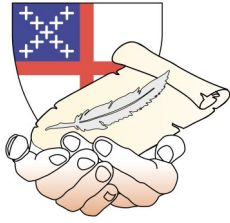


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Holy Week, Overnight Vigil, & Easter Sunday

Holy week is the busiest & most important time in the church and it will take a small army to fill all of the Lay Ministry duties as well as volunteers to sit vigil during the overnight vigil (*The Watch*). We are using SignUp Genius for all of our volunteer opportunities during this busy time. Links are available on our website and QR codes are posted on the bulletin boards located in the narthex and parish hall. If you need any help signing up, please reach out to Linda during office hours. Thank you in advance for your help. It will take everyone's participation.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday begins at 7:30 p.m.

Our observance begins on Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a service of Holy Eucharist, where we celebrate the night of the Last Supper and the beginning of what we now call the Eucharist. But the festive spirit ends in the silence of the stripping of the altar and the darkness of the church. We are left with the invitation to share in *The Watch*, to sit vigil with the Body of Christ.



Once again, we will hold **The Watch** through the night, requesting that parishioners sign up for a 1-hour shift at some point during the evening, night, or morning. Come and "wait an hour" with Jesus, as he implored his disciples to do when he was suffering in the Garden on the night before his death. (We asked that at least 2 people sign-up per shift.)

**Note: Mother Jamie will stay at the church throughout the night.* The Watch will conclude with the Prayer Book liturgy for Good Friday, which will be at noon.

Friday, April 18

- Good Friday service @ 12 noon

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday ** Please bring fresh, cut flowers (store-bought or from your garden) for the flowering of the cross.*

- Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 8:00 am & 10:00 am



Donation for Easter Flowers

A sign up sheet has been posted in the narthex for those that wish to donate towards Easter flowers. Deadline is **Sunday, April 13** (Palm Sunday). *Please print and use as many lines as needed.* Place your donation in the envelope provided.

Church Office Hours

The office will be closed on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22. We wish everyone a very holy and happy Easter season.



Junior Warden Update

By Bob Smith

Things that have been completed:

- Blew leaves off prayer garden, memorial garden, herb garden, flower bed on the south side of church, and the parking lot.
- Tended bed at the south side of church and herb garden.
Installed weather strip at front doors.
- Put flowers in two pots at front doors.
- Grouted cracked steps at the south entrance.
- Cleaned out shed and determined what items are no longer needed.
- And a big thank you to Bob Dalton who treated the front lawn with pre-emergent, fertilized, and seeded. He also reseeded the memorial garden with shade tolerant grass and picked up roadside trash. WOW!

Things to do:

- Replace cracked glass at the cupola (multicolored with religious theme - \$3K - and install light sensitive spotlight to shine on cupola and cross).
- Plant flowers/shrubs around herb garden, front sign, and around memorial garden. Terri Smith will have a neighbor who is a Master Gardener review these areas with Terri to get some ideas for appropriate plants.
- Work day to be determined. Watch for an announcement.
- Regular maintenance of the flower garden on the south side of the church (parking lot side).

Financial Update

By Nicky Tesh, Treasurer & Vestry Member

We are off to a great year. When the previous publication was released, the 2024 Actuals were still being finalized. We did very nicely in 2024, with revenues coming in favorably by \$20,222. Part of this was due to our strategy to invest part of our cash on hand which yielded just over \$5,000. We continue to look at ways to increase our income and reduce our expenses so we can invest in St. Clement's and our members.

For the 2025 Financials I had hoped to create a quarterly budget so our actuals would be more reflective of the budget but unfortunately our agency doesn't have that capability. This means that when you look at favorability it could be a timing issue.

2025 Jan Actuals:

Revenues: came in at \$15,896 which is slightly fav at 7.37%. Excitingly, this is driven by Unpledged Donations which is at 35.67% of budget.

Expenses: came in at \$15,585 which is slightly fav to budget at 7.23%. Nothing in particular is standing out.

And for my joke for the day....
Which Bible character was super fit?
A. Absalon

St. Clement's Jail and Prison Ministry

By Deacon Mark Davidson

For the past twelve years, St. Clement's has been actively serving with the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries. We have provided worship services at both the Forsyth County Jail and the Forsyth Correctional Center (Cherry St. Minimum Security Prison) as well as material support in the form of hygiene item donations and Monetary donations. The number of trained members we've typically had that are approved to serve at quarterly worship services in the jail has fluctuated somewhat throughout the years but has always been sufficient to fulfill our assigned duties. Recently, however, we find ourselves woefully low on volunteers able to assist and would welcome more participation in this important ministry. Annual jail training which is required to assist with worship at the jail will be offered on Sunday, April 27 from 3:00 to 4:30 with the location still to be determined. Anyone interested in becoming involved in St. Clement's ministry within the jail and prison can contact Deacon Mark or Mother Jamie for more information. We are especially in need of musicians and singers to participate in upcoming services at the jail. Our next assign jail service will be Sunday June 8th at 2:00 p.m., and we'd love to have you join us.

Food Pantry Needs

Buying just one item a week can make a big impact if everyone participated.

Clemmons Food Pantry: Rice, dry beans, baking items, and snacks.

Storehouse for Jesus: Personal care items, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, and children's clothing.

Women's Group
By Cindy Lou Franke

Spring is the season when seeds sprout and new life appears everywhere around us. The St. Clement's Women's Group invites you to come grow with us. Our group is a thriving, supportive sisterhood that gathers on Thursday mornings from 10:30 to noon in the Parish Hall to provide encouragement and enrichment for each other in our personal spiritual journeys. We welcome anyone who wants to stop by and see what we're about -- especially other women, but we've been delighted to have some men and even dogs join with us at times.

If you come, you'll undoubtedly find laughter, hugs, sometimes tears, and even goodies, homemade or otherwise, to munch on at times. Best of all, you'll find a fun, caring group that supports each other through the various hard times in life but also celebrates each other and the blessings God bestows upon us. With God's guidance in our discussions, we teach each other. As we feel comfortable, we share our thoughts and lessons learned, and we come away energized, often with new perspectives on the life situations we face and always ready to share the light of God's love with others we meet along the way.

During Lent, we have been engaging in a Lenten study by Living Compass called *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. *There's absolutely no requirement for anyone to do homework for our group, but if we choose to use the booklet for this series, there are short daily meditations we can read and ponder individually. Then, when we meet each subsequent Thursday, we share our thoughts about the readings with the group. Together we're learning that the seeds of all these fruits of the Holy Spirit are within each one of us as gifts of God, and "whatever we pay attention to is what will grow."*

Talk with any member of St. Clement's Women's Group about how we're growing together, and come check us out. For one of the series booklets or for more information about our group, contact Cindy Lou Franke at (717) 658-3211 or cindylou163@hotmail.com. Come grow with us!

Introducing Saturday Morning Men's Hour
By Randy Chapel

St. Clement's will begin a Saturday morning in-person conversation hour at 10:00 for the men of the Parish. Coffee, fellowship and interesting discussions will begin this Saturday, March 29. We previously had in-person meetings at 8:00 on Saturday mornings before Covid interrupted our lives. Those meetings transitioned to Zoom calls. There have been inquiries about holding later, in-person meetings on Saturday morning so we have decided we're going to meet at 10:00. Note: The 8:00 Zoom meetings will continue for those participants. We hope to see you guys at St. Clement's for this relaxing hour of conversation.

Community Event
Davie County Arts Council Concert

Calling all 60's & 70's rocker fans and their friends! Retiree Steve Franke has recently taken on the role of volunteer Interim Executive Director of the Davie County Arts Council, where Cindy Lou has been serving as a Board volunteer since October. Tickets are selling fast for two upcoming concerts at Mocksville's beautiful Brock Performing Arts Center but Steve and Cindy Lou want you to know about a great **group deal** that's available for a limited time. If we have 10 or more folks going as a group to either or both concerts, the ticket price per concert drops to **\$35 each**. If you are interested let them know soon (email: sfranke@yadtel.net or cindylou163@hotmail.com). Regular price (adult \$45+tax, senior/student \$44+tax) applies if we don't get at least 10/concert.

Saturday, April 12: 70's Rock Revival—Zeppelin, Fleetwood Mac, ELO, Queen, Frampton, Eagles. The Troubadour Project faithfully recreates all the sounds, vibe, and essence of the most iconic rock bands from the 70's, delivered by world class musicians and vocalists. The band features touring musicians from Sugarland, Jennifer Nettles, Sheryl Crow, Noel Gallagher, Elton Live! And More!

Saturday, May 3: *Tonight's the Night*—The Rod Stewart Hybrid. Singer Rob Caudill along with legendary drummer Carmine Appice and Rod Stewart's former sax player, Katja Rieckermann, lead an incredible talented live band that accurately recreates the sound, excitement and fun of a Rod Stewart Concert!

For more detail information on these bands, see the flyers posted on the bulletin boards.



Please give a warm welcome to the newest among us:

- TK & Helen Egan former parishioners of Trinity Episcopal in Spruce Pine.
- Heather Diakos and her children: Andrew, Austin, Audrey, and Annette, who come to us from Hope Presbyterian Church, W-S.
- Forest Baker, who joins us on Sundays from Chester, SC.
- Don & Carol Witte from Epiphany Lutheran, WS.
- Michelle Bromfield who is transferring from Trinity St. Paul in New Rochelle, NY and has already sign on as our newest Lector.

Welcome to our church family!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto...

*Robert E. Selby
March 1, 1945–March 6, 2025*

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

Thank You!

A big thank you to those that help with Robert Selby's funeral and committal in our Memorial Garden. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes, between the ladies of the Memorial Garden Guild who keep the area clean and tidy, taking special care before a committal, to the men who dug the plot and were here the day of to ready the space and then taken care of everything once the family has left. And another big thank you to Phyllis Scardina and her band of helpers who worked hard to provide such a wonderful reception!

Grand Canyon ☒ Brenda Peoples and her children cross this off their Bucket List in January.



A Good Friday Prayer

I grieve that the torture and sorry You endured on the cross were necessary to save humanity.

Because You didn't want me enslaved to fear, anxiety, or sin—You sacrificed Yourself so that Love could win.

It's Love that hung upon the cross and gave up everything to rescue me. "it is finished" was a cry of victory, because You defeated everything that held me in captivity.

Because of Your sacrifice, I can experience intimacy with You forever. Thank You! Help me to know You more, ad to reach people with the hope found in You.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

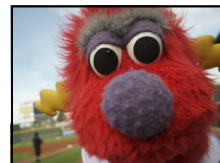
Help! Are You Being Called to Serve?

We still need more volunteers to serve in the various Lay Ministries, especially at the early service. *Please, prayerfully consider serving.* Contact the following, if interested.

- 8 am Lector: Mother Jamie & Linda
- 8 am Chalice: Mother Jamie
- 8 am Acolytes: Deacon Mark
- 10 am Chalice: Mother Jamie
- 10 am Acolytes: Deacon Mark

Hope du Jour

Plan to join us on Tuesday, May 6th for the 35th annual Hope du Jour, where participating restaurants donate 10% of their proceeds to Crisis Control Ministry, Forsyth County's largest non-profit provider of emergency assistance. Hope du Jour is a day when food and beverage establishments come together for breakfast, lunch, dinner and more in a day of feel-good eating to make a difference in our community. Go to <https://hopedujour.org/find-a-restaurant> to find a restaurant near you.



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, June 13, 6:30 P.M.

Spring is in the air and that means our annual night out at the ballpark with the Winston-Salem Dash is right around the corner. So, mark your calendars and plan to join in on the fun at the ballpark to watch the Dash play the Bowling Green Hot Rods .We have purchased 30 tickets @ \$12.00 each. Look for sign-up sheet in May.