



The Messenger

June 2024

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Rector Reflection

Pentecost was May 19th this year. The Sundays that follow Pentecost are called 'Ordinary Time'. I have always struggled with this title because after Pentecost what could ever be 'Ordinary' again? After all, God is with us! Our Creator, Covenantor, Redeemer, Sustainer and Sanctifier. If there is any way we can use 'Ordinary' to describe half of the year in the cycle of Scripture readings it is that this season is GREEN. Deep, juicy, vibrant, dynamic green. What is ordinary is growing. What is ordinary is becoming more and more conformed to the image of Christ in our prayers, our interior spiritual growth, and most of all in love. The Sundays after Pentecost (which usually number 24-27 depending on the year) challenge us to go deep. To open ourselves to the teachings of Christ and pray for transformation and growth. We are gathered as a community of seekers who have been sought by God. We are gathered as a community to believers who are ever learning how to trust God's love and promises more profoundly. We are gathered as a community who stake our lives on hope and the faithfulness of God. I think, then, that the word 'Ordinary' is aspirational. We WANT all these good things to be true of our walk with God. The GREEN season, the Sundays after Pentecost give us the opportunity to make a vibrant, growing faith a reality by regular prayer, study of the Word and gathering as the Body of Christ to worship. THIS is what is Ordinary? Yes! The 'Ordinary' is quite 'ExtraOrdinary'! It is staking our very lives on the gift of God's love and presence with us every day, every hour. Blessings for much growth in this GREEN season of growth in our discipleship.

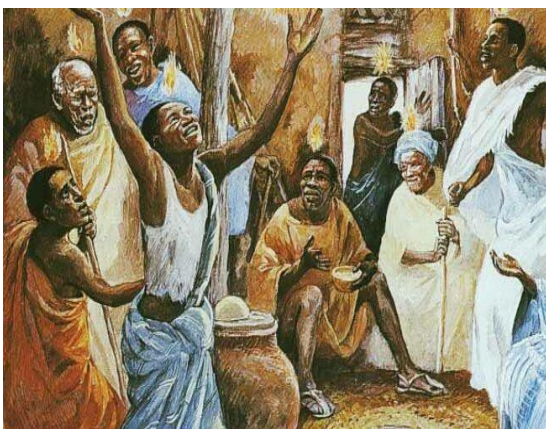
A Gentle Reminder

Typically, giving to the Church goes down during the summer because people are traveling or have other events that change our schedules. However, the life of Emmanuel Parish goes on. Please remember to keep your pledge current during the summer months. Thank you!

See you Sunday! *Patti+*



Come, O Holy Spirit by John Henry Newman



Come, O Holy Spirit.

***Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world. Amen.***

Photo Credit: Jesus Mafa. Pentecost (1973), from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.



Growing Gifts: Consider Donating Your Produce to the Coos Food Cupboard

Are you a Farmer's Market vendor (or do you know one) interested in donating your leftover produce to a good cause? Do you have a home garden producing more than you can use? Please consider the Coos Food Cupboard.

Who are we? The Coos Food Cupboard serves thousands of our food insecure neighbors annually.

At a Glance: The Benefits

1. Prevents the unnecessary wasting of quality food.
2. Provides access to fresh, nutritious foods for low-income populations, who are often unable to buy healthy, local foods because of cost or availability.
3. Builds good relations between community members, local gardeners, and farmers.

Donations are tax-deductible. EIN: 47-1558602

Questions? Ready to donate? Please contact Brian Sullivan for more information:

Phone: 541-217-0258

Email: brianjfc@gmail.com

Please also consider a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard. Please make checks out to "Coos Food Cupboard". Checks can be dropped off in the parish office or mailed to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Thank you as always for your generosity and support of the Coos Food Cupboard!

Brian Sullivan, CFC Board Member



**Episcopal Church in Western Oregon
Grief Group (Virtual)
Via Zoom the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of June
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

Come walk the journey of grief together, supported by friends across the Portland Metro area and guided by a professional grief counselor. A partnership among 13 parishes, Grief Group (Virtual) is a twice-monthly meeting for those processing grief in its many forms, supported by the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon.

Virtual gatherings meet on Zoom Tuesday Jun 11, 2024 (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm) and Tuesday Jun 25, 2024 (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm). Registration is always open, and sessions are free of charge.

Register:

<https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopalpdx/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MWZjZDFmNjgtMzAyZS00Y2M1LTg2NGUtYjEyOTAxODgwZmQ3>

About the facilitator: The Rev'd Bell earned his Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School in 2005. He then served as chaplain for Vista River Hospice in Portland.



Junior Warden's Report - More Capital Improvements!

Addcox Heating completed the annual maintenance of our furnaces last week. Two issues were brought to our attention:

1. Addcox Heating recommended that we urgently replace the three oldest furnaces. The insides are rusted and could fail. If this were to happen carbon monoxide would be released into the heated air and create a dangerous situation. As a result, we received a bid for 3 high efficiency furnaces to replace the failing ones. The Finance Team and Vestry are working on how we will pay for it.

2. A new thermostat is being installed outside the furnace room. This will help the new furnaces to work more efficiently. It will be programmed for a regular schedule of building usage. This will heat the undercroft & education wing more evenly. Please do not adjust the thermostat as this could create an imbalance in the heating cycle, create discomfort, and likely more gas consumption.

Also, a new thermostat is being installed on the two gas furnaces that heat the Sanctuary. The Junior Warden team discovered the current thermostat had failed. That thermostat will remain in its current position. Please do not adjust the Sanctuary thermostat. It will be programmed to reflect the usage of the Sanctuary. The goal is to provide comfortable settings for our high use times. Doing so will save us energy by reducing the temperatures during the low usage times.

Sanctuary Heating Schedule	
MON	62° all day
TUE	4PM - 7PM 68°
WED	6AM - 4PM 68°
THUR	62° all day
FRI	62° all day
SAT	8AM - 4PM 68°
SUN	7AM - 2PM 68°

Respectfully, Your Junior Warden Team



Remembering Timothy Pettis

July 6 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

You are invited to join with people of good will at Sunset Memorial Park— south of Coos Bay, Oregon— for a memorial service to remember Timothy Pettis. Recovering the story of Timothy’s unsolved and brutal murder on July 6, 1924, on the docks of Coos Bay has called together people of good will to provide him the burial service he never received. The memorial will be a time of reflection and prayer for Mr. Pettis—and for us as we mourn and recognize the ongoing moral blight of racism in our own time.

Who was Timothy “Frank” Pettis?

Timothy Pettis was a World War I Army veteran, working as janitor for the Bank of Southwestern Oregon. He grew up in Florida, where his father was a Baptist preacher.

On the night of July 6, he played pool with some friends and later went to a 24-hour restaurant that was filled with sailors off the USS Shirk. A sailor claimed that Timothy Pettis had a knife (a claim that his companions denied). He was last seen alive being chased by the police.

On the morning of July 12, a tugboat operator for the local lumber mill found his body floating in Isthmus Slough with no marks of violence on it...except that he had been castrated. Despite statewide attention after an appeal to the governor from local citizens, the murder has never been solved, and Mr. Pettis’s story slipped into obscurity for a century.

Events:

Self-guided walking tour of Timothy Pettis’s last night. Brochures are available at Coos History Museum and the Coos Bay Visitor Center. An interpreter will be available in the Wells Fargo Bank block 10:00–11:30am. The Memorial Service will begin at 1:30pm at Sunset Memorial Park.



Do you Need House or Pet Sitting for the Summer?

House sitting and animal care being offered.
20 years locally. References are available.
Contact Loanne Lark at 541-267-6277 or
LoanneLark@yahoo.com.



Caring for your Animals and Home.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Payton Davidson Birthday - June 1

Erin Donley Birthday - June 11

Dave & Terrye Laird Anniversary - June 12

Myrle Ellingsen Birthday - June 14

Jack & Pam Chaney Anniversary - June 21

Jill Davidson Birthday - June 29

Jim & Sarah Peterson Anniversary - June 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!*

*****July Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Tuesday, June 25th*****