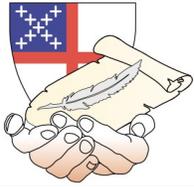


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From the Rector's Desk...

New Groups—For Those Who Don't Like Groups!

God has made us all different—different members of One Body—so that collectively we can pool our gifts and interests and work together toward the Kingdom of God. Some are visionaries. Some are managers. And some live by the credo “Just give me a job to do and let me do it but don't make me sit through any meetings!”

Our own Jane Harrell, Master Gardener and immediate past Junior Warden, was put in the unfortunate position of shouldering all of the above roles—pun intended since she is due for shoulder surgery! She laid out the vision, managed the implementation, and then did most of the actual work herself. While we thank her profusely for her labors, we also owe it to her to better organize ourselves moving forward. Ministry is meant to be shared, and the strength of a system lies in how well it functions when the leader is not present. If we allow our grounds to flounder after Jane's tenure, we add insult to the injury of her overwork. We must not let that happen.

To this end, we are creating two bodies of ministry (I won't call them committees) comprised of any and all who minister by doing—rather than sitting—and feel called to live out their faith by tending to our grounds:

Gardeners and Worker Bees: This name reflects not only an interest in gardening but also the double significance of bees—the symbol of task-oriented work as well as a happy reminder of our “go native” initiative of planting native species for the benefit of bees and butterflies. Sign-ups for specific areas include: the side and front gardens; seasonal clean-up (e.g. disconnecting hoses, pressure washing); mowing/trimming/blowing, etc. Many hands make light work, and many eyes make sure nothing is neglected! These volunteers will follow instructions; they are not expected to have the expertise themselves.

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Dinner for 15 at the St. Timothy's Women's Overflow Shelter

Mark your calendars, as St. Clement's will be providing the evening meal for the guests residing at the St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Women's Overflow Shelter on Sunday February 5th. We will provide dinner for 15 from 6:15 until 8:00 that evening. A maximum of 10 volunteers are allowed and a sign-up sheet for the event has been posted in the narthex. In an effort to provide a hearty “stick to your ribs” kind of meal we will be providing meatloaf, mash potatoes, Green beans, dinner rolls, drinks and dessert. So, please sign-up in advance for whatever item you would like to bring and we will gather at the church at 5:30 and travel over to St. Tim's to set up and serve. It should be a great time to share the love of Christ through community ministry! St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is located at 2575 Parkway Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27103. Please direct any questions about the event to Deacon Mark.

A Message from the Senior Warden...

By April Chapel

It's a privilege to be on Vestry in 2023 and be your Sr. Warden. I've always lived by the saying "You get out of something what you put into it" and I pledge to give this trusted position all I have.

Last Sunday after Mother Jamie's homily and our formation group discussion, I was thinking about what my vocation is. Vocation was defined as what we do for enjoyment and passion. This sometimes can include our work but oftentimes not. I can't say that my position as Controller at Craige Jenkins Liipfert & Walker LLP is my vocation, but I do enjoy the responsibility it requires of me. I think serving St. Clement's is more of a vocation because this service brings me closer to God as Elizabeth Gilbert described in her book 'Eat, Pray, Love'.

It's been great seeing all the new faces at St. Clement's and hope I can get to know all of you. I describe myself as an introvert and will strive to work through this to speak with all in Church (maybe I'm not as much an introvert as I think if I'm writing about it).

I feel an energy at St. Clement's not felt in a while where Mother Jamie's homilies which touch on popular culture and humorous topics, Deacon Mark's attention to all aspects of our community and John Farmer's wonderful music only adds to our spiritual journey!

I feel blessed to have prior experiences of being on Vestry and look forward to what this year holds for all of us.

I would encourage parishioners to attend the formation discussions after Sunday morning Eucharist where I have learned much about the talents of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And coffee and brownies are always on the mark!

I pledge to serve our congregation well and welcome your input on all Church matters. The best contact information for me is: achapel@cs.com or 336 403-8462.

Financial Update

This report represents numbers at the end of December 2022.

Income.....\$18,715.25 Dec. / \$183,436.73
YTD (96.96% of budget)

Expenses..... \$18,201.93 Dec. / \$185,178.71
YTD (97.88% of budget)

We started 2022 with a significant budget deficit and ended the year with only a \$1,741.98 deficit. While we cut costs and maximized savings wherever we could find them, these results are mostly due to the generosity of our parishioners and supporters. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all its ministries.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Elsner, Treasurer

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Memorial Garden Guild: Our Memorial Garden differs from the rest of our space in several significant ways, so our maintenance of it needs to be treated differently, as well. We have not only a stewardship obligation but also a sacred duty of trust to prayerfully, lovingly, and carefully tend to the sacred place where loved ones are laid to rest. I have had more than one embarrassing conversation in the past with people who went to visit a grave and *couldn't find* the marker due to leaves or mud....If you feel called to incorporate tending to this most sacred of spaces into your spiritual practice, then this ministry is for you. Clearing leaves, washing markers, and other tasks ensure that the Memorial Garden is properly maintained, beautiful, and welcoming.

We are blessed to have another Master Gardener on the Vestry, Gerry Jove, and Jane has passed her information to her. Gerry is willing to step into the Junior Warden role in terms of being the keeper of the vision—and troubleshooter of any issues that arise—but the above groups need to be ready to take assignments. We will create a sign-up. Please prayerfully consider whether your spiritual practice for 2023 might include a "worker bee" ministry of some kind.

Blessings and peace, Jamie+

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Walking in the Wilderness through Lent

By Deacon Mark Davidson

Come and join us during the upcoming season of Lent for an extended study of the book *Walking in the Wilderness* (seeking God during Lent) by Beth A. Richardson. *Walking in the Wilderness* provides a daily quotation, scripture reading, and reflection for each of the days of the Lenten season from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week, with a different weekly spiritual practice introduced each Sunday. In an effort to maintain a spiritual connection to our study and one another throughout the week we will use the study of *Walking in the Wilderness* for both Christian Formation on Sunday mornings and a mid-week worship and reflection period to take place on Wednesdays at noon through the season of Lent. The weeks spiritual practice/focus will be introduced and explored on Sunday morning's during Formation and then revisited on Wednesday's through worship and reflection. *Walking in the Wilderness* can be purchased from any popular book seller for around \$13.00 and the kindle e-reader version is \$7.99. So, all are invited to get a hold of a copy and come and join us as we walk together through the wilderness this coming Lenten season.

Inclement Weather Notice

In the event of inclement weather and the possibility of church closings, please tune in to WXII News 12 for up-to-date information on St. Clement's Sunday services located in the ticker at the bottom of your television screen. We will also communicate via Facebook and update the church web site.



Please give a warm welcome to the newest among us:

- Dave & Sue Kapitanek who transferred from St. Augustine's in Danville, IN.
- Lynn & Tom Marcellino (Lynn is the daughter of Buddy & Patsy Jones).
- Deborah Crow who has transferred from All Saints' in Concord.
- Patrick & Noelle Nichols
- Tom Carnes & Kelly O'Sullivan, who comes to us from St. Paul's in Wilkesboro and who recently became engaged to be married!

Welcome to our church family!

Ash Wednesday - February 22

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

Clemmons Food Pantry Update

By Bobbie Daniel

Many, many thanks to everyone for your food donations to the Clemmons Food Pantry, especially cereal and other breakfast food items!

As of Jan. 29, St.

Clement's has donated 177 pounds of food in the last three months!

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry. The need is great in our area.

FEBRUARY
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

WEEK 1: 12 MOST WANTED
This week please consider donating to provide items that are critical needs for families: Rice, canned meats, canned fruit, baby food, etc.

WEEK 2: GIVING FROM THE HEART!
This week let's celebrate Valentine's Day by donating any nonperishable foods you love!

WEEK 3: RISE AND SHINE!
This week's theme will focus on the cost of a week's worth of breakfasts. Please donate any non perishable breakfast items.

WEEK 4: LET'S CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY!
Please donate dessert mixes, cakes, brownies, frosting, candles, sprinkles, etc. for the birthday bin.

In Appreciation!

In addition to the notes that were published in Constant Contact from Mother Jamie, Deacon Mark, and our Office Manager Linda thanking everyone for their generous Christmas gifts, we received a nice note from our cleaning lady Faith, copied below.

"I would like to thank all for my extra check at Christmas. That meant so much to me. It just makes you feel good that people do care. Thanks so very much." - Faith

Medical Supply List

Do you have any medical supplies (wheelchair, walker, cane, bedside commode, etc.) stored away? Would you be willing to loan this out to a church member in need? We are creating a list of items that would be available for those having surgery, etc. and need to borrow one or more as they recover. Please email Lois Gerhardt at legerhardt2@aol.com.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 21 @ Ascension-Fork
183 Fork Bixby Road, Advance

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**



As in “the before times” we are once again celebrating with Ascension-Fork for our annual Mardi Gras celebration. As is tradition of alternating years, Fr. Gus, their new Rector, has invited us to their place this year’s pancake supper. He has also included information on their Healing Service if anyone wishes to attend.

5:30pm A Public Service of Healing (Nave)

This Sacramental Rite is a wonderful way to experience the grace of God’s forgiveness and healing in the context of public worship, with particular meaning just before the start of Lent. All who desire to be anointed will have the opportunity.

6:10pm Mardi Gras! (Parish Hall)

Combining the best aspects of several cultural traditions, from South Louisiana to Old England! We are happy to revive this tradition at Ascension, once again celebrating with our friends from St. Clement’s Church in Clemmons. This year, folks from Good Shepherd (Cooleemee) and Galloway Memorial (Elkin) will join us as well. We will have beads, decorative masks, pancakes, King Cake, and more. Gluten-free and vegan options will be available.

MILESTONES

February Birthdays

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



March Birthdays

- 1: Robert Selby
- 10: Lisa Frye
- 12: Mike Harrell
- 16: Rebecca Nagaishi
- 19: J. Chris Mueller
- 20: Sherry Davidson
- 21: Zachary Glontz
- 22: Tom McIntosh
- 25: Sharon Lyall

March Anniversaries

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

February Anniversaries

- 21: Jack & Vivian Roblin

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday Services

Rite II every Sunday @ 10 am
Formation & Coffee immediately following (PH)

Women’s Group

Meets every Thursday morning, 11 am–12:30 pm in the parish hall.

Al-Anon meetings

Meets every Friday in the parish hall, 12-1 pm

Men’s Group

Meets every Saturday morning via zoom, 8-10 am

February

- Sunday, February 5
Dinner @ St. Tim’s overflow shelter, 6:15p
- Monday, February 20—*Presidents’ Day*
Church office closed
- Tuesday, February 21
Pancake Supper @ Ascension Fork, 6:10p
- Wednesday, February 22—*Ash Wednesday*
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
@ 12:15 & 7:00 pm

March

- Wednesday, March 1
Lenten Worship & Reflection, 12 pm
- Wednesday, March 8
Lenten Worship & Reflection, 12 pm
- Wednesday, March 15
Lenten Worship & Reflection, 12 pm
DEADLINE: 2Q LM schedule requests
- Sunday, March 19
DEADLINE: April / May Newsletter
- Wednesday, March 22
Lenten Worship & Reflection, 12 pm
- Wednesday, March 29
Lenten Worship & Reflection, 12 pm

A Look Ahead into April...

- Sunday, April 2
Palm Sunday
- Wednesday, April 5
Lenten Worship & Reflection, 12 pm
- Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday
Liturgy @ 7:30
Overnight Vigil begins @ 9 pm
- Friday, April 7—Good Friday
Overnight Vigil continues till 12 noon
Good Friday Service @ 12 noon
- Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday
Services times TBD.