



The Messenger

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The Gospel of John | Epiphany 2020

In the beginning was the Word...

Start 2020 with a renewed commitment to the Word of God. The Good Book Club returns for a third year with the Gospel of John. We'll read the compelling account—inspired by “the disciple whom Jesus loved”—during the time from Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday.

Of course, we are familiar with the most famous verse of John 3:16, but our Good Book Club focus gives us an opportunity to read the extraordinary gospel from start to finish. We'll hear stories only heard in John: Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding of Cana, encounters the woman at the well, and raises Lazarus from the dead.

“Reading the Good Book with others brings so much more meaning and insight to what we read. This is a great way to make community!”

“A wonderful discipline for Epiphany.”

The spiritual Gospel of John uses beautiful poetry: Jesus as the bread of life and as the vine. And it's in John that we hear the great I AM statements.

We're excited for this journey through John. Make plans now to join Forward Movement and more than a dozen partner organizations from across the Episcopal Church to encounter the risen Lord through the signs and wonders, the beauty and revelation of John's Gospel.

Sign up to receive updates on the Gospel of John. <https://www.goodbookclub.org/get-involved/>



Preschool begins the spring 2020 term with return of Jessica Doze

Dear Parents and Members of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Preschool:

I sincerely hope you have all had a wonderful, restful, and festive winter break. As of January 6th, all classes at the preschool will resume and I will be returning as co-Director alongside our interim Director, Amanda Goodpasture.

Over the past few months, my family and I have immensely enjoyed our time together as we welcomed our beautiful little girl into our hearts and adjusted to life as a family of four. Now as the end of my maternity leave approaches, I look forward to continuing the strong tradition of education, community and excellence that has always been a part of Emmanuel Preschool. My personal goal and the mission of all of our staff is to ensure that each of our students will be filled with learning, laughter, smiles and excitement with all the activities, events, and knowledge they will gain in this new year.

If ever there are any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at jessicadoze4@gmail.com or 541-217-9360. My office door is always open. Looking so forward to returning and making 2020 the best year for Emmanuel Preschool yet!

Respectfully,
Jessica Doze



Music Ministry

I would like to thank the choir for a wonderful end-of-2019. What a joy it has been to serve with you! We are looking forward to making more joyful noise in 2020, especially when we welcome Pastor Patti on January 19 with “In This Very Room,” by Ron & Carol Harris, and a choral anthem for Communion, “In Remembrance of Me,” by Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red.

On January 26 the choir will premiere a new arrangement of “I Brought My Spirit To the Sea,” a song by Max Kapp and Alec Wyton:

I brought my spirit to the sea; I stood upon the shore.
I gazed upon infinity, I heard the waters roar.
And then there came a sense of peace, some whisper calmed my soul.
Some ancient ministry of stars had made my spirit whole.
I brought my spirit to the trees that loomed against the sky.
I touched each wandering careless breeze to know if God was nigh.
And then I felt an inner flame that fiercely burned my tears.
Upright, I rose from bended knee to meet the asking years.

With best wishes for a blessed 2020!

- *Kate Moody*, Organist & Choral Director



Forward Day by Day, From the Archives: Saturday, November 16, 1935

What is the teaching of Christ about: war and peace; the training of youth; the economic injustices of our day; race barriers? Review the resolutions you have made this week. Talk out these subjects with others. Agree upon mutual action - no matter how slight.

Some practical suggestions are: 1. Treat every man as a brother and every woman as a sister. 2. Share privileges with others. 3. Dispel bigotry and intolerance by sympathy and understanding. 4. Cherish childhood. 5. Replace competition by cooperation. 6. Support democracy by realism in civic affairs. Advocate international equity and friendship. 7. Live the sacrificial, creative life in Christ.

Moving Forward: How does today’s meditation make you feel about your own resolutions this year?

Blossom Gulch food drive brought in 2200 pounds of canned and dry goods for the Coos Food Cupboard in December!



The food cupboard is requesting donations this month of ready-to-eat meal items, such as canned ravioli and hearty stew. Thank you for your continued support. ~*Brian Sullivan*, Coos Food Cupboard President