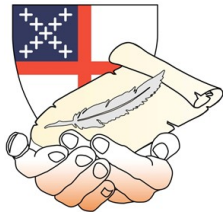


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Rector's Message

Calling All Party Planners and Service Project Coordinators!

Dear St. Clement's peeps,

We have a problem—I mean a challenge. But it's the best challenge to have! We have many newcomers and two services, so we need new ways to get to know each other and serve together. How can you help?

Current ways to know others beyond Sunday worship and formation include:

- The Instant Church Directory app, where names, faces, and contact information are a tap away, right there on your phone;
- The Men's Group, Women's Group, Altar Guild, Memorial Garden Guild, jail volunteers, and other groups that serve the parish or the community in different ways; and
- 'Costco' Parties: periodic, casual Saturday night potluck parties at someone's home (so called because the idea is to just 'pick something up at Costco').

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Small Group Gatherings

By Kirsten Russ

What? An opportunity to create new relationships during a small group, relaxed gathering.

When? Monthly meetings, set by each small group, individually.

Time? Your Group's choice - morning coffee and/or breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, before dinner cocktail (BYOB), dinner, the group chooses the most convenient time - daytime or anytime!

Where? Your Group's choice - a restaurant, a home, picnic shelter at St. Clement's, a park, or?

"Program"? Whatever the members of each group decide to discuss.

The purpose of the groups is to build stronger relationships within St. Clement's.

How to organize? Kick off date is Sunday, September 14, 2025, after the 10:00 am service.

- Be there **or**
- Send your contact information (name, telephone #, email, preferred meeting time- daytime or anytime) to Phyllis Scardina (see below) **or**
- On the Welcome Table beside the organ, please find a white, plastic basket. Choose an index card, fill it out and place in the basket by 11:00 am on Sunday, September 14. (See sample)

Attend the first meeting on Sunday, September 14 after the 10 am service, or send your name/phone #/email/preferred meeting time - daytime or anytime to Phyllis Scardina or place in the offering plate by

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Treasurer's Update

Overall, our July Financials are strong and favorable against our 2025 Budget! Revenues are running favorable to expenses by \$31,988. We received the Common Trust Funds from the Diocese in the amount of \$ 530,957 on 7/18/25. We then moved \$500,000 to Schwab on 7/25/25. The balance will be sent to Schwab later this month. We have paid \$30,190 toward the Lift and, in August, we will have \$40,000 in anonymous donations directed to the Lift.

Revenues

Total YTD revenues of \$151,203.25 are now 12 pts above budget.

Expenses

Total Expenses of \$119,215 are favorable to budget by 3 pts.

Other News

We are just completing our transition from one accounting firm to another that has the potential of saving St. Clement's approximately \$5,000 a year.

Financials are available upon request.

Nicky Tesh, Treasurer
Treasurer3600@gmail.com

*Where do bad rainbows go?
A prism.*

Junior Warden Report:

By Bob Smith

Memorial Garden Brick project: The order was placed with Pine Hall Brick for 24 brick pavers; estimated delivery September 22 - October 6.

Lift installation project:

- Lift installation delayed until October (starting approximately October 13), pending drawing of plans and permit approval.
- Relocated the administrative office to previous nursery space. Nursery items and unwanted furniture were either sold or were donated to charitable organizations. (The outside wall of new office space that had damage was scraped and painted by Linda and her husband, Ray.)
- Women's group will remove items from cabinets and drawers in vestibule to prepare for installation construction.

Front door replacement project: Contract for replacing the front doors awarded to Carolina Industrial Systems for \$3334; doors to be installed in 3 to 4 weeks.

Facility painting will begin September 22. The plastic window well covers will need to be removed to allow painting of window light wells and then reinstalled.

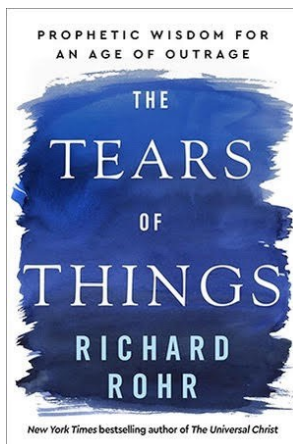
Communion rail installation project: Two communion rail "designs" have been submitted for vestry review and discussion.

Ongoing general outside maintenance, to include pruning trees, trimming bushes, spraying for ants, inside and outside.

NCDOT / Sidewalk Plan: Anticipate meeting with acquisition agent concerning the right of way for the Village of Clemmon's sidewalk project parallel to Harper Road. Sidewalk easement place "plot plans" and "photos" available for anyone interested.

Many thanks to: volunteer mowers, those who assisted with Linda's office relocation, and donators of time and money that help enable these projects.

Fall Formation series begins September 14th!



Richard Rohr's latest book, *The Tears of Things*, explores how the wisdom of the Old Testament prophets offers hope-filled messages for our world today. Please plan to join us for a rich and rewarding time together that will combine Bible study with theological conversation as we wrestle together with issues of faith in today's

anxious times. Reading the book is NOT a prerequisite for attendance! Neither is coming every week! Engagement can range from drinking coffee and quietly listening—to volunteering a leadership role. Any and all are welcome—for as much or as little as you are led!



Church Work Day
Saturday, October 25
9 am - Noon
Rain date:
Saturday, November 1st

<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Salem Shelter for Women By Deacon Mark</p> <p>Our Lady of Salem Shelter for Women has published their first annual report. A central theme of the report is extending their gratitude to the thirty-eight different churches and community groups that supported the shelter this past season. So, let me pass along this gratitude to all those in St. Clement's community that cooked or served the meals we provided last winter. A total of one hundred sixty-two women were served over the December through February operational period; ninety-three dinners were provided by thirty-eight different groups, and two thousand three hundred and ten lunch-to-go bags were also provided as the ladies went out from the shelter each morning. Improvements to Drake Hall (the shelter space at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church) are also being planned, to include new carpet and eventually showers. The winter shelter season will soon be upon us before we know it (beginning on December 1st again this year) and I hope you will join me in supporting this important ministry with food and hospitality.</p>	<p>Small Groups continued...</p> <p>September 14. You can find Phyllis' contact information in our online directory or you can call the church office.</p> <p>Groups of 6-8 will be chosen by randomly drawing names written on the index cards (including those who are absent and who sent their info to Phyllis).</p> <p>Each group will choose a contact person who will organize the monthly meeting.</p> <p>Next year (2026-2027) we will join again in September as a large group, draw names and regroup. Exciting possibilities for all congregants in a low stress and comfortable setting.</p> <p>Information for index card: Name Phone number Email address Time preference - anytime or daytime only (choose one!)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Help! Are You Being Called to Serve?</p> <p>We still need more volunteers! We have put announcements in the Sunday bulletins and in the newsletters, but we are still in need. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the much needed roles below or in any other way God is calling you. We would love to get you on the next quarterly schedule! Please contact the following, if interested. Thank you!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalice: Mother Jamie • Acolyte: Deacon Mark <p>Any other Lay Ministries: Call Linda in the church office.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Community Needs Your Help!</p> <p>Snacks for Morgan: Our schools need our support more than ever, with that said, now that classes are back in session, we will resume providing 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.</p> <p>Food Pantry Donations Needed! Our collection bins for Clemmons Food Pantry and Storehouse for Jesus have been empty or very low on donations. Please consider picking up just one item a week. Shop the sale items! Imagine the difference we could make as a parish if everyone donated just ONE item when they come to church on Sundays! ANY donation is appreciated and needed! They do request no glass jars and please don't donate expired food as they are unable to distribute them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you, as always, for your generosity!</i></p>
<div style="background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <p><i>Eternal Rest Grant Unto...</i> <i>Former members of St. Clement's:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pat McKelvey</i> <i>March 12, 1934–June 16, 2025</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Beth McCashin</i> <i>August 27, 1952–August 20, 2025</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>...and may perpetual light shine upon them.</i> <i>May they rest in peace.</i></p> </div>	

<p>Rector's Message continued...</p> <p>Former ways not held recently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church dinners (shrimp, barbecue, chili cook-off); • Wake Forest football game; • Episcochicks 'girls' night out' gatherings; • Episcochicks retreat to Trinity Center; • Men's retreat (due to loss of venue). <p>Your rector can brainstorm, but those with gifts for event coordination are needed to implement ideas. How can you help?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet-up at Winston-Salem Wine Market (owned by parishioners Beth Binder and Maggie Elsner); • Movie night with homemade pizza (dough-spinning Jim Studley's idea); • "Friday Night Fire Pit" on our field to unwind, share about the week, and relax into the weekend over your favorite BYOB; • Group hayride or other fall activity; • Volunteer in some way with area animal rescues; • Build a Habitat for Humanity house or other service project. <p>Please plan to attend the potluck breakfast between the services on Sunday, September 7th to share ideas, lend your expertise, and plan for a rich and rewarding fall of serving God and others while getting to know each other better!</p> <p>Blessings and peace, Jamie+</p>	<p>Women's Group</p> <p>If you haven't joined the ever-growing number of folks from St. Clement's who gather together in the Parish Hall on Thursday mornings from 10:30 till noon, this fall is a great time to check us out. St. Clement's Women's Group is a welcoming, caring alliance that not only supports and inspires each other in our personal spiritual journeys, but is committed to sharing the love of Christ with others we meet in our daily pathways. We feel God's presence with us as we laugh (and sometimes cry) and learn together, and we gain strength and new perspectives to lessen the life challenges each of us faces. Call it a spiritual therapy session, if you will, but the consensus is that when you leave, you'll feel amazingly refreshed, and the load you're carrying will feel lighter than when you arrived.</p> <p>It is so easy in today's world to become weighted down with worry and negative thoughts that accomplish nothing and even adversely affect our health. Starting in September, we are bringing back renowned story-teller/preacher/author Max Lucado (whom the group has affectionately nicknamed "Mashed Potato" because it rhymes!) with his newly released video series "Tame Your Thoughts." Max says, "God made our brains; He can retrain our brains." So with Max guiding us in his folksy way like a combination friendly neighbor/trusted pastor, we will explore three scripture-based tools to manage and transform our toxic "thought traps" (like anxiety, guilt, rejection, and dissatisfaction) so we can become a little more like Jesus every day.</p> <p>Anyone in the parish, male or female, is welcome to join us. There's no homework, and attendance is totally voluntary, as personal schedules permit. Our hope is that, once you come try us, you'll never want to miss another session. For more information, talk to any of the (now-22!) members of St. Clement's Women's Group or contact Cindy Lou Franke. Her cell number and email address are located in our online directory or you can call the church office for the information. Come grow with us, and we'll look for you on Thursdays!</p> <p><i>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.</i> - Hebrews 13:16</p>
<p>Attention, Lay Ministers and Counters</p> <p>4Q (October, November, December) schedule requests for any dates you know you can not serve or count, respectively, are due to Linda via email no later than September 17. As in past years, we will ask for LM volunteers for the Christmas Eve services.</p>	
<p>Coffee Hour Housekeeping Plea</p> <p>On several occasions the sugar and creamer have been left out on the counter. With the potential of an ant invasion, please be sure that these are returned to the refrigerator and that the coffee counter is cleaned. Paper towels and a bottle of cleaner are there for easy access. Also, check the kitchen of any spills or crumbs that need to be wiped or swept up. There is a saying, "when it is everybody's job, then it becomes nobody's job". It's better to have several people checking before walking out the door, than no one checking. Thank you for your help and understanding!</p>	

Blessing of the Animals

All creatures great and small are welcomed!

(Please have your pets on leashes.)



Saturday, October 4th
@ 11:00 am
*Meet at the front of
the church.

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.

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!



Many thanks to Chris Cornett and his workout buddy who did the (literal) heavy lifting in moving my office! And I need to give Chris an extra special shoutout in his patience and determination in regards to putting my desk back together, but in reverse (due to placement). It was simple in thought and theory, but not so much when it came time to reassembling it. Thank you, Chris! I truly appreciate you.

-Linda Turley



Sophie Lippert enjoyed the cool water of the baptismal font at her baptism!



Gail Crowe sent us this picture of her herself in front of the giant cathedral in Cologne, Germany.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Aside from the usual weekly events, here is a list of additional events that are scheduled for the next couple of months. Update announcements will be shared in the Sunday bulletins and weekly email blasts.

SEPTEMBER

- Monday, September 1—Labor Day
Church Office closed
- Wednesday, September 3
Men's Breakfast @ Pete's, 8 am
- Sunday, September 7
Pot Luck Breakfast between the services, PH
- Sunday, September 14
Richard Rohr Formation Series begins
Small Groups Meeting, 11 am
Jail Worship, 2 pm
- Wednesday, September 17
DEADLINE: 4Q Lay Ministry schedule
- Monday, September 22
Painting of the church's exterior to begin
- Sunday, September 28
Cherry Street Worship Service

OCTOBER

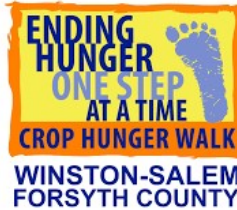
- Saturday, October 4
Blessing of the Animals, 11 am (front lawn)
- Monday, October 13—Columbus Day
Church Office closed
Lift construction scheduled to begin (pending completion of all paperwork and approvals)
- Sunday, October 19
CROP Walk
- Saturday, October 25
Fall Clean-Up / Work Day, 9 am—noon

Pot Luck Breakfast
Sunday, September 7
Between the services

Bring your favorite breakfast dish, bagels & cream cheese, fresh fruit, etc. to place on the table to share. Fresh hot coffee is always ready.



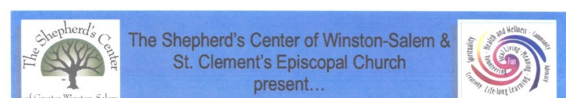
Give a warm welcome to new members, Althea Haack (escorted by her grown son, Bob). We are so glad you joined our church family!



Forsyth County
Crop Hunger Walk 2025
Sunday, October 19

Corpening Plaza
237 W. First Street, WS

According to recent statistics, the population of Forsyth County is approximately 382,295. The percentage of families living in poverty is approximately 15.2% or 56,484 people. Regarding children, the number living in poverty is 22.5% or 19,254 children, and 51% of children in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School system qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. Each year St. Clement's participates in Crop Walk which provides international aid for countries throughout the globe, Through Church World Service, but also provides resources for our local community. Money raised for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk is split between three organizations. 75% goes to Church World Service for global programs and 25% stays in Forsyth County and is evenly split between Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministry to help our neighbors in need. Forsyth County Crop Hunger Walk for 2025 will again gather at Corpening Plaza in downtown Winston-Salem, and the date of the event will be Sunday, October 19th. All are encouraged to support and participate in this year's event. Stay tuned for more information on donations and participation in the coming weeks.



Drawing 101 Plus



Tuesdays, beginning
September 9th, 2025
9:30am-12:00pm

Classes will be held at St. Clement's
3600 Harper Rd, Clemmons

From small beginnings great artists are born!
Join instructor Margaret Miller for this basic drawing class where you will learn portraits (people and pets) and much more!!

\$25/month (paid to the instructor) includes instruction & supplies.