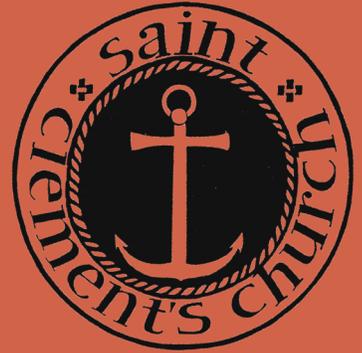


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Greetings in the name of our Lord,

Recently, we at St. Clement's have begun the forty-day journey that is Lent. When I was a child growing up in Catholic school, the only thing I remember about Lent was that I wasn't allowed to eat meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday thereafter until Easter. Someone may have explained to me the reasons behind all of this, but if they did, I must not have been paying very good attention.



As I prepare for my sermon this Sunday, I keep coming back to the idea that our Lenten disciplines are, in a way, like a decision to willfully enter the desert or the wilderness. For it is in the wilderness when we are removed from things that make us comfortable that we seem to encounter God. This is true all throughout the bible. We find Jesus right after his baptism about to enter the wilderness to prepare to begin his ministry. We can find Moses wandering with his flock in the wilderness, about to encounter God in the burning bush. The people of Israel wander in the wilderness for forty years as God leads them. It would seem that God may be more willing to meet us when we are not the ones setting the terms. Or perhaps it might be better to say that we are more aware of the God who is consistently reaching out to us when we are able to move out from the business of our lives and realize our dependence on the one whom we call creator.

It is this connection to the wilderness narrative that we should take away from our Lenten studies and disciplines. Our lives can become so busy, that taking a season to wander in a self-imposed wilderness of sacrifice and denial of day to day comforts can be necessary for us to connect with the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. This is the sacrifice that has set us free from the bondage of sin and death. Glory be to God! So, as you continue on this Lenten journey, remember that you are journeying into the wilderness. Remember that God will meet you there, and remember that it is indeed holy ground.

Faithfully,

Fr. Kenn+

Notes from the February Vestry meeting

by

Harry Shippy

Janelle Fallan, our retired Senior Warden, would write up a summary of the most recent Vestry meeting. Janel was a very accomplished writer, but she retired. To keep the tradition alive, I will endeavor to do the same thing. Here goes.

Kent Ransom, the Treasurer, made a report to the Vestry on our financial situation. Our finances are good for the time being. He provides the members of the Vestry with a written report with charts and graphs which is quite lengthy and a bit complex. But the gist of the report is that we are in fairly good shape in terms of our cash flow. The average deficit each month is around \$1,000.00. Now most of you won't look at that and think "That's good." After all it IS a deficit. It simply means that we can continue to function as a parish as we are right now for a while. We have enough reserves to cover our current expenses for something like four years. That is assuming our principle expense, the salary of our Priest-in-charge, remains the same. And the building doesn't fall in. Kent says that we are better off than he thought we would be. That is a very positive note.

Along with the financial report the Vestry reviewed new financial software. The diocese is switching to REALM software. Kent started moving us to this financial system several months ago. We are now fully established on REALM. This software not only manages donations; it allows for on line donations. On line paying is a very popular method of finance among the younger generation and is the direction we should be moving for the future. You probably remember Janelle talking about updating our records. It is important to do this to make the new software work. If you haven't logged on to REALM the Treasurer and the Vestry want to encourage you to do so.

Building on this the Vestry started to discuss how we could grow. This is an obvious way to become financially sound. And it can be truly said that the Vestry would like a full time Priest. Father Kenn talked about some of his ideas; movie nights and a laundry ministry. A laundry ministry: that's where you go to a laundromat and pay for peoples washing. No expectation of recovery of expenses or advertising. Just something nice. It's a way to get into the community and be seen. It looks like we will try to do a movie night on April 20, followed by a laundry ministry April 21. Father Kenn is all about trying new things. Must be why we called him.

What else? Zoe Mitchell noted that the Ukupalians will be doing several "gigs" in the near future. Most are to retirement/nursing homes. Of more interest is the annual St. Patrick's Day party. Look for announcements in

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary Year B

March 4, 2018

The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

March 11, 2018

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalms 107

Ephesians 2: 1-10

John 3: 14-21

March 18, 2018

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 51

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 31

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 14: 1-15:47

March 29, 2018

Maundy Thursday

Leviticus 16:2-24

PSALM 55

John 17

March 30, 2018

Good Friday

Genesis 22: 1-18

PSALM 40 or 142

Matthew 27: 1-54

March 31, 2018

Holy Saturday

Micah 7: 14-20

PSALM 30

Matthew 27: 62-end

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the Anchor (this issue) and in the Anchor Lite.

Zoe also brought up the matter that the social hour after the 10:00am service needs more volunteers to provide refreshments. She suggested that the last Sunday of the month be a pot-luck. This seemed agreeable to the Vestry.

Sharon talked about “land use,” Or, you might say, plant maintenance. We are looking at replacing the sign. Right now, this is in the planning stage. The Vestry also discussed the leak in the kitchen. It seems to be stemmed but everybody’s fingers are crossed. The matter of the ramps to the portables came up. Repairs are needed immediately. The holes can make a very real legal liability for the thrift store and the parish. A plan is in place but it needs to be pushed along.

Father Kenn sought out volunteers for the position of Senior Warden. There were no immediate takers. Sharon Burke-Polana will continue as the Junior Warden. The Senior Warden position will be filled at the Vestry Retreat. In keeping with this topic Father Kenn noted that the Vestry for a parish of the size of this one should be nine members. He would like us to grow to this number over the next few years. And that means that parish growth is a priority.

Father Kenn mentioned that he would be away for a conference on behalf of the diocese in March. Reverend Anne will fill in.

This covers most of the interesting points of the meeting. On this note I’ll close.

Sacred Stories

A program on Wednesday evenings during Lent (February 21 and 28, March 7, 14, and 21)

6:30- Potluck supper

7:00-8:00 Sacred Stories program

Who doesn’t love a good story? The stories of our faith, passed down to us in the Bible, are some of the primary ways that we understand our faith. Join in a conversation during Lent about these stories and all that they have to teach us! We’ll learn about the different kinds of stories in the Bible: poetry, music, histories, gospels, and more. Along with that, we’ll learn about some of our oldest and newest traditions that help us to hear these stories: everything from the ancient monastic practice of Lectio Divina to the children’s ministry tradition of Godly Play to storytelling on video.

Alongside those Biblical stories, we’ll tell some of our own stories: both the stories of our own lives of faith and the stories of the community of St. Clement’s.

I hope you can commit to joining us for all 5 weeks, though if you can only come for a few weeks or just one, that’s fine too!

Anne

Who are you?

God knows who you are, but the church office may not. We are working to update EVERYONE’S contact information. Some of you use email, some don’t, some have cell phones, some have many people in their households and some live alone. St. Clement’s needs to acknowledge and know who everyone is and how to reach you. Cards will be distributed at upcoming services to get current information from all parishioners.

St. Patrick's Day Luck 'o th' Pot



Ukupalian St. Patrick's Day pot luck

March 16

5:30 pm

Food!!

Music!!!

FUN!!!!!!

Come one, come all!!!!!!!!!!!!



SAVE THE DATE!!!!
MARCH 254:00pm
St Clement's Master's Singers
Starring in their own
□ ROCK CONCERT □
Bring Your Friends and
neighbors
More Information to follow



Easter Egg Hunt

The Daughters of the King, St. Clements chapter, will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt this year, weather permitting, on April 1st after the 10:00 am service. We would appreciate donations of filled plastic Easter Eggs. A dozen or so would be helpful.

Thank you
Daughters of the King, St. Clements



March 25-April 1

Palm Sunday

8 am & 10 am

Palm Sunday Concert

4 pm



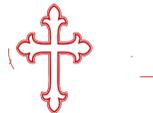
Maundy Thursday

7 pm



Altar of Repose

Thursday Night to Sunrise



Good Friday

Noon & 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

6 pm



Easter Sunday

Easter Vigil/Sunrise Services

5:30 am

Easter Services

8 am and 10 am

To follow Senior Warden, Janelle Fallan's announcement in the Anchor, let me introduce

realm

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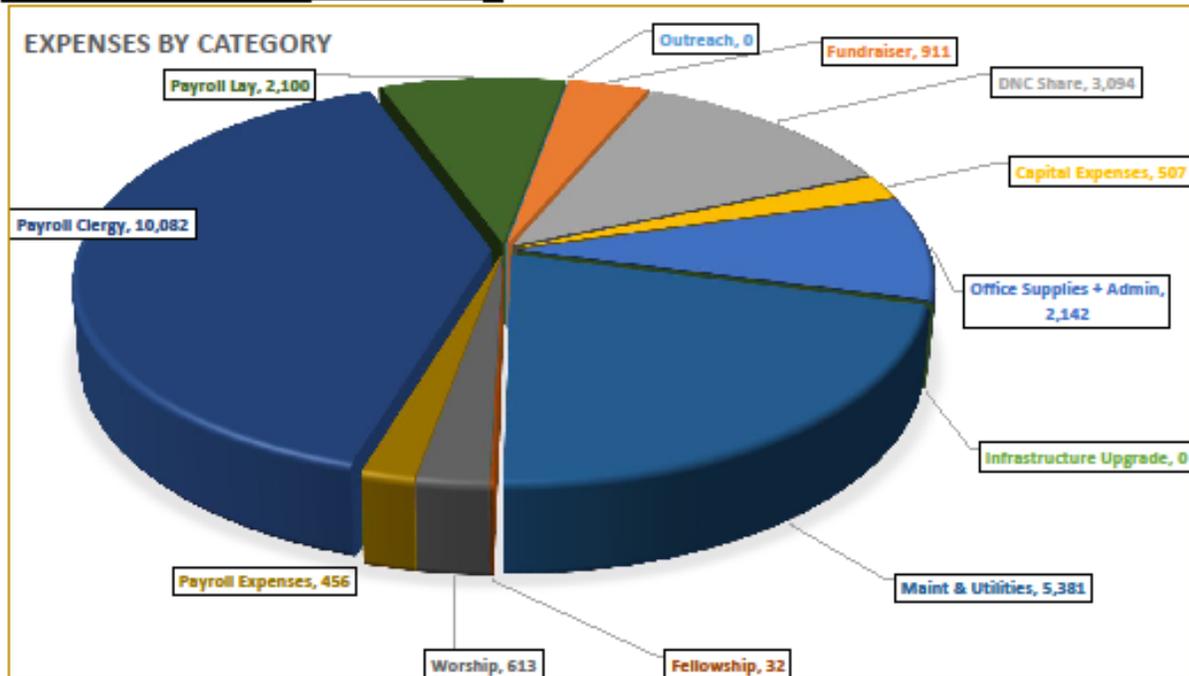
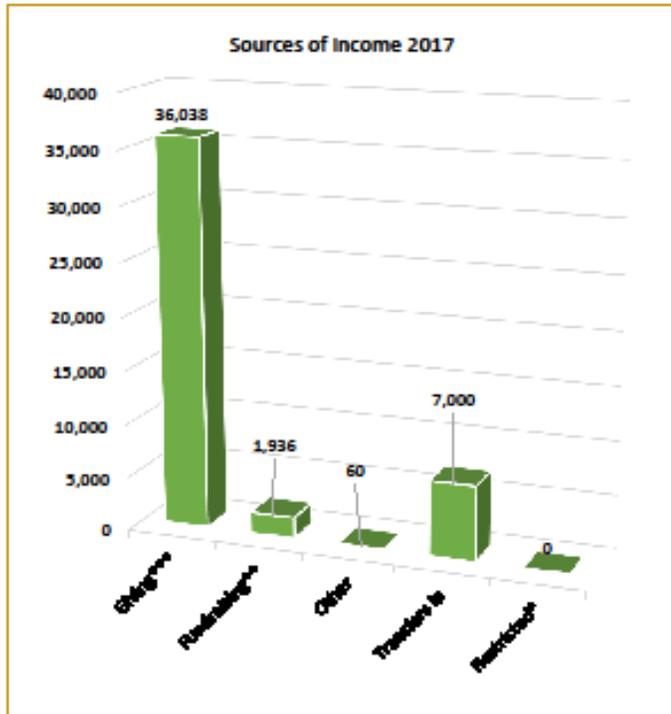
You can update your record, look up other members in the online Church Directory, which can also include your picture, view you yearly statement, print you giving history, and keep track of your pledges and gifts. And soon, you will be able to give on-line, privately and securely in the comfort of your home.

Look for an e-mail invitation from **realm**, which will have a link to take you directly to **realm**, or if we already have your email address then go to <https://onrealm.org/StClementEpisco/SignIn> where you can create your password and login.

One caveat, we need to have your email address. If you know other members that don't get email from St. Clements because we don't have their address, please have them send an email to Treasurer@saint-clements.com with their name. Their record will be updated and an invitation will be sent to them.

St. Clements Income Expense Report

St. Clements Financial Statement As of January 1, 2018	
INCOME	
Total	
Giving***	36,038
Fundraising**	1,936
Other	60
Transfers In	7,000
Restricted*	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$45,034
EXPENSES	
Outreach	0
Fundraiser	911
DNC Share	3,094
Capital Expenses	507
Office Supplies + Admin	2,142
Infrastructure Upgrade	0
Maint & Utilities	5,381
Fellowship	32
Worship	613
Payroll Expenses	456
Payroll Clergy	10,082
Payroll Lay	2,100
Search Expense	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,318
NET Income	\$19,716



*** Some pledges are paid annually, creating the disparity in gross income

*Restricted-Memorials & Discretionary Funds

**Fundraising-Rents&Paraklete Press

ST. CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LAY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2018

		March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
ALTAR GUILD		Len Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee	Stephen Soulman	Sharon B-Polana
		Debbi Honeycutt		Muriel Murray	Barbara Patterson
USHERS	8:00 AM	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
	10:00 AM	Bill Murray	Pam Quarles	Kent Ransom	Bill Murray
ACOLYTES	8:00 AM	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Harry Shippy	Harry Shippy
	10:00 AM	Debbie Popp	Steve Ramiro	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp
LECTORS	8:00 AM	Ken Dunham	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Jim Wash
	10:00 AM	Tim Tribble	Muriel Murray	Steve Ramiro	Anthony Baird
INTERCESSORS	8:00 AM	Jim Wash	Tim Tribble	Tim Tribble	Janelle Fallan
	10:00 AM	Len Honeycutt	Len Honeycutt	Len Honeycutt	Kent Ransom
E.M. (CHALICE)	8:00 AM	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Harry Shippy	Harry Shippy
	10:00 AM	Debbie Popp	Sharon B-Polana	Muriel Murray	Steve Ramiro
COFFEE HOUR	8:00 AM	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris & Jim Wash	Randy Grimwood
			Ken Dunham		
	10:00 AM	Elsie Webber	Zoe Boughton	Debbie Popp	Potluck Sunday
				Christine Bennetts	
COUNTERS		Muriel Murray	Stephen Soulman	Kent Ransom	Stephen Soulman
		Sharon B-Polana	Harry Shippy	Guido Polana	Muriel Murray
P.I.E.		Debbi Honeycutt	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Muriel Murray
Media Ministry	10:00	Pam Quarles	Lynette Yoes	Pam Quarles	Phil Yoes

NOTE: If you cannot serve on the day scheduled please arrange to have someone else take your place.

NOTE: The Acolyte at the 10:30 service serves as one of the Ems.

2018 Vestry

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Junior Warden	
Sharon Burke-Polana	481-0225
Zoe Mitchell	944-1757
Lavinia Benesh	
Denise Smith	
Treasurer:	
Kent Ransom	635-5751
Clerk:	
Harry Shippy	631-0640
Sexton:	
Randy Grimwood	458-8196

Pastoral Needs

If you have a need for a pastoral visit, please contact:
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520-561-1852

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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