



St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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A Veteran Friendly Congregation

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Still learning.....

I just spent a week in Chicago in a class called "Non-Profit Management" offered by the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. I believe Bp Beisner and Canon Britt have attended this class, and this year our Cathedral Dean Brian Baker was there, with me and a lot of other church leaders, most of them Episcopalian.

I actually wasn't expecting much, because my entire secular career, and my ministry, have involved managing non-profit organizations. My last position with the University of California, Berkeley was even at its own business school (Haas) as the assistant dean (for budget and operations, not academics).

Fortunately, I have a very positive attitude when subjecting myself to new experiences, and because of that I am always a winner! This time, however, the presenters were so outstanding and the content so relevant that I want to share with you – sooner rather than later - a few ideas that I think can enrich our communal life.

There were five modules, each presented over 3-4 hours: values-based leadership, team building, social media strategy, leading and following, and finally, leading change in a faith community. (This program consumed three full days; the other two days of my class were strictly for the doctoral students and was held at the Seabury seminary center.)

Values are what motivate us. As a faith community we hold some values in common, but not all. For instance, what do we think is the role of "church"? Is it to spread the gospel, to educate, to offer forgiveness, or comfort, or fellowship? These are just a few of many possibilities. How would you rank your answers? How important is welcome? How important are our rituals? How do we decide among competing opportunities or pressures? How do we treat children? How do we treat money? Questions such as these reveal our individual values, and when taken together, they show the dominant values of our congregation. We will be exploring our values in an event this coming fall.

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Team-building is something most of us are familiar with. In fact, we probably subscribe to some of the prevalent myths about team building: that conflict is bad, a strong leader is key, and failure is caused by personality clashes. What we learned, in a couple of active exercises, is that a team is a group committed to a common purpose, performance goals and approach to which the members are mutually accountable. Think of a group you were part of in the past. Was it a “team” according to the above definition, or more of an ad-hoc working group? Is the Altar Guild a working group or a team? That might be an interesting topic for them to explore. What about the Vestry or the choir? Teams may have a special task or a time-certain life, but not necessarily. It depends on that common purpose and approach to which they hold themselves. Not all successful efforts need to be handled by teams, and in some cases they are not the best way to go.

My personal area of biggest learning concerned social media. I admit that I am less than excited about posting on my personal or the church’s Facebook pages. I understand that we have to have a church web-site, but a twitter account too? Well, I need to get over it, because other people are watching our Facebook and web-pages, and I, as pastor, need to be paying attention to that. There is already research describing the impact of social media. For example, one study shows that 73% of Facebook users don’t ever post anything! They are spectators, reading what other people are saying and “liking.”

The old forms of communication – newsletters, e-mail announcements, etc. – are one-directional. I write something and send it to you, and you don’t get to respond. The new forms – especially Facebook – are multi-directional. I can post something; you can respond. Or you can post something on my web-page, and other people can respond. And you can “share” something on my Facebook page with your whole network of “friends.”

Multi-directional communication is the way of the future. I cannot ignore it, even if I don’t particularly like Facebook.

Now I know that many of our parishioners don’t have e-mail accounts, let alone Facebook connections. But, if we want St. Clement’s to thrive as a vital faith community in the 21st century, we need to be relating to those parishioners who do communicate through social media. We could definitely use some help in this area!

The fourth module of our program was by far the most exhilarating! It had to do with leading and following.

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year C

July 7

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14

PSALM 66:1-8

Galatians 6Ⓢ 1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

PSALM: 25:1-9

Collossians 1: 1-14

Luke 10: 38-42

July 21

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18: 1-10a

PSALM: 15

Collossians 1:15-28

Luke 10: 38-42

July 28

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18: 20-32

PSALM: 138

Collossians 2: 6-15, (16-19)

Luke 11: 1-13

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Who would have thought that following is as challenging as leading? We had a fantastic presenter (a professor of management) who is, among other things, a tango aficionado. She presented much of her material in the form of a tango lesson! We paired up with whoever was standing next to us and embarked on some deceptively simple exercises. One person was “leader” (standing on the left), the other “follower” (standing on the right). In order to stay in contact, “follower” put his/her left hand on “leader’s” right shoulder. Got the picture? We began by walking side by side. If “leader” turned or stopped or went backwards, “follower” had to stay at “leader’s” side. Then we switched roles, so every “follower” was now “leader.” We did this switching through all the subsequent exercises, too. This much was pretty easy.

Then, we had to do the same thing, except the “followers” closed their eyes! The only way to tell where the “leader” was going was by sensing direction through the hand on the “leader’s” shoulder. This actually turned out to be easier, because our eyes give us all sorts of confusing information. Eventually, we faced our partner, put our hands on the partner’s arms and each of us *leaned in* to feel the partner’s moves. What was so revealing about the tango lesson was how much responsibility the “follower” carries. A successful partnership depends equally on the “leader” and the “follower” communicating – often non-verbally – with each other.

The final session was specifically directed at congregations and how they deal with change. This portion was taught by a faculty member who is also an associate pastor of a large church. The speaker emphasized several key elements of successful change efforts, including the essential role played by communication.

It’s not hard to see how these topics can be critical in the life of St. Clement’s. Exploring and understanding our values. Working together as purposeful teams. Getting comfortable with social media.

Learning that creative and responsible following is just as important as leading. And hearing again the importance of repetitive and continuing communication. These are not niceties; they are must-dos for any congregation.

Just last week our brother Greg Voetsch died. We communicated this news in a special e-mail announcement. However, a certain number of our parishioners don’t use e-mail, and so they were surprised when the memorial service date was shared the following Sunday. We usually follow up e-mails with telephone calls, but that didn’t happen well in this case. Obviously we need more people on the phone tree.

St. Clement’s has to keep up with media technology to do a good job of encouraging communication among and between current and potential parishioners. If you have a knack for or an interest in this, please talk to me. In the meantime, we are all still learning. That’s a very good thing!

Blessings,

Pastor Christine +

Tennessee BBQ – let’s do it again!

All sorts of people got in the act at our Tennessee-style BBQ June 22. There were the folks who rubbed the meat and started the smoking process (which went on for 16 hours or so!). There were those who came by in the middle of the night to say ‘Hi’ (thank you, Marj), and those who made salads and sides and sauce at home and brought them in the morning. And there were the Ukulele players from “Strum” who entertained us with cleverly updated standards. And, of course, all of us who just came to enjoy the great vibes. We still have some small packages of smoked pork in the freezer – nicely trimmed – that you can take home for just \$6 per pound. It is melt-in-your-mouth delicious! Thank you David Bridges for both the inspiration and the organization! This is definitely something we’ll want to do again!

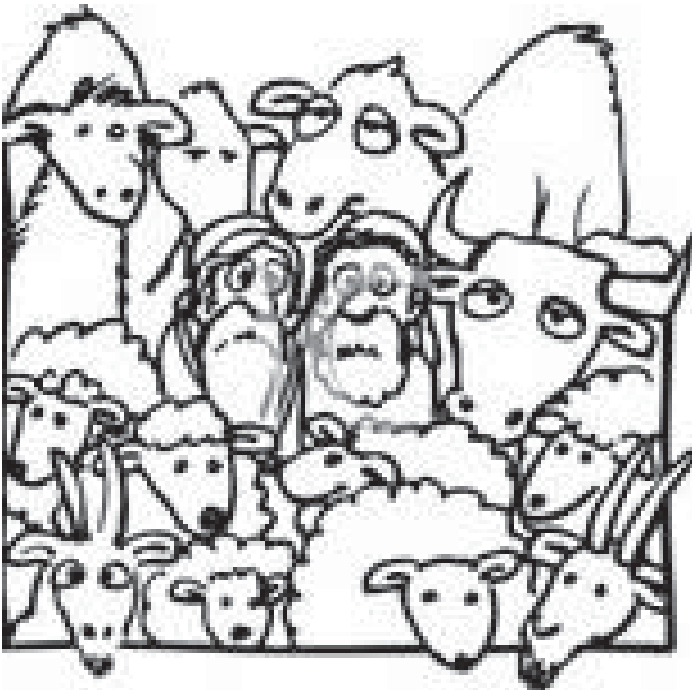
At a Glance

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1
Tuesdays	Bible Study 7:00pm
Thursdays	Ukulele Club - 6:00pm Parish Hall
July 7	Vestry Meeting: 12:00noon
July 11	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon
July 13	Daughter's of the King 10:00am
July 15	Anchor Deadline
July 20	Cowboy Church

Community Vacation Bible School July 24-26

Once again we are joining with Cordova Baptist Church and the United Methodist Church of Rancho Cordova to offer an inter-generational Vacation Bible School. This year the program, called "HayDay VBS," will be held at Cordova Baptist Church, 10527 Coloma Road in Rancho from 5 pm to 8:30 pm, beginning with dinner. A \$5.00 donation *per family* is requested.

VBS is tons of fun for all ages, but especially for kids from kindergarten to sixth grade.



Lunch Bunch July 11

Did you know that we've been offering Lunch Bunch – our monthly Thursday noon Eucharist and fellowship lunch - for 7 years now? My mother was the instigator, because my home parish, All Souls, Berkeley, had a wonderful monthly lunch ministry that my mother enjoyed, even though she usually went her Albany parish on Sundays. My mother thought we could do the same thing at St. Clement's, and we have.

The way we do it is very simple. Originally Jim Wash partnered with Pastor Christine. A couple of years ago, when Jim's work schedule made this ministry impossible, Harry Shippy stepped up. That's what happens with a ministry that has "legs." (That means, the means and the people to go forward appear when needed.)

We don't know how long Lunch Bunch will continue, but as long as 5 or 6 or 10 or 14 gather to worship and enjoy fellowship, we will continue. It's a different group every month, which is why it is so delightful.

Between Harry and Pastor Christine we have back-up lunch sponsors. We welcome hosts who would like to provide a simple lunch for the group. It doesn't cost you anything; bring your receipts and you will be reimbursed. The joy is in being together – in church and at table.

Pastor Christine

Our New E-mail Address

Last month the parish began 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.

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church July 2013

	July 7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	July 14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	July 21 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	July 28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno Randy Grimwood	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn Randy Grimwood	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt Randy Grimwood	Jennifer Yee Stephen Souلمان Randy Grimwood
Ushers 8:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Ray & Sherry Stults	Pam Quarles	Bull Murray
Ushers 10:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan
Acolytes 8:00 a.m.	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp
Acolytes 10:00 a.m.	Marj Heineke	Jim Wash	Chris Wash	Marj Heineke
Lectors 8:00 a.m.	Bill Murray Bobbie Keill	Muriel Murray Pam Quarles Janelle Fallan	Kent Ransom Rick Meyer	Chuck Maxson Muriel Murray
Lectors 10:00 a.m.	Jim Wash	Ray Stults	Chuck Maxson	Harry Shippy
Intercessors 8:00a.m.	Kent Ransom	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Bobbie Keill Janelle Fallan
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Bobbie Keill	Muriel Murray	Sharon Burke-Polana	Deidra White
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweather Phyllis Rayburn	Chris & Jim Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Pam Quarles Mickey Boughton	Victoria McKinney	Terry Sandhoff	Bobbie Keill
Counters	Muriel Murray Guido Polana	Ray Stults Harry Shippy	Sharon Burke-Polana Stephen Souلمان	Kent Ransom Sherry Stults
PLE 8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10	25	3	4	5	6
				Ukulele Club 6:00pm parish hall		Thrift Store open 9:00am – 1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon Ukulele Club 6:00pm parish hall		Thrift Store open 9:00-1:00pm Daut of the King 10:00am NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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Birthdays

July 3 Denise Smith
Sharon Griffin
July 5 Ratu Buruaivalu
July 6 Marissa Smith
July 7 Kathleen Gallagher
July 13 Willie Benesh
July 14 Carole Maxson
July 15 Henry Jensen
July 16 Charlie Patterson
July 17 Johnny Griffin
July 19 Kristi Hayward
July 20 Jimmy Benesh(Willie's son)
July 22 Jeffrey Voetsch
July 27 Mary Alice Hayward

Anniversaries

July 4 Bill & Muriel Murray
July 7 Jimmy & Violet Benesh
July 18 Chuck & Carole Maxson
July 20 Ken Dunham & Janelle Fallan

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

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.

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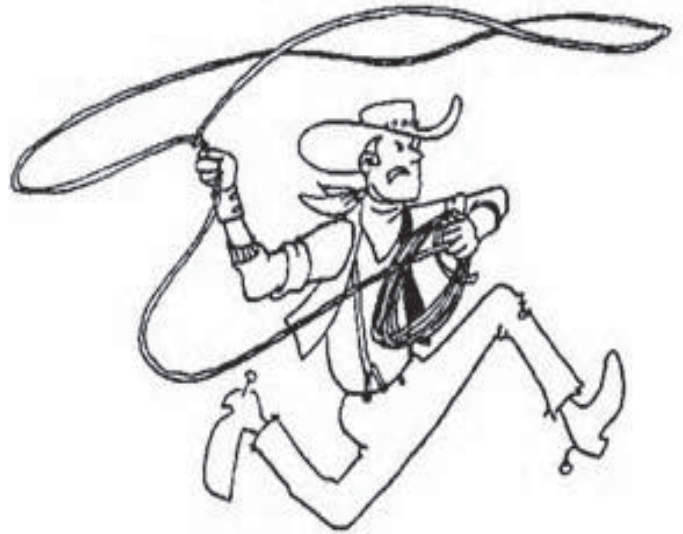
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

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First Class

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Coming Attractions

Cowboy Church coming to St. Clement's July 20th, 6:00pm on the lawn

What's Cowboy Church? It's a worship service with LOTS of upbeat country music, a few prayers, a short message, and MORE upbeat music. We've put together our own band, and they've been practicing some favorite songs that you will love to sing. Of course, our resident "country boy" (David Bridges) is behind it all, so you know it will be a great experience. We'll meet on the lawn around 6 pm while it's still light but with some summer breeze. Tell your friends!