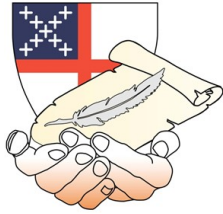


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## Our New Piano Has Arrived!

The Baldwin Concert Vertical piano was designed to sound like a 7' grand piano but has a much more compact footprint. Its superior tonal quality and first-class construction has made it the instrument of choice for many professional pianists. Built in 1999, it was one of the last instruments produced by the Baldwin company in their US factory. By 2000, the firm was purchased by an Asian company and all production moved overseas, where this model was discontinued. (Our existing Yamaha piano was moved from the sanctuary and is now downstairs in the parish hall.)

I am so looking forward to playing this excellent instrument in the coming months. Thank you to all those who made this possible. -John Farmer



A rainy day move.



## A Message from our Intern, Matthew Phillips

When I was in seminary, I spent a summer working at UNC Hospital as a chaplain in a clinical pastoral education program. It was a transformative experience in a lot of ways, but one was the contrast between the enormity of the institution and the intimacy of visits with patients and their families. I couldn't get over the way this incredibly complex system of people, hallways, equipment, medical notes and orders, and computer systems all worked together to take such good care of people.

St. Clement's would fit in the lobby of UNC Hospital, but there are lots of interlocking stories here too. One of the gifts of being new is that each week I learn about another way that St. Clement's is helping the community: school supplies, canned goods, financial support to Crisis Control, bags for the homeless, prison ministry, and many more I don't know about yet. We're also part of diocesan programs supporting marginalized communities or young people away from their church homes, not to mention national Episcopal Church programs that change lives around the world.

The patients in the hospital were getting great treatment, but it was hard to see the wonders of the huge hospital system from the lobby or from their own room. Let's make this fall a time to stretch our legs and explore the amazing things happening around the Church: get involved in new things

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**St. Clement's Saturday Morning Men's Cursillo Reunion Group**  
**Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 A.M.**

Starting sometime at the beginning of the Pandemic, our St. Clement's Saturday Morning Men's Reunion Group pivoted and began meeting on Zoom rather than in our Parish Hall, which had been occurring for over two decades. Before the pandemic, attendees would vary from two or three, to as many as maybe seven or eight.

The change to Zoom seemed to be met at first by long term attendees as a welcome alternative in the midst of the Pandemic's changing and restrictive conditions. No one knew at that time that the Pandemic scourge would last three years, and teach us much about our political, healthcare, and personal choices.

Today, we still meet by Zoom on Saturday mornings, from 8:00 till 9:00. And there's been a noticeable shift in attendees. We now have attendees from:

1. St. Christophers - an attendee who has been instrumental in reviving St. Christopher's Episcopal in High Point.
2. St. Timothy's - a soon to be 92-year-old retired physician, whose life perspectives and medical experience are regular contributions to our Saturday personal Check-ins.
3. St. Anne's, originally from New York City - who attended EFM (Education for Ministry) locally, is active in St. Anne's, and brings a rich perspective re. the African American and Gay communities.
4. St. Clement's (sometimes three or - even four), with two active, regular attendees.
5. A new attendee, who recently moved from Wilmington to Pilot Mountain, and who was very active in Cursillo in our Eastern NC Episcopal Diocese.
6. A new attendee, who attends a Presbyterian church in Raleigh. He's found our Men's Reunion Group Saturday personal spiritual discussions helpful for an unexpected personal challenge, he found himself in the middle of - nine months ago.

Our Saturday discussions follow the Cursillo Fourth Day of:

Prayer of the Holy Spirit... followed by personal witness discussions re.

**PIETY:** including one moment in which you felt closest to Christ, and why.

**STUDY:** share one thing you have done to increase your understanding of your relationship with God and His Creation.

**ACTION:** If you have had a specific plan for attempting to witness or serve the lord in some particular area, share one success, or disappointment you have experienced.....What unexpected opportunity to witness has the lord offered you...?

Our closing Cursillo Prayer.

I assure you, we each leave our Saturday morning's Reunion Group discussions, with what we've shared with each other, better prepared to engage the coming day, and week....!

Also, our Cursillo Ministry offers an Ultreya every 60 days, where a Cursillista volunteer offers an inspiring Witness Talk, followed by a Clergy Response.

If you would like to visit and check-out our Saturday Morning Men's Cursillo Men's Reunion Group, drop Sid Chadwick an email requesting an invitation to [sidchadwickcc@gmail.com](mailto:sidchadwickcc@gmail.com)..

If you'd like to start your own Cursillo Reunion Group or attend an upcoming Ultreya drop Cameron Cooke an email to [cameroncooke539@gmail.com](mailto:cameroncooke539@gmail.com).

### St. Clement's Jail/Prison Ministry News

By Deacon Mark Davidson

Four members of St. Clement's Jail ministry team (and Mother Jamie, the jail's newest Chaplain) traveled to the Forsyth County Jail on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> to provide an afternoon service for the women at the facility. Though attendance was slim, the service went very well. We sang and prayed and heard a powerful sermon. And, as a completely unexpected bonus two members of the congregation asked to be baptized, sending Mother Jamie and Deacon Mark into a mad scramble to improvise and procure the appropriate elements and liturgy to accommodate the candidates (neither had brought their prayer books). But, as anyone who has been involved in prison/jail ministry for any length of time will tell you, you can always expect the unexpected. And everything always seems to turn out fine. God will make a way.

Our next visit to the jail will be **September 8<sup>th</sup>** and we will provide the 2:00 p.m. service for the men's unit. All are welcome to join us for ministry at the jail and the next training date for Jail volunteers is **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Center Grove Baptist Church. Additionally, St. Clement's will make our annual pilgrimage to the McGee-Hedgley Chapel at the Forsyth Correctional Center (Cherry St. Prison) on the evening of Sunday **October 6<sup>th</sup>** to worship with the inmates. We will arrive at the prison at 4:30 p.m. and the service and activities will conclude by 7:00 p.m. Anyone is allowed to participate in this service, and everyone is encouraged to come along (no training is required). The joy and gratitude experienced while worshipping with our friends at Cherry Street will definitely make a lasting impression. Anyone with question about St. Clement's jail or prison ministry can contact Deacon Mark or Mother Jamie.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto...*

*Dirlie Anne Herlihy  
October 28, 1935–July 16, 2024*

*...and may perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.*

### Costco Potluck Dinner

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm–7:30 pm**

Hosted by Kevin & Carobeth at their home located at 261 Woodlee Dr, Advance, NC 27006. They will supply vineo rosa, salads, chicken kabobs. Please bring a dish to share and please RSVP.

Kevin: 336-210-1825 or Carobeth: 336-575-9318

This is great way to catch up and make new friends.

### Church Yard Work Day

**Saturday, September 14**

**9 am - 11 am**

It's Fall so there's lots to do in the garden to prepare all the beds for winter. Please bring whatever tools and wheelbarrows you have so we can get a lot accomplished. Thanks in advance for all your help! - Gerry Jove



### Help! Are You Being Called to Serve?

We still need more volunteers to serve in the various Lay Ministries, especially at the early service. Please contact the following, if interested. Thank you!

- Lector: Mother Jamie & Linda
- Chalice: Mother Jamie
- Acolyte: Deacon Mark
- Altar Guild: Dalida Bucknall

### Attention, Lay Ministers

4Q (October, November, December) schedule requests for any dates you know you can not serve are due to Linda at [stclements3600@gmail.com](mailto:stclements3600@gmail.com) no later than September 18. As in past years, we will ask for volunteers for the Christmas Eve services.

### Snacks for Morgan

We are continuing supporting Morgan Elementary School with weekly donations of individually wrapped healthy snack foods. These donations are used to ensure students can participate at snack time who would otherwise go without. Due to allergy concerns, we ask that you do not donate anything containing any kind of nuts. Please put your donations in the drawer labeled "Snacks for Morgan" located under the narthex counter.

### Crisis Control Donation

Spare change in the "jug" amounted to \$470.77, donated to Crisis Control. Well done, St. Clement's!

**Men's Retreat  
October 4-6, 2024**

St. Clement's Annual Men's retreat will be Friday-Sunday (10/4-10/6) at Belews Lake, NC, which is about a 45 minute drive from the church. It is a time to relax, read, fish, kayak, worship, eat well, and make new friends. The cost is \$50 which includes five meals - three on Saturday and two on Sunday! We will carpool from the church on Friday, October 4 at 6 pm and return on Sunday around 3 pm. We will celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday at Belews Creek. For further details contact Robert Selby at 336-831-4804 or email scbhcentral60@yahoo.com.

**Blessing of the Animals**

All creatures great and small are welcomed!

Saturday, October 12  
@ 11:00 am  
\*Meet at the front of  
the church.



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**Blessing of the Animals Sneak Preview!**

Parishioner Deborah Crow and her bestie Arlene Anderson are already crafting St. Francis medals and cards to give to participants. Please plan to join us. Invite your friends!



**St. Francis of Assisi**

Every year, in early October, we gather around with our pets for our annual Blessing of the Animals. Why? Because we love our pets. And why do we do this in October? Well, it all has to do with St. Francis of Assisi (feast day: October 4th) who is the patron saint of ecology and animals. When he was in his early 20's St. Francis left behind a life of riches and vanity to live a life of Truth, Love, Faith, and Humility. His story is incredibly beautiful but his love for simplicity, humility, and service is even more beautiful. St. Francis had said, "Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in His sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage." Inspiring words.

*Heavenly Father,*

*You have taught us, through your servant St. Francis, that all creation is your handiwork. Grant us your grace that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth; tread lightly upon it; and cherish its resources; that our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations, and Your name be glorified through all that you have made. Amen.*

Rt Rev. David Walker, Bishop of Manchester.

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at St. Clement's, and learn about—and take pride in—the ministries we support in the Diocese and Church. The analogy to the hospital is a good reminder for another reason too: if one person was missing from the hospital, even for a day, there were ripple effects throughout the system and things didn't work like they were supposed to. We need you here, and things don't work right when you're not around.

**HELP WANTED!**

The vestry needs a clerk! In the past, the role of clerk has been handled within the vestry, but the need has arisen to cast a wider net. Duties primarily involve attending the monthly vestry meetings and taking the minutes. Please let Mother Jamie+ know if you are interested.

**CROP Hunger Walk- Sunday, October 20, 2024**  
Corpening Plaza: 237 W. First Street, WS  
Check-in at 1:30 p.m. / Walk Begins at 2:30 p.m.