

JULY-AUGUST 2010

# THE CLARION

ST. CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA



## AROUND THE PROPERTY

It is a busy time for maintenance projects at St. Clement's. New gutters were installed on Palache Hall and masons replaced a number of bricks while strengthening the mortar. As I write this, the scaffolding should be removed any day.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of St. Mary's Guild, we are about to have new carpet installed in the church. Many people have asked, "What color will it be?" While a committee looked at different options, we settled on a very similar shade of red. In addition to the new carpet, the hard wood floors will be refinished, possibly for the first time ever, which meant removing all the pews (no small feat).

The church flooring should be completed by the end of June, and we will enjoy worship in Palache Hall on June 20 and 27, returning to the church in time to celebrate Independence Day.

These important projects are not necessarily glamorous, but crucial stewardship for the life of our beautiful buildings.

In peace,

Bruce D. O'Neill

**OUR CENTENNIAL BOOK**, *St. Clement's Episcopal Church; The First 100 Years 1908-2008; Berkeley, California*, is available at cost during Sunday coffee hour and weekdays in the church office for \$25 (including tax).

## Meditations and Vignettes from Ethiopia

by the Rev. Salying Wong

*Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of God. —Luke 6:20*

In my recent trip to Ethiopia, I encountered a mysterious truth: in the worst of poverty, God's presence is there and that one can feel God's presence despite all evidence to the contrary. The beatitude, "Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of God," is not talking about the blessedness of poverty, but declares that even when there is poverty, God has not abandoned God's people.

In fact, the very opposite is true: the harvest is plentiful; it is the laborers that are few (cf. John 4:30). In my life, I have wasted a lot of time wringing my hands concerning questions such as, "What will God have me do?" and, "Where is the church to serve?" But on the ground, surrounded by orphans, by cast-out women, by lepers and people in all manners of disease, it is abundantly clear what one is to do: to serve God by serving the least of these. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we always pray for our daily bread. I learned the truth that the nature of that daily bread is also in the Lord's Prayer: thy kingdom come; thy will be done; give us this day our daily bread. Our food is to do the will of God. The harvest is all around us.

In the midst of so much suffering, I was surprised to find myself feel a deep peace. Sure there were immense problems requiring immense solutions. And yet, for reasons that I could not cull from the evidence, I felt no anxiety about the future. What I had to offer for the present—to hold a child in my arms, to give a woman in a shelter knitting lessons, to tell their stories and pray for them—these things were copasetic. For the great truth is that all is held in God's love, and it is God who shall make all things well.

Many light-hearted moments filled my trip. At the Leprosy and Tuberculosis Hospital, the people there wove and embroidered fabric, with which they would make dresses, shirts, blankets, and kitchen accessories. I had purchased a tea cozy: it was rather large, and shaped like a bishop's miter. Back in the car, I put the cozy on my head and told my drivers that I loved my new hat. They looked at each other, wondering what to say, because they weren't sure what it really was. They just knew it wasn't a hat—and finally said so. But, I played with them for awhile, saying, "Well, if it isn't a hat, what is it? If it isn't a hat, why does it fit my head so well? If it isn't a hat, why is it so warm?" By the end, they knew I was kidding around, and we had a good laugh.

I want to share just one more light-hearted moment. I was telling someone that I was from the San Francisco Bay Area. And he said, "San Francisco! I love San Francisco—more than Texas." Well, there you have it. If you ever travel to Ethiopia, you can be assured that someone there thinks we beat out Texas.

## Annual Lawn Sale is August 21

St. Mary's Guild is holding its next Annual Lawn Sale on August 21. You can help! How?



Please start cleaning out your drawers, attics, basements, garages, or other cluttered places. St. Mary's is accepting donations now. The EYC Room has been designated as the "drop off" spot for donations so look around and see what you can do without. Please be sure your items are clean and in good repair. No computers, heavy furniture, or clothes are being accepted.

You can also help by donating your time the day of the sale. Workers are needed to help set up for the sale (at about 6:30 AM), sell all or part time during the sale (9:00 AM–3:00 PM), or help clean-up after the sale (3:00 PM) or work all day. Coffee, bagels, donuts and lunch will be provided for all the workers.

If you cannot help any other way, you might consider giving a donation at St. Mary's Guild for this worthy purpose—upkeep on the garden at the Russell Street corner and other projects that are not in the operating budget of the church. The success of this event depends on you! Please try to help in any way you can. If you have questions, feel free to call Barbara Smith at (510) 289-3856.

Lawrence Laboratory Researcher and President of the **DARFUR STOVE PROJECT**, Ashok Gadgil, won the Heinz Award for his contribution of the Berkeley-Darfur Stove. This stoves project seeks to improve the safety and livelihoods of women by providing fuel-efficient stoves which reduce firewood requirements, limit women's exposure to violence during firewood collection and decrease the use of money and food rations to obtain fuel. This last year, the Sunday School learned about Darfur and how these stoves can help those caught in conflict. Come by the table staffed by our young people on June 27 and purchase a stove that can save lives for only \$15 each. Or, you may also make a check out to St. Clement's, noting on the memo line, "Darfur stoves project" and put them in the offering plate or mail them to the church office. To learn more, speak with Rev. Salying or go to [www.darfurstoves.org](http://www.darfurstoves.org).

## Seminarians, Interns, and other Outstanding Students

In May, we said “good-bye” to Michelle Meech and Dominic Moore, our seminarians from CDSP. During Michelle’s time with us, she became “the Rev. Michelle Meech,” when ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Michelle graduated, was awarded the Millard Preaching prize, and has accepted a position at CDSP as Director of CALL (Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership). Dominic’s sponsoring diocese, Rochester, has asked him to serve a second year of field education at another parish in order to gain a different experience. We will miss Michelle and Dominic, but thankfully, Kay Fraley from the Diocese of Southern Ohio and CDSP will return in the fall.

Serving as our first School for Deacons student beginning this fall will be Arthur Villareal. Arthur comes to us from the Diocese of Atlanta, with previous experience in the finance and legal world. In addition, in June we welcome Justin Cannon, a CDSP graduate. Sponsored by All Souls’ in Berkeley, Justin will serve a six month internship, and he and Bruce are in the process of finalizing his areas of focus. Like all of our other seminarians and interns, Arthur and Justin will be great assets for St. Clement’s ministries.

### GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

#### A PRODUCTION OF PROJECT: PEACE

*On the edge of an empire, many saw and heard, some touched, a few believed. One man in particular, a tax collector, left all to follow Jesus of Nazareth. His story has been preserved for two thousand year in sacred scripture. His name was Matthew. We invite you to hear his story.*

#### Performed by Justin Ashforth

Justin is a graduate of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. He played the title roles in Macbeth and Henry V, and was the founder and artistic director of the Living Shakespeare Company in NYC. Justin was raised in the Napa Valley and currently lives in Berkeley.

WHEN: Friday, June 25, 8:00 PM (Reception 7-8)  
WHERE: Christ Church Berkeley, 2138 Cedar Street  
TICKETS: [www.gospelofmatthew.eventbrite.com](http://www.gospelofmatthew.eventbrite.com)

*An Episcopal Ministry to Convalescent Hospitals  
cordially invites you to our fabulous*

## AEMCH SUMMER SALON

*Sunday, June 27, 2010*

*4:00—6:00 pm*

*at a gorgeous Julia Morgan Mansion*

*near the Claremont Hotel:*

*2821 Claremont Blvd., Berkeley, CA*

*Admission \$30.00, which includes your raffle ticket!*

Join us for an afternoon of wine, elegant hors  
d’oeuvres, opera music, and a raffle for great prizes!  
Come to have fun, schmooze with friends, and most of all,  
to support the worth ministry of AEMCH!

### We need your help!

Year to date, we have received significantly less than expected from pledge income. Typically, through the end of April, St. Clement’s receives 31% of the annual pledge. But this year, we’re only up to 25%. Indeed, every month of 2010 has been below average. We know that the economy continues to be a challenge. However, since our budget is based on our pledge estimates, we need to know if we should be making adjustments now so that we do not find ourselves in a deficit later in the year. Please give the office a call, or talk to me to let us know if we need to adjust your pledge number or just adjust the timing of your payments.

Cory Johnson, treasurer

During Lent, St. Clement’s raised \$135 from “Hope Chests” for Episcopal Relief & Development’s projects in Haiti. This is in addition to the Vestry’s grant of \$2,010 from the Good Ritson Endowment Fund, as well as the many gifts given directly by parishioners. Many thanks to you all for your generosity! We hope that using Hope Chests (mite boxes) was also helpful in your Lenten practice of mindfulness.

—from the Outreach Committee

# Clement's Clan

**Chris Bailey** successfully completed the AIDS/Lifecycle, a 7-day bicycle ride covering about 80 miles a day from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

**Hannah Garrett** graduated from Waldorf High School and begins at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania this fall. We will miss Hannah's leadership in many areas of the congregation.

**Emma Gavenda** graduated from UC Davis and is off to the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Massachusetts to work on a Masters degree in historical performance. **Andrea Woodard** graduated from UC Santa Barbara and will soon be returning to Berkeley. **Adam Louis**, former trumpet player at St. Clement's, has graduated from UC Santa Cruz. **Annelise Lawson** recently appeared in *Electra* at the Dream Theater in Chicago where she now lives. **Madeleine Lettieri** has finished at the Fashion Institute of Design and Marketing in Los Angeles, and is going to Rome for two years to study at John Cabot University.

Like many parishioners, **Jan Towler** completed a tour of grandchildren's, nephew's, and great-grandchildren's graduations this spring. Jan also completes her term as Altar Guild Directress, and **Kim Lally** has accepted the offer to be her successor.

**Marie Fiala's** book, *Letter from a Distant Shore*, about the illness of her son, Jeremy, is now available at bookstores and *Amazon.com*. This book describes the Fiala/Lawson family's ordeal as well as how they found St. Clement's Church.

**Congratulations** to our youth confirmed on June 12 in Grace Cathedral: Cecily Conour, Banks Dotson, Sam Hunt, Peter Lally, Gaby Lewis, Spenser Long, Alice Rossmann, Molly Rossmann, Gray Strandberg, and Lily Strandberg.

## UPCOMING BAPTISM

November 7, 2010



*If you or a loved one is interested in Baptism, please contact the clergy.*

## LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM



Josephine Willingham  
Kathy Capitani  
John Freeman

## The Lectionary



<i>4 Pentecost, June 20</i> 1 Kings 19:1-15a Psalm 42 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	<i>8 Pentecost, July 18</i> Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	<i>12 Pentecost, Aug. 15</i> Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Luke 12:49-56
<i>5 Pentecost, June 27</i> 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62	<i>9 Pentecost, July 25</i> Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13	<i>13 Pentecost, Aug. 22</i> Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
<i>6 Pentecost, July 4</i> 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	<i>10 Pentecost, Aug. 1</i> Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	<i>14 Pentecost, Aug. 29</i> Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
<i>7 Pentecost, July 11</i> Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	<i>11 Pentecost, Aug. 8</i> Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	<i>15 Pentecost, Sept. 5</i> Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

## ST. CLEMENT'S COOKS CONTINUE COOKING



Despite the loss of Gardner Smith (he is moving), our faithful and talented lead chef and volunteer recruiter for many years, our monthly commitment of almost 10 years at the Berkeley Food and Housing Project's Women's Shelter will continue! Chip Sterling, vestry member focusing on Outreach, will take over, and he needs your support. Here's how:

Please email Chip at [kathy.chip2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathy.chip2@sbcglobal.net) to be placed on a mailing list of those interested in helping prepare, serve and then dining with the guests at the Dwight Way location. Time commitment is 5:30-8:00 PM. Dates during the month may vary. Any level of interest is most welcome.

## ST. CLEMENT'S LEGACY SOCIETY

The Planned Giving Committee is pleased to announce that we will formally inaugurate the Charter Members of the St. Clement's Legacy Society on Rally Day, September 12, 2010. The Legacy Society commemorates all those who have included a gift to St. Clement's in their estate planning. To date, we are pleased to include the following parishioners as Charter Members:

Mary Louise Chapman	Margaret Graupner
Robert and Judith Davis	Marion McConnell Bailey
Harry Thayer	Linda Lettieri
Roland and Lucille Buchanan	Margaret Fisher
Gladwyn Goode Ritson	Al Orsell
Dan and Sally Wages	

If you also have made such plans, please let Bruce or one of us know so that your name can be included in the celebration next Rally Day.

— Planned Giving Committee (Dick Hunt, Mary Lou Chapman, Cory Johnson, Kim Lally, Kristor Lawson, Steve Oakes, Richard Sproul)

### Neither Complicated nor Costly!

Perhaps you occasionally have thought that you would like to include the church in some way in the final distributions of goods that takes place when we leave this world. However, you were prevented from actually doing so by the feeling it might be complicated. It need not be!

#### 1. Make Your Church a Beneficiary of Your IRA/401k/403(b)

Just call the toll-free number on your monthly plan statement and ask for a "Change of Beneficiary" form. Or download it online. Add "My Church, My Town, CA" as a % beneficiary. (No attorney needed!) You continue to access these funds for as long as you live; but when you no longer need them, they may pass tax-free to the church.

#### 2. Make Your Church a Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy

Just call the insurance company and ask for a "Change of Beneficiary" form. Or download it online. Add "My Church, My Your Town, CA" as a % beneficiary. (No attorney needed!)

#### 3. Leave a Bequest to Your church

Add a codicil to your will or an amendment to your trust, providing a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the remainder—for example, "To My Church, My Town, California, I leave 10% of the remainder of my estate."

To further explore your options, contact your Gift Planning Officer.

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*The following is a response Mary Lou Chapman received from David Judson regarding the book release party:*

Mary Louise,

I am sorry to say that I will not be able to attend tomorrow's celebration due to family obligations.

If possible please pass on my sincere congratulations in reaching 100 years as a parish. For our family, St. Clement's has held a special place for many years. My grandfather, who was an ardent Episcopalian, was very proud of his work at your church as well as my father and uncle, who is a retired Episcopal minister. I think St. Clement's set a standard for Judson Studios and your windows are some of the best we have done on the west coast. I hope that I can visit you the next time I am in the area and meet you and Pastor Bruce at the church.

Please let me know if there is any thing we can do for you in regards to research or information on the windows.

All the best,

David Judson

The Judson Studios

The Episcopal Churches of the Bay Area Team  
is participating in

### AIDS Walk San Francisco

Sunday 18 July 2010

The team's launch in 2007 saw Bishop Marc lead 108 walkers in raising almost \$30,000. We were fourth of the top fundraising religious teams.

Join the team today! To register, you may visit the team web page by going to [www.aidswalk.net/sanfran](http://www.aidswalk.net/sanfran). After selecting "Register to Walk," click on "Register and Join A Team," and then click on the "Join a Team" button and select our team name from the pull-down menu. Or you may register by calling the AIDS Walk office at 415-615-0398.

If you can't walk with us for whatever reason, please join the team as a "virtual" walker and help us raise contributions.

This year, our team has set a goal of raising \$37,500 to become a Gold Team. We can easily reach that goal if the team from each parish in the Alameda Deanery raises \$2,350. We are also looking for a co-leader for each Deanery; contact me to play an important role in our team's success.

Lace up your sneakers and show the Bay Area that the Episcopal Church walks with the family members, friends and neighbors who are facing the reality of HIV/AIDS every day! Invite your friends and family to walk also. Help the Episcopal Churches of the Bay Area follow its Pentecost call and demonstrate our commitment to end AIDS.

For more information, contact Richard Patenaude at 510-209-6089 or [patnod@mac.com](mailto:patnod@mac.com)

# CALENDAR

## June 20–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

## June 22–Tuesday

6:30 PM Post EfM Meeting

## June 23–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion  
12:30 PM Altar Guild Luncheon  
5:30 PM Cooking at Shelter

## June 24–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi

## June 26–Saturday

9:30 AM Berkeley Food and  
Housing Retreat

## June 27–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer  
11:30 AM Stoves for Darfur Sale  
6:30 PM Really Terr. String Orch.

## June 30–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion

## July 1–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi

## July 4–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

## July 5–Monday

Church Office closed

## July 7–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion

## July 8–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi

## July 11–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

## July 14–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion  
7:30 PM Theology Roundtable

## July 15–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi  
12:30 PM Prayer Group

## July 18–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

## July 21–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion

## July 22–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi  
12:30 PM Prayer Group

## July 25–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer  
6:00 PM Movie Group  
6:30 PM Really Terr. String Orch.

## July 28–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion  
5:30 PM Cooking at Shelter

## July 29–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi  
12:30 PM Prayer Group

## August 1–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

## August 4–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion

## August 5–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi  
12:30 PM Prayer Group

## August 6–8–Friday-Sunday

Really Terrible String Orch. Retreat

## August 8–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

## August 11–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion  
7:30 PM Theology Roundtable

## August 12–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi  
12:30 PM Prayer Group

## August 15–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

## August 17–Tuesday

6:00 PM Outreach Committee  
7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

## August 18–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion

## August 19–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi  
12:30 PM Prayer Group

## August 21–Saturday

9:00 AM St. Mary's Lawn Sale

## August 22–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer

## August 25–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion  
5:30 PM Cooking at Shelter

## August 26–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi  
12:30 PM Prayer Group

## August 29–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
6:30 PM Really Terr. String Orch.

## September 1–Wednesday

8:30 AM Interim Tai Chi  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Holy Communion

## September 2–Thursday

8:30 AM Beginning Tai Chi  
12:30 PM Prayer Group

## September 5–Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

## September 6–Monday

Church Office closed

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### SUNDAY

**8:00 AM—Holy Communion**  
1928 Book of Common Prayer  
(every Sunday)

**10:00 AM—Choral Eucharist**  
1979 Book of Common Prayer (Rite 1)  
(1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sundays  
and Festival Days)

**10:00 AM—Choral Morning Prayer**  
1928 Book of Common Prayer  
(4th Sundays)

### WEDNESDAY

**11:30 AM—Holy Communion**  
1928 Book of Common Prayer