



St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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A Veteran Friendly Congregation

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New Life, New Spirit

There's one thing in life that never changes. And that's change itself. Change never stops. We may think we've arrived at a plateau where we can predict the immediate future, and then it all blows up. We seek reasons for changes that are imposed from the outside. We want to understand *why* things are happening. If we have choices, we look for signs that one choice is clearly better than another. We get frustrated when God doesn't seem to be answering our questions.

Change is constant. If there were no change, there could be no life – no human, animal, vegetable, or even mineral life. Everything is predicated on change. Consider the human body: we all begin as newborns, completely dependent, and we progress through predictable stages to learn to recognize people and things, to move, to grasp, to know what we like to eat and what we don't at all like. And so it goes, but it doesn't go exactly the same for everyone.

Our backgrounds have many commonalities, but just as many differences. The variations make us recognizable to each other and yet interesting to each other.

I've been thinking about change a lot lately, both in the context of parish concerns and my personal life. To approach retirement does require, in my mind, a long planning horizon. There are a lot of things I want to do, and have to do, before September 1, 2014. To keep all the goals in my mind straight, I created a mega-to-do list of things to accomplish in various categories of my life. It is organized by month, and each task has a line, which I can check off when it is completed. I am obviously a Martha-kind-of-gal!

When I look at St. Clement's I see a lot of new energy bubbling up. Who knew that Zoe Mitchell had a passion for the Ukulele and would start an absolutely buzzing Ukulele club? Who knew that this group of beginning players would say that they were "up" for playing at our first "Cowboy Church"? Who knew that we would even offer a "Cowboy Church"? That was David Bridges' idea, as was the Tennessee barbecue.

Who knew that the Tuesday evening Lectionary Bible Study would survive, let alone thrive without its founder, Betty Chapman?

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Betty continues her critical role as creator of the material, but David Bridges has stepped in as the group facilitator. And there are potential future facilitators in the wings.

There are more changes in the offing. Chris Wash, with help from Harry Shippy, has been “womaning” the church office for two-plus months, but she needs to stop in mid-August due to other commitments. We’ve had several interested applicants, but each one has pulled back. In the meantime, again, we have wonderful volunteers – Debbie Kidd, Stephen Soulman and Harry Shippy – who are getting our Sunday bulletins assembled, along with the Anchor and any special communications, of which there is usually one in any month.

Bobbie Keill has been Lay Ministry Coordinator for 11-plus years. She is now so involved with certain Vestry activities (she is People’s Warden, among other things), that she needs to step away from this particular function. Lay Ministry Coordination is a way to maintain cheerful phone contacts with those who volunteer to be lectors, intercessors, ushers, counters, coffee hour hosts, and eucharistic ministers. The trick is to make sure their schedules are reflected in *our* schedules. The task involves mostly 10 o’clock volunteers. I am eager to discover who answers this call.

We have also hired a very part-time communications coordinator, Elsa Dooling, who is helping with all sorts of messaging. We are trying to get our activities and our presence into the media outlets around us and do a better job with our website and Facebook page. We could really use the help of someone handy with a camera who knows how to post photos and captions on Facebook. For the right person this is easy and fun to do.

What excites me is to see initiatives from the congregation generating enthusiasm. The old model of a church headed by a priest who provides services that congregants “consume” is neither sustainable nor desirable. A vital and healthy congregation, regardless of size, is a partnership of people who take turns being leaders and followers. I think we are seeing more of that healthy partnership.

May God’s blessings be with you as we continue our warm valley summer.

Pastor Christine +

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year C

August 4

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14;2:18-23

PSALM 49:1-11

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

August 11

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6

PSALM: 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

August 18

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29

PSALM: 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

August 25

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14

PSALM: 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Cowboy Church: Yee-Haw that was fun!

Several months ago David Bridges proposed that we offer a “Cowboy Church” worship experience that would feature country Christian music, prayers and a short message. The Vestry agreed, and it was scheduled for Saturday, July 20, which was later projected to be the hottest day of a heat wave. So instead of holding it outside, as we originally planned, we moved our cowboy “campfire” into the sanctuary, and enjoyed the experience much better with some manufactured Delta breezes. David wrote the story line, played lead guitar and served as one of the two “characters” with Guido Polana as the other. Seven members of the Ukulele Club strummed along, as did three more guitars (including yours truly), with Guido on harmonica. The music was really excellent! And participants joined in the singing.

One couple from the neighborhood said we should do it again in the fall, but on the corner so we attract a lot of attention.

New ideas often start small. Sometimes once is enough. Sometimes once is just the beginning. Let’s see where Cowboy Church is going.

Thank you, David Bridges, for the idea!

Lunch Bunch is August 8th

Every month we are blessed with a great fellowship, often with new people and new cooks. Would you like to offer a simple lunch on August 8? Your expenses will be reimbursed by the free-will offering taken that day. Lunch Bunch begins with a short Eucharistic healing service at noon, followed by lunch at 12:30. It is always helpful to let the office know you are coming, but if you forget, come anyway!

African Team Ministries – Christmas in August

African Team Ministries supports Episcopal orphanages in Kenya. They offer beautiful hand-made gifts to Episcopal churches throughout the U.S., and the profit goes to support the orphanages. We hosted African Team Ministries two years ago, but I am told that the products they are offering this year surpass those in beauty.

A selection of gifts will be available on tables in the Narthex on August 4 and 11. Please consider how a beautifully made item from Kenya might fit among your intended Christmas gifts this year. There is no obligation. African Team Ministries simply makes these lovely items available for us to appreciate, and they hope, buy.

Grant Awarded to Replace Floor in 1st Portable

We submitted and were awarded a grant from Episcopal Community Services (a Diocese of Northern California ministry) of “up to \$5,000” to replace the old carpeting and other flooring in the first portable classroom. The goal is to install vinyl tile flooring (that also does not present a trip hazard) so that the building can be used for multiple purposes, including Sunday School and recovery groups.

We are scheduling our first work day on Saturday, July 27, at 9 am to empty out the furniture of the portable so that demolition of the floor surface can begin. We will take to the dump items that can be disposed of, to Goodwill items that can be donated, and move everything we want to save into the small classroom at the bottom of the ramp. We will need another work day with fewer people to install sub-floor panels, perhaps replace a section of the floor, and glue and lay vinyl tiles. We’d like to do the installation on the following Saturday, August 3. If you can help, please contact Pastor Christine.

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

Moving Forward Together

We are a lively, loving congregation because of you. At St. Clement's, we reach beyond our worship services to meet the needs of the working poor with Crop Walk, our Thrift Store, and River City Food Bank.

In 2009, our parish community invested in St. Clement's future by making our church safer and more accessible. The cost of the remodel construction was nearly \$200,000. Our worship and meeting spaces—our household of God—are now physically, as well as spiritually, welcoming. And no more leaky roof!

Many of us pledged to Phase I of the Capital Campaign to pay down the original loan of \$170,000. Now, we must retire the \$149,000 on the remainder of the loan with accumulated interest.

St. Clement's is a community that pays its bills. On Sunday, August 18, we will launch Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign.

Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign has the goal of paying off the loan in three years.

- In June and July, 2013 a lay committee worked to create a four-step fundraising plan that counts on all parishioners to contribute, and introduces *new* ways of raising needed moneys. Many thanks to Bobbie Keill, Kent Ransom and the team.
- Step One: Solicit up-front donations of \$49,000 to reduce interest payments. The good news is that we have already raised \$40,000!
- Step Two: All parishioners participate in contributing to the campaign from 2014-2016. The Vestry is the *first-in* with a commitment.
- Step Three: Introduction of memorial and naming opportunities for selected areas of the church and parish hall. We will reach out to families of deceased members.
- Step Four: We need six (6) volunteer lay leaders to organize three-years of profitable community fund-raisers.

More detailed information will be available at church, during coffee hour and in mailings to your home this month. Look for the special green envelopes.

As we enter this new phase in the life of our church, one thing is for sure: we need you now more than ever.

Please **pray for our church, worship with us, love God and love one another.**

Be with us.

Mickey Boughton' Honorary Chair
Bobbie Keill, Chair

Please remember River City Food Bank

Summers, when school is out and there are no free lunches, poses a special burden on hungry families. We are trying to make weekly trips to the Food Bank to deliver canned goods as well as fresh produce from our Giving Garden. If you have extra fruits or vegetables in your home garden, please consider donating some of the bounty to the Food Bank.

Love to sing, but feel embarrassed?

The St. Clement's Choir goes on vacation during summer. Instead, Music Minister Carole Maxson invites anyone and everyone, including visitors, who likes to sing to join our Sunday morning "pick-up" choir. Just get to church by 9:30 am and Carole will introduce you to an easy but pretty piece of offertory music. Members of the regular choir who are in town join in, too. Give it a try!

St Clement's Episcopal Church August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Thrift Store open 9:00am – 1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon		Thrift Store open 9:00-1:00pm Daut of the King 10:00am NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am 11:45 Vestry Meeting AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm	Anchor Deadline		Thrift Store open 9:00-1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Financial Summary January - June 2013			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Operating Income	69178	67110	2068
Operating Expense	73103	78280	-5177
Net	-3925	-11170	7245
Construction Income	15544	9300	6244
Construction Expense	8383	10740	2357
Net	7161	-1440	3887

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church August 2013

	SUNDAY		SUNDAY		SUNDAY	
	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25		
	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
Altar Guild	Jennifer Yee Stephen Soultman	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbie Honeycutt Len Honeycutt		
Ushers						
8:00 a.m.	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood		
Ushers						
10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Ray & Sherry Stults	Bill Murray	Pam Quarles		
Acolytes						
8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan		
Acolytes						
10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbie Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbie Honeycutt		
Lectors						
8:00 a.m.	Marj Heineke	Harry Shippy	Chris Wash	Jim Wash		
Lectors						
10:00 a.m.	Bill Murray Pam Quarles	Muriel Murray Chuck Maxson	David Bridges Kent Ransom	Bobbie Keil Muriel Murray		
Intercessors						
8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Rick Meyer	Chris Wash		
10:00 a.m.	Chuck Maxson	Ray Stults	Bill Murray	David Bridges		
E.M. (Chalice)						
8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan		
E.M.(Chalice)						
10:00 a.m.	Debbi Honeycutt	Deidra White	Muriel Murray	Sharon Burke-Polana		
Coffee Hour						
8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweater Phyllis Rayburn	Chris Wash Jim Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood		
Coffee Hour						
10:00a.m.	Sherry & Ray Stults	Debbie Popp	Terry Sandhof	Bobbie Keil		
Counters						
	Sharon Burke Polana Muriel Murray	Kent Ransom Bill Murray	Guido Polana Stephen Soultman	Ray Stults Harry Shippy		
PIE						
8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Betty Chapman		

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Our New E-mail Address

Starting off this month the parish will be converting our e-mail system from hotmail to mychurchwebsite. There are a lot of technical reasons for this (better e-mail distribution, clearer access to our address book, etc.) We will continue to check the old address, at least for a time. So don't be afraid. If you send something we'll get it. The new addresses are: Pastor Christine: pastor@saint-clements.com and the office at: info@saint-clements.com. Please note the "dash" in the address. It MUST be there for the message to go through.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 1	Justin Smith Quintilla Wells Lois Stryker
August 7	Ethel Bartmess
August 12	David Bridges
August 20	Gaylen Quarles
August 21	Trish M. Slaff
August 23	Randy Grimwood
August 22	Cherry Blossom Zenor

Anniversaries

August 21	Guido/Sharon Polana
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Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits

Please call 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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Please email your news and photographs to st.clements@hotmail.com or shippyharry@yahoo.com. Deadline for articles is the 15th of the month. Articles are subject to editing.

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REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

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First Class

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Coming Attractions

August 4-11

August 8

August 10

August 11

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Saturdays 9 am – 1pm

African Team Ministries – Christmas in August

Lunch Bunch – noon

Daughters of the King

Vestry - 11:45 am

Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Thrift Store Open