



The Messenger

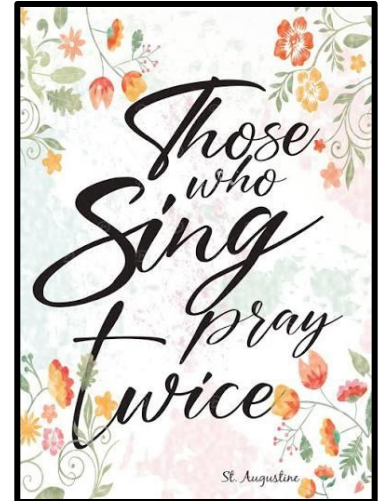
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Rector Reflection

In this month's installment of learning about Episcopal church things... I want to respond to a question I have been asked recently. "Is it right to clap after music"? They meant like after either an instrumental piece or a vocal piece of music. The answer is no. The reason should NOT be understood as a slight to the musician(s). Rather holding the understanding that all we sing, say and do is directed solely toward God. Worship is not a show or performance. It is an offering. Humans who have the gift for music help us to lift our hearts to the Lord. They lead our corporate expression of thanks and praise to God.

Having said that...if you are moved by the music (*and let's face it... sometimes it knocks your socks all the way off*), think of it as a musical bouquet of flowers that the musicians have set at the feet of Jesus. You are welcome to offer a hearty 'Amen'. Both in thanks to God and for the skill and offering of the ministers of music. Music is a form of prayer.



See you in Church! *Patti+*

Annual Stewardship Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the ***Annual Stewardship Dinner held at Emmanuel on Sunday, November 8, 2026.***

The Stewardship Dinner is a long-time event when the congregation gathers for a beautiful meal and an opportunity to hear a short talk about the Christian obligation of financial stewardship. Invitations and pledge cards will be mailed to you in October. If you forget to bring your pledge card to the dinner, do not worry. They will also be available that evening. The evening is a joyous time of feasting and celebrating the life of our Parish family and the commitment to God. Our theme this year is "*Beautiful, Bountiful, Abundance*". The meal is free. It is sponsored and provided for by the Vestry. Just come and enjoy!



Greetings!

I've read that how we greet someone in the first 30 seconds has a big impact. I think about our Ushers/Greeters on Sunday Mornings, and how they always welcome me, help if I have my hands full, open the door, and smile as they extend a warm greeting. It's a great way to start my Sunday experience! We are very fortunate to have volunteers that take on this curtesy. I want to give them a "shout out" for their good work! Thank you, everyone who works as an Usher/Greeter!

We are so blessed at Emmanuel with so many giving, helpful people!

With thanks, *Nancylee Stewart*, Senior Warden



Coastal Families Relief Nursery: "Welcome Dinner"

Emmanuel will be providing a "welcome" dinner on Friday, October 16 from 5 PM -7 PM to the Coastal Families Relief Nursery families to extend our welcome to them. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

Nancylee Stewart, Emmanuel liaison to CFRN Board of Directors, Sr. Warden
541.404.7470 or nancylee.b.stewart@gmail.com.



Volunteers are the backbone of food pantries, dedicating their time and energy to help those in need.

Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of October, the food cupboard would like to extend an URGENT invitation to volunteer. Food pantries serve as a lifeline for families and individuals facing hunger, providing them with essential nourishment and support.

A typical day for a food pantry volunteer might start with morning preparations. Volunteers arrive early to sort and stock food, organize the pantry, and ensure that everything is ready for distribution.

- **Morning Preparations:** Volunteers unpack deliveries, check expiration dates, and arrange food items neatly on shelves.
- **Service Hours:** During service hours, volunteers interact with clients, help them select food items, and provide information on additional resources. The interaction is not just transactional; volunteers offer a friendly face and a listening ear, making clients feel valued and supported.
- **Closing:** At the end of the day, volunteers clean up and restock shelves.

The support from the food pantry not only provides immediate nourishment but also a sense of hope and community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Ready to volunteer?

Please contact Rev. Doug Hale for more information.
Phone: 541-654-1020 or Email: buckdeaver55@gmail.com

Thank you as always for your generosity and support of the Coos Food Cupboard! *Brian Sullivan*, CFC Board Member





Knife/Scissor/Tool Sharpening Event!

(Be set for the Holidays)

Sunday, October 18, after the 9:00 AM service, Cary Pugh will be available to sharpen knives/scissors or other cutting items – like garden shears. This is a fundraiser for the Rector's Discretionary Fund – donations for sharpening accepted. Bring your knives, scissors and other items with you to church on 10/18 and have them all ready for the upcoming holidays. Sharpening will immediately follow the 9:00 AM worship service.

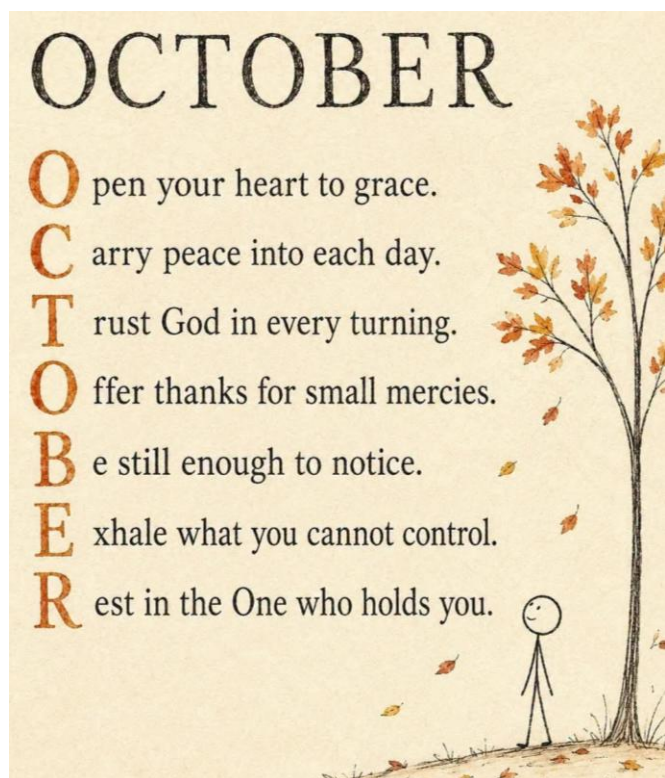
Thanks for supporting the Rector's Discretionary Fund! *Nancylee Stewart*, Senior Warden

Special Thank You from the Parish Office

We keep a small supply of items on hand in the parish office for those times when we are asked for help, but other resources are closed/unavailable. Our supply was very low, so we made a special request for donations from the congregation. And wow, did you show up!

Extra Special Thanks to the following:

Jim & Barbara Verger	Rich Heady	Liz Cowden	Terrye Laird
Diana & Chuck Wall	Carla Courtney	Kent Sharman	Rev. Sr. Patti Hale
Nancy Layne	Mark Jennings	Kathleen Vineyard	
Sr. Amy Linder and the Coos Bay Fire Station #1			



A Collect for Coffee:

Almighty God, who in your mercy provides all things for our goodwill and maintenance pour out your blessings upon the farmers, harvesters, distributors, roasters, and all others who participate in the manifold tasks required to provide your people with that most useful beverage, coffee, that we, your church, might continue to reap the benefits of this beverage for the glory of your kingdom and the sake of your only son, our savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



****November Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Tuesday, October 27th****

Prayer found written on the wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta:

“Do It Anyway”

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. **Forgive them anyway.**
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. **Be kind anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. **Succeed anyway.**

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. **Be honest and sincere anyway.**
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create Anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. **Be happy anyway.**

The good you do today will often be forgotten. **Do good anyway.**

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. **Give your best anyway.**

**In the final analysis, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.**



Eve Gederos Birthday - October 2

Kerri Coldren Birthday - October 9

Dedee Ousley Birthday - October 15

Jill Boyd Birthday - October 15

Nancy Cross Birthday - October 19

Carol Flaherty Birthday - October 19

Judy & John Knutson Anniversary – October 20

Fran Whitaker Birthday - October 21

Katherine James Birthday – October 29

If you don't see your name(s) on the birthday and anniversaries list, please let Kerri in the office know so we can add you to our parish list. *Thank you!*