



The Messenger

May 2022

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Rector Reflection

On May 14, I have the great honor of speaking at the annual meeting of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DoK). If you are unfamiliar with the DoK I invite you to go to this website to learn more about them. <https://www.doknational.org/>

I will be speaking on the topic of community; specifically in light of the work of the Holy Spirit to bring together the Body of Christ. Believers of every nation, language, tribe and tongue who are by virtue of our faith molded by the Holy Spirit into a people who live for Jesus in this world and the next. This is, of course, a work only God can do! The DoK is much like the Anglican Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in that we are a particular group of believers called to community life with a particular charism, calling or vocation. With the Dominicans, this is “to preach and teach the Gospel for the salvation of souls.” The DoK are laywomen specifically called to community in order to pray for the Church, the world and particularly support the clergy.

You might be thinking... well, aren't all Christians to do these things? Why gather in a specific community with a Rule of Life that you vow to follow? Isn't Baptism enough? You are absolutely right! Our vows and commitment to Christ in Holy Baptism are the Christian 'rule of life'. But since the earliest days of the Church some have been called to express their Baptismal vocation to Christ in even more specific ways focusing on interior passion and gifts that the Holy Spirit bestows. These are not 'holier' ways of following Christ, just particular. I Corinthians 12 reminds us how every believer is given gifts by the Holy Spirit to bless and build up the entire Body of Christ. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Would you like to discern them? Here is a great place to start:

- Pray to the Holy Spirit to show you what your spiritual gifts are.
- Think on this quote by Frederick Buechner: “Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need.” As a follower of Jesus, what is your deep gladness? That is question enough! Second, how does that gladness meet the world's deep need?

You do not need to make vows in a religious community to discover what unique gifts God has given you as a follower of Jesus. But I do encourage Emmanuel parish to consider what it might look like to make a commitment to a small group (3-6 people only) which meets weekly, for at least an hour, in addition to worship on Sunday, for the specific purpose of ongoing Christian formation and prayer. In my last parish, such groups were called “Grace Groups”. Groups can meet at a home, a coffee shop, a park... anywhere the group deems appropriate and consistently 'do-able'. Ideally, I would like everyone active at Emmanuel to participate in such a group! If this is something you think would help you, let me know by June 1st. For those interested, more details will follow. God bless you all!

See you in church! *Patti+*

Please note that Rev. Patti will be out of the office May 17 - 19 for hospital chaplaincy continuing education training.





A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,

We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who took you by the hand and brought forth new life. Incarnate Lord, who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and love, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. *Amen.*

~ Author Unknown



St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Gardiner celebrates its first Easter Vigil Service in over 20 years: Photos and reflection submitted by the Rev. Patti Hale

Nineteen hearty souls gathered at the hilltop church of St. Mary the Virgin in Gardiner for the first Easter Vigil since 2000. It was a joyous celebration of the Lord's resurrection. A reception in the parish hall followed the service. A good time was had by all!

St. Mary's has relied on monthly supply clergy for years and yet gathers faithfully every week for the Office of Morning Prayer. While very small the congregation has a number of vital outreach ministries in the communities of Gardiner and Reedsport. They are a testament to a small and vital congregation that love the Lord and are living fully into the Baptismal Covenant.



Cursillo Zoom Ultreya Gathering

Episcopal Cursillo of Oregon and SW Washington is holding a Zoom online Ultreya Gathering on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10am till 11:30am or so. We will pray, sing, listen, laugh, and reconnect. All are welcome to attend, regardless of whether or not you have been to a Cursillo Weekend. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84292128885> . Visit www.oregon-cursillo.org for the additional information.

Thank you,

Kevin Mallon

Communications Co-Chair of Oregon and SW Washington Episcopal Cursillo

Easter Brunch

Many, many thanks to those that helped with our delicious, outstanding Easter Brunch following the morning service.

Hats off especially to Kathleen Vineyard, Terrye Laird, Tonya Jenkins, Liz Cowden, Susan Foreman, and those of you that additionally helped to set up and straighten up after the brunch.

And the food, so delicious. The ham, a special thank you to Kathleen, was outstanding! And to those of you that brought 'all the rest' from the green beans, to the potatoes, salads and the Easter Bunny Cake! So good.

The decorations were beautiful (thank you Terrye); the room was all set-up and ready when the service ended.

Again, thank you to all that helped. It was a perfect Easter brunch!

~submitted by Carla Courtney



Meet Your Vestry - Tonya Jenkins

Hello to all,

My name is Tonya Jenkins, and I was raised in the Coos Bay/North Bend area and began attending Emmanuel in 1975.

I left the area in the late 80's to attend college (*I am an ICU Registered Nurse*), raise a family and I returned to Coos Bay three and a half years ago. My son and my daughter are God's most precious gifts to me.

I am grateful to be a member of Emmanuel and I am honored to be a part of the Vestry. When I chose to move back to the area, I envisioned becoming part of and serving in the community not just moving to a town. I deeply felt God's direction and how very lucky I am to have been chosen to serve within our church! My hope is that Emmanuel will grow; I have such precious memories of our church being filled with friends, families and I hope that for us again.

Warmly, *Tonya Jenkins*



Coos Food Cupboard

With the generosity of the supporters of the Coos Food Cupboard, we were able to replace the asbestos tiles located in the food cupboard with new flooring. Thank you to Knutson's Carpet Hut for the discount that also made this project possible. In addition, the volunteers of the food cupboard spent days cleaning, repainting and reorganizing so everything is looking and feeling cleaner, brighter and more welcoming. We hope you take a moment to visit the food cupboard and check it out!

Donations of toilet paper continue to be one of our most requested non-food items. SNAP benefits do not cover these items so many households go without so please consider donating a package of toilet paper this month.

Toilet paper or other donations purchased online can also be mailed to the following address:
Coos Food Cupboard, c/o Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 370 Market Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420

The Coos Food Cupboard has greater purchasing power by buying in bulk through the South Coast Food Share so if you would like to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to Coos Food Cupboard and mail to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Thank you for your support!

~Submitted by Brian Sullivan



**Magnolia Tree Planted by Gene Svatos, Roman Trask, Friends and Family
in Honor of Grace Svatos**



Cindy Harper Birthday - May 5

Duke Davidson Birthday - May 6

Eli Davidson Birthday - May 6

Sarah Jennings Birthday - May 7

Troy Cribbins Birthday - May 9

Al Rumsch Birthday - May 12

Melissa Cribbins Birthday - May 12

Emmett Hale Birthday - May 14

Bob Huggins Birthday - May 14

Wilbur Jensen Birthday - May 19

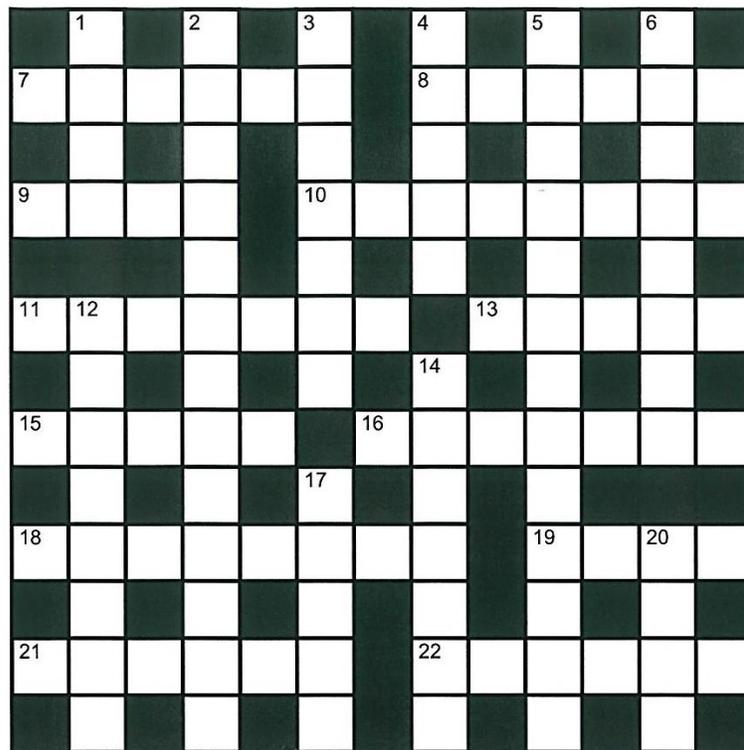
Brynn Stevens Blanc Birthday - May 29

Jill & Jason Davidson Anniversary - May 31

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!*

****June Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Tuesday, May 24th****

John



Across

- 7 The number of times that Peter denied Jesus. John 13:38 (6)
- 8 Also called Didymus. John 20:24 (6)
- 9 He that abides in Christ will bring forth ____ fruit. John 15:5 (4)
- 10 All of the disciples, except one, became these after Christ ascended into heaven. (8)
- 11 When you are old, you will do this with your hands, and another will clothe you and care for you. John 21:18 (7)
- 13 The southern region of Israel. (5)
- 15 “Then there arose a question between some of John’s disciples and the Jews _____ purifying.” John 3:25 (5)
- 16 One soweth, and another does othis. John 4:37 (7)
- 18 A seed has to fall to the ground and die before it can

“_____ forth much fruit.”
John 12:24 (8)

- 19 God set up these as a form of guidance for the Jews. (4)
- 21 “Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but _____.” John 19:15 (6)
- 22 Caiaphas, the high priest, prophesied that Jesus would die for this. John 11:51 (6)

Down

- 1 “And they asked him, What then? Art ____ Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art ____ that prophet? And he answered, No.” John 1:21 (4)
- 2 Jesus said that when the Comforter comes, he will reprove the world of sin, of _____, and of judgment. John 16:8 (13)
- 3 An act of devotion to show sorrow for one’s sin. (7)

- 4 “But when the morning was now come, Jesus _____ on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.” John 21:4 (5)
- 5 Two words. This man asked Jesus, “Art thou king of the Jews?” John. 18:33 (7,6)
- 6 “[Pilate] brought Jesus forth, and sat down ... in a place that is called the _____.” John 19:13 (8)
- 12 Also called the sea of Galilee. John 6:1 (8)
- 14 The town where Lazarus, Mary, and Martha lived. John 11:1 (7)
- 17 “And what he hath seen and _____, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.” John 3:32 (5)
- 20 “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to ____ shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.” John 6:68 (4)

For the answer key, please contact Kerri in the parish office.