



The Messenger
November 2021

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Rector's Reflections

We all know that Thanksgiving, as a holiday, is kind of a misnomer for those who call Jesus the Lord. Thanksgiving is a way of life for people of faith. We say grace before meals. We give thanks at the beginning and the end of the day. There is NO day that is NOT Thanksgiving! The Psalmist writes:

“O **give thanks to the Lord**, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
O **give thanks to the Lord**, call on his name, make known his deeds among **the** peoples.”

Thanksgiving is integral to the life of faith. In the act of giving Thanks there is a profound spiritual power that can lift you up out of a place of darkness and despair. Thanksgiving prayers to God lifts our hearts and opens our eyes to see the Lord at work in us, and through us and for us. This is why in the "Great Thanksgiving" (which is what the word 'Eucharist' means) we begin:

"The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise...."

Then we recount the mighty deeds of God's salvation in Jesus Christ and we receive God's true presence in the elements of Eucharist. Please do have a wonderful (and safe) celebration of Thanksgiving with your loved ones and remember that God is good all the time, not just that one Thursday in November!

See you in church! *Rev. Patti*



Save the Date – Parish Holiday Brunch

Sunday, December 5, 10:30 AM

Tara Johnson, director of the Devereux Center, will be our special guest speaker at the brunch to tell us about their work with the unhoused in Coos County and to answer any questions you may have. More details to follow.

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## 2022 Stewardship

Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards to Emmanuel, as development of the 2022 church budget is now in progress. To date, we have received 20 pledges totaling in the amount of \$58,820.00. We are grateful for all the pledged gifts of our parish and are always glad to receive your 2022 pledges even if you have not returned your card yet. To help us move forward in finalizing our church budget and ministry goals, please return your pledge cards by December 1, 2021. These can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

# STEWARDSHIP

## SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



### Greetings from Reverend Anne Abdy

Dear friends,

A couple of weeks ago your rector and I got to chat and catch up. The idea was planted that maybe I should write a short article for the newsletter to do the same with you! So here it is.

So much has happened in the past year as we have all stayed home, isolating, or at least managing this new “normal” of a reality by wearing masks everywhere we go, the ebb and flow of church opening, closing, zoom services, etc. But amid this all I moved to the Atlanta area. I rekindled a friendship with a woman whom I had met at a training in Sewanee, TN in 2019. God put us together during a pandemic three time zones apart, but we are now living together in the same time zone. In July we got civilly married and plan to have a religious blessing of our union once I am settled. Stacy and I have been on a wild journey these past nine months as I almost got called for full-time clergy ministry at several parishes but for a variety of reasons the process did not move forward. While we would prefer to live in South Carolina (Charleston area), at this time we are considering our options and I am having conversations with the Diocese of Atlanta. It has been a roller coaster of a ride, but God is faithful to his promises and together we are leaning on each other. Moving across country has been the best decision of my life as I am so happy and love this new adventure that I can share with my wife and partner in life.

My wish for you is that you treasure every given moment with loved ones (of course I am talking to the choir here) and stay safe. I miss the friends I have made in Oregon terribly and welcome zoom calls (I have an account), phone calls (541-294-0019) or keeping in touch via email ([anneabdy@aol.com](mailto:anneabdy@aol.com)) or snail mail (United State Postal Service.)

May God richly bless each one of you! *Anne+*

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### Special Thank you to Bob Huggins

Thank you, Bob, for cleaning up the jungle that was growing at the back of the parish house. It's wonderful (and safer) to see the sidewalk and steps again!



Many thanks to all those who volunteer their time and service to keeping the grounds of Emmanuel beautiful.





## Christmas Baskets

The Christmas Basket Program is well underway with most of the staples in the Preschool Room awaiting the 30 families that are anticipated. Five families have turned in sheets that list the children, their ages, etc., and special toys wanted as well as their sock size. Anyone wanting to adopt a “family” or a child or two or more in a family is certainly welcome to do so – and of course, cash donations are always very welcome. This year we are hoping to also provide a holiday meal box in addition to the Christmas Baskets to each family. Please let us know if you want to shop, wrap, distribute (that’s in December) cause we would love to see you!

*Patti Nichols*

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## Coos Food Cupboard

The clients of the food cupboard sometimes have a pet companion with them who equally are in need of quality food. Big, big thanks to Diana & Chuck Wall and their volunteer work with FOCCAS that made this generous donation of dog and cat food to the Coos Food Cupboard possible!



For the month of November, donations of toilet paper would be greatly appreciated, as this is an item our clients cannot purchase with their SNAP benefits. Thank you for your continued support of the Coos Food Cupboard and the clients we serve.

~submitted by Brian Sullivan

## November Music Highlights

Greetings, Emmanuel - The changing weather inspires these November preludes and postludes:

“Raindrop Prelude”, by Frederic Chopin

“The Storm is Passing Over (Encourage My Soul)”, Traditional

“Autumn”, by William Gillock

“Sea Piece”, by Edward MacDowell

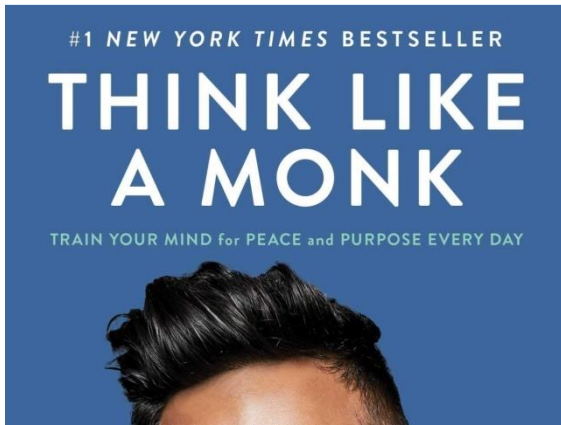
“Aurora”, by Bela Bartok

“Des Pas sur la Neige (Footsteps in the Snow)”, by Claude Debussy

I will enjoy sharing this music with you!

*Kate Moody*, Parish Music Director





### Food for Thought

In reading, *How to Think Like a Monk* by Jay Shetty, one concept he shares is: before we think, ask oneself, “Is this a seed or weed?” I have found myself shutting my mouth many times with words that were not needed, unhelpful, or possibly unintentionally negative. I wanted to share this in case it was helpful to others...

~Respectfully submitted by Nancylee Stewart

### Vestry, September 1951

The following is an excerpt from our parish records of vestry minutes for the year 1951. This was the last meeting recorded for the year until the Annual Meeting held Sunday evening on January 20, 1952.

“A meeting of the vestry was held on September 4, 1951 at 8 pm at the rectory. Those present were Tresidder, Popplewell, Schuttpelz, Kohler, Anderson, Forrester, and Father Greene.

Father Greene informed us that the Standard Insurance Co. will accept our request for a loan for 23,813 at 5% for 10 years, to be paid monthly at the rate of 238.13 per month. Anderson moved and Schuttpelz seconded the motion that we make application for the loan on this basis. Voted and carried and so ordered.

Father Greene made Earl Popplewell in charge of ushers for the coming year.

Anderson moves and Kohler seconded the motion that Charles Tresidder be appointed Treasurer to succeed Howard Garrison. Voted, carried and so ordered.

Father Greene announced the budget committee members as Al Kohler, Howard Garrison, and Charles Tresidder. He also appointed Doug White as head of the canvas committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Signed *John Forrester*, Clerk of Vestry”



**Terrye Laird Birthday - November 10**

**Roman Trask Birthday - November 18**

**Bob & Ginna Richardson Anniversary - November 18**

**Neville Cordell Birthday - November 21**

**Wendy Whitaker Birthday - November 26**

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!*

***\*\*December Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, November 19th\*\****