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A Veteran Friendly Congregation

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A door was opened....

When you are young you can't really imagine your life's path, except for maybe one stellar goal. Only a few children who insist that "I want to be a ballerina," or "I want to be a fireman," or "I want to be the president" actually end up pursuing – much less achieving — those careers. More often we change our intentions as reality sets in.

My earliest career model was my mother. She was a college graduate – fairly rare in her day – and she successfully pursued several vocations in her life. Although I didn't grow up with a dream about the sort of person I would someday become – that is, the role I would describe myself in - stay-at-home mothering was not one of my conscious options. I never experienced it in my early life. Instead, my life and my career just evolved together – one door opening after another, and I chose to walk through. It was almost haphazard. Looking back on my life path from my vantage point today, however, it appears to be a straight line. Hind-sight is so rewarding!

We often think of "opportunity" as a booby-prize: what happens when a door gets slammed in our face. Friends console us that another door *will* open in its stead.

Sometimes, however, a door opens *first*. We may look at it and think, 'is that supposed to be for me?' Sometimes the door is just a little slit of light and we wonder, 'what might be beyond that.' Sometimes the door just keeps re-opening in unexpected places and we ask ourselves why.

On June 1, 2012 I give thanks to God for ten years as an ordained priest. It is a huge mystery to me and also an overwhelming blessing.

This particular door began opening for me in the mid-1990's. I was serving on the Board of Trustees of CDSP (Church Divinity School of the Pacific, our regional seminary). The trustees authorized a new certificate program for those who wanted to discern vocations in ministry. Though I didn't need or desire another certificate or degree, I decided to enroll in a year-long exploration. I took one course in Spring, then eight weeks of intensive Greek in

summer school (counted as two courses), and then five courses over the next two semesters. Eight courses constituted a year of graduate school. When I finished, I couldn't stop. I was in spiritual direction throughout. I applied for the Master of Divinity program, and when I was accepted I dutifully resigned from the Board of Trustees because it would be a conflict of interest. I wasn't a postulant for Holy Orders, but I felt I had to keep walking through *this* door.

There came a time when I decided that I needed to *close* a door to make it possible to keep going through this other door. I took early retirement from the University of California in February 1999, and we sold the house we had built in Berkeley, so we could afford for me to go to seminary full-time, which I did for the next 1-1/2 years. I became a postulant for Holy Orders in my senior year at seminary – not the regular route. When I graduated in May 2000 we moved full time to the house we hoped to retire to in Mendocino (a log house we had built from a kit), and I worked as volunteer youth minister, pastoral associate and lead hospital chaplain for two years (the church is St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg, CA). The wonderful people of St. Michael's accompanied me through my ordination to the Transitional Diaconate (December 1, 2001) and the Priesthood (June 1, 2002), both of which were celebrated at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, since I was canonically resident in that diocese.

Thereafter, I served three years as Associate Priest and Youth Minister at St. Ambrose, Foster City in the Diocese of California. I was called to be your rector on June 5, 2005, and began serving on August 15, 2005. This coming August will be my seventh anniversary as your priest.

On the first of June this year I give thanks for ten years of ordained ministry. On Sunday June 3 I invite everyone to a coffee hour after each service which I will host on what for me is a very special occasion.

Every day is an occasion of thanksgiving. We are blessed to be alive and loved and challenged each day. We create special occasions for our own use. Please allow me to offer thanks on this ministry anniversary and to share it with you, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Pastor Christine +

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

June 3

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

PSALM 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

June 10

Proper 5

Second Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-11(12-15),16-29

PSALM 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 17

Proper 6

Third Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

PSALM 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

June 24

Proper 7

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11,9-23),32-49

PSALM 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4: 35-41

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At a Glance

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1
Tuesdays	Bible Study 7:00pm
Fridays	Bible Study 10:00am
June 7	Lunch Bunch 12 noon
June 15	Anchor Deadline
June 17	Rev Art Lillicropp
June 24	Vestry Meeting 1:00pm
June 10-20	Pastor Christine out of office
July 29-August 3	Vacation Bible School at United Methodist

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 2	Cindy Long
June 9	Kelby Knox
June 25	Phyllis Rayburn
June 27	Deidra White
June 28	Nancy Smith
June 23	Anniversary Paul and Laurel Sunderman

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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Camp Noel Porter beckens young campers

Once again summer camping season is here, and there is no better place for fun and fellowship than our own Camp Noel Porter in Tahoe City, Lake Tahoe. A full week at camp costs just \$395, but payment plans and scholarships are available.

Here is this summer's schedule:

June 10-16 Counselor Training Week (for age 16+ or 10th grade)

June 17-23 Junior/Junior High (grades 4-9)

June 27-30 Beginner (ages 6, 7, 8) \$200

July 1-7 Junior High (grades 7, 8, 9)

July 8-14 Junior (grades 4, 5, 6)

July 15-21 Junior/Junior High (grades 4-9)

July 22-28 Junior High (grades 7, 8, 9)

(Pastor Christine will be camp chaplain this week)

July 29-Aug. 4 Junior/Junior High (grades 7, 8, 9)

Aug. 5-11 Senior High (grades 10, 11, 12)

Aug. 31-Sep. 3 Labor Day Family

Weekend (take down camp for winter)

You can see pictures on the web at www.campnoelporter.org or pick up a brochure in the Narthex.

How does OUR garden grow?

Our Church Flower Garden is now planted and has drip irrigation. Do stroll by to see how things are growing. We plan to expand it to include vegetables to donate to River City Food Bank. We would need people to deliver the produce, because it can't sit around for a month.

Here is our garden thank-you list – *SO FAR!*

Ken Dunham, who arranged the donation of lumber

Emilito Smith & Harry Shippy, who arranged donation of soil

Terry Sandhoff, who donated fencing

Rick Meyer & Harry Shippy, who built the beds and shoveled dirt!

Harry Shippy, who hooked up the irrigation controller

Pastor Christine, who did a few things, too

We're still looking for a name for our garden.

Hats off to star athletes

Three individuals with St. Clement's connections were honored with athletic awards this spring. **Katie King**, granddaughter of Len and Debbi Honeycutt, was named basketball Player of the Year in the Sierra Valley Conference and made first team on the All City team. Katie is just completing her junior year at River City High School. She's already been offered a full scholarship (through a master's degree!) at Cal State, Northridge.

Her dad, **Jamie King**, who happens to coach Katie's team (as well as some others) was named Coach of the Year in the same league.

August Wesley, son of Victoria McKinney, was named Conference Coach of the Year by the National Collegiate Wrestling Association. August has been coach of the Sacramento State wrestling team since August (!) 2011. Obviously, he has made a big impression.

Congratulations to all!

Bill Bell – an appreciation

Our long time beloved parishioner William Percy Bell, Jr. – Bill Bell, or “Mr. Bill” to six years of Safe Harbor children – died April 3, 2012 at the age of 92. We don't have an “official” biography, but we do have many remembrances. Some of his seven children and one grand-child offered homages at his memorial service on Saturday, May 5. The Rev. Mary Hauck, former rector of St. Clement's, gave the homily at Bill's service and co-officiated with me. Bill and Mary – whom he called “Fr. Mary” - had quite a bond. Several Safe Harbor families came to his service, and one former student asked to speak. Mr. Bill was a giant in their eyes!

We learned many things about Bill's life, such as how he took his whole family all over Europe on his military postings. Those travels gave each of them rich experiences. We heard about his unfailing curiosity. I invite you to send your remembrances to me at leighta@mcn.org.

Pastor Christine

Supporting The Bible Challenge

Did you know that we have eighteen people at St. Clement's who are pursuing The Bible Challenge? This is a program to read the entire Bible in one year. Every one of you is a pioneer. That's because our bishop wants to encourage the entire diocese to subscribe to The Bible Challenge – probably as of January 1, 2013. We'll be almost done by then. That means we are trail-blazers. Perhaps we can encourage those who will just begin in January. Perhaps we can suggest techniques to deal with “difficult” or downright unpleasant passages. We can be mentors to others who are just beginning. There will be more information on this process in coming months.

Marriages, Graduations, Special Events?

We offer our blessings and congratulations to Naomi Rubenstein and Chris Scott, who were married on May 26.

We would like to extend best wishes to anyone who graduated from any school level. Please call the office with the information.

Lunch Bunch June 7

Our Lunch Bunch gatherings continue to bring life to our congregation. Last month Mary Norseweather provided TWO main dishes and Phyllis Rayburn brought the dessert. In June Victoria McKinney is cooking again – Shepherd's Pie! A call to the office is always helpful, so we know how many to expect. But it's usually between 12-16 folks – different ones all the time. Please arrive before noon so we can start our service on time.

Pentecost greetings from our Bishop *(an excerpt)*

I pray that this Season of Pentecost will be a time when we are renewed in the power of the Spirit, and led more fully into ...holy dependency, into a deeper obedience, and a more faithful partnership with God in the divine mission to transform the world. May the Holy Spirit who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ, and of His Kingdom.

Vacation Bible School – Focus on Daniel –July 29 – August 3

Last year we reinstated a Vacation Bible School. It was a wonderful experience for kids and adults alike. This year we are teaming up with the United Methodist Church and the Cordova Baptist Church (we've done this before) to offer an inter-generational one-week Vacation Bible School that will be open to just about everyone! The dates are July 29 through August 3 (Sunday through Thursday). The time will be 5:30 through 8:00 pm every evening for the week – dinner included! This will be a wonderful time of family learning and fun.

The Rev. Art Lillicropp June 17

When Pastor Christine was away on Continuing Education in January, the Rev. Art Lillicropp took the Sunday services. He was so enthusiastically received that he's been invited to return on June 17 when Pastor Christine will be away again. Fr. Art is a unique and engaging personality. Please give him a warm welcome.

Summer music schedule

At the end of June the St. Clement's choir will take a much-deserved summer break. But we will still have wonderful music throughout the summer with small combos and special offerings. If you have a musical gift you would like to share, please contact Minister of Music Carole Maxson.

Sundermans here June 3

Please welcome Laurel, Paul and Adam Sunderman, who will be providing music at both services on June 3. We miss them all, and enjoy their company when they can return.

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

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church June 2012

	SUNDAY June 3 Trinity Sunday	SUNDAY June 10 2nd Sunday of Pentecost	SUNDAY June 17 3rd Sunday of Pentecost	SUNDAY June 24 4th Sunday of Pentecost
Altar Guild	Jennifer Yee Phyllis Rayburn	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi & Len Honeycutt
Ushers	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
8:00 a.m.				
Ushers	Pam Quarles	Ray & Sherry Stults	help needed	help needed
10:00 a.m.				
Acolytes	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
8:00 a.m.				
Acolytes	Debbie Popp	Debbie Popp	Kathleen Gallagher	Debbi Honeycutt
10:00 a.m.				
Lectors	Ken Dunham	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
8:00 a.m.				
Lectors	Bill Murray Quintilla Wells	Sarah Mondri Muriel Murray	Bobbie Keill Chuck Maxson	Kent Ransom Pam Quarles
10:00 a.m.				
Intercessors	Janelle Fallan	Ken Dunham	Saralu Methven	Jim Wash
8:00a.m.				
10:00 a.m.	Mike Chapman	David Bridges	Kent Ransom	Chuck Maxson
E.M. (Chalice)				
8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
E.M.(Chalice)				
10:00 a.m.	Deidra White	Sharon Burke-Polana Phyllis Rayburn Mary Norsweather	Debbie Popp Irene Grant Randy Grimwood	Bobbie Keill Jim & Chris Wash
Coffee Hour				
8:00 a.m.	Pastor Christine			
Coffee Hour				
10:00a.m.	Pastor Christine	Carrol Cartwright	Pam Quarles Mickey Boughton	Betty Chapman Kathleen Gallagher
Counters	Kent Ransom Harry Shippy	Bill Murray Ray Stults	Muriel Murray Sharon Burke-Polana	Stephen Soultman Guido Polana
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8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Betty Chapman	Mickey Boughton

June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Bible Study 10:30 am	Thrift Store open 9-1:00pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Holy Eucharist 8:00-10:00am AA 6:30 pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm	Lunch Bunch 12:00noon	Bible Study 10:30 am	Thrift Store open 9-1:00pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Holy Eucharist 8:00-10:00am AA 6:30 pm	Rector continuing education/ vacation June 10-20	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm		Bible Study 10:30 am Anchor deadline	Thrift Store open 9-1:00pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Holy Eucharist 8:00-10:00am Rev Lillicropp officiating AA 6:30 pm	Rector Vacation	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm	Rector returns	Bible Study 10:30 am	Thrift Store open 9-1:00pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Holy Eucharist 8:00-10:00am AA 6:30 pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00pm		Bible Study 7:30pm	Thrift Store open 9-1:00pm NA 10:00am AA 7:00pm

Vacation Bible School for all ages July 29 to August 3
in conjunction with the Methodist and the Baptist Churches

Check it out!!!!!!!

Pastor Christine will be away at school the week of the 17th, Rev Art Lillicropp will serve in her absence. Please contact Ray Stults for any church related business : 638-2284

JUNE 2012

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

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