

THE ANCHOR

OF THE

NOVEMBER

CHURCH OF
ST CLEMENT



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It seems that our nation is more and more divided over any number of issues, and the national election is just another example. As Christians we are one Body, the Body of Jesus Christ. Let us pray for one another and our nation, that the Holy Spirit will bind us together in His love.

Bishops's Visitation

Once again, Bishop Mark Zimmerman will preach at both services on November 6th, All Saints Sunday. Confirmation will only be at the 8:30a.m. service and there will be a reception between the services. Our Spanish-speaking congregation, Rey de Paz, will join us for a combined service at 10:45 a.m.

Annual Men's Retreat

Don't miss our annual Men's Retreat November 11-13 at Sacramento Camp and Conference Center The theme this being The Servant Leader. Come on Friday evening and leave Sunday morning. Every year it is a life changing experience. You may register online or at the Welcome Center. The fee is \$150 and scholarships are available. If you would like a copy of the book, The Servant Leader, by Ken Blanchard, they are available for a donation. (Our cost is \$15)

Thanksgiving Day Outreach

On Thanksgiving Day, the Youth will once again serve cocoa and donuts to those standing on the street by the Church. If you would like to help with the Open House and serve people who are visiting the church, please contact the Welcome Center.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Please join us for a traditional Thanksgiving Eve at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family, just to thank God for all of his blessings.

Christmas Tree

Each year after Thanksgiving, we put up a Christmas Tree in the Welcome Center with little cards on it that represent children in Ciudad Juarez and El Paso. The ministries that we are supporting again this year are Onemi, Life Challenge and Ciudad Nueva. Thank you for your help in making Christmas special for one of these children.

Giving in the Holiday Season

Like many non-profit organizations, the Church of St. Clement operates at a deficit most of the year, and makes the deficit up in the last couple of months. Please consider making a special Thanksgiving or Christmas gift that will help us finish the year in the black.

How can you give to the Church of St. Clement? You may give by check, or online with a credit or debit card, or by ACH withdrawal from your bank account. You may also give stock to the church directly or from your retirement account, which may have tax advantages. Finally, you may add a codicil in your will making a bequest to the Church of St. Clement.

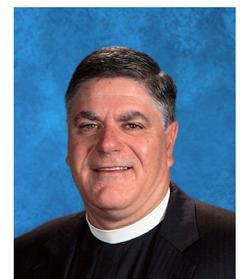
While we urge that tithes go to our General operating fund, you may also give directly to:

- The Mission Board;
- In Memory of someone;
- in Thanksgiving for someone;
- The Benevolence Fund;

St. Clement's is unusual in that ten percent of every dollar given to the church goes to missions. This does not include the support that we give to our diocese.

In Our Risen Savior,

The Rev. William C. Cobb, D.Min.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Rachel Degenhart, Children's Ministry Director

Write your love song to the one who already wrote His to you! (by Emily Degenhart Kieth)

I have a question to ask you, if you didn't have the worship music, the church services, the lights, small groups, podcasts, or devotionals would you have a relationship with Jesus, Holy Spirit, God? Would you be able to pour your heart out and allow the Lord to minister to you? Would you feel as close to the Lord as you do when you're worshipping God by singing a song that someone else wrote? God wrote His love song/story on our individual hearts. Do you think when He said He knew you before you were born He meant He knew us apart from church (Jer. 1:5)? Worship music? I think God wants us to write our own love song to Him, He doesn't want us to have a "fancy dinner" in order to relate to Him, to romance Him with the unique person you were created to be; apart from k-love, or the lesson your going through in your Bible study. The presence of the Lord, Holy Spirit, do not need to be "ushered in" they live in you and desire to commune with you in everything you do- on a personal, intimate level. Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will go into the holy nation of heaven. The one who does the things My Father in heaven wants him to do will go into the holy nation of heaven. 22 Many people will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not preach in Your Name? Did we not put out demons in Your Name? Did we not do many powerful works in Your Name?' 23 Then I will say to them in plain words, 'I never knew you. Go away from Me.'"



Apart from everything, does Jesus know you? Do you allow Him to know you like a husband "knows" his wife? 1 John 4:19 "we can love because He first loved us." This is when Christianity begins- with intimacy with the lover of your soul. Jesus does not take what is not His to take- what has not been willingly given to Him. We want God to direct our paths yet do not allow him to know us- purely, on every level, giving our lives to Him. Jesus' life is a perfect example of knowing God and being "known" by God. Adam and Eve didn't quite get it- there was not a full understanding of Gods heart for them, this allowed doubt to speak to their hearts. Jesus on the other hand knew He was walking to His death and that His very own Father was going to forsake him (Matthew 27:46) yet he trusted fully his Fathers heart. He knew his father like a bride should know her groom. We are the bride- God is our romancer, the groom. He said He would never leave or forsake us (Duet 31:6). That is love, true intimacy, that is an example of a marriage. This is salvation!

This is what Christianity, the redemption of our lives, is all about.



*Come be a part of the
Christmas Eve Pageant
Practice times and dates to be announced*

*Contact Rachel Degenhart
521-8052*

December's Sunday Lessons
All children's services will be sharing
the Christmas story, each week in





Remembrance and Thanksgiving

November at St. Clement's Parish School is a month in which we focus on Remembrance and Thanksgiving. God Blesses this school in so many ways and we have much for which to be thankful:

The Church of St. Clement for its commitment to the school as a mission of the Church and for the support and partnership; the many volunteers and partners who give the gift of time and support; our donors and families who commit resources; our incredibly talented and gifted faculty

and staff for their dedication to the Christian formation and education of our students; and to God for the many blessings each and every day!

We also take time for remembrance: Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 is a special day at the school. We will have a special Chapel service to honor and remember the Veterans, without whom, we would not enjoy the freedoms, liberties, and blessings of this great country. You are welcome to join us at 10:30 in the Sanctuary for a Pre-K parade of floats, student performances, a special homily from our very own veteran and clergy member, John Dixon. We invite any active military or veterans to attend chapel, in uniform, for special recognition. It promises to be a very moving service!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Rick Betts
Head of School
St. Clement's Parish School



"LOVE ACROSS BORDERS"

Were you aware that 400-600 potential Central-American refugees are being released into El Paso every week? Just a couple of weeks ago, a group of us from St. Clements gathered with other downtown non-profit organizations and churches to listen to Annunciation House report on this current crisis. Why are these families being released into the public? Most have come up with funds and payed coyotes (or smugglers) to bring their family across Mexico and many have horrendous stories of how they got to the border. A lot of these people are women and children who have lost husbands and fathers to the increased violence in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Many are even unaccompanied children. So by the time they make it (if they make it) to the border, there are some pretty horrible stories. Rape, abuse, extortion, slavery ... are realities these people have risked or experienced seeking asylum. Our government has fingerprinted, photographed, run background checks and has deemed them not a threat to our country or other humans. Normally, they would be sent to detention facilities, but all

are now over capacity. Therefore, the refugees are being "released" to move about freely until their next court dates.

The reason most don't know this is happening is because almost all of these refugees have family or friends already in America and just need help being reunited with them. This involves connecting with the family, getting a bus ticket confirmation and getting them to the bus stop. 99% of the refugees have moved on within 48 hours. People and organizations across the city are uniting to help. Many of these refugees have been in the same dirty clothes for weeks without access to showers while they were detained. Children and babies with soiled diapers. They have little money and no food. All around our neighborhood of downtown El Paso, temporary housing facilities are being set up by the non-profits and churches to get them new clothes, underwear and diapers, a fresh shower, a hot meal and a place to sleep until they can get their travel arrangements set. It is inspiring to see many Christians responding to Jesus' axiom, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

COMING UP:



CLEM'S & CLEMENTINE'S

The Impact of the Mexican Revolution
On El Paso, The Railroad, and My Family
By Prince McKenzie, in the Mayfield Room
3rd Monday November 21, 2016
Communion 10:30
Prince 11 & Lunch 11:45.
All are cordially invited. Bring a friend!



FINE ARTS MINISTRY

1st & 3rd Sundays
between services

WR-Hall November 6 & 20

Drawing exercises. Materials to share are
provided &/or bring your favorites. A little
PERSPECTIVE and preparing for illumination.

HELPING THE TARAHUMARAS



Each set is meticulously handcrafted by the Tarahumara ladies in the village of Sisoguichi in the Mexican Copper canyon. These sets are highly treasured by collectors of Tarahumara handcrafts. It is very meticulous work as each figure is created from clay, the clothes are sewn by hand. The materials are not easily available, the women travel many miles on foot in search of the materials needed: wood, moss, clay, water, etc. Each set is \$20, which will be used to keep the ladies employed and to purchase much needed food. This is the only source of income for the women. For more information please contact Elizabeth Feuille at 203-1883. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING EVE
SERVICE AT 7:00
NOVEMBER 23

Happy
Thanks Giving

DONUTS, COCOA AND
OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION
NOVEMBER 24 AT 8:00 AM

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted to replace four retiring vestry members at the February 2017 Annual Meeting. Choosing vestry members is meant to be a process of mutual spiritual discernment. Vestry members must be prayerful, knowledgeable of scripture, have a personal relationship with Christ, and a desire to serve Him through this parish. Nominees will be asked to answer questions approved by the vestry.

The vestry has adopted the following requirements for serving on the vestry. A person must be:

1. At least eighteen years of age
2. A voting member of the church
3. A committed Christian, who maintains disciplines of Bible Study and Prayer
4. Believing the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and the Creeds of the Church to be authoritative in defining biblical Christian faith.
5. Regular in worship and active in the life of the congregation
6. A giver of record for at least a year who is committed to tithing or working toward a tithe
7. Able to attend as many as two meetings a month, vestry retreats, etc.



Help for those dealing with grief during the holidays



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.



CALL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS:
915-533-4915 OR 915-539-1265
LOCATION: ST CLEMENT CHURCH, 810 N CAMPBELL, MAYFIELD ROOM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016
12:00PM LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
12:30 TO 2:00PM SEMINAR

The Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study will continue

ALWAYS TRUE BY JAMES MACDONALD

In it he shows us how the pages of Scripture are filled with great and precious promises that assure us of His loving presence and diligent work in your life. When life is hard, God's promises give you stability and hope to carry you through. Please join us for coffee, dessert and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. on Monday evenings.



All ladies are welcome. If you have questions, please call Geneva Williams (915) 585-1419.

JAMES MACDONALD



2016 FALL RETREAT

DARE TO BE A SERVANT LEADER NOVEMBER 11-13, 2016

Join us at the Sacramento Camp for a weekend of fellowship and teaching.

You can register online or at the welcome center!

For more information contact Andy Quintana
(aquinatana@lonestartitle.com)

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

For more information or to contact a Stephen Minister contact Diane Tatem (dtatem@elp.rr.com) or Dave Baker (dbg11500@sbcglobal.net)

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed. www.stephenministries.org

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November brings extra feelings of thankfulness. We truly appreciate every volunteer, donor, donation and prayer. Thank you to each and everyone of you that take the time to find out more about Ciudad Nueva each month.

We have a few big things happening this month.

1. El Paso Giving Day (November 15th) is our first city wide giving day to donate money to local non profits. Ciudad Nueva is part of this day and hope you will participate too! Check out Ciudad Nueva on Facebook or Instagram to find out more or elpasogivingday.com
2. We are starting to collect items for our Christmas Store. We are collecting a variety of toys and household items. Please look at our full list on the bulletin board at the church or on our website.

Programs continue to go well. Kids Create is heading into it's second round of creative art classes, Launch Pad has founds its groove and our high school programs are growing each week. We have much to be thankful for at Ciudad Nueva.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hello St. Clement!

We had the best time this month, doing Alpha and going to the Holy Spirit retreat with the church. Our students have been learning so much and drawing close to the Lord. Our time with the Alpha course has been beneficial in giving our students basic knowledge that we often overlook as leaders and people who have been Christians for a while. We have been so blessed by Alpha and are glad we chose to take part of it! Our favorite moments during youth group are our discussion groups after the students watch the videos. These discussion groups were always full of great conversations and questions. We had about 10 students come with us to the Holy Spirit weekend and it was incredible! Our main focus beforehand was praying that the Lord would reveal himself to our students and change their lives and perspectives on what it means to have a relationship with Him. Throughout the weekend, we began to prep them for Saturday night, which was our ministry night. We spent time worshipping, praying and watching the Alpha videos to make sure the students had an understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and what the Holy Spirit does. When we went into ministry time the Holy Spirit moved and worked in the students. Spiritual gifts of healing, interpreting tongues and speaking tongues were released. The Lord revealed things in the students' hearts that needed to be worked on and the time was precious.

Since the weekend, we have been working on helping our students understand what it means to have a relationship with the Lord. An encounter like the one that they had during this retreat is something that can happen at youth group, in their own personal quiet times and when they are in community with one another. We have been helping them find what kind of quiet time works best for them and what it means for them personally to spend time with the Lord. We cannot wait to see what happens next! Join us in prayer for the Lord to radically move in our youth group!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 9th: Parent Meeting
- November 18: Lock-In
- November 24: Thanksgiving Outreach

NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00-Staff Meeting 11:00- Prayer & Fasting 12- Invisible Church 12- Al Anon 6:00- Praise Band	2 ESC 8:30-Women's Bible Study 1:30- GriefShare 5:30 Alpha 6:00 Changes that Heal 6:30- Youth Group	3 12- Bill's Bible Study 6:00 YOUNGISH ADULTS 6:30 Koran Reading 7:30 Choir Practice	4 9:00 Border Fellows	5 5:00- Worship Service
6 8:30 CONFIRMATION Bishop's Visit 8:30 am- Traditional w/ Nursery & Children 9:55 Healing Prayer Flne Arts Ministry Event 10:30 MS Youth Group 10:45 am- Contemporary and Rey de Paz combined service 12:15 pm Youth Lunch	7 ESC 12 Missionray Luncheon 5:30-Women's Bible Study	8 9:00-Staff Meeting 11:00- Prayer & Fasting 12- Al Anon 6:00- Praise Band 5:30- Vestry Prayer 7:00 Stamp Club	9 ESC 8:30-Women's Bible Study 1:30- GriefShare 5:30 Alpha 6:00 Changes that Heal 6:30- Youth Group	10 6:00 YOUNGISH ADULTS	11 MEN'S RETREAT 9:00 Border Fellows	12 MEN'S RETREAT Daughters of the Holy Cross 5:00- Worship Service
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