now know, I have been in the faith and the faith has been in me for quite a long time. I am so in awe of God's merciful goodness to me! I feel I owe Him something for that which is the practice and commitment to the tenants of the faith I have espoused.

One of the major practices in the faith, often neglected, is that of Confession. I certainly can understand why. Confession is no easy thing to accomplish. It involves a certain degree of mental, spiritual, and for some...even physical discomfort. Soul searching may be overwhelming. It tends to cause us to feel ill at ease in having to admit before God all the ways and means wherein we have failed Him, ourselves, and others as well. It's no easy task. In order to confess we must admit to God that we are aware of all the sins of our lives and then humbly ask Him for absolution for committing them.

The first time I had to face up to private confession was after I had completed my catechism classes and it had to be done before my Confirmation. Confirmation is the mature public affirmation by you of the vows taken in your behalf at your Baptism. It is known as the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. I had previously thought that reciting the General Confession each Sunday, during the Holy Eucharist, would do just fine for that! I was confessing to the community of the faithful that I had sinned before God. Wasn't that enough?

My priest at that time explained that facing up to those sins we have committed, before God, through self-examination on a personal, private basis was far more deeply felt and far more cleansing spiritually. In essence... it was good for the soul and placed you squarely before God to personally ask for His blessed mercy upon you. You do confess to a priest, but somehow that priest becomes God's conduit of bestowing the grace of His forgiveness personally upon you. It is renewing, uplifting and is accompanied by an enormous sense of relief.

At present, the rite is known as Reconciliation and rightly so as it reconciles us to God anew, once again. It is difficult for me to describe the feeling I get after completing my confession. I feel uplifted, unburdened and free of guilt in the eyes of God and, to me, that's all that matters. I am absolved of all my sins and can begin anew with a firm resolve to do better. The service of Reconciliation is found on pages 446 to 452 in the Book of Common Prayer. Read it. Nothing in it is threatening. God knows us better than we know ourselves. Don't we approach God with "meek heart and due reverence" each time we pray to Him? Then, what is so threatening about that? Are we so ashamed that we cannot face up to what we've done before God? Well, as for me...nothing will come between me and my God...even my sins because He forgives me of them.

I frequently turn to the Litany of Penitence on pages 267 to 269 of the Book of Common Prayer to remind myself of why I should be penitent, especially the following excerpts:

I confess to you, Lord...

...all my past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of my life

...my self-indulgent appetites and ways and my exploitation of other people

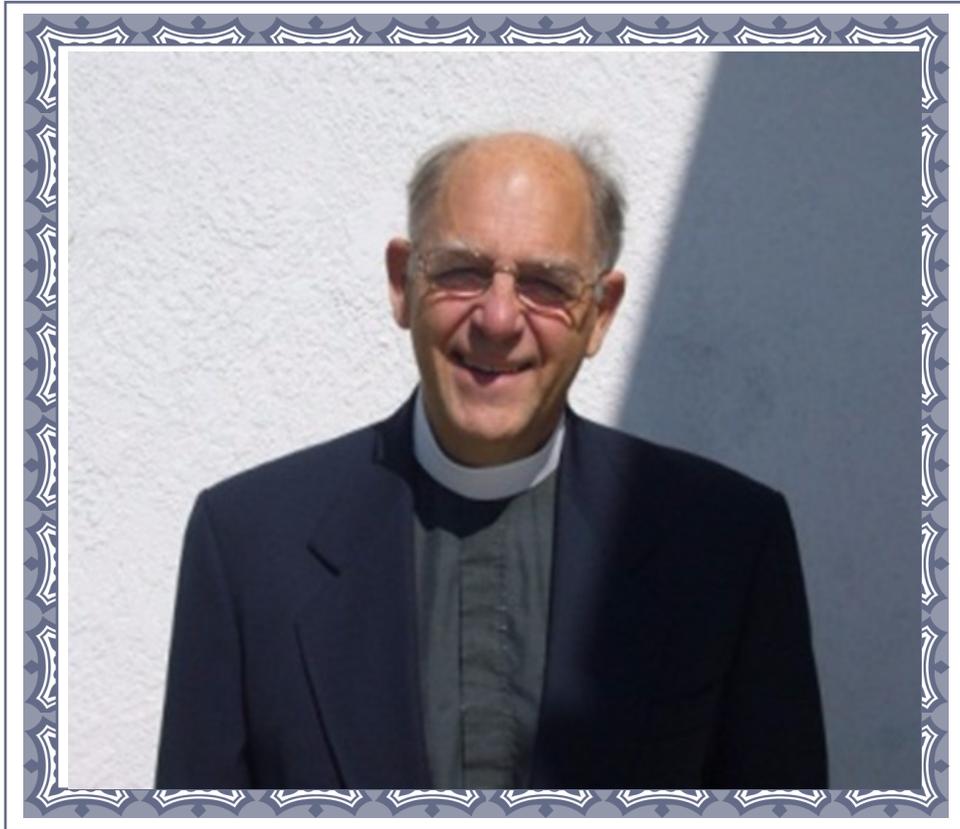
...my anger at my own frustration and my envy of those more fortunate than myself

...my intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and my dishonesty in my daily life and work

...my negligence in prayer and worship and my failure to commend the faith that is in me.

Do I need to seek absolution in private confession? You bet I do!

EXPLORING THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE NEW



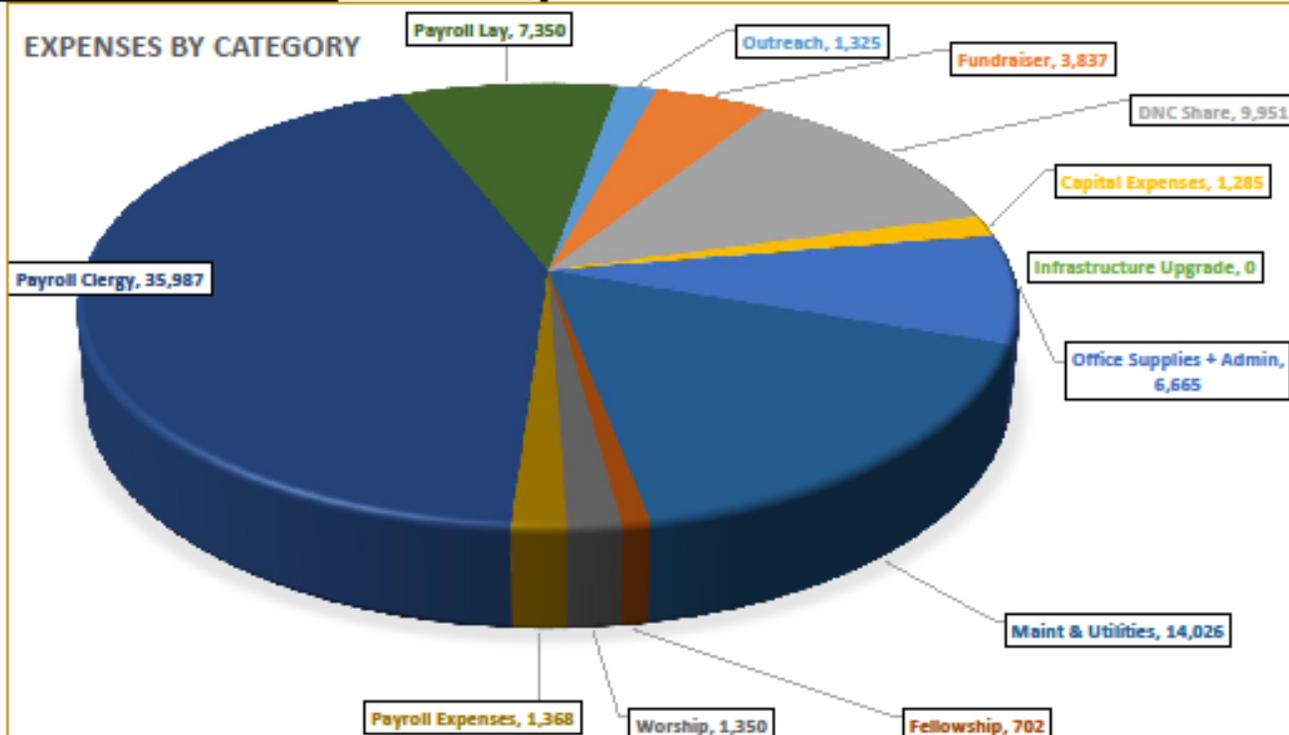
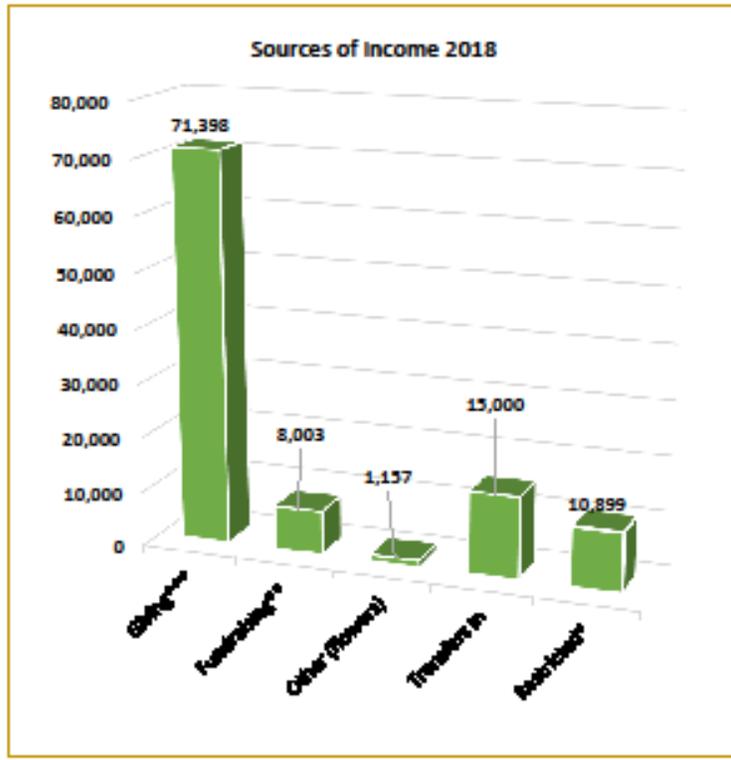
Beginning Thursday, September 13th at 7pm, and continuing for a total of eight weeks St. Clements Episcopal Church, Rancho Cordova, will be hosting a class entitled Exploring the Old Testament in the New taught by The Rev'd Peter Rodgers. Cost for the class is \$50.00

The Rev. Peter Rodgers is Vicar of St. Andrew's, Antelope. Peter Served as Rector of St. John's, New Haven, Ct. for 24 years. He taught New Testament and Preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary for 13 years. He holds degrees from Hobart College, General Theological Seminary and Oxford University.

Peter has published numerous articles and several books, including EXPLORING THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE NEW, which is the recommended book for our course this fall. He has published two novels about the early church and enjoys watercolor painting. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Carmichael California.

St. Clements Income Expense Report

St. Clements Financial Statement As of MAY 31, 2018		
INCOME	Total	
Giving***	71,398	
Fundraising**	8,003	
Other (flowers)	1,157	
Transfers In	15,000	
Restricted*	10,899	
TOTAL INCOME	\$108,457	
EXPENSES		
Outreach	1,325	
Fundraiser	3,837	
DNC Share	9,951	
Capital Expenses	1,285	
Office Supplies + Admin	6,665	
Infrastructure Upgrade	0	
Maint & Utilities	14,026	
Fellowship	702	
Worship	1,350	
Payroll Expenses	1,368	
Payroll Clergy	35,987	
Payroll Lay	7,350	
Transfers Out	29,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$112,846	
NET Income	-\$6,389	



*** Some pledges are paid annually, creating the disparity in gross income

*Restricted-Memorials & Discretionary Funds

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**ST. CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LAY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2018**

		August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
ALTAR GUILD		Stephen Soulman	Sharon B-Polana	Debbi Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee
		Muriel Murray	Linda	Len Honeycutt	
USHERS	8:00 AM	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
	10:00AM	Pam Quarles	Kent Ransom	Bill Murray	Pam Quarles
ACOLYTES	8:00 AM	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
	10:00 AM	Debbi Honeycutt	Steve Ramiro	Emily Hyberg	Debbie Popp
LECTORS	8:00 AM	Jim Wash	Chris Wash	Ken Dunham	Harry Shippy
	10:00 AM	Steve Ramiro	Pam Quarles	Chuck Maxson	Len Honeycutt
INTERCESSORS	8:00 AM	Harry Shippy	Ken Dunham	Maureen Nagle	Janelle Fallan
	10:00 AM	Chuck Maxson	Bill Murray	Len Honeycutt	Kent Ransom
E.M. (CHALICE)	8:00 AM	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
	10:00 AM	Sharon B-Polana	Len Honeycutt	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt
COFFEE HOUR	8:00 AM	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Jim & Chris Wash	Randy Grimwood
			Ken Dunham		
	10:00 AM	Debbie Popp	Betty Chapman	Elsie Webber	Potluck Sunday
		Christine Bennets	Jennifer Yee	La Benesh	
COUNTERS		Kent Ransom	Muriel Murray	Harry Shippy	Stephen Soulman
		Stephen Soulman	Sharon B-Polana	Guido Polana	Kent Ransom
Media Ministry	10:00				

NOTE: If you cannot serve on the day scheduled please arrange to have someone else take your place.
Note: The acolyte at the 10:00 service serves as one of the chalice bearers

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