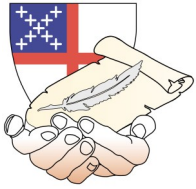


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From the Rector's Desk...

Lay Leadership Positions Announced for 2024

Both good leadership—as well as responding to God's call—require doing things in new, challenging, and ultimately satisfying ways. When professional organ builder John Farmer knew we needed a new Director of Music, he pushed himself to reach back to his 1970s conservatory days and work as an organist again. This ambitious undertaking, done while continuing his regular business duties, has been stressful at times, but our supportive parish has enabled him to find both joy in playing and encouragement in expanding his repertoire.

Similarly, many vestry members over the years had to be convinced that they were worthy of running for the vestry because they could not see themselves as leaders. When she was senior warden, Leslie Pugh shared a 'leadership moment' at the beginning of vestry meetings so that members could become comfortable with the fact that by virtue of their election to the vestry, they are indeed the lay leaders of the church. In the absence of the rector, the vestry is the authority of the parish. So, responding to God's call involves seeing ourselves and our skills in expanded ways. And our parish is a supportive and adaptable environment in which to nurture these gifts.

To this end, wardens will be thought of a little differently this year. Instead of Senior Warden and Junior Warden, the wardens will be called Rector's Warden and Church's Warden, a small tweak that will hopefully clarify their respective roles.

Jeannette Reid will be the Rector's Warden. With her background in management and deceptively keen observational skills (she would be an awesome spy), she will be the rector's "right hand person," meeting with me often to develop priorities, set the agenda, brainstorm ideas, etc.

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Mardi Gras Pancake Supper—February 13

Join us for our Mardi Gras themed Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 13th, 6 pm–7:30 pm in our parish hall. Fresh off the griddle pancakes, sausage, etc. There is no cost, but donations will be accepted and appreciated!



Ash Wednesday—February 14

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

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April Chapel will be the Church's Warden, which can be thought of as "Junior Warden + contact person." We traditionally think of the Junior Warden as the buildings and ground person—the one to call when something breaks or leaks. The Church's Warden will play this role. Additionally, the Church's Warden will be the one parishioners communicate with if they want to get a matter before the vestry and prefer not to speak directly with the rector.

This adaptation is designed to be a win-win: As always, April went above and beyond as senior warden: obtaining the green grant, traveling to the mountains to acquire new light fixtures for our nave, making arrangements for the beautiful iron arbor in the Memorial Garden, to name just three of the big things. The hope is that as Church's Warden, her duties can be reduced to "as needed" troubleshooting, which is more to her liking. And Jeannette has the skills, ideas, and availability to be a wonderful support to the rector. In fact, the Rector's Warden role is a deepening of some long lunch conversations we've already been having. However, Jeannette's post-stroke aphasia (as well as being less technologically connected as some of us and naughty about neglecting cell phone voice mail) makes communication more challenging sometimes. April can more easily incorporate the communication piece into her new role.

Finally, it is with great joy that I announce that Nicky Tesh will be the new treasurer—a role she served before, way back when St. Clement's met in Vogler's Funeral Home! A very big thank you to Maggie Elsner, who stepped up when we needed a treasurer, despite having no formal accounting background. Talk about accepting a call that required challenging herself to learn new skills! We are so grateful for her faithful and excellent service. Nicky, by contrast, has vast experience with budgets and finance, so the hope is that she can continue Maggie's good work with relative ease.

May you join me both in being grateful for these leaders, as well as in being inspired by their example. What might God be calling you to try in 2024?

Mother Jamie+

Financial Update

This report represents numbers at the end of December 2023.

December Income \$24,140.96

YTD Income \$221,552.21 (115.76% of budget)

December Expenses \$13,016.11

YTD Expenses \$185,035.95 (96.68% of budget)

While the year has not been closed out yet, and there could be a few more expenses that haven't hit, we are still well ahead of the game with an income surplus of \$30,164.21 over our projections. This is truly remarkable after a couple of deficit years (even though 2022 was a very small deficit) and the challenges that covid presented. And while a \$30K budget surplus seems like we'd be sitting pretty, there are a lot of needs on our horizon that have not yet been budgeted for. As our church building ages and our parking lot cracks, the Vestry is investigating our options for the future.

As I am at the end of my three-year term as Treasurer, I just want to say what an honor it's been to serve in this position, and I thank you for your trust and confidence in me. I will continue to support our new Treasurer, Nicky Tesh, and our Vestry however I can and to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all its ministries.

Kind Regards,

Maggie Elsner, Treasurer

Clemmons Food Pantry Needs

Please, no expired food. Leave donations in the Clemmons Food Pantry bin under the narthex counter.

- #1 priority: Cereal
- Other needs, in no particular order: canned meat, canned fruit (no applesauce), baking items.

Attention, Bridge Players!

Anyone interested in participating in *friendly games* of bridge on a weekly basis (daytime, during the week, TBD) here at St. Clement's, contact Lois Gerhardt @ 336-782-3550.

Sunday Formation Hour

By Deacon Mark

Come and join us for Christian Formation between the services on Sunday mornings (9:00 to 9:45 a.m.). Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and join in the conversation. Through the month of January and continuing into February we have been taking a deep look at the current conflict involving Israel and Palestine. During the first three weeks of January, we viewed and discussed the presentation titled "The war between Israel and Hamas: A Nuanced View" led by Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker of Temple Emmanuel, Winston-Salem. Beginning Sunday January 28th, we will continue with this same topic transitioning to a four-lecture study course from the online Christian teaching resource "ChurchNext." The course is titled "Israel, Palestine, and the Anglican Communion" led by Fr. Paul Feheley currently the partnership officer for the middle east for the Episcopal Church USA. All are invited and encouraged to take part!



Formation during Lent will be discussion adapted from Forward Movement's *Will You?: A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises* by Amanda Perkins McGriff.

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www.stclementsepiscopal.com

Eternal Rest Grant Unto...

*Brian Patrick "Pat" Sullivan
September 13, 1950–January 1, 2024*

...and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

February Birthdays

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| 1: Jane Harrell | 10: Gail Crowe |
| 2: Bo Edwards | 10: Steve Franke |
| 3: Paul Garrison | 16: Michael Booth |
| 3: Sally Bridges | 18: Nancy Hebert |
| 5: Martin Russ | 20: Jack Roblin |
| 5: Tom Marcellino | 23: Vivian Roblin |
| 9: Laurie Ryan | 23: Claudia Fowlks |

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February Anniversaries

21: Jack & Vivian Roblin

March Anniversaries

7: Mark & Robin Snow
25: Robert & Dalida Bucknall
31: Paul & Janet Garrison
31: Chuck & Connie Bohrer

March Birthdays

- 1: Robert Selby
10: Lisa Frye
12: Mike Harrell
16: Rebecca Nagaishi
16: Sarah Taylor
20: Sherry Davidson
21: Zachary Glontz
22: Tom McIntosh
25: Sharon Lyall

In Appreciation!

In addition to the notes that have already been published from Mother Jamie, Linda Turley, & John Farmer thanking everyone for their generous Christmas gifts, we received thanks from Deacon Mark (dated 12/23/23) as well as our cleaning lady, Faith Harris (dated 12/28/23).

Dear St. Clement's,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your exceedingly generous Christmas gift. It is a privilege to be a part of this community. I am continually struck by your level of care and support.

Merry Christmas and God's Peace,

Deacon Mark

I would like to thank all who gave me extra money for my Christmas gift. I can use this very much. I have had a bad year, but things are getting better.

Hope for a good 2024.

Thanks so much.

Faith

From Morgan Elementary...

On behalf of the teachers and staff at Morgan Elementary, we extend our sincere gratitude for your ongoing support in providing *snacks* for our children in need. Your contribution has been invaluable, and we truly appreciate your generosity.

Ross McNeil, Assistant Principal

Dayenin Arellano, School Counselor

Steven Windsor, School Counselor

Meals for Morgan Elementary Peanut Butter Drive

When? January 21-February 11

What? Any brand of 16 oz. jars creamy peanut butter

Why? Help 125 identified food-insecure children with weekly meal bags that go home on Fridays.

**For Your Calendar...
Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday begins at 7:30 p.m.

Our observance begins on Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a service of Holy Eucharist, in which there will be a foot washing. In this service we celebrate the night of the Last Supper and the beginning of what we now call the Eucharist. But the festive spirit ends in the silence of the stripping of the altar and the darkness of the church. We are left with the invitation to share in The Watch, to sit vigil with the Body of Christ.



Once again, we will hold **The Watch** through the night, requesting that parishioners sign up for a 1-hour shift at some point during the evening, night, or morning. Come and “wait an hour” with Jesus, as he implored his disciples to do when he was suffering in the Garden on the night before his death. (We asked that at least 2 people sign-up per shift.) **Note: Mother Jamie will stay at the church throughout the night.* The Watch will conclude with the Prayer Book liturgy for Good Friday, which will be at noon.

Friday, March 29

- **Good Friday service @ 12 noon**
- **The Way of the Cross @ 7:30 pm:** Please join us on Good Friday, March 29 at 7:30 pm for a narrated multi-media program produced by our Director of Music, John Farmer. Through the music of Marcel Dupre and the dramatic poetry of Paul Claudel, we will follow Jesus on his journey to Golgotha.



Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday ** Please bring fresh, cut flowers (store-bought or from your garden) for the flowering of the cross.*

- **Sunrise Service, 6:30 am**
- **Rite II Holy Eucharist @ 10:00 am & 11:30 am**

**Looking Ahead....
Holy Week, Overnight Vigil, &
Easter Sunday**

Holy week is the busiest & most important time in the church and it will take a small army to fill all of the Lay Ministry duties as well as volunteers to sit vigil during the overnight vigil (*The Watch*). Look for announcements in future bulletins as the dates get closer. Thank you in advance for your help. It will take everyone’s participation.

Donation for Easter Flowers

Also looking ahead, announcements will be in future Sunday bulletins in regards to donating towards Easter flowers. The deadline is set for Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday). We use the same format as we do for Christmas greenery and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex the beginning of March..

**Cursillo #111
By Sid Chadwick**

You are invited to attend NC Episcopal Cursillo #111 on April 11-14 at Camp Walter Johnson, Lexington, N.C.

Cursillo is a Diocesan program and is an opportunity for Episcopalians seeking to grow their faith to meet and learn together. At Cursillo you will experience the gift of God’s love through shared prayer, worship, study and fellowship. For more information contact Ann Lockhart at annlockhart1@gmail.com and visit <http://www.nccursillo.org/> for an application to attend.

Anyone may attend a Cursillo Weekend who is:

- a baptized Christian;
- an Episcopalian or a member of a Christian denomination that is in good standing with the Episcopal church;
- physically able to fully participate in the Weekend;
- open and willing to participate in the Fourth Day;
- able to participate in communal activities;
- Lives in or near an Active Cursillo community; and
- able to receive and participate fully in the Sacraments.

Our own Mickie McIntosh is our #111 Weekend Leader.