



## St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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*A Veteran Friendly Congregation*

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### *"Anchored" to God*

In a recent sermon I referenced the Georgia school bookkeeper who talked a heavily-armed, mentally-ill gunman into laying down his arms and surrendering instead of rampaging through an elementary school with close to 900 children. You've probably heard of Antoinette Tuff by now. She attributed her ability to remain calm and relate personally to the assailant, whom she recognized as crazed and needy, to her faith in God. In particular, she recalled her pastor's teaching about "anchoring."

I've thought about that phrase and its resonance with our congregational icon – "the Anchor." You may not know or remember where that originates. Read on.

St. Clement's was named for St. Clement of Rome, the fourth pope (or Bishop of Rome) after St. Peter, if certain records are believed. Clement may have worked with the apostle Paul, and he died (or his feast day) is November 23, 101. According to tradition, St. Clement was martyred by being tied to an anchor and cast into the Caspian Sea. Hence, the anchor that appears in our logo. All of this is actually conjecture, as Clement was a popular name in New Testament times, and ancient letters are not consistent, even as to the order of the early popes. But this is **our** story, and we are sticking to it!

Because we are "anchored" as a parish to St. Clement, let's be constructive with his history. I really like Antoinette Tuff's report of her pastor's emphasis on being "anchored." It fits us so well. An anchor was perhaps an instrument of death for St. Clement, but for most sea-going vessels it is a tool of safety. To be **anchored** is to withstand the fierce moods of elemental forces to destroy. To be **anchored** is to know the source of your strength. To be **anchored** means that you know where you are, who you are and **whose** you are.

Most of us could benefit from better "anchoring." We need reminders that God holds us in safety, amidst all sorts of turbulence beyond our control.

And now to Fall. Social and family and political life in the United States seems to follow the school year in large measure. That

# The Anchor

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school year has just begun. Whether we are students, teachers, parents, grand-parents or community members, let us pray for our school systems that they may be *anchored* in their respect for unique gifts, patient with challenges, and prepared to promote the confidence and mastery of all our children.

Fall blessings to you, and thank you, St. Clement, for teaching us about anchors.

Pastor Christine +

## **Founders' Day Picnic MOVED to September 21**

It will be cooler (we hope) a little later into September. Please save the date of Saturday, September 21, at 3:30 pm for our annual parish picnic (moved from September 7). Afterward we may be lucky enough to have another edition of Cowboy Church, which would be a nice way to wrap up a lovely afternoon.

## **Responsible Dog Ownership Day**

Gabby Jack Ranch is hosting a multi-purpose free event on Saturday, September 7, from 10 am to 3 pm at their training center at 8212 Fair Oaks Blvd., in Carmichael. There will be opportunities for your dog to learn new tricks, enjoy family friendly activities, and pet therapy and service dog demonstrations. Finally, for only \$15 you can have your dog tested for Canine Good Citizenship certification (an AKC standard). If you need more information, contact [GabbyJackRanch.org](http://GabbyJackRanch.org) or 916-966-6758. Our parishioner, Terry Sandhoff, is Gabby Jack Ranch's trainer, and she will host this event.

### **Lunch Bunch will be September 12**

Please join us for a noon healing and Eucharist service, followed by a fellowship lunch. It's helpful to call the office to say you are coming, but if you forget, come anyway.

# Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year C

## **September 1**

The Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13

PSALM 81:1,10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-19

Luke 14:1,7-14

## **September 8**

The Sixteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11

PSALM: 139:1-5,13-17

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

## **September 15**

The Seventeenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28

PSALM: 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

## **September 22**

The Eighteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

PSALM: 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

## **September 29**

The Nineteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15

PSALM 91:1-6,14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

## **+Pastor Christine thanks St. Clement's for 8 wonderful years**

August 15, 2005 is the day I began my service at St. Clement's. It continues to be one of the crowning opportunities of my life to offer what gifts and training I have to build this community of faith. In the past eight years we have welcomed many new and now active parishioners into our mutual fellowship. We have also said good-bye to some dear friends, who either moved away or moved to their eternal reward.

Facing challenges keeps a faith community focused. We strive to serve our surrounding area in evolving ways, and to share our financial gifts with needy areas of the world. Safe Harbor was our primary outreach for six years, but when Cordova Lane closed we looked for new ways to be a healing presence in the community. It may be that ministry with veterans becomes a new focus; we are still discerning God's guidance.

There is never a time when we can "coast" as a parish. There are always new children and families to nourish, new adults who are just discovering faith, and older members who need more care.

We are a pastoral sized parish, which means that we are bigger than a congregation in which one or two families constitute the bulk of participants, but smaller than those with multiple large programs requiring several paid staff. Among congregations in our diocese we are just about in the middle, with half the congregations smaller or much smaller and half bigger or much bigger. Kind of an interesting place to be – right on the median.

We do many things that larger parishes do: great music program, Sunday School, weekly adult Bible study, and significant CROP Walk fund-raising, to name just a few.

With our recent Episcopal Community Services grant, we put a new floor in our first portable so that it can be a flexible space for community recovery meetings – especially for veterans and their families – as well as usable for our own Sunday School. This has encouraged us look at the small classroom, which has been used only once a week for the

Armenian Cultural Center. We can make it more flexible, too. That would give us three different sized spaces – the Parish Hall, the first portable, and the small classroom – available for non-profit group, as well as parish use. This will surely be good news for our four weekly AA meetings, especially when we have to ask them to move to a less convenient space to make room for a church event.

As I begin my last year at St. Clement's I am excited by the spirit of collaboration I see at every turn. We have new people stepping up to leadership. We have a vibrant Bible Study on Tuesday nights now led by David Bridges after many years with Betty Chapman; we have another vibrant ministry in Ukulele Club which Zoe Mitchell leads with grace and encouragement, and she now has four child-size ukuleles for our children's ukulele lessons, which will begin during Sunday School. Our Daughters of the King chapter is a strong group with president Debbie Honeycutt. The Saturday Thrift Store continues in its fourth year under its founders Denise and Emilito Smith. They serve a growing clientele with good quality items at very reasonable prices. And we have two separate veterans groups about to start – one for male vets and one for female spouses.

A committee of the parish worked together this spring to plan how to retire our capital debt in three years, and it is SO doable! When everyone pitches in what they can, it will be accomplished!

Please know that in the next year I am wholly devoted to St. Clement's. I give thanks to God and to you faithful people of St. Clement's for the privilege of serving as your *clergy* leader. Actually, the leadership role at St. Clement's is shared very broadly. Carole Maxson conceives, schedules and leads all music. Chris Wash organizes helpers at the 8 am service. Bobbie Keill has for 11 years organized the moving parts at the 10 am service, and in August Debbie Popp agreed to succeed Bobbie. Randy Grimwood fixes all

## Moving Forward Together

By Vonnie Madigan

What does our congregation value most? This is the central question that the Capital Campaign Committee asked as we started our work. We had a bold goal of retiring the debt in three years. We couldn't reach that goal without knowing where your hearts and minds rested.

We didn't want to guess. We wanted to get it right. So we confidentially asked twelve members of our active congregation, nearly one about:

- What do you value most as a member of St. Clement's?
- What do you think the church will be remembered for?

Whether the person had worshipped at St. Clement's for two years or twenty years, the answer was the same: **To love kindness, walk humbly with God, seek to live according to the spirit of Jesus, and to serve others.**

These are the *shared* intentions and actions of our community of faith. The Capital Campaign brochure photos reminded me that we are the household of God. Our congregation has been and will continue to be active. God speaks through our desires to help shape our life of faith together.

### **Campaign Progress**

Your response to the mailed appeal has been encouraging. Thank you!

As of August 22, 2013, *just two weeks* after the Phase 2 Capital Campaign launch, we have received the following commitments:

- \$40,000 raised during the campaign quiet period
- \$22,500 raised in parish member *new* commitments

Drum roll, please! We have achieved 42% of our commitment goal of \$149,000.

We have nearly 30 days to complete the Phase 2 campaign outreach.

- Please send in your 2014-2016 green promise card today.

- A 2013 donation to the Phase 2 campaign pays down the loan immediately and helps us avoid interest payments.
- Celebrate all donations at both services on Sunday, September 22.

Remember the dreams and hopes and visions of God are bold and beautiful.

Now more than ever, **pray for our church, worship with us, love God and love one another. Be with us.**

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### **8 Wonderful years** (Continued from page 3)

manor things around the church property. Debbie Honeycutt took over as Altar Guild Directress from long-time leader Marj Heineke. Len Honeycutt schedules Lay Eucharistic Ministers to take Communion to the home or hospital-bound. And Len has just volunteered to be our CROP Walk coordinator for this year – great news! Harry Shippy does many things: Anchor editor, office back-up, clerk of the Vestry, bank-depositor, and provider of a cup of coffee for me when I arrive on Sunday mornings.

Then there's Kent Ransom who serves as treasurer, a role he inherited from Kathleen Gallagher, who capably assumed the responsibility when Diane Rubenstein died suddenly. "Treasurer" is a huge task. We make sure than others reconcile the checkbooks – not the Treasurer – but it is the Treasurer who pays bills and prepares financial statements and projections for the Vestry to use in managing parish resources.

I have surely forgotten several people, but, in fact, it would be impossible to mention everyone who helps keeps this congregation functioning. What a good problem that is! We are all grateful for your ministries!

Pastor Christine +

<p>Do you have a will? Have you remembered the Church in your will?</p>
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# St Clement's Episcopal Church September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm				Thrift Store open 9:00am - 1:00pm Responsible Dog Ownership 10:00- 3:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am Vestry Meeting 12:00noon 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
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am Celebration Sunday AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm			Thrift Store open 9:00am-1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
29	30					
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off					

## Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church September 2013

	Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Jennifer Yee Stephen Souلمان	Deidra White Kara Magdalena	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee Stephen Souلمان
Ushers	Randy Grimwood Bill Murray	Randy Grimwood Ray/Sherry Stults	Randy Grimwood Kent Ransom	Randy Grimwood Pam Quarles	Randy Grimwood Bill Murray
8:00 a.m.					
10:00am					
Acolytes	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
8:00 a.m.					
Acolytes	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbi Honeycutt
10:00 a.m.					
Lectors	Mari Heineke	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy
8:00 a.m.					
Lectors	Len Honeycutt David Bridges	Bill Murray Pam Quarles	David Bridges Kent Ransom	Chuck Maxson Muriel Murray	Harry Shippy Bobbie Keill Len Honeycutt
10:00 a.m.					
Intercessors					
8:00a.m.	Jim Wash	Rick Meyer	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy	Rick Meyer
10:00 a.m.	David Bridges	Chuck Maxson	Ray Stults	Bobbie Keill	Kent Ransom
E.M. (Chalice)	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
8:00a.m.					
E.M.(Chalice)	Len Honeycutt	Deidra White	Sharon Burke-Polana	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt
10:00 a.m.					
Coffee Hour	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweather Phyllis Rayburn	Chris & Jim Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood	Janelle Fallan Ken Durham
8:00 a.m.					
Coffee Hour	Pam Quarles Mickey Boughton	Victoria McKinney	Terry Sandhoff	Bobbie Keill	Debbie Popp
10:00a.m.					
Counters	Kent Ransom Guido Polana	Muriel Murray Stephen Souلمان	Sharon Burke-Polana Shery Stults	Guido Polana Harry Shippy	Ray Stults Bill Murray
PLE					
8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray

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Debbi Popp	635-3097
Ethel Bartmess	452-0783
Matt Suhar	400-4264
Terry Sandhoff	966-6549

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

September 9	Christine Leigh-Taylor James Patterson Charles Stanfield Addison Quarles
September 10	Jim Wash
September 11	Harry Shippy Alana Stanfield
September 14	Muriel Murray
September 15	Bill Murray Chris Wash
September 19	Violet Benesh
September 20	Barb Patterson
September 27	Jackson Bennett Chuck Maxson

## **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.

### **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.

**The Rev. Christine Leigh-Taylor, Rector**  
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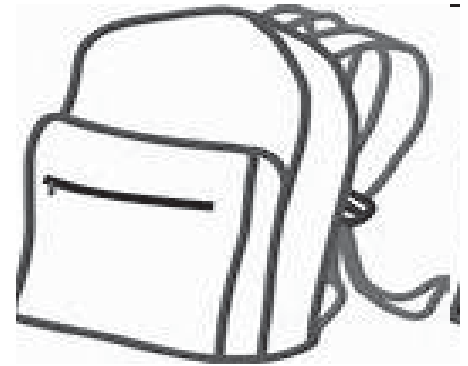
## REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE



Don't forget the blessing of the backpacks  
September 8, both services

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September 2013

First Class

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## Coming Attractions

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1:00
Tuesdays	Bible Study 7:00pm
Thursdays	Ukulele Club 5:30 Beginners, 6:00 Regular Club
September 7	Responsible Dog Ownership 10:00-3:00pm
September 8	Vestry 12:00noon
September 12	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon
September 14	Daughter's of the King 10:00am
September 15	Anchor Deadline
September 21	Founder's Day Picnic 3:30pm
September 22	Celebration Sunday both services