

# ClementTimes

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June, July, August 2026

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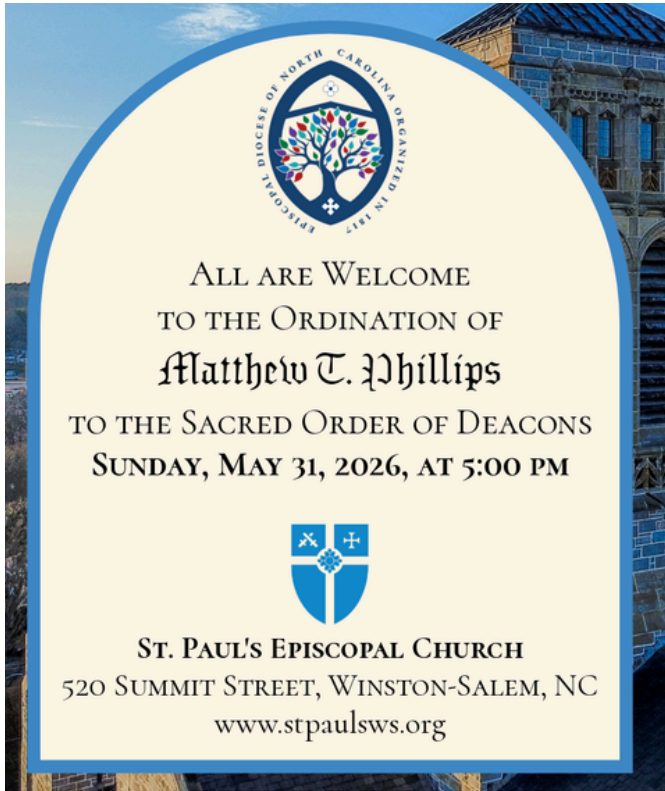
## OUR GRADUATES



- Lilly Grace Holton, daughter of Billy & Mary, graduated from West Forsyth H.S. on May 29, 2026. She will be attending High Point University this fall with a focus on becoming a nurse. She obtained her CNA certification this year as a senior and plans on working at a local assisted living center soon! Lilly will also be playing on HPU's women's ice hockey team! Go Panther's!
- Alayna Grace O'Connell, granddaughter of Don and Burnie Patterson, graduated from Lake Bradford Secondary School in Fairfax County, Virginia. She will be attending Virginia Military Institute this fall, majoring in Psychology, with plans to get a master's degree in criminal justice.
- Johnathon Reutinger, grandson of Lois Gerhardt, graduated from West Forsyth H.S. and is heading to Wake Forest to study physics.
- Bailey Reutinger, granddaughter of Lois Gerhardt, graduated from Yale with a masters in epidemiology who hopefully will join the medical workforce.
- Henry Sloop, grandson of Don & Carole Witte, graduated from Riverside High School in Durham. He will be attending UNC-Wilmington to pursue a degree in business and finance. He was also a contributing member of the Men's Golf Team for all four years.
- Lauren Elizabeth Kight, granddaughter of Jerry & Pat, graduated from the University of NC School of the Arts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Filmmaking with a Creative Entrepreneurship minor. Her goal is to pursue making films as a producer and is moving to Los Angeles.
- Elizabeth Nash, Class of 2028 and the daughter of Sandra & Bruce, participated in the ceremonial coating at the Broady School of Medicine at ECU. The White Coat Ceremony marks the transition from foundational coursework to hands-on patient care.
- John R. Ellis, grandson of Robert & Lee, graduated from homeschool high school as well as the fire academy. He wants to pursue a career as a firefighter and is already a "seasoned" volunteer.
- Levi Ellis, another grandson of Robert & Lee, has graduated from homeschool high school and is interested in film and video and is currently enrolled in community college.
- Brooklyn Claire Six, granddaughter of Tom & Mickie Six, graduated from Triad Baptist Academy. She will be attending GTCC to pursue an associate degree in nursing and a minor in child development.
- Ty Jamesdaniel Owen, grandson of Tom & Mickie Six, graduated from West Forsyth High School. He will also be attending GTCC, but his focus will be on earning a degree in electrical engineering.

*Congratulations to all for a job well done!*

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Matthew will begin his role as our new part-time Associate Rector on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to join us in welcoming him back to St. Clement's and celebrate his ordination during our Sunday breakfast between the services.

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## FORWARD TOGETHER

Dear friends:

I am so excited to be in the St. Clement's family. You've been a vital part of my ordination journey, and I'm honored to begin my ordained ministry with you. I've tried to be intentional about talking about coming to a familiar place, as opposed to "coming back." St. Clement's feels like I remember, but there are lots of new faces, new projects, and new energy. It's a great reminder that God doesn't call people backwards: the work of God's kingdom is always about moving forward.

"Always moving forward" is a big commitment, which is why our Anglican tradition, our rich liturgy, and the love of our community are so important as we respond to God's calling together. I can't wait to answer with you.

Peace,  
Matthew

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## WE NEED YOU!

Are you being called to serve? We have several openings for new Lay Ministers. Where is God nudging you to go?

- Ushers: contact Pat & Jerry Kight
- Acolytes: contact Deacon Mark (this is open to everyone/anyone)
- 8 a.m Lectors: contact Jamie or Linda.

Contact Linda by June 17<sup>th</sup> if you decide to "say YES" so she can get you on the upcoming schedule.

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## ATTENTION, ALL LAY MINISTERS & COUNTERS

Please email Linda any dates you are unable to serve for the months of July, August, September no later than Wednesday, June 17.

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## PRAYER LIST , PRAYER CARDS, & PRAYER SHAWLS

- Any time you need to add a loved one to our prayer list, please either write their name in the white binder located on the Narthex counter or you can email Linda in the office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise specified.
- Prayer Cards are available for you to send to your loved one to let them know that they are being prayed for by the members of St. Clement's. These Prayer Cards are located in the same white binder as the prayer list. Feel free to take one as needed.
- We also have Prayer Shawls available. These shawls have been knitted by the ladies of our parish and can be blessed by Mother Jamie and sent to those who could benefit from the feeling of being "wrapped or covered in prayer". Located in the blue bin in the lower lobby.

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## JUNIOR WARDEN UPDATE

By Terri Smith

**Narthex Storage:** When the lift was installed in the narthex the previous unit of cabinets & drawers was removed and reinstalled in the lower lobby. A new custom-made cabinet and drawer unit has been recently installed in the back corner of the narthex. This much needed storage is smaller than what we previously had, but it does provide space for usher supplies (located in the top drawer), the first aid kit (located in the upper cabinet), and the pull-out drawers are for food donations for Clemmons Food Pantry and Storehouse for Jesus. Each drawer is labeled appropriately. Due to limited space, Snacks for Morgan donations will remain in the lower lobby as well as any overflow from the narthex storage.

Please notice the addition of “coat hooks” along the wall to the left in the narthex.

**Nave Improvement Coming Soon!** The vestry is moving forward to have refinished/restored pews installed in the nave. The pews will be fully refurbished substantial church furniture of quality craftsmanship and will have cushions and kneelers. This project will also include new cushions at the altar rail. Installation of the pews is expected this August/September.

**Memorial Garden:** Maintenance and landscaping in the Memorial Garden are ongoing and memorial bricks have been installed. Repairs to the Memorial Garden irrigation system are underway.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

By Nicky Tesh, Treasurer

### April Year-to-Date Financial Overview

- **Revenue**

April year-to-date revenues are strong. Pledges are coming in favorable to budget by \$18K. This is great to see; however, keep in mind that our budget is an annual number and so it is divided by 12, while actual pledges are variable as to what time they are paid. Loose plate offerings are favorable by \$1K. Total revenues, while not as strong, are still favorable by \$5K.

- **Expenses**

April year-to-date expenses are slightly unfavorable, by \$2K. This is driven by 2 areas. The first is Grounds Maintenance. This account is seasonable as the expenses are front loaded in Spring and Summer, and the budget is not. Secondly, Professional Services are unfavorable due to the timing of the budget and the left-over expenses from our previous agency. I expect both items to work themselves out during the year.

- **Summary**

Currently, I don't see any major issues to the budget. We are in good shape through April.

**Why wouldn't the Pharaoh let the Hebrews go?**

He was in de-Nile.

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## LOCAL CHARITY & VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Our Local Charity & Volunteer Spotlight is a featured write up on a local non-profit or charity and the members of St. Clement's who volunteer their time to help make it work. If you are a part of an organization that serves our community, please reach out to me; I would love to get it published in upcoming issues.

This month's spotlight is...

### **Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries Winston-Salem**

**Volunteers:** Don Witte & Deacon Mark Davidson and many others

#### **What is the purpose of this charity/organization and who do they serve?**

Providing Christian counsel, helping inmates prepare for a life outside of prison, and ministering to inmates through worship, music, and bible studies.

#### **What does your typical day look like in your volunteer role of helping inmates prepare for life outside of prison?**

Don Witte: It always starts with a communication session such as a practice introducing themselves on an ongoing basis so they can answer the question "who are you". For many this is a difficult question because to them they are in prison and not somebody! Wrong, each of them is someone, and may have extensive skillsets. I focus on the "Transition to Work" Program, which prepares them once they are released. They must know how to introduce themselves, and much time and effort is spent on just plain talking. There are numerous classes that are offered, but unfortunately less than 50% of the inmates participate. Those are the ones who know everything according to them.

As a side note: I currently am an adjunct instructor at Forsyth Technical Community College and have been for almost 15 years. This program with the Prison Ministries has been going on for 10 years and I fully developed the program. I have enjoyed every minute of it and especially seeing these men grow over the course of the classes.

#### **How often do you volunteer?**

Don Witte: Twice a year for 6 weeks each.

#### **Why do you volunteer?**

Don Witte: It is so much more than just giving back, it is a true feeling of giving back and helping an individual toward a possible better life.

#### **If someone would like to volunteer, how can they do that?**

Contact Nichol Moss, DPS Program Supervisor, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries at 336-759-0063. There are numerous other volunteer opportunities available that do not require a particular background such as mine. You just need a willingness to give back.

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### St. Clement's Church's Involvement and Additional Information:

- St. Clement's has been supporting Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministry (FJPM) since 2013.
- FJPM serves two correctional facilities: 1. The Forsyth Correctional Center (State Minimum Security Prison) and the Forsyth Detention Center (Forsyth County Jail).
- St. Clement's provides Sunday afternoon services at the Forsyth Detention Center approximately quarterly, 4-6 times a year; upcoming services include May 31st men's service and June 14th women's service. FDC incarcerates both men and women.
- St. Clement's provides assistance with a Sunday evening worship service at the Forsyth Correctional Center chapel once a year. Normally, the first week of October (this is an all-male facility of about 250 men).
- Anyone from St. Clement's can attend the once-a-year service at the Forsyth Correctional Center. There is no training required for this service. However, some brief information must be provided to the FJPM prior to the service so that a background check can be performed the week prior to the service.
- The services at the Forsyth Detention Center do require the volunteer to attend an annual training session. Training sessions are held in January, April, July, and October. Anyone interested in becoming a new volunteer with FJPM can contact me for information on the next available training session. Or information can be found on the FJPM website.
- FJPM also welcomes donations of hygiene items for the populations of both facilities. St. Clement's has provided these donations several times in the past. St. Clement's also provides an annual (vestry approved) monetary donation to the ministry.

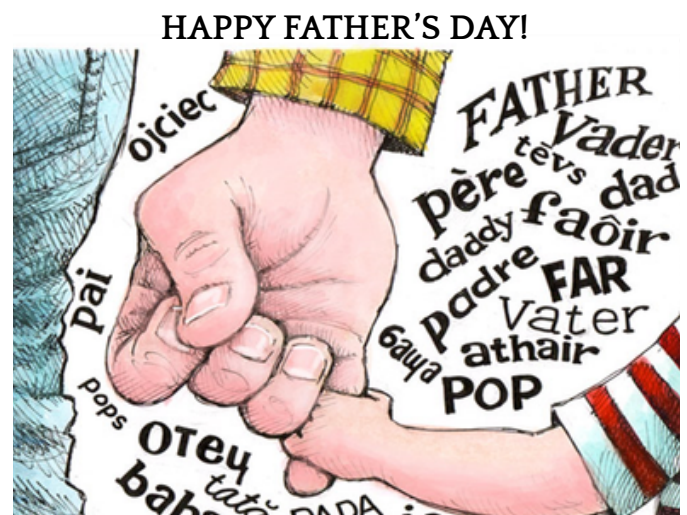
### Have Questions?

Check FJPM website [FORSYTHJPM.ORG](http://FORSYTHJPM.ORG), follow them on Facebook, or feel free to reach out to Don or Mark.

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### CURSILLO WEEKEND

Cursillo Weekend #112 in the Diocese of North Carolina at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC is being held June 4 - June 7. Pilgrim Applications are still being accepted. Sponsors for providing Pilgrim transportation to Camp Walter Johnson are available. The "Closing Ceremony" is scheduled for 4:00 June 7th, and a car pool is set to leave St. Clement's parking lot that afternoon at 1:30. Contact Sid Chadwick if you'd like to attend, and ride with us. You can find his contact information in our online directory.



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## 2025 CROP WALK NEWS

Thank you for contributing to a historic walk year! With your help, we raised \$106,371.02 for hunger-fighting initiatives through Church World Service, Crisis Control Ministry, and Sunnyside Ministry. This was our second highest fundraising total in the 46-year history of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk! Together, we helped CWS provide 62,000 people across the U.S. with disaster relief support. Sunnyside and Crisis Control have been able to keep up with the rising need for food relief in our local community. Thank you for walking and donating, proving we can fight hunger one step at a time.

### Participation Awards:

Teams with at least 10 years of continuous participation...

Highland Presbyterian - 28+ years

Home Moravian - 28+ years

Mt. Tabor UMC - 28+ years

Shallowford Presbyterian - 28+ years

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - 27 years

**St. Clement's Episcopal - 27 years**

Clemmons Moravian - 26 years

Trinity Presbyterian - 24 years

St. Anne's Episcopal - 23 years

Peace Haven Baptist - 22 years

Temple Emanuel - 22 years

Fraternity Church of the Brethren - 21 years

Konnoak Hills Moravian - 20 years

Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist - 19 years

Friedland Moravian Church - 18 years

Fries Memorial Moravian - 17 years

Oak Grove Moravian - 17 years

Our Lady of Mercy - 15 years

Parkway United Church of Christ - 15 years

First Christian Church - 14 years

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## ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to provide altar flowers for June 7 and every Sunday in July & August. Sign up sheet is on the black bulletin board in the parish hall.

## INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you aren't using our online directory, you are missing out on a very handy tool. And if you are using it, have you explore the app and seen all it has to offer? Instant Church Directory is a full-feature church directory program that allows our members to access each other's information: names, photographs (if one has been uploaded), addresses, phone numbers, as well as birthdays and anniversary dates on a safe and secure site. Only church members have access! Not only is this information available at your fingertips with the use of an app or the members' online website, it will also allow you to click on a member's phone number and it will call them. Are you involved in a church group or Lay Ministry? Need to find someone to fill in for you on a Sunday because you just got a great invitation to go away for the weekend? You can find everyone that is in your group/ministry under the "Groups" tab. Click on their name and it takes you to their contact information. There are so many great features. And, if that isn't enough, everyone can update their own information and photo whenever you want, just be sure to let the church office know so Linda can update her files as well. We have been very happy with this online directory and we hope that everyone is using it to its full potential. If you have any questions or need help, please do not hesitate to contact Linda in the office.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

- Men's Breakfast

Every first Wednesday, 8 am @ Pete's.

- Bridge Club

Every Tuesday @ 6:30 & 7 pm (PH)

- Stitch in Time Crafter's Group

Every Wednesday @ 9:30 am (PH)

- Women's Group

Every Thursday @ 10:30 am (PH)

- Men's Zoom Group

Every Saturday @ 8 am via Zoom

- In-Person Saturday Men's Hour

Every Saturday, 10 am–11 am in parish hall.