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Still learning

If we're still living, we ought to keep learning. At least that's the way I look at the gift of years. Do you REALLY want to go on doing the same old, same old? I don't think so! It's boring. Much better to challenge yourself with some new ideas.

A class I took in June *really* challenged me. It was titled "Community organizing for missional living," which sounds like it could be about something fairly innocuous, like arranging your church committees. That was *so* not what this was about!

Community organizing is learning about power – what it is and how to create it. Power is not a finite quantity that you either have or don't have. Power *can be* a force or influence that a group of people *generate* with their collective effort. The concepts of community organizing originate in the Bible – read Nehemiah for a very good account of the techniques.

I included some of these ideas in my sermon on June 24, but I think they bear repeating. The most important concept is that power is neither good nor bad, but simply the ability to act. Power can be unilateral – *power over* – or relational – *power with*. During the week-long class (at Seabury-Western Seminary in Chicago) we were taken on a "field trip" to join a particular community that is seeking to generate some power to save family homes. This was West Englewood, a largely Hispanic and African American township in South Chicago that has experienced over 6,000 foreclosures from six major banks in the past two years, and now has over 673 empty addresses – most residential, but a few commercial ones, too. We walked around a four-block area to see for ourselves that nearly every other attractive, two-story red brick dwelling was boarded up with plywood over windows and doors. It was shocking! The walk was mostly for the benefit of "outsiders" like us; the residents know the situation only too well.

There are other problems in the community, especially gang violence. But the purpose of community organizing is to identify a specific issue and specific actions that can be addressed by specific individuals in power. The violence in the area may become

the next focus, but for now it is housing.

West Englewood leaders have put in a lot of behind-the-scenes work. They've lined up support and commitments from clergy in the area, leaders of the local hospital, the principal and teachers from local schools, an independent bank willing to invest, and a developer to rehab some of those vacant houses for displaced families.

When it became known that the Illinois Attorney General had negotiated a financial settlement from several big banks that were implicated in some of the foreclosure irregularities of the past few years (California will also receive some of this money), West Englewood leaders decided to invite the Attorney General to an assembly in the neighborhood. The purpose was simple: to convince her to allocate some of the settlement money to their project. They wanted her to see and hear that this neighborhood was organized, capable and ready to spend funds productively.

There was no protest rhetoric or threat of a sit-in if the Attorney General didn't give them what they wanted. There was, instead, careful planning for the event, and attention to exact timing so that speeches didn't run over their allotted time. The leaders knew that the Attorney General was not able to make a commitment that night, but their purpose was served effectively.

What did I learn from watching all this? Several things. Whenever I feel that I am powerless to do something, I should re-check my thinking. There are often options for redress that I discard as being "too much trouble." Have you ever found yourself thinking that? We don't have to be vitriolic to point out when a moral transgression has been made; a gentle statement that something "not right" happened might be sufficient.

I also learned that "community organizing" is not a leftist political conspiracy. That would have made me very uncomfortable. No political leanings were ever suggested. Instead, the leaders were individually quite religious, all active members of congregations. They made no bones about the motivation behind their choice of work: they're trying to help build the kingdom of God on earth. Jesus said the kingdom was "at hand." They believe it. They are spending their lives to make it real for all of us. This is their mission. It is our mission, too. Look at our Catechism: "The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" which, in my mind, means building the kingdom of God.

Finally, I'm not going to change my vocation as a priest in The Church. But I now have a real appreciation for the importance of building relationships of trust and common interest to address, and maybe solve an issue. Any issue? I don't know.

Do you have a social issue about which you are passionate? We know many people who pursue their individual interests, but is there something that calls us to work together for our common good? If so, let's look at it as a community of faith.

In Jesus' name,
Pastor Christine +

Bible Readings

for the month
Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

July 1
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
2 Samuel 1:1,7-27
PSALM 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10
PSALM 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19
PSALM 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
2 Samuel 7:1-14a
PSALM 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34,53-56

July 29
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:1-15
PSALM 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

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At a Glance

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1
Sundays	Bible Study 8:45am
	Sunday School room
Fridays	Bible Study 10:30am
July 4	Independence Day
July 5	Lunch Bunch 12 noon
July 8	Vestry Meeting 12:00noon
July 14	Daughters of the King 10:00am
July 15	Anchor Deadline
July 29-Aug 2	Vacation Bible School

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 3	Denise Smith Sharon Griffin
July 6	Marissa Smith
July 14	Carole Maxson
July 15	Henry Jensen
July 16	Charlie Patterson
July 17	Johnny Griffin
July 19	Kristi Hayward
July 20	Jimi Benesh
July 22	Jeffrey Voetsch
July 24	Saralu Methven
July 27	Mary Alice Hayward

Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits

Please call the church office(635-5282) or send an e-mail to the church (st.clements@hotmail.com) if you would like communion brought to you or a family member.

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Could you be an usher?

Of course you could! How would you feel coming into a church where most everyone seems occupied with talking to each other and there's no one to greet you with a smile and a bulletin? You wouldn't feel welcome.

Ushering is a very important ministry of welcome. Usher(s) may explain that Sunday School is available (at 10 am), may alert the priest to special needs for communion, and makes sure both visitors and regulars have what they need to participate fully in the service. Ushers take a count of those present, and give that number to the priest when they bring up the bread and wine for consecration at the offertory. Then they pass the offering plates to everyone (please don't skip anyone – they actually feel ignored!) and bring the offering forward to be consecrated. Ushers make sure everyone able is invited to Holy Communion, and alert the priest to bring Communion to those who are not as mobile.

It's not rocket science, as they say, but it is really important. Could you be an usher? We need you! Please speak to Pastor Christine or Bobbie Keill (10 am service) or Randy Grimwood (8 am service) to get on the usher's rotation (probably once a month).

Founders' Day Picnic September 8 - Save the Date!

St. Clement's real founding day was September 10, 1961. Last year we celebrated our 50th anniversary on Sept. 10 with a festive picnic - plus entertainment- on the lawn. This year we're planning another picnic, with hot dogs (meat and veggie), beverages, and whatever else YOU bring on Saturday September 8, from 12 to 3 pm. Bobbie Keill has volunteered to coordinate the food, assisted by Harry Shippy and Randy Grimwood. Do you have ideas for games (especially for children) or entertainment? Please talk to Pastor Christine.

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church

Every three years all the dioceses of The Episcopal Church (headquartered in the USA but including churches in 15 nations) meet to conduct policy and business. This is one of those years, and General Convention will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 5-12. (If you want to follow actions on resolutions, check www.generalconvention.org.)

Among the resolutions that will be addressed are the issue of "open communion" – offering the holy gifts to anyone who presents him-or-herself to receive them, along with a proposed liturgy for blessing same-sex unions. The biggest topic will probably be the Anglican Covenant, a proposed document which sets forth the basics of common belief among all Anglican-related churches and which also states a mechanism for dealing with churches who "offend" other churches in the Communion by their actions. The Church of Scotland recently voted against the Covenant; churches in England are split on the Covenant. Only Churches which agree to the Covenant can vote to exclude a Church from the Anglican Communion. There is much more to the discussion. Google Anglican Covenant for a fuller description.

Thank you, St. Clement's Choir!

Who are among the most faithful and enthusiastic worshippers at St. Clement's? The choir! Sunday in and Sunday out, they come to sing God's praises, led by the incomparable Carole Maxson. The choir, as a group, takes summer off to allow for vacations, but when they're in town, they'll be singing their hearts out with all of us. However, if you have a musical gift to share, now would be a good time to speak to Carole.

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

Camp Noel Porter is the most fantastic summer camp!

I went to Girl Scout camps and Church camps when I was a child. Both were good, but I recall the Church camps as best.

Have your children – or grandchildren – had the experience of summer camp? It’s a great opportunity to explore new activities under the supervision of dedicated counselors. Camp Noel Porter is our Diocesan campground, and it couldn’t be located at a more beautiful place – Lake

Tahoe! Two years ago I volunteered to be camp chaplain (yes, it has a religious element!) for a week, and I’m going back this year to be chaplain at a Junior High camp session from July 22-28. Other sessions are available – if you contact them soon – for other ages.

Camp Noel Porter becomes a tradition that campers pass on to their children. We have brochures with camp dates in the narthex. Or call Pastor Christine. Or go to CampNoelPorter.org.

Pastor Christine +

BABYLON: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

INTERGENERATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2012 6-8 P.M.

United Methodist Church of Rancho Cordova
2101 Zinfandel Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-635-4242

REGISTRATION FORM

Cost: \$5.00 per family (scholarships available)

Names of attendees: (Adults may specify “Adult”. For children, please list ages.)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency

Contact: _____

Special Information/Allergies/Medical Conditions:

_____ No Cost Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

each evening. Will your attendees participate? Yes __No__

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Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church July 2012

	SUNDAY July 1	SUNDAY July 8	SUNDAY July 15	SUNDAY July 22	SUNDAY July 29
July 2012	5th Sunday after Pentecost	8th Sunday after Pentecost	7th Sunday after Pentecost	8th Sunday after Pentecost	9th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Stephen Souلمان Jennifer Yee	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi & Len Honeycutt	Stephen Souلمان Jennifer Yee
Ushers	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	
Ushers	Pam Quarles Janelle Fallan	Ray & Sherry Stults Chris Wash	help needed Harry Shippy	help needed Harry Shippy	help needed Jim Wash
10:00 a.m. Acolytes					
8:00 a.m. Acolytes					
10:00 a.m. Lectors	Debbie Popp Ken Dunham	Debbi Honeycutt Jim Wash	Kathleen Gallagher Chris Wash	Debbi Honeycutt Harry Shippy	Debbi Honeycutt Chris Wash
8:00 a.m. Lectors	Bill Murray Quintilla Wells	David Bridges Sarah Moridi	Chuck Maxson Muriel Murray	Bobbie Keill Kent Ransom	Mike Chapman Pam Quarles
10:00 a.m. Intercessors	Harry Shippy	Ken Dunham	Jim Wash	Saralu Methven	Harry Shippy
8:00a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Mike Chapman Janelle Fallan	Ray Stults Chris Wash	David Bridges Harry Shippy	Chuck Maxson Harry Shippy	Bobbie Keill Jim Wash
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.					
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Deidra White	Debbi Honeycutt	Sharon Burke-Polana	Muriel Murray	Bobbie Keill
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweather Phyllis Rayburn	Jim & Chris Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood	Janelle Fallan Ken Dunham
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Debbie Popp	Kathleen Gallagher Betty Chapman	Carrol Cartwright	Bobbie Keill	Terry Sandhoff
Counters	Ray Stults Bill Murray	Kent Ransom Harry Shippy	Muriel Murray Sharon Burke-Polana	Guido Polana Stephen Souلمان	Kent Ransom Sherry Stults
PIE 8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Betty Chapman	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Muriel

July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Holy Eucharist 8:00-10:00am Bible Study 8:45am AA 6:30 pm	Rector's Day Off		Independence Day AA 6:00pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon	Bible Study 10:30am	Thrift Store open9-1:00pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31	1	2		
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Sunday Morning Bible Study at 8:45 am

Vacation Bible School for all ages July 29 to August 3

in conjunction with the Methodist and the Baptist Churches

Check it out!!!!!!!!!!

Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

This year we are trying something a little different for Vacation Bible School. St. Clement's is teaming with two other neighborhood churches, United Methodist Church of Rancho Cordova and Cordova Baptist Church. The theme is "Daniel's Courage in Captivity. There will be play-lets, crafts and food. The event is inter-generational, any age is invited. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per family. This should prove to be a lot of fun. The date and time is Sunday, July 29 to Thursday, August 2. VBS is from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, with a light dinner at 5:30 for those who would like it. A registration form is on page five and there are plenty in the Narthex. Just return them to the church office, or to Harry Shippy or Muriel Murray. You can also register on-line at: <http://tinyurl.com/rcvbs2012>.

JULY 2012

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

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First Class

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Lunch Bunch is July 5

Victoria McKinney is planning a special menu of Fourth of July favorites. Please join us at noon on Thursday, July 5 for a short Eucharist with healing prayers, followed by a fellowship lunch.

Rancho Cordova Fourth of July

On Wednesday, July 4, the community lines Coloma Road for an old fashioned parade, starting at 10 am. St. Clement's has been in the parade for several years, but not last year or this year. Still, go and enjoy our community spirit, and the fun in Hagan Park afterwards. There is a \$2 admission to the park (children free), and fireworks in the evenings on July 3 and 4.