



## St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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*A Veteran Friendly Congregation*

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### ***Weather Patterns***

I just returned from a week in Chicago, which like the rest of the Mid-West is being inundated with severe cold. Every day as I drove to and from my class (about 30 minutes, longer when there was snow on the ground) I saw pedestrians wrapped to the gills in parkas, gloves, boots, caps and face-masks.

Meanwhile, California continues to bask in spring sunshine, but we can't really enjoy it because it is so *wrong* for this time of year. Fruit trees think it really is spring, so they are sending forth blossoms. But those blossoms will be knocked off as soon as we do get rain. We WILL get rain. We have to have rain. This is year three of drought.

The need for water strikes me as similar to the Church's need for parishioners. Studies show that participation at all Christian Churches (mainline, evangelical and mega-churches) has declined over the past 40 years or so. We might say that it reflects a long-term weather pattern of ebbing religious involvement in the U.S.

One of the highlights of my class at Seabury-Western Seminary (the class was called "Making Mission Possible in Tough Times" – there's a catchy title!) was a discussion of the "Halo Effect of Congregations." A 'Halo Effect' is like an expanding ripple created by tossing a stone into a calm pond. The idea is to look at the ways our particular congregation has an impact on our surrounding community – whether anyone knows we are here or not. What formal or informal services do we provide in the course of a year to our own parishioners and to those with no connection to us?

I found this a fascinating exercise. I quickly made up a table and tried my best to list things that *people* at St. Clement's do on a regular basis. Some of the things we do **for the community** are obvious, as in making space for recovery group meetings and letting the Little League use our parking lot. I estimated hours as the unit of measurement. When you add all these things up it becomes quite significant.

For example, in a typical year, we provide an estimated 210 hours of facility use to recovery groups, 40 hours for our Armenian School, 208 hours of Thrift Store availability, and 180 hours of

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service dog training to non-church members, plus another 25 hours for parishioners. We are just starting a veterans/family support group which has met for 8 hours, but could, at twice a month, represent another 104 hours. Then there is our ministry to the River City Food Bank, which is hard to quantify. We grow food in our garden and collect food year round. RCFB measures the contributions in pounds of food. Last Sunday, our children bagged (with gloves) 20 pounds of rice in 1 cup bags to deliver to RCFB.

There are many more services we provide internally, including pre-marital counseling, marriage rites, funerals (and preparation for funerals), home communion and pastoral visits, hospital and nursing home visits and so on. Each of you is probably involved in one or more of these services. I didn't even mention Bible Study, Book Groups and Daughters of the King.

The point of the exercise is to *try* to add it all up. You and I will inevitably leave out something that has a profound impact on either our internal life or our surrounding community. I didn't mention choir. I didn't mention Altar Guild. See what I mean!

One of our parishioners takes her dog for a stroll while carrying a large garbage bag, picking up garbage on sidewalks as she goes. A simple thing with a big impact. I am not asking you to brag, but I would really like to compile a more complete list of the services St. Clement's performs for our community, so please send me an e-mail note of what you do or what you know others do.

It would be interesting to put a dollar value on these varied services, although it may be more trouble than it is worth. But the point is that St. Clement's as a parish and St. Clement's as a collection of compassionate, responsible people has a very big impact on the world around us. If we were not here, those services might not be picked up by others. Never think that the power of a small but vital church is unnoticed. We make a difference!

Blessings,

*Pastor Christine +*

## Special "Mass of Spirituals"

### February 23

To observe Black History Month, this year musician and liturgist extraordinaire, Carole Maxson, is offering special music for our morning services on Sunday, Feb. 23.

# Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year A

### February 2

The Presentation of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3: 1-4

PSALM 84

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

### February 9

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a,(9b-12)

PSALM 112:1-9(10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

### February 16

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

PSALM 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

### February 23

Seventh Sunday After the  
Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

PSALM 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23

Matthew 5: 38-48

# 2014—A Year of Transition and Opportunity

By Bobbie Keill, People's Warden

After our annual meeting on January 26, Pastor Christine asked me to again serve as Junior Warden this year, a role that will require much from me during this crucial, transitional year. I pray that I will have the wisdom and strength to carry out the responsibilities of this position to honor God and in humble service to our parish. I will be working closely with our Senior Warden, Ray Stults, on our Priest in Charge search.

At the annual meeting I reviewed the Priest in Charge (PIC) process which we are about to embark upon. While many of us increased our stewardship contributions for this year, it was not enough to maintain a full time rector. (See the other article from the vestry for details). A Priest in Charge has the same responsibilities as a rector, but is part time. How those duties will be divided will be decided by mutual agreement between the PIC and the vestry.

The PIC search process is simplified. We are not required to create a Parish Profile, which includes our history, our programs, our finances, where we hope to be in the future, and what traits and skills we are looking for in a rector. Nor is there a separate search committee. The vestry is responsible for all phases of the search process. Most importantly, the Bishop makes the final discernment as to who will be called, with input from the vestry.

The Diocese Transition Minister (Canon Britt Olson) works closely with the vestry in completing the Community Ministry Portfolio, which is posted on the national Episcopal website, the Diocese website, as well as our website.

The Community Ministry Portfolio is a critical document that contains 10 essay questions which tell a prospective applicant something about us. We are holding a "World Café" forum on February 23, 2014 from 2-5PM to gather your input for these answers. It is important that the answers reflect the entire parish, not just the opinions, experiences and desires of a few people who are crafting the answers. Please make every effort to attend!

After the "open period" of normally 4-5 weeks, Canon Britt will present the vestry with the applicants. At that point the vestry interviews them and completes reference checks; after which the vestry meets with the Bishop to provide input on each candidate. The Bishop may or may not make the decision at that meeting.

The vestry's timeline is to have a PIC in place no later than the beginning of Advent. That means there will be 2 or 3 months where we will be using supply priests for Sunday services, and all other functions of the church are under the direction of our lay ministry. We will need to activate various committees to carry out specific functions, such as a Worship Committee, an Administrative Committee, a Parish Care Committee, etc. and be ready to spring into action when Pastor Christine retires on August 31, 2014.

In preparation for her retirement, Pastor Christine has been creating a notebook with critical information related to the ongoing activities of the church. That information will be invaluable to us during the "interim period" and to the new Priest in Charge.

While the work we are about to engage in is "the work of the heart and spirit" it still can lead to burn out if only a few carry the entire load. As the saying goes "many hands make light work." I hope everyone will consider ways they can share their time and skills to make this transition year a productive and spirit filled year. Please pray that all our work will be guided by the Holy Spirit and the outcome will help us to continue to do God's work in our community.

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**Dedications of naming gifts to our Capital Construction Campaign will take place in soon. It's not too late to make such a gift. We are verifying requested wording.**

## From the Vestry

We are looking forward to an exciting new year of changes here at St. Clement's and with these changes come an abundance of new possibilities for a bright future. While we have many new opportunities before us, we will need everyone's commitment to sustain and strengthen St. Clement's loving presence here in Rancho Cordova.

At an executive session of the Vestry on December 17<sup>th</sup> the vestry reviewed our budget and after prayerful reflection, decided our best option would be to transition Pastor Christine from full time to half time until her retirement on September 1, 2014 keeping her as full time for January and February giving all of us time to prepare for this change.

Starting in March, Pastor Christine will offer the Eucharist three Sundays per month and work one day a week in the office. For the remaining Sunday(s), the Vestry is considering several options, including having a supply priest or offering prayer services or a mixture of the two.

Mark your calendars for our World Café event on February 23<sup>rd</sup> where we will gather input from all our parishioners related to the search for a "Priest in Charge". It is important that everyone attend this event! Your input is vital; we look forward to hearing from you!

### Safety First for St. Clement's

Last Tuesday I called the Police to remove a transient man who had been camping inside our small recycling shed for three months. The police knew him. I am sympathetic to the need for homeless people to have shelter, but it cannot be at St. Clement's, where we have children going to Sunday School, as well as the Armenian School, sometimes only one person in the church or the office, and many community members attending weekly functions. I understand that some parishioners were aware of this person's presence, but I was not – until I saw him climb into the shed on Tuesday. He now has a "no trespass" order. He was given two hours to remove his belongings, but he could not get everything into the shopping cart he had. We will need to make the shed secure so that this does not happen again.

In the future, PLEASE let me or a vestry person know if you see signs of habitation on our grounds. We must keep this a safe facility for everyone.

*Pastor Christine+*

### We have a ukulele club!

Zoe Mitchell has graciously agreed to form a ukulele club for a little fun. There are two levels, beginner's (what's a ukulele) and advanced (a little skill or a lot of hutzpaugh). Beginners meet Tueadays at 6:00, right before Bible Study. More advanced participans meet Thursday's at 6:00pm in the parish Hall. Come-on-out. It's FUN!

### Lunch Bunch is Thursday, February 13

Everyone is welcome at our monthly noon healing service and fellowship lunch. Vicky McKinney is planning to cook this month. Please call the office to let us know you'll be there.

### Congregational Leadership Conference

Capital Deanery's Congregational Leadership Conference is Saturday, February 8 from 9 am to 12 noon at Faith Church, Cameron Park. The topic is Stewardship. The event is free but does require advance group registration. Please let Pastor Christine know if you will accompany her.

### Coming Soon: Challenge 2014: The Bible and the BCP!

It's a much lighter reading Schedule, and it begins on ash Wednesday.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Thrift Store 9-1pm Museum Day NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
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Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Beginning Ukulele 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm	Ukulele club 6:00pm		Beginning 10:00am Thrift Store 9-1pm Cong. Lead Conf 9:00-12:00 NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Beginning Ukulele 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon Ukulele Club 6:00pm Vestry Meeting	Happy Valentine's Day!	Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am World Café 2:00-5:00pm AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Beginning Ukulele 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm	Ukulele club 6:00pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	

## Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church February 2014

	SUNDAY Feb 2	SUNDAY Feb 9	SUNDAY Feb 16	SUNDAY Feb 23
	Presentation of Jesus	The Fifth Sunday after	The Sixth Sunday after	The Seventh Sunday after
	In The Temple	The Epiphany	The Epiphany	The Epiphany
Altar Guild	Irene Grant	Debbi Honeycutt		Stephen Soulman
	Randy Grimwood	Len Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee	
Ushers				
8:00 a.m.	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
Ushers				
10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Ray and Sherry Stults	Pam Quarles	Debbie Popp
Acolytes				
8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
Acolytes				
10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors				
8:00 a.m.	Jim Wash	Marj Heineke	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy
Lectors				
10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Chuck Maxson	David Bridges	Deb Bickford
	Pam Quarles	Kent Ransom	Len Honeycutt	Len Honeycutt
Intercessors				
8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Chris Wash
Intercessors				
10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Len Honeycutt	Deb Bickford	Chuck Maxson
E.M. (Chalice)				
8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
E.M.(Chalice)				
10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Sharon Burke-Polana	Len Honeycutt	Deida White
Coffee Hour				
8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris & Jim Wash	Irene Grant/M.Norsweather
Coffee Hour				
10:00a.m.	Mickey Boughton	Ken Dunham		Randy Grimwood
Counters				
	Pam Quarles	Debbie Popp	Marla Bridges	Terry Sandhoff
	Kent Ransom	Sherry Stults	Sharon Burke-Polana	Kent Ransom
	Ray Stults	Harry Shippy	Stephen Soulman	Sherry Stults
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8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Mickey Boughton	Debbi Honeycutt	Mickey Boughton	Debbi Honeycutt

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## ***Coming Attractions***

Saturdays	Thrift Store Open 9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesdays	Beginner's Ukulele 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm
Thursdays	Ukulele club 6:00pm
February 8	Daughter's of the King 10:00am Congregational Leadership 9:00-12:00noon
February 13	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon
Vestry Meeting	7:00pm (Portable)
February 15	Anchor Deadline
February 23	World Cafe 2:00 - 5:00pm

## **Birthdays**

February 1	Sharon Burke-Polana
February 9	Jennifer Yee
February 10	Marj Heineke Marilyn Robinson
February 28	David Weber

## **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](mailto:info@saint-clements.com) if you would like communion brought to you or a family member.

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

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Have you remembered the Church in  
your will?

## Lay Ministry Coordinator's Report 2013

It's been an eye opening and exciting time for me since I took over Lay Ministry duties from Bobbie in August. It's been so very rewarding and I feel much more involved in the church.

We had our Lay Ministry Fair in November as part of the Stewardship campaign. We are truly blessed by our creative and enthusiastic Lay Ministers who showed so much love for their ministry with their wonderful presentations. We recruited a few new volunteers: Deb Bickford as Lector/Intercessor and Rick Meyer, Altar Guild. In addition, Marla Bridges, Jennifer Yee, Trish M. Slaff and Carrol Cartwright have signed up as Coffee Hour Hostesses.

I would encourage everyone to choose one lay ministry to which they feel called to serve. We especially need more volunteers for ushering, and coffee hour hosts. We are also looking for several people who would help with coffee hour clean up after the 10:00AM service. There are written instructions to help you get started or speak to any coffee hour volunteer or me if you have a question.

To learn more about lay ministry involvement at St. Clement's, contact the leaders of each ministry, listed in the Anchor every month. They will be happy to tell you more about that particular function of our lay ministry program. There are written instructions for each lay ministry to help you get up to speed quickly.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Popp, Lay Ministry Coordinator

