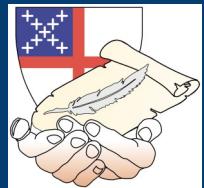


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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 17

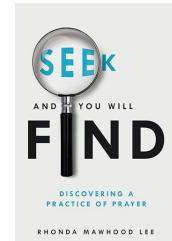
Inviting our friends at Ascencion, Fork to join us, St. Clement's will host the annual Pancake Dinner on February 17th in the parish hall starting at 6:00 PM and running until 7:30 PM. We will be serving pancakes (regular and gluten free), syrups (regular and sugar free), sausage (at least two kinds!), cut fruit, juices and tea. We will also have plenty of desserts along with Mother Jamie's famous King Cake. Please plan to join us, and bring your families and friends!

Lenten Evening Prayer

Come and join us as we gather for a contemplative service of Evening Prayer to be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., throughout the season of Lent. We will begin services on February 25th, (the week following Ash Wednesday) and continue through Wednesday, March 25th (the week preceding Holy Week). All are welcome to a quiet mid-week opportunity for solace and reflection.

Lenten Formation

During the season of Lent, Sunday Formation will be a discussion of chapters from *Seek and You Will Find: Discovering a Practice of Prayer* by the Reverend Rhonda Lee, a priest in our own Diocese of North Carolina. While this book is recommended for all looking to deepen their prayer life, reading it is NOT necessary for fruitful participation in the Lenten series.



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Financial Update

Happy New Year! As we reflect on 2025, we are pleased to report that our annual Operating Fund Revenues exceeded expectations by \$26,000. This positive outcome is a testament to the collective efforts and generosity of everyone who contributed throughout the year. In addition, our Total Revenues are \$24,000 above forecast, with the expectation that this figure will increase slightly once the books are closed. Our expenses have also been favorable by \$24,000, demonstrating that the strong revenue performance has positively impacted our bottom line. We were fortunate in 2025 to receive anonymous donations that covered most of the costs associated with the lift and fully funded the sidewalk project. Furthermore, a grant from the Diocese enabled us to cover the remaining expenses for the lift, as well as the painting of the church and the church railing. These generous contributions have greatly supported our community's ongoing improvements and financial health.

Nicky Tesh

Treasurer / Treasurer3600@gmail.com

*Why wasn't Boaz a nice man before he got married?
He was Ruth-less.*

February & March Outreach Opportunities

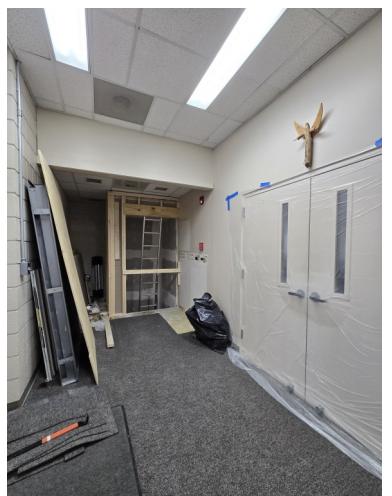
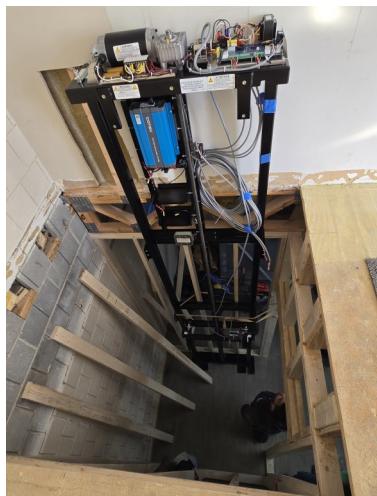
Upcoming outreach opportunities in February & March include providing food or service at the Our Lady of Salem Women's Shelter on Wednesday, February 25th and participating in the Sunday afternoon worship service at the Forsyth County Detention Center on Sunday March 8th. St. Clement's will return to the Our Lady of Salem Women's Shelter at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (2575 Parkway Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27103) on Wednesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m., to provide the evening meal. Look for the menu and a sign-up sheet in the narthex beginning in February. Additionally, St. Clement's is assigned to provide worship at the Forsyth County Detention Center on the afternoon of March 8th at 2:00 p.m. This is a men's service and volunteer approval is required to participate. The next annual training date for volunteer service at the Forsyth County Detention Center is April 19th, with the location still to be determined. Questions regarding either of these outreach opportunities can be directed to Deacon Mark.

Junior Warden Update

By Terri Smith

Update regarding the lift installation

As you have probably noticed, work on the long awaited lift at St. Clement's began on January 12th and is currently progressing well! Thank you for your patience while we endure the temporary mess and building restrictions due to this work. The lift is to be used by people who are unable to walk up or down the steps and who depend on assistive devices (walkers, canes, etc.) when walking or someone who requires a wheelchair for mobility. The lift will accommodate 2 people (adults) or for example, one person assisting someone else in a wheelchair. The ushers will be instructed in how to operate the lift and will assist those who want to use it. The contractor estimates the installation will be completed by January 30th (weather permitting).



Local Charity & Volunteer Spotlight

By Linda Turley

A new addition to our newsletters will be a write up on a local non-profit or charity and the St. Clement's peeps who volunteer their time to help make it work. If you are a part of an organization that serves our community, please reach out to me; I would love to get it published in upcoming issues.

This month's spotlight is...

greeNest

630 Brookstown Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

What is the purpose of greeNest? "Furnishing hope, one home at a time." By partnering with agencies in Forsyth County who have case management programs, greeNest helps those transitioning from homelessness to independent living, by providing much needed household furnishings.

Who do they serve? The ideal candidate to receive furnishings is one who is currently transitioning or has recently transitioned into stable housing after a period of unstable housing due to homelessness, domestic violence, immigration status, substance abuse recovery, fire or natural disaster, recent release from incarceration or other circumstances. greeNest "Participants" are referred by a case manager with one of their partner agencies. These participants are employed or otherwise able to sustain the new housing situation long-term.

Q&A with the volunteers from St. Clement's: Terri Smith, Chris Cornett, & Linda Turley

- What does your typical day look like in your volunteer role?**

Terri Smith: *I fold sheets, bed linens and towels and store them on appropriate shelves where they can be accessed for clients. I put together "bedding packs" according to bed size for distribution to clients. I also put together "bathroom kits" which include towels, shower curtains, toiletries, and everything needed to furnish a bathroom and make it usable.*

Chris Cornett: *Gather volunteers with trucks and head out to pick up sites based on information from greeNest on who has donations for pickup. We then load and strap down individually owned pickup trucks with furniture and deliver to the greeNest location in downtown Winston-Salem.*

Linda Turley: *I like to help Participants shop! It is fun to watch how excited they get being able to "shop" for their very own furniture, bedding, dishes, etc. They are all so very grateful. I also will help in the warehouse, sorting donations and if time allows, I will create dish packs that participants take home filled with the basics and a few extras that one would need to furnish their kitchen cabinets.*

- How often do you volunteer?**

Terri Smith: *Once a week.*

Chris Cornett: *Every other Saturday morning our F3 group volunteers with a rotating group of men and trucks.*

Linda Turley: *I sign up for Friday shifts when I can. Unfortunately, it is not nearly as much as I would like.*

- Why do you like volunteering at greeNest?**

Terri Smith: *Because it is a local organization & is efficiently managed. The administrators are respectful and the organization is well organized.*

Chris Cornett: *Doing good works in the community, helping the underemployed and those coming out of difficult situations get on their feet in this small way of using resources and time available in a productive way.*

Linda Turley: *Being a part of helping those who have been struggling and living in difficult situations get the help they need, through their own hard work as well as from their community partners, and greeNest. It makes your heart smile!*

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greeNest continued...

What are their biggest needs? Donations of furniture in useable/good shape and other household items which are always changing. A quick look at the website will list the “most needed” items for the week.

How can someone donate? greeNest is open for donation drop off Tuesday-Friday, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and every Saturday 9:00 am-noon and there is always a volunteer or two to help you unload. If you have anything too big to bring yourself, contact greeNest to schedule pickup.

Can I volunteer? Yes! Go to the website and fill out the necessary information and you will be on your way to being a part of this great organization.

Feel free to ask Terri, Chris, or myself (Linda) any questions you may have about the work we do with greeNest as well as answer any questions about this worthwhile organization if we have the answer, that is. You can also go their website, it is full of useful information!

Website: greenestws.org

Be sure to follow them on Facebook!

**“Dear St. Clement’s”
Thank You Messages**

Thank you doesn't seem adequate to express how truly grateful I am by the generosity of St. Clement's parishioners! Your gift is appreciated beyond words and I am overwhelmed by the love shown to me. As we begin 2026, my prayer for each of you is for God's peace, happiness, and good health to fill your days in the year ahead.
~Blessings, Linda

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*I'm writing to express my heartfelt thanks for the extraordinarily generous financial gift that the church provided me this past Christmas. It truly came at a crucial moment, as I encountered some unexpected year-end expenses. Please know how deeply I appreciate the congregation's generosity and support. I feel fortunate to be part of such a caring and compassionate church family.*

~John Farmer

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Clergy Thank You Notes

Thank you for your startling but much appreciated Christmas gift! I am humbled by your continued kindness and generosity. It is a privilege to serve such a loving and thoughtful bunch of people. Your gift will certainly be most helpful as we enter the new year!

God's Peace, Deacon Mark

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*I can't help but mention that Marines (and law enforcement officers, for that matter) are specifically trained not to be easily startled, so Mark's note humorously conveys the level to which the generosity of the parish takes us by surprise--despite the fact that we are regularly humbled and proud by the giving spirit of our peeps we are blessed to serve. THANK YOU so very much for the incredibly generous gift, which is not only deeply appreciated, but also an affirmation that our church home is meaningful for you.*

~Jamie+

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**Milestone Moment**

Congratulations to Sharon Valdez's granddaughter, Hailey Denise Elizabeth Tutterow, who graduated from UNCG on December 12, 2025 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. She is now managing her mother and grandmother's wig shop at Our Wig Boutique on Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. No doubt she will inherit the business.