



# The Messenger

## March 2022

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### Rector Reflection

I am in receipt of a beautiful letter of thanks from Tara Johnson, the director of the Devereux Center for our participation and support for Coalbank Village. Coalbank village is a small community of tiny houses that serve to provide temporary shelter for individuals wanting to get out of homelessness, find work and get on their feet. Devereux has been able to put in six new tiny houses since the Open House last fall when members of Emmanuel visited and learned about the program. The Vestry voted to make an offering of \$1500 from the restricted outreach funds for the project. Additionally, I am so proud of the way members at Emmanuel have responded to the one, little ministry with Devereux that is making a huge impact. That ministry is a monthly in-gathering of feminine hygiene supplies. They are items that are always needed and always running out as it is not something people think of when they make donations to a homeless shelter. We took it on as our special parish project. Anyone is welcome to join in this effort by supplying a box or two of either tampons or pads and bringing them to the office. There you will find a lavender colored tote box labeled Devereux Center that we fill (usually to overflowing) each month and I drop it off at the center. God bless you as we continue to be a blessing to our unhoused neighbors through cooperation with the Devereux Center. This is holy work indeed! Remember the words of Matthew 25:34-40:

*"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"*



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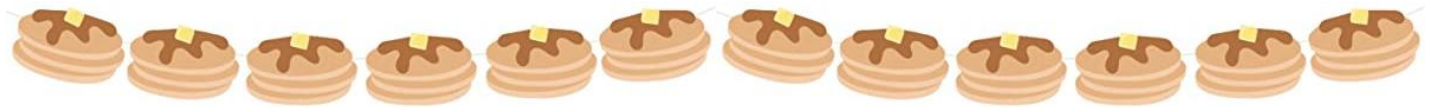
### Coos Food Cupboard

Donations of heavy knitted mittens/gloves, hats and socks would be appreciated for the month of March, especially with the cold temperatures our houseless clients face. If you have a tent you no longer use or want, we also occasionally have clients in need of temporary shelter. Thank you for your continued, generous support of the Coos Food Cupboard.



**PARDON OUR DUST:** The Coos Food Cupboard will be temporarily closed for maintenance and upgrades from Monday, March 21 - Friday, March 25. Please help us get the word out.

\*The Rector's office will also be painted and flooring in the bookkeeper's office replaced during this week so don't forget to bring your hard hat and work clothes if you plan to visit the office!



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 1<sup>st</sup>

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

This especially indulgent day symbolizes the start of Lent. The tradition of using this particular food began when Anglo-Saxon Christians used to cook up pancakes as a means to use up their fats and eggs before the fasting period. These Christians would then head to confession to seek forgiveness for their sins, otherwise known as being 'shriven' which is the origin of the name 'Shrove Tuesday'.

### Come enjoy!

All You Can Eat Menu:

Fluffy Pancakes; Plain/Blueberry/Gluten-free (provided)

Savory Breakfast Sides

Juice and Coffee

If you are able to help setup/cleanup or bring a breakfast side or juice, please sign up in the church entryway. Thank you!



## Ash Wednesday Services

March 2, 2022

Imposition of Ashes

12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

(No Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer or Bible Study this day.)



**40 days, 40 items, 40 blessings...**a way to give thanks for the gift of having enough! There will be United Thank Offering boxes in the entryway for those who would like to participate in a Lenten discipline that is focused on giving thanks for the blessing of having "enough" that we can share with others.

Each day of Lent, put a coin or paper money into the United Thank Offering blue box, giving thanks for the blessings of having enough. 40 days, 40 items, 40 blessings multiplied by all of us who participate!

## Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on  
Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>!

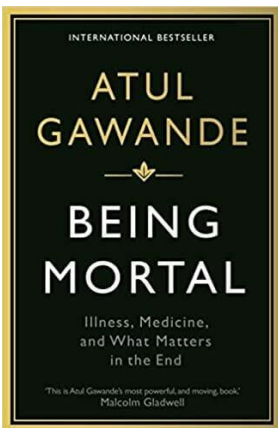


## Meet Your New Vestry Members - Chuck Wall

I was asked to serve on vestry and I am thankful for the opportunity to do so. I was born and raised in the area and have attended Emmanuel most of my life. My family alternated between the Catholic church and Emmanuel until my Dad died and we started attending Emmanuel all the time. The crucifixion window in our church was given in memory of my father.

Our world and our community desperately need the Gospel message of salvation and redemption in our Lord Jesus Christ. I urge you all to pray. Pray for our church, our community and your neighbors. Pray that our church will be a place where everyone is welcome. Our Lord said all authority in heaven and earth is His, and He tells us to pray. "Pray the Lord of the harvest."

Sincerely, *Chuck Wall*



## ZOOM Lenten Book Study with St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dallas, OR

Book Study: *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters In The End* by Atul Gawande

Facilitated by Janice Wolcott and Lori Murphy Cole

Thursday evenings, 7 pm – 7:45 pm

6 weeks: Thursday, March 3 – April 7

Class held entirely on ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83814296612?pwd=RjVGUnF5ZlFicU8xaFFYQWt0Q0dHUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 1429 6612

Passcode: StThomas

Copies of the book can be found on most bookstore websites and on Amazon.com. If you have any questions regarding the Lenten Book Study with St. Thomas Episcopal Church, please email [stthomasdallasor@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdallasor@gmail.com).

## Lent Madness 2022

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight will advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. To learn more about the 32 saints and to download your 2022 bracket, visit their website at <https://www.lentmadness.org>. If you would like a printed copy of the 2022 bracket, stop by the office and Kerri will be happy to help.



## Camp and Retreat Ministries of Oregon and Idaho 2022

Camp and Retreat Ministries is a partnership between the United Methodist Church of Oregon and Idaho and the Oregon Diocese of the Episcopal Church. Let us know how we can serve you!

Who we are: We are a people dedicated to Creating Sacred Spaces of Christian hospitality and learning. We nurture persons so they may...

- Grow in wisdom and in healthy self-esteem.
- Develop lifestyles of loving interdependence with each other and all of creation.
- Affirm and expand their faith in God and their service as Christian disciples within God's world.

We serve religiously affiliated groups, schools and educational bodies, families, service organizations and other non-profit groups who enrich life in the world.



Please Visit our Camp Site Page for more information: <https://www.gocamping.org/>



### Cursillo News

Episcopal Cursillo of Oregon and SW Washington is holding a Zoom online Ultreya Gathering Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 10am till 11:30am or so. We will pray, sing, find out what we have been up to, and talk about plans for the upcoming year. 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/81454348454?pwd=UUJVOUxNZ0dLMEtpbnIvbzRHS3MyQT09> .

Visit [www.oregon-cursillo.org](http://www.oregon-cursillo.org) for the more information.



### *Special Days in March*

Virginia O'Neal Birthday - March 9

Cullen Cribbins Birthday - March 10

Darleen Atkinson Birthday - March 11

Kellen Cahill Birthday - March 20

John Powell Birthday - March 28

Judy Jensen Birthday - March 29

Doug Laird Birthday - March 30

Megan Chaney Bingham Birthday - March 30

Andy Nasburg Birthday - March 31

**\*\*April Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, March 25th\*\***