



St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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A Veteran Friendly Congregation

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The Crowning of the Year

As I sat down to write for the December Anchor a phrase popped into my head. It's from the Christmas carol "People look East." The first verse goes like this:

People, look east; the time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

After an unusually long and warm autumn, colder weather is finally creeping in. There are lots of leaves on the ground – more every day. Rake them as they fall or wait till they're done? In our house we've been using the living room fireplace every day, trying to hold off turning on the heating system. But my heart senses that the 'crowning of the year' is approaching. I have been trying to "make my house fair as I am able."

Of course, in addition to decorations and weather, we naturally think of gifting. I wrote my list at least a month ago, but the only people I "buy" for are my spouse, our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren. (Actually, that's quite a few.) Our siblings get something from the kitchen, along with a donation in their name to Episcopal Relief and Development. This system works well because we're not just spending to put another box under the tree.

I recommend that you look at www.episcopalrelief.org to appreciate what this worldwide ministry of The Episcopal Church does. In 36 countries ERD partners with local non-profit and religious entities to aid in the most effective ways. That means that ERD does not set up its own organizations in the countries that it serves, but instead seeks to multiply the efforts of other groups that are already known, accepted and making a difference in the local area. This also keeps ERD nimble, able to focus attention on emergencies – like the recovery effort in the Philippines. One of my classmates, Sean McConnell, now serves as ERD's "director of engagement," and he writes about "the three R's of disaster

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response: rescue, relief and recovery.” ERD excels in recovery operations– the long-term rebuilding of communities and infrastructure, while not ignoring immediate rescue and relief needs.

At the episcopalrelief.org website you can look at the Philippine work and efforts in other countries. I especially encourage you to click on “Gifts for Life” – their Christmas catalogue. It’s under “What you can do” in the menu bar. You can give any amount – to provide clean water and sanitation, micro-loans, agriculture and animals, nets to protect against malaria, and so on. And, if you do your ERD Christmas ‘shopping’ by December 6 it will be matched 100%, so your donation will have double the impact.

As we together greet the Advent season and await the ‘crowning of the year’ by celebrating “Love the Guest” who “is on the way” (yes, Jesus), I hope you will set aside a portion of your holiday budget to offer something to those who are in distress. A \$5 bill rolled up with a ribbon given to a street person, a turkey or sides for River City food bank, a ‘gift for life’ from Episcopal Relief and Development – directed wherever you want – these are all ways to prepare for Jesus by being thankful.

For those among us who have lost someone dear and will be alone, or more alone, this year, making a gift to someone else in physical or emotional need, in the name of your loved one, is one small way to bring that person into the circle of our remembrance and thanksgiving. Beyond that, please review the activities St. Clement’s is offering in the coming month, and join us for worship and fellowship. It *is* the crowning of the year!

Advent and Christmas blessings to my dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pastor Christine +

Christmas Lunch Bunch – December 12

Let’s bring back our Christmas gift exchange. Everyone brings a wrapped gift – no more than \$5 in cost – and we draw numbers for the order to choose a gift. This gift exchange has a twist: when it’s your turn you can claim a gift that has already been opened. But, there are more rounds of gift opening and claiming, and gifts more around pretty fast! The gift could be something home-made.

Oh, and we’ll have our service at noon, followed by lunch at 12:30. A cook for the lunch is invited.

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year C

December 1

The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

PSALM 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

December 8

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

PSALM: 72: 1-7,18-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

December 15

The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

PSALM: 146:4-9

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

December 22

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7: 10-16

PSALM: 80: 1-7,16-18

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

December 24

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7

PSALM: 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-20

December 29

The First Sunday After Christmas

Isaiah 61: 10-62:3

PSALM: 147

Galatians 3:23-25,4:4-7

John 1: 1-18

The treasure hunt continues

The Stewardship Campaign's treasure hunt is revealing an abundance of priceless treasures at St. Clement's.

To start the fall stewardship, parishioners wrote down what they treasure and affixed the messages to poster boards on one wall of the church. (If you missed church that Sunday, never fear – you will be able to add your own thoughts throughout the campaign.)

The people of St. Clement's clearly value their own community. The feeling of family and love, the warmth of all the people who attend St. Clement's, wonderful memories, friendliness, welcome attitude, are mentioned, over and over.

Different aspects of worship are also treasured – the choir, inspirational music, Altar Guild, the liturgy, gifted preaching, Holy Communion, "being welcomed to praise the Lord." The ukulele program got several mentions of its own.

We treasure the participation of children: Children giving the benediction at the end of the service, children's church teachers.

Creature comforts and physical plant are not ignored – the bathrooms and the covered walkway were mentioned, as was having the cobwebs cleaned off the stained glass windows. The free book exchange, the thrift shop and the coffee hours were also noted.

"The many unseen hands that work behind the scenes" sums up what keeps St. Clement's going.

One thing all these treasures have in common is that most of them don't cost anything. There is no line in the budget for mutual fellowship or wonderful memories.

To maintain these treasures, though, takes a budget and the pledges to support it. As you contemplate your pledge for 2014, think about what you treasure at St. Clement's. It may not cost anything by itself. But to be able to share those treasures, we must maintain the roof over our heads; heat, cool and clean our buildings; pay our clergy; provide supplies for music, worship, Bible study, children's programs and the office, and much more.

The goal for the 2014 stewardship campaign is \$120,000 from 50 pledges. As you pray about your pledge for next year, think about the treasures of St. Clement's and how you can help keep and share them with all of us.

Consecration Sunday is December 8, when we will have one service at 9:00am. Please bring your pledge with you; we will place them on the altar to be blessed. After the service, please stay for brunch and the 2013 edition of "It's OK to Laugh in Church."

Janelle Fallan



Christmas Services

December 24 5 pm Christmas Pageant – Family Service, with Eucharist

 10 pm Christmas Candlelight service with choir and Eucharist

December 25 Enjoy Christmas at home!

December 29 8 & 10 am First Sunday after Christmas – Holy Family

January 5, 2014 Epiphany Observed



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



*Good People of the Realm - Ye be Invited
To St. Clement's Church Choir's*

Grand Madrigal Feast & Renaissance Dinner

Celebrating the Holy Season & 12th Night of Christmas Festival

When: Sunday Evening, December 15th, 2013, at 6pm

Right here in the Great Hall at St. Clements Episcopal Church

2376 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, 916-635-5282



Come One and All!

Lords & Lady's and ye Lads and Lassies

Don't miss the Wonderful Food, Music & Entertainment

Please come Dressed for the Occasion

☺ *Costumes are Optional, but it's more fun dressed up* ☺



Tickets are \$30 for Adults and \$15 for ye youth



St. Clement's Episcopal Church December 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Advent 1 Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30 pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm	Ukulele Club 6:00pm	St. Nicholas Party 6:00pm	Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Advent 2 Consecration Sunday/ Eucharist 9:00am- Brunch follow s w / It's OK to Laugh in Church AA 6:30 pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon		Daut King 10:00am Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Advent 3 Eucharist 8:00&10:00am Madrigal Dinner 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm			Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Advent 4 Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Christmas Eve 5:00pm Family Service 10:00pm Candelight	Christmas Day No Service AA 6:00pm			Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off					
29	30	31				

St. Nicholas Party December 6, at 6 pm

Is St. Nicholas your picture of Father Christmas? Do you tell stories about his deeds? (He was a real person, you know!)

Please join us for a St. Nicholas Party on Friday, December 6 (which is actually St. Nicholas Day). We'll gather in the Parish Hall (unless we move to the Church) for cookies, punch, stories, a few games and Christmas songs with our very own Ukulele Group! What could be more fun?

Well, maybe an ugly sweater contest? Or an ornament exchange? Your suggestions are welcome. We also welcome Christmas cookies, especially home-made ones. Does someone want to bring a Gingerbread house? Or gold wrapped coins for children's shoes?

This is a short, cheerful party for all ages to usher in the Christmas spirit.

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church December 2013

	SUNDAY December 1	SUNDAY December 8	SUNDAY December 15	SUNDAY December 22	SUNDAY December 29
	The First Sunday of Advent	The Second Sunday of Advent	The Third Sunday of Advent	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	The first Sunday after Christmas Day
		One Service 9:00am			
Altar Guild	Deidra White	Irene Grant	Debbi Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee	Deidra White
	Kara Magdalena	Phyllis Rayburn	Len Honeycutt	Stephen Soulman	Kara Magdalena
Ushers					
8:00 a.m.	Randy Greenwood	Randy Greenwood	Randy Greenwood	Randy Greenwood	Randy Greenwood
Ushers					
10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Pam Quarles	Ray & Sherry Stults	Kent Ransom	Bill Murray
Acolytes					
8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash		Harry Shippy	Chris Wash	Jim Wash
Acolytes					
10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors		Harry Shippy			
8:00 a.m.	Marj Heineke	Jim Wash	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan
Lectors					
10:00 a.m.	Pam Quarles	David Bridges	Kent Ransom	Muriel Murray	Len Honeycutt
	Bill Murray		Chuck Maxson	Bobbie Keill	David Bridges
Intercessors					
8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Chris Wash
10:00 a.m.	Ray Stults		Bill Murray	Kent Ransom	Len Honeycutt
E.M. (Chalice)					
8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy	Chris Wash	Jim Wash
E.M.(Chalice)					
10:00 a.m.	Deidra White	Muriel Murray	Bobbie Keill	Len Honeycutt	Sharon Burke Polana
Coffee Hour				Irene Grant	Janelle Fallan
8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Brunch	Chris & Jim Wash	Randy Greenwood	Ken Dunham
Coffee Hour					
10:00a.m.	Terry Sandhoff	Brunch	Sherry & Ray Stults	Bobbie Keill	Debbie Popp
Counters	Kent Ransom	Guido Polana	Sharon Burke-Polana	Muriel Murray	Victoria McKinney
	Ray Stults	Muriel Murray	Stephen Soulman	Guido Polana	Kent Ransom
PIE					
8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Debbi Honeycutt	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Mickey Boughton

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Coming Attractions

Saturdays Thrift Store open 9-1
Tuesdays Bible Study 7:00pm
December 5 Ukulele Club 6:00pm
Ukulele club will then break for the holidays
until January
December 6 St. Nicholas Party
December 8 Combined Service 9:00am
Consecration Sunday/
Brunch
It's OK to Laugh in Church
December 12 Lunch Bunch 12:00noon
Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
December 14 Daughter's of the King
December 15 Madrigal Dinner 6:00pm
Anchor Deadline
December 24 Christmas Eve
5:00pm Family Service
10:00pm Candelight
Service

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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Have you remembered the Church in
your will?



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	<i>10 pm</i>	<i>Christmas Candlelight service with choir and Eucharist</i>
<i>December 25</i>		<i>Enjoy Christmas at home!</i>
<i>December 29</i>		<i>8 & 10 am First Sunday after Christmas - Holy Family</i>
<i>January 5, 2014</i>		<i>Epiphany Observed</i>

Birthdays

<i>December 18</i>	<i>Eric Robinson</i>
<i>December 26</i>	<i>Mike Menser</i>
	<i>Jessica Menser</i>
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<i>December 30</i>	<i>Jack Roberts</i>