

The Anchor



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Dear Friends at St Clement's,

My, how this month has flown by! Thanksgiving is upon us (in three days as I write this) and the great Feast of the Incarnation of Our Lord (commonly known as Christmas) follows not far behind. And we are already bombarded by temptations to spend money on gifts for ourselves and others, ads for "Black Friday" (really not impressed by that phrase at all!) and all the commercial trappings that go along with what has morphed into the "Holiday Season" in our culture.

It is a time associated with generosity, with caring about the less fortunate among us, and particularly those who are alone and without family and friends with whom to celebrate the holidays. In my psychological practice, we in the mental health field are aware that this time of year is particularly difficult for many who are alone, and calls to suicide crisis lines increase during the same time of year that many are enjoying the warmth and happiness of the holidays. So it is a two-edged sword, as are so many aspects of modern life. It is difficult and challenging to be a person of faith in the midst of a society that chooses to enjoy the holiday but is increasingly uncomfortable acknowledging the reason that the holiday exists in the first place.

I hope you will join me in heartily wishing all those around you a "Merry Christmas!" And to those who may be struggling or searching remind them that this holiday celebrates the mystery of God Among Us – Emmanuel – which means that no one need be alone, anywhere, ever. For this mystery we say, "Thanks be to God!"

Fr Dr Dave

In Gathering Sunday, December 7

There will be only one service on **December 7th, at 9:00AM**. We will dedicate our Stewardship pledges to the Glory of God and to the continuing work of the Parish to carry out our mission: To Know God, to Love God and To make God's love known to others. There will be a brunch followed by "It's Ok to Laugh in Church." Don't miss the fun and fellowship!

St. Clement's Capital Campaign is ongoing!

In 2013 we began our capital campaign to continue to pay off the loan from the Diocese for our "home improvement" project. At the time (2013) we owed \$150,000. Today that debt is only half--\$75,000. If you weren't a member then or were unable to participate in 2013, it is not too late to make a commitment now as part of our "Celebrating our Blessings: Discovering New Treasures" Stewardship campaign. There are pledge envelopes for the Capital Campaign on the table in the Narthex. Your contribution would instantly reduce the total amount and the interest payment

Ebola Crisis

As part of [The Episcopal Church's Advent focus on the Ebola crisis in West Africa](#), in the Diocese of Northern California, we are continuing the collection of the offering begun at our recent Diocesan Convention. We currently stand at a total of \$2,686.10 in donations. We invite additional gifts, which we might put into the hands of our church leaders in West Africa, so they might more effectively strengthen their congregations to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

If you would like to add a donation to these Thanksgiving/Advent gifts, checks may be made payable to "EDNC" with "Liberia" in the memo and mailed to the Office of the Bishop, or placed in the offering plate at church for forwarding to the Bishop's office.

[Note: the hyperlink above will take one to the national church's website, and the appeal by Presiding Bishop Schori for prayer and support for the Diocese of Liberia and the Anglican Province of West Africa.]

Vestry Elections

Next month at our annual meeting (tentatively set for Jan 18) we will be electing 5 new Vestry members. Please consider whether you may be called to this ministry at a critical time in the life of St Clements. We have much work to do to create a vision and a plan for growing our congregation and reaching out to the growing and change community that surrounds us. Please consider this important leadership ministry!

Qualifications for Vestry members are: "communicants whose names shall be duly enrolled in the Register of the Parish, sixteen years of age or older, and who are regular in their attendance at service, and are stewards of their time, talent and treasure for its support." (Diocesan Canons, 33.2.1)

Qualified voters at the Annual Meeting are: "those person of legal age who, at the time of such meeting shall be communicants on the records of the Parish for six months, who have communicated in the Parish during the year preceding, and who are Givers of Record and shall have been for six months entered or entitled to be entered upon the books of the Treasurer of the Parish." (Diocesan Canons, 36.3)

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary Year B

December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-11

PSALM 85: 1-2,8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

PSALM 126

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

CANTICLE 3

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

December 25

Christmas Eve and Day
at the principle Mass

Isaiah 52: 7-10

PSALM 98

Hebrews 1: 1-4, (5-12)

John 1: 1-14

At Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9: 2-7

PSALM 96

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)

December 28

The Holy Innocents

Jeremiah 31: 15-17

PSALM 124

Revelation 21: 13-18

Matthew 2: 13-18

Birthdays

December 18 Eric Robinson

December 26 Mike Menser

Jessica Menser

Erica Menser

December 30 Jack Roberts

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY!



Potluck

Fellowship

Christmas Carols

Some Party Games

Ugly Sweater Contest

Optional Yankee Gift Swap

Please bring a dish to share and join us at 6pm on Friday December 12th in the Parish Hall!!!

If you want to participate in the Gift Swap- bring a wrapped gift- worth between \$5 and \$10.

SAVE THE DATE

The Maranatha Chapter (St. Clement's Chapter)

of

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Will host an INQUIRY CLASS on

Saturday February 7, 2015

10: am to 12 Noon

All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

Additional Information will be given in the January Anchor.

Previously it was announced that the special Advent presentation by the choir would be on Sunday, December 21 but due to popular demand we have decided to make every Sunday in Advent special!! So each Sunday at the 10am service, the choir will do the MASS OF THE ANGELS AND SAINTS. Don't miss this special work by Steven Janco presented by the choir. It will make this time of waiting and preparation more meaningful.

2014 DECEMBER

St. Clements Episcopal Church

CALENDAR YEAR / MONTH

SUNDAY
FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
				Thursday Prayer Service: 7:00pm		Thrift Store 9-1:00pm NA 10:00am AA 6:00pm AA9:00pm
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Combined Service - Ingathering: 9:00am It's OK to Laugh in Church after		Lunch Bunch 12:00noon Ukulele Club 5:45 Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:30	Thursday Prayer Service: 7:00pm	Ukupalians Christmas Party: 6:00pm	Thrift Store 9-1:00pm Dart of the King 10:00am NA 10:00am AA 6:00pm AA9:00pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 Vestry Meeting 1:00pm AA 6:30		Ukulele Club 5:45 Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:30	Thursday Prayer Service: 7:00pm		Thrift Store 9-1:00pm NA 10:00am AA 6:00pm AA9:00pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	01	02	03
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04	05	06	07	08	09	10

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church December 2014

	SUNDAY Dec. 7 Second Sunday of Advent (Combined Service- 9 am only)	SUNDAY Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent	SUNDAY Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent	SUNDAY Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents
Ushers 8:00 a.m.	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
Ushers 10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Pam Quarles	Ray Stults Sherry Stults	Kent Ransom
Acolytes 8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan
Acolytes 10:00 a.m.		Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors 8:00 a.m.	Mari Heineke	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy
Lectors 10:00 a.m.	Len Honeycutt Marge Heineke	Bill Murray Muriel Murray	Deb Bickford Kent Ransom	Chuck Maxson Bobbie Keill
Intercessors 8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Chris Wash	Janelle Fallan	Jim Wash
Intercessors 10:00 a.m.	Chuck Maxson	Len Honeycutt	David Bridges	Bill Murray
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Debbi Honeycutt	Muriel Murray	Bobbie Keill	Sharon Burke-Polana
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Multiple	Janelle Fallan Ken Durham	Jim & Chris Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Hosts	Bobbie Keill	Choir	Trish McClurg-Staff
Counters	Sharon Burke-Polana Muriel Murray	Kent Ransom Harry Shippy	Guido Polana Stephen Souلمان	Ray Stults Bill Murray
PIE 8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Debbie Popp	Mickey Boughton	Debbi Honeycutt	Muriel Murray

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Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits

Please call Len Honeycutt (362-5170) or the church office (635-5282) or send an e-mail to the church at info@saint-clements.com if you would like communion brought to you or a family member.

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