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From The Rector's Desk...

As we lament the myriad destructive effects of this pandemic and grapple with the gamut of emotions as we phase back in to public life, allow me to offer a few spiritual suggestions. If we think of our emotions as different kinds of energy surges, then we can acknowledge them without judgment and channel those feelings into different kinds of prayer. Doing this serves the dual purpose of releasing that energy in a healthy way, while also increasing our loving connection with God, others, self, and creation. Some examples:

- If you are impatient to resume in-person gatherings, give thanks for the bonds you have with those you miss so much;
- If you are angry that this is taking so long, meditate on the awesome network of public health officials, medical personnel, et al who have been tirelessly working to help the most vulnerable;
- If you are sad about the plight of those who have died alone or not been allowed to visit loved ones, hold those unknown souls in your heart with love;
- If you are worried about the economy and your financial future, allow that to be an occasion of solidarity and unity with those on the margins of society whose circumstances are dire;
- If you are fearful of the disease, then give thanks for the incredible intelligence and resourcefulness of the scientific personnel working at lightning speed to understand the virus and develop a vaccine.

You get the idea. These days are a challenge for everybody, so we all have our spiritual work cut out for us as we channel anxiety into an invitation to grow in love and service. The diocese is working very hard to provide a plan for phasing back in, and a task force has been commissioned by the Vestry to implement that plan here at St. Clement's.

We thank you in advance for 1) your patience, 2) your willingness to “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” the policies we put in place, and 3) your full cooperation with those policies. To put it bluntly, moving forward our emotions and opinions will probably increasingly diverge—especially as November approaches. We in the Church must model a different way of being a loving community united by a shared mission. Please join the Vestry and me in moving forward in faith, not letting rules and protocols dim our joy and gratitude for our life together at St. Clement's.

Much love,
Mother Jamie+

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS!



A Message from your Senior Warden

GRATITUDE

“Let us remember that empathy and simple kindness are essential, powerful tools of national recovery. Even at an appropriate social distance, we can find ways to be present in the lives of others, to ease their anxiety, and share their burdens.” George W Bush

“We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return. We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again. We will meet again.” Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

We are part of the human family of God. Jesus came to show us that his way of love is the way of life. It's God's human family. We are in a time when remembering that may be important for all of us. We are in this together. What affects some directly affects all indirectly. We are part of a family. The human family of God. ...
Walk together children, don't get weary, because there's a great camp meeting in the promised land. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

It was Easter, but it didn't look like it.

It didn't smell like it.

It didn't feel like it.

But it was Easter anyway. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

I will borrow from Bishop Curry, with apologies to him ...

We are St. Clement's. We might not look like it with an “empty” building. We might not smell like it with no Communion wine. We might not feel like it, socially distanced from each other. But we are St. Clement's anyway.

St Clement's is walking together as children of God. We are aware that we are part of the family of God. We are a small congregation and, yet, we have multiple communications, services, social hours, formation, Vestry Meetings and action during a global pandemic. Here is a sample of which I am aware and for which I am grateful. We are showing kindness and know that we will meet again. May our eventual, physical reunion be a great and joyous camp meeting.

My gratitude list:

I want to thank Jamie for creative and thought provoking sermons and informational / relational Constant Contact messages and Deacon Mark for meaningful Thursday night Evening Prayer with beautiful music and contacts with parishioners.

For mowing, solo and consistently, Randy Chapel.

For landscaping - new flowers and trees and landscape surprises, Jane Harrell.

For landscaping at the HVAC units - Luci Lazorchak.

For parking lot crepe myrtle beds and weed eradication, Carobeth Bennett and Kevin Meath.

For keeping the office efficient and responsive and for forward thinking, Linda Turley.

For sanitizing the entire building and cleaning, Faith Harris.

For suggesting music and sending links to music, John Farmer.

For successfully organizing great repairs to the kitchen, lights, gutters, pests, Tom Erickson.

For classy, chic and safe masks, Judy Rush.

For masks during Phase 2 - Jaci Krause, Gail Crowe, Burnie Patterson.

For constant vigilance on our finances, Jim Myers, Leslie McNiece and Kevin Meath.

For Men's Group organization, Walt Joyce and Sid Chadwick.

For connecting our community with Every Member Matters, Lee Ellis, Sandra Nash, Dalida Bucknall, Liz Gober, Luci Lazorchak, Kirsten Russ.

For parishioners seeking connection, Sid Chadwick, the technology ambassador.

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Gratitude *continued*

For invaluable and expert advice on our technology and hours of assistance to Linda, Mark Snow.

For assistance with a digital template of seating in the sanctuary to assist with Phase 2 Opening, Steve Harberger.

For social hours, Sid Chadwick and company...

Keep the faith, be present with joy, know that our St. Clement's family is engaged.

-Kirsten Russ

Staying Connected

Isolation from friends and family and our church community are just some of the challenges we are all facing during these days of COVID-19. You are not alone. We encourage you to stay connected. If you are having individual concerns and wish to talk, please call Mother Jamie @ 336-312-3198 or Deacon Mark @ 336-671-9223. We are here for you!

Phase 2 Plan the next step, a *temporary transition*...

By Kirsten Russ

Phase 2 Guidelines are on the way. A Task Force is working to create a *temporary* (read that word again, please, **temporary**) Phase 2 Plan that is consistent with Diocesan Guidelines and with our facilities. ***Phase 2 is a transition; it is not the "new normal"***.

There will be printed guidelines available as a link on Constant Contact and the website. Each household in the St. Clement's Directory (with updates from Linda) will receive a personal phone call to review the guidelines.

All information will be available after June 15, with Vestry approval. Please do expect communication after the June 15th Vestry meeting.

I would like to thank each parishioner for patience and understanding as the Vestry balances our basic human needs to be together and our love of communal worship with Diocesan rules and the deeply felt desire to protect all of us.

COVID-19 Shutdown Financial Update

By Jim Myers

During this period when St. Clement's has been unable to hold services or other meetings, we have been truly blessed by our members faithfully continuing to support our church. Our income has exceeded expenditures, for which we can all be thankful. March income was \$18,952.35 and expenses were \$16,818.28. St. Clement's income for April was \$14,395.57 and expenses were \$12,806.86. Total 2020 income as of the end of April was \$81,996.47 or 43% of the 2020 budget projection of \$189,735.00. Total year-to-date expenses were \$62,543.55 or 33% of budget. The year-to-date income data is somewhat misleading because several members prepaid their 2020 pledges last winter. We can expect monthly income to drop over the next several months since some members have already prepaid their annual pledges, and with weekly services suspended and getting into the summer season, plate collection will inevitably drop. Please be continue to be attentive to this and keep pledge payments as current as possible - St. Clement's has several fixed expenses such as taxes, insurance and salaries which will not decrease. There will still be expenses such as utilities although not as much as there would be with normal church activities. Expenses may increase in the summer if limited services resume. If contributing by check, please mail donations to PO Box 1547, Clemmons NC 27012. And thanks for keeping pledge payments current.

Fifteen members and individuals made March and April Vanco donations, reflected in the income reported above, totaling \$7,420.26 after deducting processing fees. We thank all who use Vanco. If anyone wants to pay pledges or memorial gifts through Vanco, please visit the St. Clement's website and click on the "Donate Online" button at the upper right of the page. Vanco is an easy way to make donations and is secure. All financial data such as credit card or bank information is stored only at Vanco - St. Clement's has no access to any of that data.

New Scam Alert

At no time will Mother Jamie or Deacon Mark solicit members for money by directing them to buy gift cards for unverified charities and organizations that appear to represent COVID-19 relief efforts. Trust your instincts when you receive unverified emails. If you receive a solicitation that immediately raises red flags, you can assume the content is malicious. Also, if you receive an email from someone you know and it appears to be suspicious, contact them over a different medium to confirm.

A Note from your Junior Warden

The COVID -19 pandemic has kept us from regular worship, but it has not stopped our ongoing efforts to keep our church building in tip top shape. Following are a few of the ongoing efforts this year and recognition of those volunteering their time.

Randy Chapel has been mowing and says he will continue mowing through June. Jane Harrell has been working almost daily to keep the flowers and trees around the church and Memorial Garden looking great. Rob Russ has fixed the light in the men’s room and is working on the light fixtures in the parish hall. Kirsten Russ has cleaned out the gutters over the back door and even managed to remove some plants growing up there! Linda Turley and Luci Lazorchak are working on killing the ants invading the kitchen area, and Mark Snow helped Linda solve a major computer issue. **THANK YOU** to Randy, Jane, Rob, Kirsten, Linda, Luci, and Mark!



Other items of note are the kitchen flooring has been replaced and looks great. A new dishwasher has been installed and the hole in the floor in front of the kitchen entrance has been repaired and the carpet put back down. The irrigation system has been repaired and thanks to Jane the grass and plants in the Memorial Garden look great. Additionally, our insurance company has confirmed that our building (and organ) are fully insured.

Lastly, the Vestry has volunteered to check on the church each day of the week. We know it is important to make sure our building stays safe and is in great shape for when we return to regular services.

Peace and Stay Safe,
Tom Erickson



Eternal Rest Grant Unto St. Clement’s members...

Donald Greer
November 12, 1942–March 3, 2020

Dot Gatford
October 10, 1934–May 8, 2020

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

In Appreciation

The whole Lovett family would like to thank their St. Clement’s family for all their kindness surrounding the death of Bob. He too would be touched by your love and support to his family.

Gratefully,
Miriam & the whole Lovett family.



My family and I wish to thank you for all of the wonderful support, flowers, and kind cards of condolences, calls and messages we have received since my brother’s passing. We will be having a memorial service for Marvin at St. Clement’s as soon as permissible in which we will inter his cremains in the Memorial Garden.

-Sharon Valdez



Thank you for the cards, phone calls, beautiful house plant and especially the prayers for our family during the recent passing of my mother. Our St. Clement’s family is very important during these times of loss as we just witnessed!

Blessings,
Randy & April Chapel

Diocesan "Please Note"

Everyone is strongly encouraged to subscribe to the diocesan e-blast, which is sent on Wednesdays. It is the best way to keep up with information, offerings, and quickly changing updates. A button has been placed on our web site’s home page for your convenience.

Hydrangeas Anyone?

Lisa Frye has a bumper crop of hydrangeas that are free for the taking. If you are interested, please send her a message at: lisa.Frye2014@gmail.com



Congratulations Graduates!

Let us recognize and congratulate our graduates for a job well done!

- ◆ Mother Jamie's son Brian Rachal is graduating from Grimsley High School in Greensboro and will attend UNCW in the fall.
- ◆ Kelsey Wilson, daughter of Terri Everett, graduated from Appalachian State with a Masters degree in Social Work.
- ◆ Leah Wilson, daughter of Terri Everett, graduated from Appalachian State with a Bachelor of Arts degree (Dec).
- ◆ Nelson Russ, son of Rob & Kirsten, will graduate from Appalachian in August. His major is International Business. He begins work for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Durham in July 2020.
- ◆ Alec Weide, son of Kurt & Liz, graduated Magna Cum Laude B.S. in Biology from Appalachian State University, Certificate in Geographic Information Systems.
- ◆ Ryan Weide, son of Kurt & Liz, double major: B.S. in Marine Biology from UNCW - Wilmington, B.A. in German Studies.
- ◆ Andrew Munster, grandson of Robert & Amy Selby, graduated from Guildord College with a degree in Philosophy and will continue his education this fall at Cleveland State Marshall College of Law.
- ◆ Alec Munster, grandson of Robert & Amy Selby, graduates from West Forsyth High School and is heading to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio and plans to major in Business.
- ◆ Zachary Glontz, son of Robin Snow & stepson of Mark Snow, graduated from the Department of Computer Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was hired as a Software Engineer by LexisNexis.
- ◆ Christopher Glontz, son of Robin Snow & stepson of Mark Snow, graduated high school from North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Following in his siblings' footsteps, he will be attending UNC- Chapel Hill in the fall.
- ◆ Gretchen and Julie Meyer, twin nieces of Luci Lazorchak, are graduating from Taylor Allderdice High School in Pittsburgh, Pa. To date they are not sure of where they will go to college because of the pandemic.

"Youth Sunday": Our Graduates

Alec Munster celebrated numerous services with us as a guest of his proud grandparents, Robert and Amy Selby. He attended with his four siblings and impressed me with his calm behavior. I must admit that the sibling stories told in youth activities (lock-ins and Sunday School) belied this illusion of Alec. Nevertheless, in all forms of church attendance, Alec maintained his sanguine nature. We wish him the very best as he heads to Ohio University next year to study Business Pre-Law and Sports Administration. What a terrific combination for an excellent student with sterling character and strong, baseball athletic skill!

Brian Rachal joined St. Clement's ten years ago when Mother Jamie became our beloved priest. In Sunday School, Brian asked great questions - thoughtful and sincere. In helping with the Nursery, Brian interacted well with Russell Harberger, sharing intellectual curiosity and a love of adventure. Brian engaged in the youth lock-ins and a mission trip to Washington, DC, again searching for deeper meaning and reasoning. He joined the Christmas youth band, playing his violin and adding a needed string voice to the ensemble. We wish him the very best as he heads to UNC-Wilmington to study film-making. What a great choice for his artistic talents and search for intellectually stimulating, extensive meaning!

Christopher Glontz has enchanted us with his cello music. He has played beautiful and challenging music with his step-father, Mark Snow, and with John Farmer. Accompanying Mark and Hunter Snow and his mom, Robin Snow, and grandmother, Claudia Fowlkes, Christopher has joined us in worship for several years. Christopher will graduate from the NC School of Math and Science. We wish him the very best as he heads to UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall. What a great choice for his academic curiosity, his diverse abilities that include music and his familiarity with the area where he attended high school and his sister attended college.

May Birthdays...

- 1: Jaci Krause
- 2: Lily Anna Schantz
- 3: Andy Fenn
- 4: Howard Rush
- 10: Helen Bujard
- 15: Janice Weeks
- 16: Stephen Angell
- 18: Bruce Nash
- 18: Pete Schantz
- 18: Robin Snow
- 19: Pemmy Peterman
- 23: John Mueller
- 26: Kurt Weide
- 27: Lil Barrett
- 28: Andrew Kay
- 28: Paula Myers
- 29: Joan Wintemberg



May Anniversaries...

- 3: Robert & Lee Ellis
- 4: David & Jaci Krause
- 17: Chris von Kap-herr & Beth Ampleford
- 22: Tom & Mickie McIntosh

June Birthdays...

- 5: Liz Weide
- 12: Ginny Davies
- 16: Sharon Valdez
- 17: Leah Wilson
- 20: Breiana Six
- 21: Al Crowe
- 21: Ben Neal
- 22: Jake Schantz
- 26: Van Garrison

June Anniversaries...

- 4: Mark & Sherry Davidson
- 11: John & Pat Mueller
- 22: Bob & Patty Dalton
- 24: Dick & Lil Barrett
- 26: Al & Gail Crowe

July Birthdays...

- 3: Connie Bohrer
- 5: Wren Garrison
- 7: Cooper Garrison
- 16: Bob Dalton
- 16: William Wheeling
- 18: Chris von Kap-herr
- 27: Lee Ellis
- 29: Bruce Gerlinger
- 31: Patty Dalton

July Anniversaries...

- 1: Richard & Jamie Bucknall
- 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

Congratulations, It's a Girl!

2020 is starting off to be the year of the St. Clement's Granddaughter! Congratulations to all!



Grandparents, Mark & Sherry Davidson are happy to announce the birth of their third grandchild, but their first granddaughter...

Millie Joan Russell
March 20 / 7 lbs, 12 oz., / 19"

Grandparents Robert & Lee Ellis have added another beautiful grandchild to their gang....

Ruth Mae Gunter
March 28 / 7 lbs, 1 oz. / 20"



Grandpa, Rick Miller also has another grandbaby to love...

Lucia Behm "Lucy" Miller Cardosa
Born April 27th.

