



The Messenger

July 2021

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Priest Musings

June 16th marked the last day of school for the Little Pirates Preschool. They made a beautiful 'Thank You' note for Emmanuel that is posted on the doors to the Undercroft. I had a lovely meeting with the staff that Friday and we reviewed the whole last year. It was a precious and special time together.

The good news is that the Preschool Promise program of the Coos Bay School District is going strong and will expand next fall. The bad news is that it will no longer be housed here at Emmanuel but rather at Madison Elementary School. The Vestry considered the obvious question for Emmanuel which is what does God have next for us in our ministry? Should we partner, if we can, with another preschool or even a daycare looking for a home? Or should we repurpose the space for a multi-use meeting site for the community?

There were lots of good ideas floated but no decisions were made. Instead we decided that the BEST thing to do is to pray - to ask the whole parish to pray for God's wisdom and direction for the Vestry. To ask God to open up a door for how we may use the resource of our gorgeous building to make a real impact for Christian good in the community. So that is what I am doing here. Please pray daily for this discernment and opportunity to open up for the parish and become crystal clear.

Heavenly Father, our times are in your hands.

Give wisdom and discernment to our parish leaders to hear from you now. Make clear to them the next steps in our ongoing ministries with the communities of Coos Bay and North Bend. We are your servants! Use Emmanuel Parish, we pray, to bring forth the love of God in Christ in this time and in this place of great need. It is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

See you in Church! Rev. Patti+



You're Invited for Sunday Dinner!

Each month, the Emmanuel Hospitality Guild will coordinate Sunday dinner to be served on the first Sunday of each month (excluding weekends that include a holiday) at 5:00 pm.



So we have accurate numbers and can plan accordingly, please visit the link below to RSVP for Sunday, August 1. There will also be a paper sign-up sheet in the church entryway. **The deadline to RSVP is July 20th.**

If you had previously signed up through the website and indicated you would like to attend the next Sunday dinner, you do not have to sign up again for August.

<https://www.episcopalcoosbay.org/sunday-dinner-sign-up>

Hope to see you there!
Susan Vineyard, Senior Warden

Questions? Email the Hospitality Guild at: emmanualhospitality@gmail.com



4th of July Office Hours

The parish office will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the holiday. However, email will be checked and responded to during this time.

South Coast Convocation Coffee Hour with Bishop Akiyama

July 11 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Join Bishop Akiyama for an hour of conversation and fellowship with others in your Convocation this summer. Please be sure to register for the Coffee Hour ahead of time, as the link and passcode to the Zoom call will be emailed to you through the registration.

Register HERE [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItdeurpjssEtOFdZFIY7QqVmnHD-WzqtKl](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=invitation&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=invitation&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItdeurpjssEtOFdZFIY7QqVmnHD-WzqtKl)



Meal Train for Carla Courtney

As some of you may or may not know, Carla has been struggling with severe back pain that often times leaves her unable to stand for more than 15 minutes at a time. She was scheduled to have surgery on June 23 but after receiving her lab work, her surgeon decided it was best to postpone her surgery until her lab work is more favorable.

To provide a prepared meal during the week to help take some of the stress away during this difficult time, go to the Meal Train website at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yeg1lm>. Thank you!

Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of July, the Coos Food Cupboard would greatly appreciate donations of pasta noodles and sauce. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during business hours or placed in the donation bin in the undercroft entryway. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Cupboard!



~Submitted by Brian Sullivan

Appreciation for the community of Emmanuel

It is great to be a part of this wonderful parish community that works together for the care and support of others. The Memorial service for Rev. Shippey and the Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Patti were wonderful events. Bishop Diana, members of Emmanuel and visitors all shared great comments and praise!

It is a pleasure to work with so many dedicated, talented and giving people. Thanks to the Hospitality Guild, Loanne Lark and everyone who helped make this happen!

~Submitted by Nancy Lee Stewart



Music Ministry

At noon on June 1, 2020, when Emmanuel was tolling the bell for people who had died from Covid-19, I sat in my cottage in Bandon and read a prayer written by an ecumenical team of Lutheran and Episcopal ministers, a prayer that had been posted with Bishop Curry's Pentecost message on the Episcopal Church web site. As soon as I began to read the prayer I began to hear it as music; we finally got a chance to sing it for you at our wonderful special service on June 20!

Here is the text of the prayer:

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Gratitude and blessings to Rich Heady from St. James, Coquille for joining us ("back-row bass"), and our ever-faithful Kerry Oxford, Susan Vineyard, Pam Chaney, and Neville Cordell.

Another musical prayer - Lloyd Stone wrote the following prayer, which can be sung to "Finlandia" (which I will be playing on July 4):

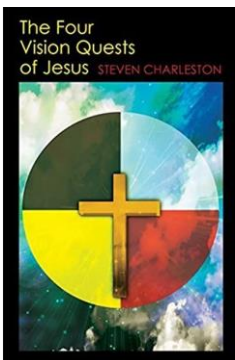
This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace, for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations - a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Wishing you a blessed July filled with sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine!

-Kate Moody, Parish Music Director

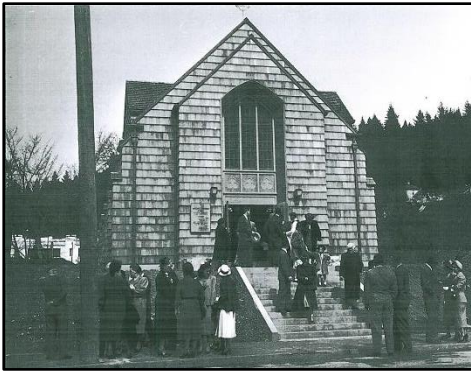
***The Four Vision Quests of Jesus* by Steven Charleston**



This book was mentioned in a Diocese Newsletter. In reading it, I found it gave additional perspectives to understanding the Word of God. The Four Vision Quests referenced are all based in the Gospel of Matthew. Steven Charleston, an enrolled Choctaw member, and an Episcopal priest, works to unify Native American traditions and Christian traditions in a way that expands both.

As someone with some experience in Native American traditions, and who has read books related to Native Americans (history, traditions, current issues), I found this book enriching to my understanding of/connection to "community." Transcendence and sacrifice are also further explored. This unique exploration of theology is rewarding for those interested.

~Submitted by Nancylee Stewart



History of Emmanuel, 1950 - 1954

When structural problems with the church building developed, a new church and parish hall was proposed for the congregation, then under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Greene. Dedication Day of the third church building, now used as our education wing, took place in 1950 (pictured, submitted by Pat Cross from Coos History Museum archives).

During 1950 a rectory was also constructed on the grounds – currently named the Parish House, this building is used for offices, meetings and outreach work. No sooner was construction completed than plans for

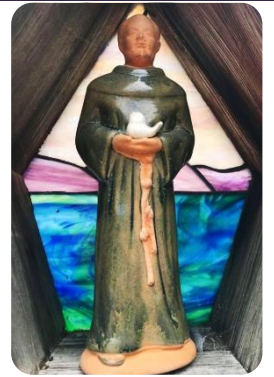
the fourth church building was begun and our new sanctuary wing was completed in 1954 during the Rev. Leslie Dunton's term as Rector.

It is believed the tree stump that the Yard Boys removed was likely part of several trees cut down during construction of the fourth church building, which is our current sanctuary wing.

“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”

We send a special thank you to Ingrid & Brian Sullivan for their donation of the St. Francis of Assisi statue to replace the one that was vandalized several years ago outside the parish office. Our parish courtyard is feeling much more complete again!

The shrine that houses the St. Francis of Assisi statue could use a little upkeep so if you would like to volunteer to paint and/or repair, please let Kerri in the parish office know. Thank you!



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

John & Teri Whitty Anniversary - July 10

Claire Blanc Birthday - July 26

Please email the office at Administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org to have your birthday and/or anniversary included in the church announcements and prayers. Photos and stories to celebrate your special day are encouraged and appreciated!

*****August Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, July 23rd*****