

NOW

INTO THE WORLD

Dear Friend,

Welcome to a world full of mission and ministry at Saint Clement!

As we look forward to a new church year together, your Rector and Vestry want to highlight our stewardship theme for the year as well as several important events coming up in the life of our congregation. **Hang the enclosed calendar on your refrigerator so you are sure not to miss all the ways we look to acknowledge and celebrate our call to go into the world (NOW!) loving and serving God and God's people.**

Our stewardship theme this fall at Saint Clement is "Now into the World." These are words you will hear during the end of our worship services when we pray together, "Send us *now into the world* in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Each time we prepare to depart the world of worship, we *might* take a deep breath ... but then we put our hymnal and Book of Common Prayer away, direct newcomers to coffee hour, collect crayons under the pew, confirm who will be doing brown bag lunches or opening the shelter this week... almost automatically switching gears and our focus as we re-enter the spaces and demands surrounding us.

What if, instead, we made a more intentional transition between the worship service and all-the-other-things?

What if we do take a moment to be in the *now* – breathing deeply knowing that worship has not actually ended, but simply transformed itself toward our many *other* worlds of loving and living *now* in the Kingdom of God?

What if we wholly answer the call to action in this communal prayer and allow Christ peacefully to send us ...

...Now into the World(s) of ...

+ Parenting/Elder Care	+ Discernment	+ ALIVE!	+ Healing Ministry
+ Vulnerability	+ Teaching and Study	+ The Carpenter Shelter	+ Just Holding It Together

The way in which Saint Clement is "Now into the World" has already had a large impact within the church, in our local community, and around the globe. We will highlight the increasing impact of Saint Clement beginning this Fall. Join us on Sunday, September 16th as we begin this exploration. On this morning, Robin will offer an adult forum and preach on our theme: **Now into the World**. During the ensuing weeks, we will invite you to consider how YOU can help increase the impact of Saint Clement: how you can help Spread the Word of God, Share the Love of God and Serve the People of God right here, right NOW!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself, your "worlds" and your "now" are welcome at Saint Clement.

We are so glad you're part of our parish family!



Robin Razzino, Rector



Christine Schelble, Senior Warden



CHURCH OF SAINT CLEMENT

Fall 2018 Events Calendar

+ all are welcome +

Sunday, September 9 | Homecoming/Blessing of the Backpacks

8:00 and 10:00: We welcome everyone back after a long summer, including our Seminarians(!) and bless the backpacks of students beginning the school year (10:00 am only)

Sunday, September 16 | Formation for All Ages Begins

9:00 Adult Forum: Introducing our Stewardship theme "Now into the World"
10:00 Sunday School for children through 5th Grade

Saturday, September 22 | Fall Clean Up Day

9:00 am: Everyone is invited to bring their gloves, pruning shears, muscles and pick up trucks for a morning dedicated to the stewardship of our building and grounds
(Pizza will be served for all volunteers at 12:00)

Sunday, September 23 | Pledge Packets distributed Guest Preacher & Presider

8:00 and 10:00: Guest Preacher and Presider, The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan
(Pledge packets will be available for pick up after both services)

Friday, September 28 - Sunday, September 30 | Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

Join others in the community for a time of rest, reflection, and fellowship

Sunday, September 30 | Guest Preacher & Presider

ONE SERVICE 10:00: Those not attending the Shrine Mont retreat will gather for the Sunday morning service at Saint Clement - The Rev. Susan Thon, Guest Preacher and Presider.

Sunday, October 7 | Blessing of the Animals

4:30 pm in the Churchyard



Sunday, October 14 | Now Into The World: Parish Potluck Lunch and Ministry Fair

After the 10:00 am service in the Parish Hall

Saturday, October 20 | Intergenerational Fall Festival/Halloween Party

Time TBD in the Parish Hall

Sunday, October 21 | Now Into The World: Special Adult Forum

9:00 Adult Forum: Now Into The World - Stories from parishioners

Sunday, November 4 | All Saints Day/Commitment Sunday

Everyone will be invited to bring their pledge cards to church and place in the collection place during the offertory.

The pledge cards (and all assembled!) will be blessed during the service.

Sunday, November 11 | Guest Adult Forum Leader & Preacher

8:00 and 10:00 services and 9:00 Adult Forum

Guest Preacher and Forum Leader The Rev. Dr. Bill Roberts

Professor of Church Music, Virginia Seminary

Sundays, November 18-December 9 | Episcopal 101 Class

9:00 a.m. forum hour

Everyone will be invited to participate in these special Sunday morning forums in which we will discuss the history, theology and worship of the Episcopal Church.

Tuesday, November 20 | Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

7:30 p.m. Place TBD

Join members of the Saint Clement, Agudas Achim, Westminster Presbyterian, and Trinity United Methodist congregations for a service of Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 24 | Christmas Trees Arrive

All Hearts Open and All Hands on Deck!

Join us for the beginning of the **Christmas Tree Sales Extravaganza** as we work to unload hundreds of Christmas Trees and set up our lot!