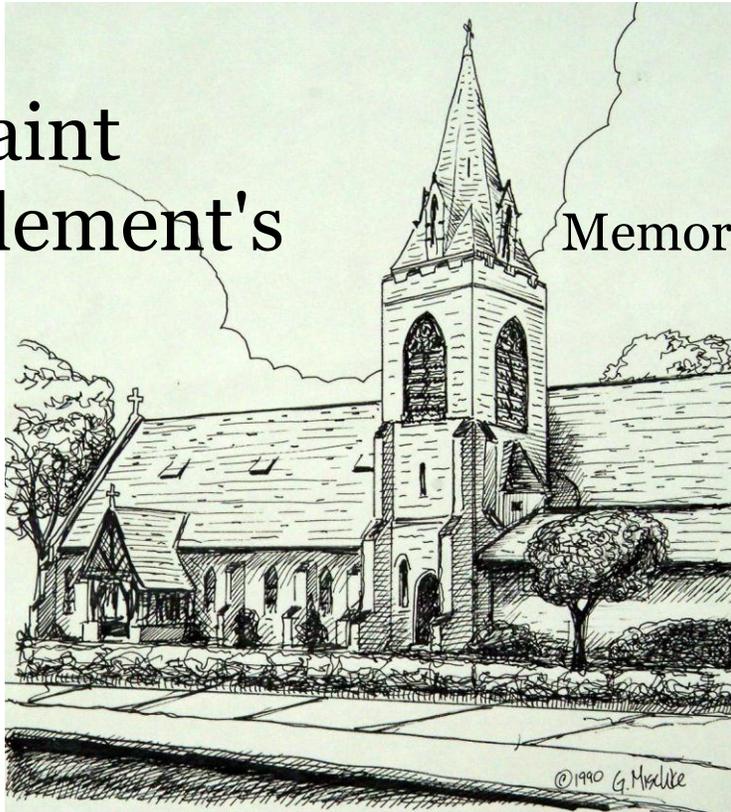


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The Chimes

From the Rector

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Dear Friends,

Lord, it has been a long winter. Here in our neighborhood, we have lived through five months of heavy snows and intense and bitter cold. We have watched some of our global neighbors deal with unimaginable hardships: war, civil war, earthquake, tsunami, extreme poverty and starvation. We have worried along with much of the world about rising gas prices, food prices, and seen the hopes and dreams of so many shake and in some cases; shatter, as pensions get smaller and the promise of secure retirements become unsure. We have sent more of our young people off to fight in far away countries, and argued about so many things: government, politics, money, education – the big things to be sure, but we have also argued about little, petty things that we don't want to list in this prayer right now because we are too embarrassed to tell even you, God, even though you, God, know us well.

It has been Lent, God, for a long time. We need some spring around here, but we need even more than that. We need some Easter, God, we need to hear the Good News of Christ resurrected, we need to peer into the darkness of the Tomb and find it incredibly empty. We



need to not only hear, but see, that violence and anger and hopelessness are not the last word; not for us and not for those who suffer so greatly all around the world. Tell us that the last word is not death, Almighty God, but life. Tell us about life and life abundantly, about mercy and grace and hope and love. And after you tell us, Lord, show us how to live in this new life of love; how to make our actions fit the words of prayer and holy scripture, of the songs of praise that we love to hear and to sing. Create an Easter world, Lord, and make us into an Easter people. *Alleluia, the Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!*

A blessed Easter -tide to you all.

Beth+

Pipe Organ Discovery Day at St. Clement's

By Nils C. Halker, III
Photographs by Tom Kingrey

On Saturday, February 26th, Saint Clement's Church hosted a Pipe Organ Discovery Day for ten piano students with their families. The Pipe Organ Discovery Day is an annual event organized by the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (TCAGO), designed to introduce young piano students to the organ.



A young piano student plays the Saint Clement's organ



Event organizer Phil Asgian (facing camera) looks on as a student plays the Saint Clement's organ.



A student plays the TCAGO demonstration organ. →



← TCAGO member Margaret Gohman (right) explains how the demonstration organ works.

This year the program was hosted jointly by Saint Clement's and our neighboring parish, Saint John the Evangelist. The driving force behind the program is Phil Asgian, a regular visitor at our afternoon evensongs and concerts. Students had the opportunity to play the organs both at Saint Clement's and Saint John's, as well as the TCAGO demonstration organ, a portable organ built so one can see the inner workings of an organ. Organ builder Charles Hendrickson and our own organ technician David Engen led a lecture-demonstration to explain how organs work.

A Stream of Consciousness from your Stewardship Chair

By Lizanne Geno

So Adam Irving, our fearless Chimes editor had this fabulous idea...why not have everyone on the vestry pick two months out of each year and write an article for the Chimes!...we all thought he was brilliant...but he was quick to let us know that it was in actuality his beautiful wife Meghan who was the brilliant one...snaps to the redhead!...Ok...so I chose October and then counted back six months and wound up with April...after the vestry meeting Adam reminded me that it was THIS April!...DOH...no snaps to this redhead...I have just begun my vestry term as Chair of Stewardship...I'm really just getting my sea legs...I have met with Beth and our stellar outgoing chair David Berry and been brought up to speed with the vision that has been painstakingly put into place for what Stewardship is at St. Clement's...so I think this month I will share a little of that...Clearly Stewardship is our Pledge campaign every year...that is what people think of first when they think of stewardship...but last year we at St. Clement's kicked off a mechanism for planned giving...it is known as The Eaton Society...basically it is a way to help us learn about and focus on ways to give to our community long after we are gone...look for more about this in the coming months...in the meantime if you have questions about The Eaton Society...David Berry or Charley Bathke can tell you a little more about it...tell them I sent you...they will love me for it!...now what I'd like to share with you is a bit about another



way to look at stewardship...we have our annual Rummage Sale coming up on May 7...this is a perfect way to be good stewards of our earth and community all at the same time!...clean out your houses people!...spring is coming...the crocus in my lawn prove it...donate your gently used clothing and household goods to our rummage sale...and while you are doing that please consider coming a giving us an hour or two or forty of your time...there is a wonderful little group of people that year after year have spent countless hours sorting, displaying, and working this rummage sale...we love our little group...but we would LOVE it even more if we could include you too...its fun and a wonderful way to build community with other St. Clemite's and a great way to reach out to those in our wider St. Paul community...don't worry...if you are shy I will help you to get over it when I make my rounds during coffee hour over the next few weeks...the last piece to my stream of consciousness...a little gardening fundraiser!...we all garden to some degree don't we?...whether it is container gardening...vegetable gardening...or a full on urban oasis...I know for a fact many of you visit Linder's Flowermarts each year...because I work there!...and so do several of our youth now!...well we will be selling gift cards to Linder's...so here's how it will work...instead of paying \$25 to Linder's for your petunias this year...buy a \$25 gift card to Linder's from the Fundraising committee instead!...15% of that \$25 will go to the general funds of St. Clement's!...we will also have these handy coupons to use from May 13-16 at any Linder's Flowermart...they are free...but when you hand them to the cashier at the time of your purchase 15% of the pre-tax dollars go to the general funds of St. Clement's...does this sound confusing?...it probably does...just ask me about it...we will be available during coffee hour and Wednesday evenings to go over this really simple and great way to bring some beauty into your life after this endless winter...and contribute to the general funds of the church at the same time!...well family...until October!...

Lotsa Helping Hands

By Mary-Fred Bausman-Watkins

Three years ago my friend and neighbor was diagnosed with cancer. Because I loved her very much and wanted to be a good friend and neighbor, I offered to cook, transport kids - help out in any way. "Oh, don't worry," she would say. "It's all taken care of." And it was. Every day I saw people bringing food, driving carpool, coming to pray and knit - and much more. Deb's last gift to me was an introduction to Lotsa Helping Hands - a website that allows a community to share information, schedule needed support such as meals and rides and is a hub of communication in times of crisis.

Less than two years ago, one of our friends and fellow parishioners here at St. Clement's graciously allowed me to activate our own online community to support her family during her illness. Since then I have used it to request help for all kinds of pastoral needs. We have had illness, accidents, deaths, and, praise the Lord, births.

Lotsa Helping Hands has transformed pastoral care at St. Clement's. It used to be a small committee that took primary responsibility for providing care. Now - thanks to the miracle of technology - we can all be a part of supporting our friends in need. Some of us get the news and pray. Others get the news and write cards. Some of us cook and drive. Some of us call to check in. All together, we form a loving net of care around our community.

How can you join in? Call the office with your email address and ask to be included. What happens next? You will receive an email with sign in instructions. Once you sign in, you will receive emails whenever there is a need in the community. What if you don't have email? Call the office and let us know that you want to be involved in pastoral care in other ways. We will work with you. Pastoral care, the care that we all provide for one another, takes all of us - and you are invited to be a part of it.

Spring Cleaning

By Rich Laffin

St. Clement's annual Rite of Spring--the spring clean-up--is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, from 9:00-2:00, the week before Easter. Whether you can come for just one hour or you get so lost in your work that you're still at it when the 8:15 service starts the next morning, our clean-up presents you with an opportunity to strut your hygienic stuff. Equipment and supplies will be available, although feel free to bring that new tool you've been meaning to show off. We may even schedule tutorial break-out sessions (Barbara Swan: "Dusting in high places;" Larry Soderholm: "Windex versus Sparkle: you decide;" Erin Jambor: "Yard work for all ages;" Steve Lilyblad: "The view from up here;" and Erica Friesen: "Vacuuming sucks."). As added incentive, Kent Jensen, our pastry impresario, will once again roll out piping hot sticky buns from the community ovens. Lunch will also be available.

St. Clement's Financial Update

Financials through February 2011

Income Actual	Budgeted	Difference
\$83,269.94	\$68,031.00	\$15,238.65
Expenses Actual	Budgeted	Difference
\$70,290.48	\$67,776.62	\$2513.85

Income is greater than budgeted as we received some 2010 pledges, used some pre-paid 2011 pledges, and received additional money from the Community Power Grant which we used to pay off the credit line accessed in 2010. Expenses are over primarily due to quarterly insurance



and pension payments and expected higher gas and electric bills that occur in winter.

Changes in 2011 Budget

Due to increases in 2011 pledges made by parishioners, the Vestry at its February meeting adjusted the 2011 Budget as follows:

Income from Pledges: \$359,152.00

Changes to Expense Items

Liturgy increased from \$500 to \$750

Diocesan Pledge increased from \$26,181 to \$31,181

Adult Education increased from \$0 to \$300

Child Care increased from \$360 to \$460

Repairs increased \$3500 to \$4000

The Vestry also established a Reserve for Uncollected Pledges of \$2198.

Any questions? Please contact Heather Worthington, Finance Chair or Barbara Swan, Treasurer

Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood

By Susan Mallison

On Sunday, March 27, we were honored to celebrate with six of our youth who stood before us to take part in the Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood ceremony. St. Clement's has offered this ceremony for our youth who are turning 13 years since 1998. This ceremonial rite of passage—called Rite 13—symbolically marks the moment in the life of each youth as he or she moves out of childhood.

The scriptural story that underpins this ceremony is the story of Jesus in the Temple. Unbeknownst to his parents, Jesus has remained behind at the temple, both to talk and to listen to the rabbis. When his parents realize that he is missing, they look everywhere for him and finally discover him, with the temple elders. When they see him there, they can't help but notice that he has changed—he is a child no more.

Rite 13 is the ritual celebration of that moment in the lives of our youth. With Rite 13, we acknowledge that these children of our parish have been changing before our very eyes—and God is blessing them with the gift of manhood and womanhood.

The ceremony, as all rites of passage, then provides the challenge to our youth to use this gift

wisely and to develop the confidence to move down the path toward emotional, intellectual and spiritual adulthood. Their parents stand with them and promise support. Their peers stand with them and promise support. And we, the congregation, stand with them and promise support.

This is a significant moment for us all. Affirming that we, the congregation, are the elders in the Jesus in the Temple story, we commit that we will talk with and listen carefully to our youth as they walk their journey. We commit to handing down our collective and individual wisdom to these young men and women. Because the church is one of the few remaining institutions to actively include all generations, it is significant and important that we take these opportunities for initiation of young people into new life stages. In our congregational participation in such rituals, we confirm our responsibilities as the “elders of our tribe.”

On March 26th, we welcomed these young adults on their journey to adulthood—Evan Bay Leduc, Aidan Stuart Brine McVey, Frederick John O’Brien, (Russell) Oskar Shapley, Miranda Elizabeth Kettlewell, and Claire Campion Walsh. Thanks to Rite 13 leaders Hazel Shakleton, Seth Baker, Scott Marsalis and Barb Swan for preparing these youth for this ceremony.

Holy Week Schedule

By Beth Royalty

Holy Week is a time rich with opportunities for prayer and worship, as we follow the path of Jesus and his disciples from the moment they enter Jerusalem until the Crucifixion and Empty Tomb. While the three days beginning with Maundy Thursday and ending with Easter morning are known as the Triduum, and contain the stories beginning with the Last Supper and Foot Washing, and ending with the Empty Tomb and story of the Road to Emmaus, the whole week prior to Easter is traditionally set aside as a time for fasting, reflection, and prayer. At St. Clement’s there will be an opportunity each day to come together for community worship, including the Eucharist, time for contemplative prayer, Tenebrae, and the stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday. Other than one day time service on Good Friday, and an early morning service on Holy Saturday, all services have been planned for the evening so that people can attend after work and school.

Sunday, April 17 – Passion, or Palm Sunday

At both services, 8:15 and 10:30am, parishioner Tom Crann will read Matthew’s version of the Passion of Christ. The Rev’d Dr. Marilyn Salmon will offer a meditation following the Gospel. We will end the 10:30 service in silence, as we move into the rhythms of Holy Week.

Monday, April 18

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Chapel at 7:30pm.



Tuesday, April 19

For the second year, we will have a contemplative service at 7:30pm using the Labyrinth. This year we will be using the Labyrinth created by the hands of St. Clement's members. The service will include prayers, readings, silence, and ample opportunity to walk the Labyrinth. This service will take place in the Okie Library.

Wednesday, April 20

There will be a service especially for children beginning at 6:00pm. At 7:30pm, the Men of the St. Clement's Choir will lead the beautiful and ancient service of Tenebrae. This service is filled with psalms, prayers and readings and is accompanied by the extinguishing of candles. Light, darkness, shadows and the beautiful sound of chanting are a perfect way to enter the Triduum, beginning the next day.

Thursday, April 21 – Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar will take place at 7:30pm. "Maundy" is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, or commandment, and comes from the words of Jesus to his disciples as reported in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you." The full tradition and drama of our Anglican heritage is present in this service. Following the service, all are invited to remain in the church for a time of Vigil. For many years our young people have remained keeping Vigil in a variety of ways for the whole night.

Friday, April 22 – Good Friday

The most solemn day of Holy Week, we begin with a service based on The Stations of the Cross at 7:00am, with the young people of the church who will be ending their Night Watch. At noon, we will offer the Good Friday Liturgy. At 7:30pm, the Good Friday Liturgy will be offered again, and include the singing of the Passion from the Gospel according to John by Matthew Mehaffey, Nils Halker, and Sally Reynolds. Hymns will also be a part of the service, although the organ remains silent from Maundy Thursday until the Great Alleluia of the Easter Vigil.

Saturday, April 23 – Holy Saturday and the Great Vigil of Easter

At 8:00am we will pray the simple liturgy for Holy Saturday, in the Chapel. At 7:30pm, we will begin the Great Vigil of Easter with the lighting of the New Fire and the singing of the Exsultet by Matthew Mehaffey. This service begins in darkness, the room lit by small candles held by the choir and congregation. We will have baptisms, and then the Great Alleluia of Easter when the lights come on, the organ sounds, and everyone is invited to bring noisemakers and horns to welcome Easter and proclaim that the Tomb is empty! This service is followed by a most festive reception.

Sunday, April 24 – Easter

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at both 8:15 and 10:30, with an Easter Egg hunt for the children in between the services. At 10:30am, some of the most joyful hymns of our tradition will be sung. The choir will sing “Most Glorious Lord of Life” by John Rutter, which was composed in 2009 for the Harvard University Chapel. All music will be accompanied by organ and a brass quartet. This is a true day of celebration.

Upcoming Events

By Susan Mallison

PRAYER WALK OF THE PASSION—Sunday, April 16—9:10-10:20AM

Children and parents are invited to take part in our annual Prayer Walk of the Passion on Palm Sunday, April 16 beginning in the chapel at 9:10AM. The Prayer Walk takes us through all of the events of Holy Week, offering both a meditative and educational opportunity for our children to deepen into this most powerful of our faith stories. Parents are especially invited to participate with their children (especially for smaller children, as there is a short time when the participants stand in darkness). In addition to the walk, there will be activities in the kitchen—making of prayer pretzels and preparation of “resurrection buns” for Easter morning coffee hour.

MAUNDY THURSDAY NIGHTWATCH—April 21, 2011

It has become our custom for our youth and youth leaders to participate in a night watch on Maundy Thursday. Following the Stripping of the Altar service, youth gather for a night of prayer and service to the St. Clement’s community and beyond. In the spirit of Jesus’ words “Could you not stay awake one hour with me?” prayers are offered all night long as youth take turns praying in the chapel. **If you have a PRAYER REQUEST, please write it out and place it in the purple box on the table by the Christian Formation office.**

Youth and leaders also bake the communion bread for the Easter services, finalize preparations for the Egg-stravaganza, put labels on Feed My Starving Children bags, walk the labyrinth, dye Ukrainian eggs, and create a stations of the cross for the Good Friday, 7:00AM service.

All parishioners are invited to join our youth at 7:00AM Good Friday morning for the Stations of the Cross service.

LOOKING AHEAD: PASSAGES SERVICE —Sunday, May 15 at 4:00PM

Please mark your calendars for a special liturgy on Sunday, May 15. Our high school graduating youth will be creating and leading this liturgy as they celebrate their graduations. Using the Order for Celebrating Eucharist, they offer their own creativity to our traditional worship. While this service is created by our youth, it is FOR EVERYONE. Please plan to celebrate with this year’s graduating seniors!!



Bishop's Area Gathering

All are invited to connect with Bishop Brian Prior and fellow Episcopalians in our region at this weekends' Bishop Area Gathering for St. Paul and environs. Note that we will be honored to have Bishop Brian with us at St. Clement's on Sunday morning for both services! If you are interested in going to the Potluck and Presentations at St. Christopher's on Sunday afternoon, please let Beth Royalty know at broyalty@stclements-stp.org.

Schedule

Saturday, April 9

4:00 - 6:00 PM Teens Encounter Christ
6:00 - 8:00 PM Happy Hour with Young Adults @ Sweeny's Saloon

Sunday, April 10

Morning Bishop Visits Saint Clement's
1:30 - 4:30 PM Taste of St. Paul and the East Metro @ St. Christopher's, Roseville
1:30 PM - Informal gathering with snacks
2:30 PM - Facilitated conversation
4:00 PM - Special Order for Evening Prayer

Monday, April 11

1:30 - 3:30 PM Afternoon High Tea with the Bishop @ Episcopal Church Home
6:00 - 8:15 PM Dinner with Wardens & Treasurers @ St. John the Evangelist

Tuesday, April 12

2:15 - 5:00 PM "1 on 1" Meetings with the Bishop @ St. Christopher's.
6:00 - 8:30 PM Dinner with Parish Leaders @ St. John in the Wilderness

Grace Notes

✝ What would we have done without our snow shovelers? Hunter Olson, Carter Olson, Andrew Watkins, Joe Lucking, Shannon Geno, Rich Laffin, David Berry, Hite Geffert - thanks, thanks, thanks. They removed piles and piles of snow from the alley parking area of the church. SO important to prevent water damage in the undercroft!

✝ Bouquets of thanks to those who put down the floor in our Godly Play room after it was damaged by water last fall; Jeri Ryan, Heather and Chris Worthington, Holly Henjum, Bob Dietrick. And, maybe more because people tended to wander in and pull a piece of flooring out and stick it in place and then leave, having done their work anonymously. Thanks to you all for being a part of restoring this special room to its primary use; that of being a safe place for the

Christian formation of our children!

☩ A tip of the hat to Mark Ellenberger who has replaced the hardware in the two breezeway doors - thanks Mark!

☩ Many thanks to Lydia McInerney, Mary-Fred Watkins, and Pippa Gowdy-Jaenig for organizing our Lenten series this year.

☩ Feel free to submit Grace Notes to be published in the next issue of the Chimes to mirving8809@gmail.com at any time. You may request notes to be published anonymously if you wish.

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