February
2020

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Sunday Service
Rite II @ 10:00 a.m.

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The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!

The Right Reverend Samuel Rodman was consecrated XII Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina July 15, 2017, and he will make his first visitation to St. Clement's February 16th. Please plan to attend. We need everyone to help welcome him and show him how much fun we are! And everyone will have a chance to meet him at the reception following the service.

November Shoe Drive Success!

WSFCS Social Worker, Ms. Sheila Royal and Lewisville Elementary School Principal, Ms. Angie Choplin receive forty-nine pairs of shoes from Deacon Mark Following St. Clement's November Shoe drive to benefit the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools. Congratulations, St. Clement's for a job well done! It was through your generosity that made this drive such a success.

Super Bowl Chili Supper: Saturday, February 1st

Join us for our annual Super Bowl Chili Supper Saturday, February 1st starting at 5:30 pm. Several varieties of homemade chili, cornbread, and desserts are on the menu. St. Clement's Men's Group extends a most heartfelt invitation to everyone to come and enjoy, and encourages anyone so inclined to bring their favorite chili recipe or dessert . Donations will be accepted to be used to support the programs of the parish.

Winter Clean-Up Day: Saturday, February 8

Please come help us get the church ready for Bishop Sam's visit. Bring your favorite cleaning tool if you have one. 8:30 am—noon. Lunch will be provided. Contact our Jr. Warden, Tom Erickson with any questions.

Ash Wednesday – February 26

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

There will be a Wednesday evening Lenten series.
Details coming soon!

A Note From Your Senior Warden, Kirsten Russ

Greetings to the St. Clement's congregation. I would like to thank Lee Ellis for navigating a smooth transition (with Mother Jamie's excellent plans and attention to detail) during this past year of Mother Jamie's sabbatical and for her strong efforts to provide the congregation another transition to this year, the 35th Celebration of the founding of St. Clement's. Her willingness to continue her service on several projects will ensure a constant and consistent journey for each of us as well as for St. Clement's.

A bit of biographical information about me - I am a cradle Episcopalian; my father was an Episcopal priest for over 30 years and my mother has served in various capacities at Trinity Episcopal in Mt. Airy for over 50 years. I grew up in Mt. Airy, graduated from Sewanee, and, since 1979, have taught at four high schools in this area. My husband, Rob, and I have three sons – Gerrit is 30 years old, Martin will soon be 25 and Nelson is 22. All currently live in the Boone area, although Nelson will move to Durham in July. Our family joined St. Clement's in 1996. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve all who attend (in body, in spirit) St. Clement's.

This year, **the 35th Anniversary of St. Clement's**, will be celebrated during three special events, and will be part of the wonderful retreat at Valle Crucis, October 15 – 18 (mark your calendars now, please). In preparation for these three events and the retreat, Walt, Lee and I, and hopefully others, will be asking members for information to share. Please expect requests at, for example, the February 1st Chili Supper and other events. Please participate in the commemoration of our 35th Anniversary; share comments, suggestions, time and talent, when requested and as best fits your schedule.

On **February 16**, Bishop Sam will visit St. Clement's. At the reception, Walt Joyce will display photographs and written information gathered, stored and shared by master historian and usher, Bob Dalton. The exhibit will focus on the groundbreaking of St. Clement's and information from the beginning of the congregation at "St. Vogler's".

In **July 11,** we will celebrate a Homecoming at a Dinner on the Grounds. This will be a dinner, conversation and a gathering of information for a printed product that will be completed by the December Feast of St. Andrew festival. We will invite former and current members to share stories, good memories and time together.

The retreat at Valle Crucis, **Oct 15 – 18**, allows a unique opportunity for reflection and growth for us individually and as a congregation. We may also use a small portion of time for an extension of the 35th Anniversary observance.

On **December 6, 2020**, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew, the 25th anniversary of Mother Jamie's ordination and the culmination of our 35th Anniversary gala. In addition to a pot luck lunch after the service, the History Keepers will present their final project. This will be a day of Advent preparation and festivity for Mother Jamie and for St. Clement's. Mark your calendars (Feb 1, Feb 16, Oct 15 – 18, Dec 6) and rejoice with us.

Jail & Prison Ministry News

By Deacon Mark

The worship schedule for the Forsyth County Detention Center was recently received from Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries (FJPM), and St. Clement's will have three worship service commitments in this first half of 2020. We will be providing assistance at Sunday services on: Sunday, February 2nd at 2:00 p.m., March 22nd at 3:30 p.m. and May 3rd at 2:00 p.m. The schedule for required annual jail volunteer training has also been published, and the dates and locations are as follows:

- Jan. 26, 2020 – St. Peter's World Outreach (3683 Old Lexington Rd., W-S 27107
- April, 19, 2020 – College Park Baptist Church (1701 Polo Rd, W-S, 27106)
- July 19, 2020 – Old Town Baptist Church (4386 Shattalon Drive, W-S, 27106)
- October 18, 2020 – United Metropolitan Miss. Baptist Church (450 Metropolitan Dr., W-S, 27101)

All trainings begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. and the FJPM would like to emphasize the need for punctuality when attending training.

St. Clement's currently has sixteen parishioners trained as jail service volunteers with the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries and we would love to have more. Providing worship periodically at the Jail is a great way to broaden our understanding of the plight of others we may not typically get to be in community with. Serving in this way fosters deep human connection, and we gain insights experientially that we may otherwise miss out on. I would encourage anyone discerning a call to expand their involvement in social ministry to consider attending a jail training session, and then joining with all of us who draw so much from this important ministry. Questions concerning jail and prison ministry can be directed to Deacon Mark (mashmajo@msn.com or 336-671-9223).

Inclement Weather Notice

In the event of inclement weather and the possibility of church closings, please tune in to WXII News 12 for up-to-date information on St. Clement's Sunday services located in the ticker at the bottom of your television screen. We will also try to communicate via an email blast as well as update the church web site.

Women's Group

Beginning January 30, the Women's Group will be viewing a Great Courses series of 36 lectures/30 minutes per lecture titled Exploring the Roots of Religion. These lectures are presented by Professor John R. Hale, Director of Liberal Studies at the University of Louisville in Kentucky and who is an archaeologist with 30 years of fieldwork experience in England, Scandinavia, Portugal, Greece, Turkey and the Ohio River Valley. He received his B.A. from Yale University and his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge.

According to Professor Hale, the most important record of religious history resides not in books and sacred texts but is buried in the earth. Ancient graves, statues, temples, standing stones, sacrificial offerings, and places of initiation all bear witness to the universal human quest for spiritual power and understanding.

Although this course focuses primarily on religions that belonged to the ancient world beginning with a look at the Neanderthal burials at Shanidar dating back more than 35,000 years ago, the course also considers how archeological finds shed light on the origins and rituals of such modern religions as Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

The Women's Group meets from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursdays. Thirty minutes of group interaction is combined with an approximately 30-minute planned program. All women are welcome.

Financial Update

For the 2019 calendar year, St. Clement's did well financially thanks to the generosity of members. For December, income was $15,062.77 and expenses were $12,542.55. For the year, total income from pledges, plates and special collections was $182,988.96 or 100.93 % of budget. Total annual expenses were $176,780.01 or 97.51% of budget. Thus, income exceeded expenses by 3.42 %. There was an unusual expense of $17,885.00 to replace the failing HVAC system, and this was covered by a donation from a member. This expense and donation are not included in the annual figures reported above. Further major expenses expected in 2020 are repairing the leak in the parish hall entrance area and replacing the outdoor sprinkler system. It is also possible that the roof may need replacing, and the Vestry has set aside funds for that.

St. Clements donors had a new option in 2019 of donating online through Vanco. This service processes donations electronically and worked well. For the year, total donations for St. Clement's coming through Vanco were $7,600.76. The service allows donors to do a one-time or periodic donation, and only Vanco has account access. No individual financial account data is available to or stored at St. Clement's. Eight individuals have used the Vanco site for donations to St. Clement's.

Scrapbooking???

Anyone who enjoys scrapbooking or who would like to participate in scrapbooking, please contact Lee Ellis. pm265@yadtel.net

Clan Lindsay Pipe Band

Every other Sunday, you can hear the rolling sounds of Scottish bagpipes wafting around St. Clement's. Those sounds are coming from Clan Lindsay Pipe Band as they practice together, preparing for another year of competitions at regional Highland Games and Scottish Festivals.

Clan Lindsay Pipe Band is a competitive bagpipe and drum band based in Clemmons, playing traditional and contemporary Scottish tunes. With the Clan Lindsay Association USA as their primary sponsor, they have been together as a group since early 2019, competing at Scotland County Highland Games in Laurinburg, NC, and Stone Mountain Highland Games in Stone Mountain, GA, both in October 2019. Many of the band's members also played in solo competitions, winning several of them and placing out of their current grades. The band is actively moving toward national and international competitions.

Clan Lindsay Pipe Band is looking to grow in 2020! They are actively searching for interested budding musicians. If you are interested in learning to play the bagpipe or the drums, they offer bagpipe lessons with the pipe major, Mark Elliott, on rehearsal days; snare, tenor and bass drum lessons are also available.

The band started rehearsing every other Sunday, beginning Sunday, January 12, 1-6 pm and are held here St. Clement's. An Open House will be held March 8 from 3 - 5 pm, where you can hear the band play a few sets of music, explore the different instruments that make up the band, talk to the band members, and find out more about lessons and joining the band! The Open House is free and open to the public and will be held here at the church.

For more information about Clan Lindsay Pipe Band, find them on Facebook and online at www.clanlindsaypipeband.org

MILESTONES

February Birthdays...
1: Earlene Reavies
1: Jane Harrell
2: Bo Edwards
3: Paul Garrison
3: Sally Bridges
5: Martin Russ
9: Laurie Ryan
10: Gail Crowe
10: Ida Muller
16: Michael Booth
18: Lovey Kempf
20: Janet Neblett
20: Jack Roblin
23: Vivian Roblin

February Anniversaries...
4: Bruce & Sue Gerlinger
21: Jack & Vivian Roblin

It's a Girl!
Ashton Elizabeth Koch
Born Chicago ,Il. January 2, 2020
7 lbs 14 oz, 20.5 inches
About 4 weeks early

Proud parents, Betsy and Katharine Koch
Proud big sister, Emory Jenine Koch
Proud grandparents, MaryAnn & Walt Joyce

In Appreciation!

"Thank you St. Clement's family -- for your cards, prayers and beautiful flower in memory of my mom, Julie Mannen. She is indeed SAFELY HOME!

I am sending a picture of the flower and scanning the cards -- and sending them to my 5 siblings so they can also share in the love you have shown to us." - Dan & Elizabeth Ann

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"To our friends at St. Clement's, Thank you for the beautiful flowers brought to us by Luci Lazorchak. Thank you, also, for the many prayers & thoughts for us during this sad time. We are blessed to be members at St. Clement's. We found our church home! Thanks be to God!!
- Love, Pat & Jerry Kight.

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"I want to thank you for my Christmas gift, I can really use it. I am so thankful for it. It means a lot to know my job is appreciated. Thanks to all." - Faith Harris (housekeeper)

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"Another big thank you to everyone for my Christmas gift. Your generosity is appreciated more than you know! Peace and blessings.... Linda."

St. Clement's Web Site

Take a minute to look around on our web site. It is filled with useful information and it has been recently updated with more pictures. www.stclementsepiscopal.com

Eternal Rest Grant Unto...

James "Jim" Herlihy
11/3/31—1/18/20

...and may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Men's Group
Meets every Saturday morning, 8-10 am
Women's Group
Meets every Thursday morning, 11 am—noon
Al-Anon meetings
Meets every Friday in the parish hall, 12-1 pm
Vestry Meetings
Third Sundays of the month

February

- Saturday, February 1
  Men's Group, 8-10 am (PH)
  Chili Supper, 5:30 pm (PH)
- Sunday, February 2
  Rite II @ 10 am
  Coffee & Conversation, 11 am (PH)
  Communion @ FCDC, 2 pm
- Sunday, February 9
  Rite II @ 10 am
  Coffee & Conversation, 11 am (PH)
  RENTAL: Pipe Band practice, 1-6 pm (nave & PH)
- Sunday, February 16
  Rite II @ 10 am w/ Bishop Sam
  Bishop's Reception, 11 am (PH)
- Monday, February 17—*Presidents' Day*
  Church office closed
- Sunday, February 23
  Rite II @ 10 am
  Coffee & Conversation, 11 am (PH)
  DEADLINE: March newsletter submissions
  RENTAL: Pipe Band practice, 1-6 pm (nave & PH)
- Tuesday, February 25
  Pancake Supper, time & place to be announced
- Wednesday, February 26—*Ash Wednesday*
  Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
  @ 12:15 & 7:00 pm

Welcome!

Please give a warm St. Clement's welcome to our newest parishioner, Laurie Ryan, who comes to us from Holy Comforter in Burlington. She may seem familiar to you....She played 4-hands piano with John just a few weeks ago. Welcome to our church family, Laurie!