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Rector's Message

I Challenge You to Challenge Yourself

Dear St. Clement's friends and family,

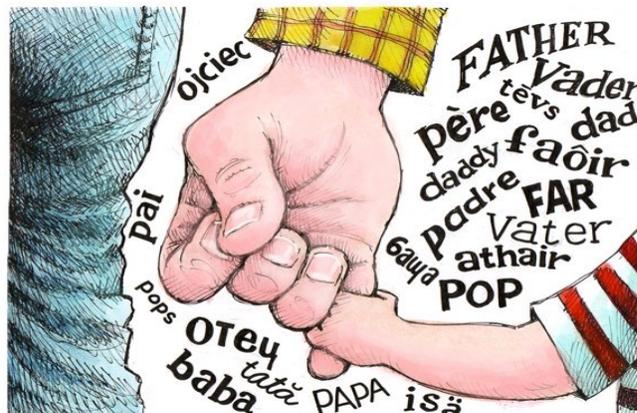
As we continue in fits and starts to reclaim parts of life from "the before times," we are a bit like bears emerging from hibernation (without the weight loss, for most of us!), groggy and hungry. However, unlike the bear who determinedly sets off to hunt, we're more reluctant to commit to action. Maybe we don't feel the energy anymore. Maybe we're afraid of losing new-found freedom with too many commitments. Maybe our volunteer muscles have atrophied, or maybe our perspective has changed as tasks that once seemed a routine part of life now appear to be huge and daunting. I used to think nothing of hopping in the car to drive to other parts of the diocese for meetings. Now a decision to leave the house is a big one. It's amazing how quickly our world can shrink. Zoom has been a vital help, but I admit I sometimes use it as a security blanket, a means of clinging to the comfort of home rather than fully engaging the outside world.

Just as being sedentary diminishes physical health, inactivity diminishes spiritual health. Our faith is communal; one cannot be a follower of Jesus in isolation. And the apostle Paul reminds us that we are all organs with a role to play in the Body of Christ. Therefore, this summer, I challenge you to challenge yourself to commit to an action. Big or small, at the church or in the community, something new or the resumption of something old—the action itself matters less than the commitment to do it. Leave the security blanket on the bed. Put on pants that zip and get out there! The many visitors who've attended our services recently have set a great example of trying something new.

Here are some ministries at St. Clement's that could use more volunteers: **Acolytes**—If you can 'lift high the cross,' you are qualified to be an acolyte! Lead us in and out of worship by participating in this important liturgical role. Due to our younger members graduating and/or working, we currently have a dearth of acolytes. The need here is great.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS!



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Ushers—We are a friendly church but can use more friendly volunteers to greet worshippers, welcome visitors, pass the offertory plates, and guide communion flow. One need not be part of a couple! Individual volunteers can be paired.

Altar Guild—It's not just for women! Men are useful doing small repetitive tasks under close supervision. (JUST KIDDING, fellas!) Seriously, although this ministry is honored as one of the traditional ministries for women, our current altar guild rota need not be limited and can be a great way for couples to serve together as they tend to the liturgical accoutrements of worship.

Chalice Bearer—This ministry requires being licensed by the bishop as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. Speak with me to learn more about the privilege of administering the sacrament.

Mowers—Free lessons to learn to operate the John Deere tractor and help mow our five acres!

Here are leadership opportunities for adult, confirmed, communicants of St. Clement's:

Vestry—Serving a three-year term, vestry members are elected by the congregation at the Annual Parish Meeting (held on or near All Saints Sunday in November) to assume fiduciary responsibility of the parish, thereby balancing the power of the rector in a collaborative ministry of shared leadership. Far from being an intimidating body where only business leaders need apply, the vestry is intended to be representative of the congregation—the more variety the better! All voices, perspectives, and skill sets are valued and sought.

Delegate to Diocesan Convention—Serve a three-year term to represent St. Clement's at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of NC (usually held at Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving). The Vestry approves the list of our three delegates and alternates, and the deadline to submit the names of our delegates to the diocese is August 1st. This ministry is a great way to learn about the myriad ministries of the diocese, participate in the legislative process, meet many people, and make new friends!

What am *I* doing to challenge *myself*? I'm glad you asked! I'm doing something big: going back to graduate school after 28 years! I've started Lenoir-Rhyne with the hope of obtaining an MA in Mental Health Counseling in several years. No security blanket here—but I am hugging my three kitties (and Bo!) for support.

Happy summer,

Jamie+

A Message from the Senior Warden

I am sorry for anyone who missed the service and Mother Jamie's sermon May 22nd. She gave credit to her son Brian for the inspiration of her message as he wanted to share his relaxing "Happy Place" with her. This entailed playing Nintendo's The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild. Other than sharing time with Brian, the experience was not relaxing and became very stressful for M J. Her focus was on the operation of the gaming equipment and not on the goal of the game which was sensing a beautiful calming space created after dealing with certain obstacles. Brian explained that you should not be so possessed with the process that you miss out on the beauty around you. Deal with what you can and move on.

The hymns were also especially meaningful. The hymn, All Things Bright and Beautiful, is such a basic reminder of the beautiful world God created for us and the gift of peace we have been given.

Thank you, Mother Jamie, for reminding us of the peace Jesus gives us and Organist John for capturing that gift in the chosen hymns.

With the relaxation of our summer schedule, I hope we all can retreat to our "Happy Place" and feel the serenity and beauty. Doing so will produce a happier, more vibrant and giving productive person!

Shalom,
Phyllis Scardina

Financial Update

Following are our financials through April. We are one-third of the way through the year and our income and expenses are right on track.

Income.....\$13,437.19 April / \$60,349.26 YTD (31.9% of budget)

Expenses..... \$16,222.82 April / \$57,430.86 YTD (30.4% of budget)

Income.....\$14,929.43 March / \$46,912.07 YTD (24.8% of budget)

Expenses..... \$13,853.02 March / \$41,208.04 YTD (21.8% of budget)

Pledge statements went out in April for first quarter. If you didn't get one or have any concerns with the one you received, feel free to email me directly and I can speak with our accounting firm to make any necessary corrections. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Elsner

Junior Warden Update

Hi all! The water work around the church is coming to an end. We have had grading done to keep water from seeping into the downstairs and new pipes put in to carry the existing water away. Steve Franke is helping me find someone to put covers over the window wells to keep that area free from leaves and debris as well as water. The flowers will not be put back into the gardens until the fall. If anyone wants their pots back, please let me know as I can easily transfer plants from one place to the other. Thanks to Kevin Meath, Bob Smith, Tom Erickson, and Steve Franke for their invaluable aid in selecting a water team and to all that dug and planted the garden plants in pots to save them! Thanks for all your patience while these projects have been addressed!

Jane Harrell, Junior Warden



Our Graduates!



- ◆ Will Taylor, grandson of Jane & Mike Harrell graduated from City of Medicine High School in Durham on May 27th with not only his high school diploma, but an Associates Degree. He has been accepted into the paramedic program at Wake Tech and will be interning as well.
- ◆ Paulina Meyer, granddaughter of Luci Lazorchak, graduated with a BFA Degree in Painting from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY and will be moving to Lisbon, Spain.
- ◆ Catherine Neblett, daughter of John & Janet Neblett, graduated from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College as an Occupational Therapy Assistant.
- ◆ Elizabeth Neblett, daughter of John & Janet Neblett, graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in Master of Science in Accounting and will be working at CohnReznick in Charlotte.
- ◆ Hailey Denise Elizabeth Tutterow, granddaughter of Sharon & Andres Valdez, graduates from South Stokes High School on June 3rd. She graduated a semester early in December and started college at Guildford Technical Community College this past January, but she will still walk with her graduating class at South Stokes. At the end of her 2-year transfer program, she hopes to continue at UNCG to study business.
- ◆ Lauren Elizabeth Kight, granddaughter of Jerry & Pat Kight, graduated from Blue Valley Southwest High School in Overland Park, Kansas. She will be an incoming freshman at the University of North Carolina, School of the Arts, School of Filmmaking.

Congratulations to all the graduates for a job well done!

June Birthdays...

5: Liz Weide
 12: Ginny Davies
 16: Sharon Valdez
 20: Breiana Six
 21: Ben Neal
 22: Jake Schantz
 26: Van Garrison



June Anniversaries...

4: Mark & Sherry Davidson
 11: John & Pat Mueller
 22: Bob & Patty Dalton



MILESTONES

July Birthdays...

1: Bob Smith
 3: Connie Bohrer
 5: Wren Garrison
 5: Nicky Tesh
 7: Cooper Garrison
 16: Bob Dalton
 27: Lee Ellis
 29: Bruce Gerlinger
 31: Patty Dalton

July Anniversaries...

1: Michael Seeds & Molly Douglass
 11: Bruce & Sandra Nash
 16: Michael & Allison Booth
 18: Kurt & Liz Weide
 25: Howard & Judy Rush
 29: Tom & Barbara Erickson

August Birthdays...

1: Terri Smith
 8: Jackie Davis
 15: Wyatt Booth
 17: Kevin Meath
 17: Don Patterson
 18: Ian Weide
 21: Terri Everett
 25: Gerrit Russ
 27: Randy Chapel
 27: Peg Lavelle
 31: Jeannette Reid



August Anniversaries...

2: Walt & Mary Ann Joyce
 2: Mike & Jane Harrell
 4: Rob & Kirsten Russ
 8: Don & Burnie Patterson
 14: Steve & Cindy Lou Franke
 27: Maggie Elsner & Beth Binder
 28: Robert & Amy Selby

Eternal Rest Grant Unto...

*George Stuart Scott
 March 22, 1940—April 16, 2022*

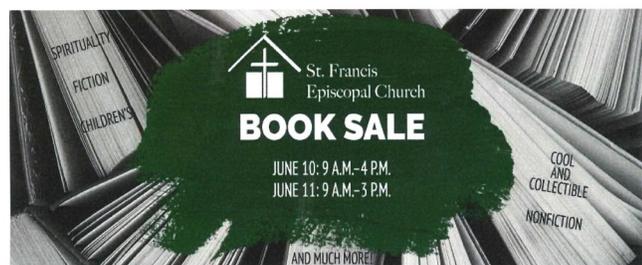
*...and may perpetual light shine
 upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Men's Retreat Rescheduled

Mark your calendars! The men's retreat has been rescheduled for October 21-23 on Belews Creek, NC. More details will come as the date nears.

Attention, ALL Lay Ministers!

Deadline for the 3rd quarter schedule (July, Aug, Sept.) is Wednesday, June 15. Please email the office any dates you are unable to serve.



**THE BOOK SALE: Friday, June 10, 9 am – 4 pm
 Saturday, June 11, 9 am – 3 pm**

We have renovated our Book Garage and will hold the sale there. Although it is a smaller space, we intend to have a sale three to four times a year instead of only once. This will allow you several opportunities to shop for the books you are interested in.

We have a large selection of modern Fiction, Children's, and Nonfiction books, as well as many cool items for our antiquarian collectors. Our objective for this coming sale will be to deplete our HUGE overstock of incredible titles. To help us achieve this goal, all books during this sale are half-price!

3506 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro

Volunteering in our Community

Judy Rush has been playing her dulcimer at the Forsyth Hospital cancer center on Mondays since last August. Thank you for your ministry of music, Judy!



Charity Spotlight

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

The mission of Crisis Control Ministry is to assist people in crisis to meet essential life needs and to become self-sufficient by providing food, prescription meds, and financial assistance with rent, mortgage and utilities. There is a collection jar on the narthex counter if you wish to donate spare change or a dollar or two. Our last donation from this jar totaled \$375.50! Even a little bit adds up!