

Summer
2023
(June, July, August)



Clement Times

The official newspaper of St. Clement's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service
8:30 a.m. Quiet Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Rite II

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Rector's Message

Deacon Mark Continues to Lead by Example

The diaconate is a servant ministry, a 'real world' ministry out in the real world. Unlike bishops, who are the Grand Poobahs of the institutional Church, and priests, who are 'minding the store' in the parish, a deacon is a non-stipendiary free agent, who is appointed by the bishop to a role in the diocese for as long as mutually agreeable. We are so blessed that Mark's appointment at St. Clement's is considered to be such a mutually agreeable assignment!

Deacons bring the needs of the world to the Church and represent the Church out in the world. Deacons are the prophets, the agitators, the ones who comfort the afflicted in the world and afflict the comfortable in the Church. Although Mark's diaconal presence is more calm than firebrand—and more tactful than confrontational—his effect is all the more powerful for it. Imagine the healing effect for an incarcerated man to experience this White guy who still looks like Johnny Law but speaks with such compassion and kindness about the love of God for all. And at a time when the Church is focused on social justice issues, Mark's experience in law enforcement offers a reality check, a reminder of the complexity of all social issues, lest we mistake a sense of righteousness over the wrongdoing of others for an actual solution to long-standing, complex societal problems. The work is long, hard, and complicated.

Which brings up another crucial way in which Mark's diaconal ministry has a lesson to teach us. As the beer commercial says, "Know when to say when." Fields lie fallow for a season. Animals hibernate in the winter. God

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The Early Bird Ayes Have It!

We will continue to have Holy Eucharist on
Sundays 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Summer Sunday Schedule

Beginning **June 11th**, the Summer Sunday Schedule will be:

8:30 a.m. Quiet Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Rector's Forum* in the Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (with live-stream), ending with a
Meet & Greet** under the porte-cochère.

*The Rector's Forum will begin with table conversations around a provided topic/question (requests welcome), with the rector joining in to facilitate the whole-group conversation ASAP.

** Should Meet & Greet refreshments be desired, volunteers will be needed.

The plan is to enjoy the efficiency of this summer schedule, which leaves most of the long summer days for other adventures. We'll see how well it works and make any needed changes after Labor Day.

A Message from the Senior Warden

You might have noticed that we took on an electrical project in May which included changing the pendant lights in the sanctuary and conversion of all of the fluorescent lights to LED's along with a few other electrical things. We have applied for a Green Grant from the Diocese and hope to have most of the cost of the electrical project covered by the Grant, if awarded.

Our Junior Warden and fearless leader for all things garden, Gerry Jove, has guided us through Saturday clean up days to include spreading mulch with help from Steve Franke's John Deere "front end loader" and a bunch of healthy volunteers! Thankfully, Jane Harrell left us a great foundation to add to, which makes our garden spaces a lot easier to maintain. We may have a few other projects up our sleeve, so stay tuned.

I appreciate every one of you, your spirit and dedication to our Church!

April Chapel

Financial Update

This report represents numbers at the end of April 2023.

Income.....\$80,211.09 YTD (41.91% of budget)
Expenses.....\$57,517.28 YTD (30.05% of budget)

While expenses are not the same fixed amounts every month and there are annual expenses that haven't hit yet, we are definitely on the right track. Our budget is balanced thanks to prudent spending by our Vestry and generous donations by our congregation.

If you have any questions about our budget, the Vanco system, your pledge statements, or anything else in St. Clement's financial world, please email me (maggieelsner@hotmail.com) or Linda in the Church office (stclements3600@gmail.com) and we'll be happy to get you answers. Please do not contact our accounting firm directly so that we can manage their workflow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie Elsner, Treasurer.

Junior Warden Update

Hello fellow First Saturday Gardeners!

The workday will be June 3rd this month. We're done with planting, Yeah!

If you haven't noticed, the Cross Garden (garden on other side of parking lot) has been replanted with all native perennials and surrounded by marigolds and deer repellent small canisters on the perimeter to keep our four legged foragers at bay.

We've also mulched all the trees on the front lawn, improving the look of the front lawn. We've added three beautiful trellises to the side garden which will host passion flower vines, and a native and clematis which will bloom all summer, prettying up that brick wall

On June 3rd, we will be spreading mulch on rest of side garden, weeding and getting rid of weeds that surround the crepe myrtles in the parking lot divide. If anyone has spare bricks and/or medium to large stones to loan us for this project, I'd appreciate it a lot. By covering the weedy areas with black trash bags and holding them down by stones/bricks during the summer, the area should be weed free by fall. We can then mulch the area and it will look a lot better.

I hope you can join us on June 3rd. Remember I'm happy to teach anyone who would like to learn more about gardening and join the gardening team. Don't forget your water bottle.

Sincerely,
Gerry Jove

Lawn Maintenance

St. Clement's has five acres it calls home. Please consider volunteering to help keep the church grounds mowed and trimmed during the growing season. The sign-up sheet is posted on the whiteboard in the narthex. Speak to any of our knowledgeable volunteers that are already signed up to explain what needs to be done and how to access the equipment, or call the church office. We also want to take this time to thank those that are already signed up and helping out! We couldn't do this without you.

St. Clement's Women's Group

By Cindy Lou Franke

Something beautiful happened this year in the Women's Group of St. Clement's — we grew! We expanded in number (we're now up to 13 active participants), we increased our knowledge (by sharing personal insights together as we studied the women of the Bible), and we grew spiritually into a mutually supportive sisterhood, committed to spreading the love of Christ to others around us. We laughed together, we sometimes cried together, and, best of all, we inspired each other in our personal faith journeys.

Now we're excited to invite other women of our parish to join us each Thursday this summer from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting June 1st, to watch and discuss the successive episodes of "The Chosen" as a group. Maybe you've never heard of this Christian historical TV series about the ministry of Christ as seen through the eyes of His followers, or maybe you've already watched every episode twice or more. Regardless of your level of familiarity with "The Chosen," we believe that watching this series together, and sharing afterward in lively discussion that's become a hallmark of our group, will bring new insight and spiritual growth for all who participate. So, plan on joining us for one or more sessions this summer — and bring a friend!

Summertime Break

By Deacon Mark

As June rapidly approaches and summer comes more into focus, Sherry and I will be taking some time away from the parish this year to rest and perhaps explore some other interests. For the better part of the last twenty-two years, we have been active and grateful St. Clement's communicants, serving in one capacity or another (lay or ordained). And in that time we've been deeply involved in various ministries of the church both inside and outside the walls. So, it goes without saying that we have a special place in our hearts for the St. Clement's community. But in the wise words of the unknown author of Ecclesiastes (and Pete Seeger) to everything there is a season (turn, turn, turn). So then, it is appropriate that there is a time to engage and a time to pull back (not in the scripture or the song, but you get the gist).

Only a cursory glance at God's creation is required to understand that only with rest are we, or anything else able to grow, change, and be productive, otherwise we become stagnate and stale. So, it is our hope and expectation that this summertime break will lead to rejuvenation and new possibilities. We are thankful to Mother Jamie and all of the people of St. Clement's for allowing us to take this important time away.

God's Peace!

Rector continued

made keeping the sabbath holy one of the Big Ten. (I speak of the commandments, not the conference!) Clearly, God is serious about rest. And the Church honors this rhythm by granting clergy a three-month sabbatical every five years. Mark recognized a need for this time away—no easy feat for someone who has worked hard and steadily his entire life. Perhaps you can relate.

So Deacon Mark and Sherry will go 'off the grid' for the months of June, July, and August. They will completely disengage from us so that they can properly replenish. We will treat them as we would hibernating bears: with a wide berth and no interaction! There is holiness in rest, in recreation (re-creation), in doing those things that bring joy so that the spiritual well can again be full and senses can once again be attuned to the Spirit. It is the periodic reboot we all need.

So as we prepare for the summer, we can all be led by Deacon Mark's example in examining the role of sabbath rest in our own lives. Do we incorporate sabbath into the rhythm of our week—a time of true rest and replenishment and joy-filled recreation? Do we allow the drudgery of "have to's" take over all of our time? Do we plan our time with intention? Do we plan time off with equal intention? I invite you to ponder the gift of sabbath time—which is not a luxury but God's REQUIREMENT!—and explore the ways in which you feel most replenished body, mind, and spirit. It's not selfish; it's God's very design for the created order.

And please join me in praying that Mark and Sherry's time away is a truly blessed time—as we are truly blessed to have them as part of our parish family. Mother Jamie+



Our Graduates!



- ♦ Andrew Robert Munster, grandson of Robert & Amy Selby, graduated from Cleveland State University (Ohio) College of Law with a Juris Doctorate and a Masters of Business Administration. He received a purple cord for The Women's Law Society and a white cord for the Cleveland Law Review. Andrew graduated Magna Cum Laude. He will start a new job at the Pax River Naval Air Station.
- ♦ Madelyn Renee Selby, granddaughter of Robert & Amy Selby, is graduating from West Forsyth High School. She has been accepted to East Carolina University in their pre-med program.
- ♦ Michael Clayton Harrell, grandson of Jane and Michael Harrell, graduated from The University of Arkansas School of Business on May 13, 2023.
- ♦ Katherine Ainsley Klyman, niece of Jane and Michael Harrell, graduated from NCSU on May 6, 2023.
- ♦ Jonathan Miner, grandson of Burnie & Don Patterson, graduated with a bachelors from NC State with a degree in Computer Engineering. He's staying at State for a masters in Computer Science.
- ♦ Jason Miner, grandson of Burnie & Don Patterson, is graduating from Reagan High School as Valedictorian. He will be attending to UNC Chapel Hill and plans to be a doctor.
- ♦ Samuel Ellis, grandson of Lee & Robert Ellis, will be graduating from Grace Classical High School. While he decides his life path, he will be attending community college.
- ♦ Ashley Shafer, grandniece of Linda & Ray Turley (yes, you read that correctly, she is our niece's daughter), graduated from Ashland University (Ohio) with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She will be working as a RN, BSN at Summa Health in Barberton, OH in their ICU.

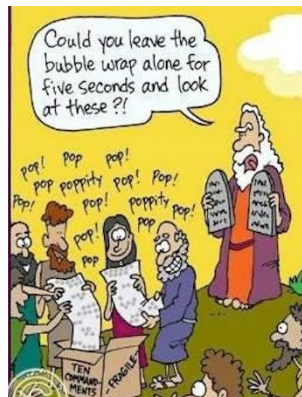
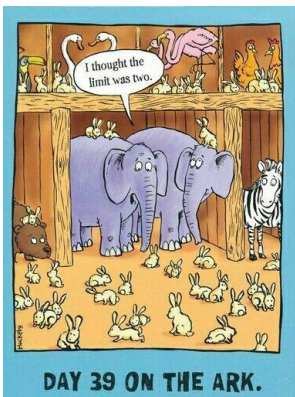
Congratulations to all the graduates for a job well done!

Help! Are You Being Called to Serve?

The early service (8:30 am) is here to stay which this addition makes our need for expanded rosters of lectors, chalice bearers, ushers, acolytes, and altar guild members even more urgent. Please contact Mother Jamie or Office Manager Linda if interested or to offer more availability. Thank you!

Attention, ALL Lay Ministers!

Deadline for the 3rd quarter schedule (July, Aug, Sept.) is Monday, June 12th. Please email the office any dates you are unable to serve.



Costco Dinner

Saturday, June 3rd @ 5:30 pm
Hosted at the home of Janice Weeks

Please bring your favorite dish to share. RSVP to Janice (number attending and what dish you are bringing) 336-972-8029 or jweeks@yadtel.net. 232 Haywood Dr. Advance.

Church Mailing Address Reminder

Our mailing address consist of only our PO Box. Please *do not* include the physical address on Harper Rd. Address all correspondence to:
PO Box 1547 Clemmons, NC 27012.

Altar Flowers

Volunteers are needed to provide altar flowers for the months of July & August (and a few other Sundays throughout the rest of the year). The sign-up sheet is on the white board in the narthex. Please remember that the flowers will need to be in place before the 8:30 service. Please contact Linda in the office if you have any questions.



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May 8, 2023

Saint Clements Episcopal Church
PO Box 1547
Clemmons, NC 27012-1547

Dear Saint Clements Episcopal Church:

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$375 on April 18, 2023 to support the Clemmons Food Pantry.

Even as many of the challenges of the past few years have passed, many families are struggling to meet basic needs and face hunger on a daily basis. In 2022, Clemmons Food Pantry saw a 35% increase in the number of people seeking our help. During this time, we were able to provide nearly 425,000 pounds of food – roughly 354,000 meals – to those families.

We are grateful to be able to provide food in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Your gift will be used to make a real difference in the lives of hungry families at critical times in their lives. At the end of the year, you will receive an acknowledgement letter you may need to file your tax returns – this is just a quick note of appreciation. So again, thank you.

With deep appreciation,

Mike Sullivan
Executive Director

The continued support we receive – food donations, money, and your members' time – is very helpful and appreciated. As needs remain high we are able to meet it with your help – so thank you!

A Note from Bobbie Daniel

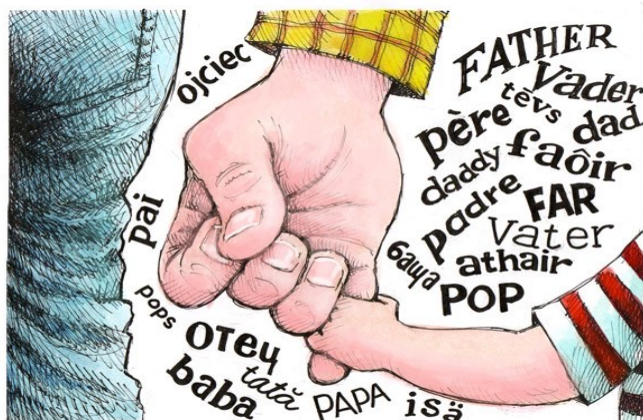
(St. Clement's Parishioner and a volunteer at CFP)

Since May, St. Clements parishioners have donated 60 lbs of non-perishable food items. Thank you! Please continue your donations especially during the summer months as our shelves are typically lean during those months but our clients' needs continue.

Snacks for Morgan

Collection is suspended through the summer. We will resume again in the fall. Many thanks to all for your continued support.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS!



Prayer List, Prayer Cards, & Prayer Shawls

Any time you need to add a loved one to our prayer list, please either write their name in the white binder located on the Narthex counter or you can email Linda in the office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise specified.

Prayer Cards are available for you to send to your loved one to let them know that they are being prayed for by the members of St. Clement's. These Prayer Cards are located in the same white binder as the prayer list. Feel free to take one as needed.

We also have Prayer Shawls available. These shawls have been knitted by the ladies of our parish and can be blessed by Mother Jamie and sent to those who could benefit from the feeling of being "wrapped or covered in prayer". These shawls are in the blue bin located under the narthex counter.



*Forsyth Piecers
and Quilters
is proud to present
our 2023 quilt show*

SUMMER BLOOMS

Friday, June 16 ~ 9-4 p.m.
Saturday, June 17 ~ 9-3 p.m.
at the
Winston Salem Fairgrounds
Home and Garden Building
421 27th St. WS ~ Enter at Gate 9
Admission: \$5

*Featuring: a judged quilt show, a boutique, quilts
for sale, vendors, door prizes, raffle quilts,
and many more surprises!*

The proceeds of the show provides most of the quilting guild's operating budget. A portion of that goes toward batting and labels for the preemie quilts made for Brenner Children's Hospital Neonatal Unit and the senior lap quilts made for Senior Services of Winston-Salem.

June Birthdays...

5: Liz Weide
8: Lynn Marcellino
12: Ginny Davies
16: Sharon Valdez
20: Breiana Six
21: Ben Neal
21: Tom Carnes
22: Jake Schantz
26: Van Garrison
28: Judith Eby



June Anniversaries...

4: Mark & Sherry Davidson
5: Tom & Lynn Marcellino
11: John & Pat Mueller
13: Dick & Nancy Hebert
22: Bob & Patty Dalton
24: Pat & Noelle Nichols

MILESTONES

July Birthdays...

1: Bob Smith
3: Connie Bohrer
5: Wren Garrison
5: Nicky Tesh
7: Cooper Garrison
16: Bob Dalton
22: Dick Hebert
27: Lee Ellis
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
3: Mike Eby
8: Jackie Davis
15: Wyatt Booth
17: Kevin Meath
17: Don Patterson
18: Ian Weide
21: Terri Everett
25: Gerrit Russ
27: Randy Chapel
31: Jeannette Reid



August Anniversaries...

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



Coming Soon!

We have so many new faces that we feel that is it time for an updated pictorial directory. We will be researching companies in the coming weeks and are aiming for pictures to be taken starting August or September after everyone's summer travels are done. Help will be needed to see this project through and as well as everyone's participation for this to be a success. Look for more information later this summer.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto...

Mary Frances Siersema
October 25, 1938–April 5, 2023

David Carr
December 5, 1952–April 15, 2023

*...and may perpetual light shine
upon them. May they rest in peace.*

Carolina Scrollers Donation Update

By Don Patterson

I thought everyone would like to know how much their purchases of Christmas ornaments from Carolina Scrollers earned for Second Harvest Food Bank. As of December 21, the total sales were \$6,155. This broke the 2020 record of \$5,643. All the proceeds from the sales are paid directly to Second Harvest Food Bank. Based on the food bank's calculation (seven meals per dollar), this provided 43,085 meals for the hungry!

The scrollers want to thank everyone who supports this program every year. They especially want to thank the Klingspor store staff for their daily and continued work in accepting donations on behalf of the club.

Thank You!

Dear St. Clement's family,
Thank you for the flower that Luci brought on behalf of the church. I was so warmed to see so many St. Clement's people at David's funeral. XO,
Rita (Carr)

Dear folks at St. Clement's
Thank you for the beautiful hanging basket and your gesture of support. Your thoughtfulness at the time of my mother's passing is truly heartfelt. Sincerely,
Terri & Bob Smith