

Clement*Times*

September - October 2026

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS COMING SOON!

KICKOFF SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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 20, 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 by Sept 13 (to give us time to organize the groups) **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 13. (See sample, below)

Attend the first meeting on Sunday, September 20 after the 10:00 am service, or send your name/phone #/email/preferred meeting time - daytime or anytime to Phyllis Scardina or place in the offering plate by September 13.

Information needed for index card (due Sept 13):

Please Print...

Your name

Your phone number

Your email address

Time preference - anytime or daytime only (choose one!) anytime

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). Each group will choose a contact person who will organize the monthly meeting.

Contact Phyllis Scardina with questions. You can find her information in the Instant Church Directory or you can call the church office.

JUNIOR WARDEN UPDATE

By Terri Smith

The long-awaited pews are expected to be installed in the sanctuary in September. The pews will include upholstered cushions, padded kneelers and book racks. There will also be new cushions at the altar rail. (The current chairs have been purchased by Upper Praise Ministries in Mocksville for their facility). A slight "tinting" has been applied to all 12 windows in the sanctuary to protect the new upholstery from fading due to prolonged exposure to bright sunlight.

Hopefully you have noticed the sanctuary doors have received a new coat of colorful paint both inside and outside. This is the first of several "enhancements" planned for the narthex.

When you drive past the church notice the beautiful faux stained glass installed in the cupola window. It is bright and colorful during day and beautifully illuminated at night.

Please mark your calendars for the annual:

Saturday, October 10th, 9am-noon
(rain date Saturday, October 17th).

WORK DAY

Projects planned include planting plants/shrubs, pruning shrubs, weeding, raking and a general clean-up of the church grounds. Remember, "many hands make the work light"! All help is appreciated!

WE NEED YOU!

Are you being called to serve? We have several openings for new Lay Ministers. Where is God nudging you to go?

- 10 a.m. Acolytes: contact Deacon Mark (this is open to everyone/anyone)
- 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Lectors: contact Jamie or Linda.

Contact Linda by September 16th if you decide to "say YES" so she can get you on the upcoming schedule.

ATTENTION,

ALL LAY MINISTERS & COUNTERS

Please email Linda any dates you are unable to serve for the months of October, November, & December no later than Wednesday, September 16th. A sign up sheet will be posted to cover the Lay Ministry duties for the Christmas Eve Services in December.

Blessing of the Animals

All creatures great and small are welcomed!

(Please have your pets on leashes.)

Saturday, October 3rd
@ 11:00 am

*Meet at the front of
the church.



UPCOMING PRISON SERVICE ON THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

October 4, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Each fall, for the past many years, St. Clement's has assisted with the Sunday evening worship service at the Cherry St. Prison on the north side of Winston Salem. In keeping with this tradition, we will be assisting with worship at the prison this year on Sunday, October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. The service will be held at the McGee-Hedgley chapel on the campus of the Cherry St. prison. We will share in music, prayer and preaching, as well as fellowship with the men of the prison. Our time at the prison that evening will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate in this service; no training is required; however, we are limited to twenty worshipers. So, if you are interested in participating this year, please let Deacon Mark or Mother Jamie know and they can provide further information. Worshiping with the men of the Cherry St. Prison is always a very powerful experience and all are encouraged to come along!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Overview

If you recall, in 2026 we transitioned to a new accounting firm that specializes in managing finances for local churches. We are in July now and things are going extremely well. We are in very good shape seven months into the year.

2026 Year to Date July

Our expenditures are \$17,000 above budget, with some of this due to timing of expenses versus how they were recorded in the Budget. Also, we have completed a couple of projects that were not budgeted. However, we can more than cover this overage with very strong income. YTD Income is \$ 85,000 above budget which gives us a \$ 68,000 positive variance. This is due to timing of pledges, growth in our investment accounts, and we have new revenue streams that were not included in the 2026 budget.

Request for Full Financials

If you would like to review the full financial statements, please feel free to contact me.

Contact Information

Nicky Tesh

Treasurer

treasurer3600@gmail.com

(cell number is in the online directory)

I brought my Bible with me during today's run. As a result, my Psalms became sweaty.

RENTAL UPDATE WITH VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This past March, St. Clement's went into an agreement to share our Nave, Parish Hall, and grounds with our brothers and sisters in Christ who have form the new congregation of Village Presbyterian Church. They have been using our space two Sundays a month since and will now begin using our building and grounds every Sunday beginning September 13, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. We ask for all St. Clement's members to be mindful of their church services and to give them their privacy and to also tidy our space after our Sunday services and coffee hour in preparation for their arrival.

In Memory

Bruce Nash
May 18, 1948 - June 16, 2026

Werner Kist
February 18, 1953 - July 13, 2026

Vivian Roblin
February 23, 1934 - July 28, 2026

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family, and we pray for all the deceased members of our parish.



Save the date!

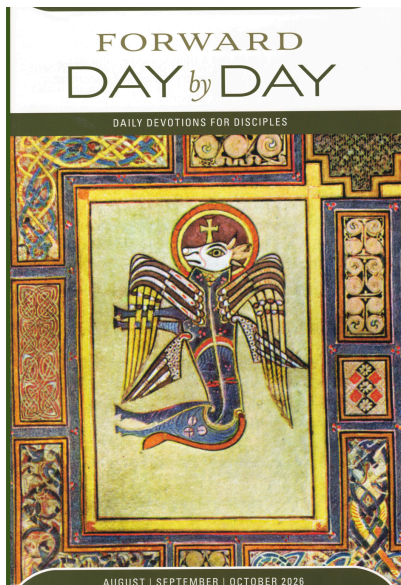
2026 CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 18th
at **Corpening Plaza** (231 W 1st St, Winston Salem, NC 27101)

Check in begins at 1:30 pm
Walk Kick Off at 2:30 pm
www.cropwalkforsyth.org



Every step makes a difference in the fight against hunger



FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. Published quarterly, the daily meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. Each month's meditation is written by a different author.

The August/September/October edition is available to pick up. Pocket size and large print options are located on the wall rack in the narthex (next to the water dispenser) and on the bookshelf in the parish hall.

SUNDAY FORMATION

September 6

Inquire: Bible and Worship led by Matthew

October 4

Witness: Jane Goodall led by Mark

September 13

Inquire: Sacraments led by Jamie

October 11

Witness: Nikki Haley led by David Guthrie

September 20

Inquire: Episcopal Tradition & History led by Matthew

October 18

Witness: James Baker led by Matthew

September 27 - no formation

Breakfast

October 25

Witness: Sam Waterston led by Jamie