



The Messenger

June 2022

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Rector Reflection

"Explaining Amy" has been a theme in the last couple of weeks.

Sr. Amy Linder was publicly sworn in as the Fire Marshal for Coos Bay in addition to her job as Building Official for the City of Coos Bay. Think of it as her 'day job'. Sr. Amy has been in the Fire Service since she was 16 years old. It is a vocation as much as a career.

AND

Sr. Amy is also a vowed "Religious", a Novice in the Anglican Order of Preachers. It is also her vocation. God the Holy Spirit has led her to the Episcopal Church and she was received into the Episcopal Church in 2019. In August of 2021, she took the habit of St. Dominic and took 'temporary' vows to live the Rule of Life of the Anglican Order of Preachers.

AND

Sr. Amy is a lay person. She is not ordained nor does she seek to be. Her ministry of 'preaching and teaching', indicative of the Anglican Order of Preachers, is done in the context of leading prayer in the local parish, serving as Lay Eucharistic Minister. It is also within the Diocese as the Diocesan Disaster Coordinator and in her work life so far as it is allowed. Did Sr. Amy NEED to take vows to serve Christ in these ways? No. She believes she was called to the Religious Life. It is not a stepping stone to 'someplace else'. It is not a 'credential'. It is a particular way of life. Within the context of a vowed Religious Community, Sr. Amy's gifts and discipleship are nourished and challenged by the accountability of the Rule of Life and the relationships within the Order. Religious Orders are an ancient expression of Christian commitment to a life of prayer and intentional community. There are many Religious Communities within Anglicanism worldwide. If you would like to read about them and learn about them I invite you to check out these websites: <https://www.caroa.net/> and <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/community/religious-communities/locations.aspx>

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on June 5, let us remember that the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh. Each of us has been called to follow Jesus Christ and have been given the grace and power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish it!

See you in Church! *Patti+*

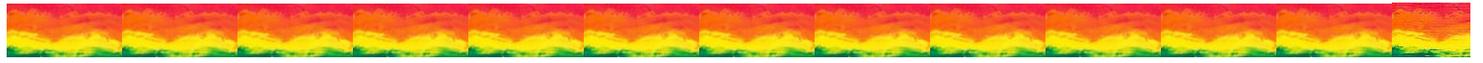


The parish office will be closed Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 as Kerri will be on vacation in San Diego to see her niece graduate and also celebrate her sister's retirement from the Navy after 27 years of service. Voicemail and postal mail will be checked periodically. For immediate assistance, please contact Rev. Patti directly during this time at (541) 654-3758 or rev.patti.hale@gmail.com. Thank you!



Summer Offerings

Summer is almost here and vacations will soon begin with many of you looking forward to spending time with your family on trips to the beach, the mountains, a theme park, a concert in the park or just a few days away from the busy life you lead. However, Emmanuel's expenses do not decrease during the summer months. This is a friendly reminder to please stay current with your tithes and offerings even while you are away. We pray for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time this summer!!



Q&A of Coos County

In recognition of the City of Coos Bay making a proclamation deeming June as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month, Kerri in the parish office is collecting donations for the local Q&A youth support group. "Q&A is dedicated to building a thriving community where LGBTQ youth and their allies are safe, valued, and celebrated." If you would like to make a monetary donation you can do so by going to their fiscal sponsor United Way of Southwestern Oregon's website at the following link: <https://unitedwayswo.org/community-partnerships> .

Another way to show support is by purchasing \$10.00 gift certificates/cards to local businesses for the youth. The following are some examples of where gift certificates have previously been donated from:

- Joey's Arcade
- Pony Village Cinema
- So It Goes Coffeeshouse
- Scoops
- Books on the Bay

Kerri will be collecting gift certificates for Q&A through the month of June so if you would like to donate one, please have them to Kerri in the parish office by June 30. Thank you!



Excerpt from Forward Day-by-Day: Wednesday, May 25

When my wife's light-hearted brother died, I was introduced to the song, "You'll Never Be the Sun." The line, "even on the deepest ocean, you will be the light," spoke to me about how others support us in times of despair and trial. It was a Zoom funeral, so I couldn't tell who was singing, and I thought, "Wow, those ladies can really sing!" Later, I learned it was a recording by Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, and Dolly Parton.

Again and again in Jesus's ministry, he brings healing and subdues fears and anxieties, casting out demons and bringing shalom. Like stars in the sky, we can find Christians all around us with demons and fears under their feet and who also know the light of their Messiah. That uncertain ground of conquered fears is essential to their recognition of the Savior.

Listen to "You'll Never Be the Sun" with lyrics here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHATdHH_pNY

~Shared by Nancy Clarke

ABC@ Emmanuel

Thursday, June 16, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

"A Book Club @ Emmanuel" (ABC@Emmanuel) is a book group for the 'summer' months of June, July, August, and September. We will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the church undercroft. I will provide coffee, tea & water with light snacks.

The first book we will be reading is "Braiding Sweetgrass". I recommend reading the book or at least some of the book before the first meeting. However, you are welcome to join the discussion even if you haven't started the book yet.

Books are available at Books by the Bay and as e-books.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 541.404.7470 or nancylee.b.stewart@gmail.com.





The Squirrel Problem

In a small American town an overabundance of squirrels had become quite a problem, so they looked to religious leaders for guidance.

The **Presbyterian** church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the **Baptist** church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The **Lutheran** church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

The **Episcopalians** tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do.

But the **Catholic** church came up with a more very creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

And not much was heard from the **Jewish** synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.

~ Submitted for your laughter by Kerry Oxford, Senior Warden



St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Gardiner

The wonderful congregation of St. Mary's Church in Gardiner has emphatically asked Rev. Patti to continue to hold a Eucharistic service for them, which she has happily agreed to do. However, she will be traveling to St. Mary's not once BUT TWICE a month. You now have TWICE as many opportunities to join Rev. Patti and the congregants of St. Mary's in Gardiner. She will be holding a service the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month at 5:00 PM. The invitation to carpool is extended to all. Please call Kerri in the parish office to let us know if you plan to carpool and be at Emmanuel by 4:00 PM. Hope to see you there!



Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of June, the Coos Food Cupboard would appreciate donations of canned fruit.

If you would like to send donations purchased online, they can be mailed to the following address:
Coos Food Cupboard, c/o Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 370 Market Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420

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



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 Friday, June 24th****