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We begin anew

I hope that everyone takes the opportunity to thank God for another year – a new year in which to try again to do our best as God's people in this corner of the earth. I like to take a little quiet time on January 1st to reflect on what has happened in the past year, what looks to be in store in the coming year and center myself with a healthy and appreciative outlook.

Attitude is everything! Approaching each day with dread will put a frown on your face and prevent you from seeing the grace in someone else's eyes. On the contrary, putting a smile in your heart and a lilt in your step will translate into joy-filled encounters. It works, because God makes it work!

This year is going to be a poignant one for me, as I count down the last eight months of my wonderful tenure as your rector. I ask you to be gentle with me because I am very bad at good-byes. It's not time yet, but will be soon, to plan some small farewell and thank-you events. And one of my goals is to clean up all the church files so that they contain relevant information to carry on ministry and administration into the future. We've done a lot of clean-up and deferred maintenance – and absolute capital improvements – in the past several years. Although filing is my weakest suit, it is one of my tasks for the coming months.

Meanwhile, we all have a calling to build the Body of Christ at St. Clement's. We have everything we need to serve God effectively and creatively in Rancho Cordova.

May we be gracious to each other, always seeking the Holy Spirit in those we meet. We will be rewarded with surprises and blessings.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

New Year Blessings to one and all!

Pastor Christine +

Greet “Postulant” David Bridges!

As of the August 2013 meeting of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California our parishioner David Bridges was welcomed to postulancy for Holy Orders – in his case, the priesthood. There were some glitches in receiving the mail – changes of address, undelivered letter, etc, - but all that is straightened out.

Many have asked what the process is now for David, since he has already received a degree from an Episcopal seminary. David has a “liaison” with a member of the diocesan Commission on Ministry – the body that makes recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Bishop. Postulancy is not a guarantee that ordination will follow, but it is THE gateway!

I have recommended that David ask the Vestry at its January 12, 2014 meeting for its endorsement of his application for “Candidacy.” The Vestry must sign a statement, along with me, and forward that endorsement to the Standing Committee. Then a meeting with the Standing Committee must be scheduled. If and when the Standing Committee concurs, it recommends to the bishop that David become a Candidate for Holy Orders. At least six months must elapse between postulancy, candidacy, ordination to the Transitional Diaconate and ordination to the priesthood. It can take longer.

I have been trying to promote and facilitate this process as well as I can because I believe David has some wonderful gifts for The Episcopal Church. When he is ordained, God willing, he will be a priest for the whole church. He won’t ‘belong’ to St. Clement’s, but he could be called to St. Clement’s. That will be up to you.

Pastor Christine +

Annual Meeting of the Parish Sunday, January 26 at 9 am

Please mark your calendars NOW for our next Annual Meeting of the Parish. We will have one service, followed by the meeting, with election of new vestry persons (two positions are open, plus one alternate) and delegates to diocesan convention. Brunch will be served after voting. The budget for 2014 will be presented, as well as ministry reports.

If you have a ministry to report on, please submit it to info@saint-clements.com. E-mailed copy will make assembling the Annual Report easier. The deadline for reports is Sunday, January 12.

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year A

January 5

The Epiphany Observed

Isaiah 60:1-6

PSALM 72:1-7,10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

January 12

The First Sunday After the
Epiphany

Isaiah 42: 1-9

PSALM: 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

January 19

The Second Sunday After the
Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

PSALM: 40:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-19

John 1:29-42

January 26

The Third Sunday After the
Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

PSALM: 27:1,5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Putting the FUN and Friends in Fundraisers

Ever thought about St. Clement's developing a non-profit online "kickstarter" site? Or volunteering four times a year to work bingo? These are just two of the ideas for 2014 fundraisers.

The three-year Capital Campaign gift plan depends on raising \$2,000 a year in community FUNdraisers. And by FUNraisers, we mean Friend-raisers. This requires us to think *Bigger* to appeal and reach beyond our doorstep.

Here are the steps to a **successful** St. Clement's fundraiser:

- 90 days of planning
- Specific dollar-raised goal
- A team of volunteers to share the work load
- Announcements and publicity
- Minimal upfront funds to launch
- Invites beyond the immediate church family
- Approval of the Vestry

Fundraising today requires expanding beyond traditional bake sales and raffles. With a little creativity we can raise more money for our church. Contact Bobbie Keill (916.852.6837) if you would like to lead a 2014 fundraising event.

The Epiphany will be celebrated January 5

The official date is January 6, or the 12th night after Christmas, but at St. Clement's, and many other churches, we will observe it this year on Sunday, January 5. The Epiphany represents the revealing of the Christ Child to the world – the non-Jewish world personified by the wise men who followed a star to find Jesus. A very bright star was thought to indicate the birth of a king or special person. Jesus is, indeed, that special God-man.

The star provided a guiding light to seekers. Jesus is our guiding light and he invites us to light the world for others. Be light!

Note: Pastor Christine will be at a Continuing Education class at Seabury-Western Seminary in Chicago from Jan. 20-24. (She will take 3 vacation days in conjunction with this travel.) The Rev. Ernie Lewis, Associate at St. Martin's, Davis, will be our wonderful guest priest and preacher on January 19. Please give him your usual warm welcome. I think you are in for a treat!
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Baptism offered on January 12

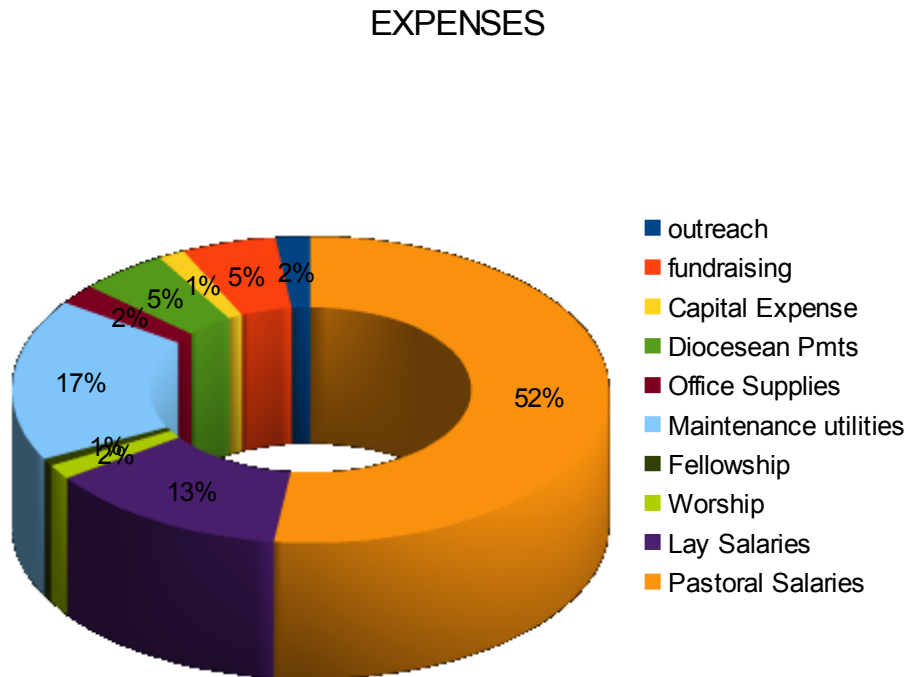
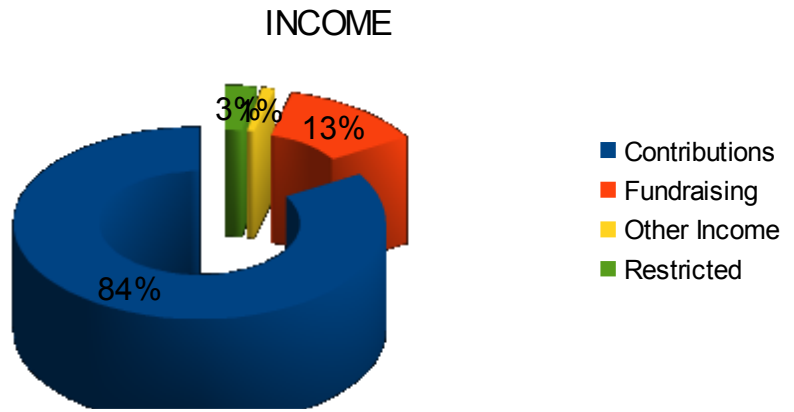
In the liturgical calendar, the Baptism of our Lord is observed on January 12. It is one of the four best days in the year for a person to be baptized (along with Easter Vigil, Pentecost and All Saints Day). On January 12 we will offer baptism at both Sunday services, but it does require advance arrangement and preparation with Pastor Christine. Please don't delay!

Lunch Bunch Thursday, January 9th

Please join us for our monthly noon healing service and fellowship lunch. Mary Norsweather is our chef this month! Please give the office a call to let us know you'll be joining us.

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

Income	
Contributions	119313
Fundraising	17978
Other Income	1628
Restricted	3923
	142842
Expenses	
Outreach	2708
Fundraising	7435
Capital Expense	2109
Diocesan Pmnts	6909
Office Supplies	3153
Maintenance & Utilities	24747
Fellowship	1146
Worship	2222
Lay Salaries	19181
Pastoral Salaries	75332
	144942
Net for Year	-2100



The Bible Challenge Celebration

On January 5 we will acknowledge everyone who started The Bible Challenge last January 6, and especially honor those who completed it! Some of the readings were very hard to take, but it is a real accomplishment to have continued the Challenge to the end. Please bring your Bible for a special blessing.

Full Military Honors for Gordon and Dee Wilcox

Our late parishioners Gordon and Dee Wilcox will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, January 9, 2014 with full military honors. Their long-time caregiver Karen Teague and her husband will be in attendance. Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the Wilcoxes on that day.

St. Clement's Vestry meets January 12 at 1 pm in the Portable Classroom

St. Clement's Episcopal Church January 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			AA 6:00pm			Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
			1	2	3	4
Epiphany Observed Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30pm	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
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am Holy Baptism Vestry Meeting 1:00pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm			Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am Pastor Christine at Con't Ed. AA 6:30pm	Pastor Christine at Con't Ed. Rector's Day Off	Pastor Christine at Con't Ed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Pastor Christine at Con't Ed. AA 6:00pm	Pastor Christine at Con't Ed.	Pastor Christine at Con't Ed.	Thrift Store 9-1pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Eucharist 9:00am Annual Meeting 10:00am AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church January 2014

	SUNDAY January 5	SUNDAY January 12	SUNDAY January 19	SUNDAY January 26
	Epiphany Observed	The First Sunday After	The Second Sunday After	The Third Sunday After
		The Epiphany	The Epiphany	The Epiphany
Altar Guild	Irene Grant	Debbi Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee	Deidra White
	Phyllis Rayburn	Len Honeycutt	Stephen Souلمان	Kara Magdaleno
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.	Mari Heineke	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Chris Wash
Lectors				
10:00 a.m.	Deb Bickford	Pam Quarles	Bobbie Keill	Len Honeycutt
	Chuck Maxson	Kent Ransom	David Bridges	Deb Bickford
Intercessors				
8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy
10:00 a.m.	Bill Murray	Bobbie Keill	Ray Stults	David Bridges
E.M. (Chalice)				
8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
10:00 a.m.	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Deidra White	Bobbie Keill
Coffee Hour				
8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweather	Chris & Jim Wash	Irene Grant
Coffee Hour				
10:00a.m.	Zoe Boughton	Jennifer Yee	Carrol Cartright	Trish M. Slaff
Counters	Muriel Murray	Kent Ransom	Ray Stults	Guido Polona
	Sharon Burke-Polona	Sherry Stults	Harry Shippy	Stephen Souلمان
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8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Mickey Boughton	Debbi Honeycutt

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Coming Attractions

Saturdays	Thrift Store Open 9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesdays	Bible Study 7:00pm Parish Hall
January 5	Epiphany Observed
January 9	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon
January 11	Daughter's of the King 10:00am
January 12	Baptisms Vestry Meeting 1:00pm
January 15	Anchor Deadline
January 26	Combined Service 9:00am Annual Meeting 10:00am

Birthdays

January 2	Donna Menser Dallas Bennett Jr.
January 18	Kent Ransom
January 21	Janelle Fallan
January 30	Rick Meyer Cheyenne Bennett

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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your will?