



The Messenger

September 2022

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Rector Reflection

As many of you may know our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, will be making an official visit to the Diocese of Oregon September 10-12. It's a big deal. Not so much that the PB is visiting Oregon, this is expected of all PB's to visit the Dioceses of the Episcopal Church during his/her 9 year tenure. COVID has played havoc with these scheduled visits! After two years of catch up and many adjustments to the plans, Bishop Curry will be in the Diocese to meet with Bishop Akiyama, to preach at the Cathedral, to have a (limited) tour of the diocese and to meet with the clergy to pray for us and encourage us in our ministries. This is the kind of visit the Presiding Bishop makes. Why is it a 'big deal'? Because Bishop Curry is widely known for his exuberant preaching and bringing focus and clarity to the denomination on the "life-giving, liberating work of Jesus Christ" and the love of God which knows no bounds.

The Presiding Bishop is not the 'head bishop'. He/she is not referred to as an Archbishop like may be the case in other provinces of the Anglican Communion. In the Episcopal Church, the Bishops are all equal in their vocation and specific authority. The office of the Presiding Bishop is different in that he/she leads one of the legislative bodies of the General Convention called the House of Bishops. They also lead in matters of Order. That is, matters of following the Canons and Constitution of the Church and holding Bishops and Clergy responsible for their practice of ministry. They set a tone and direction for the Episcopal Church as a denomination for the 9 years they serve. He is coming into the last year of his ministry. We welcome him to the Diocese of Oregon and hope, after all the visits he has made during his extensive travels, that he is surprised by the faith and faithfulness he finds in our little corner of God's vineyard. Let us surround his visit with prayer and let us give thanks for the many people who have worked so hard to plan and re-plan and finalize this visit. And let us give thanks for the reality which is the Church, a body... far bigger than Emmanuel Coos Bay, far bigger than Oregon, far bigger than any nation, tribe or tongue. As a Church with Bishops (*episcopas in Greek*), we have a built in reminder that we are never alone in the body of Christ.

See you Sunday! *Rev. Patti+*

SAVE THE DATE: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be visiting our diocese September 10-12. He will spend time with us in worship and fellowship, as well as be in conversation with our working groups and clergy. You can see the full schedule and learn more at <https://diocese-oregon.org/presiding-bishop-visit/>.





Coos Food Cupboard

Many of the clients of the Coos Food Cupboard do not have access to a place to cook so donations of canned ready-to-eat meals would be greatly appreciated for the month of September. Some examples of ready-to-eat meals are ravioli, beef stew, chili, and spaghetti-o's. Another welcome item would be heavy duty grocery bags that we place client items into that have long distances to walk.

Bulk item 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 of the food cupboard!

~Submitted by Brian Sullivan

Greetings from Faye Stuart

Faye recently sent us this message to share, "Hi to everyone. Miss all of you and the ocean breezes. It is very warm up here." Faye also shared she has a new email address. If you would like her new email address, please contact Kerri in the parish office at 541-269-5829 or administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org.

ABC@ Emmanuel

For now, we are putting a pause on the A Book Club@Emmanuel as Nancylee Stewart is traveling. Keep an eye on future newsletters for information on the next book club meeting.

Thank you from Cindy Harper

Cindy Harper & Family asked that we share this card with all who prayed for them, participated in the Meal Train and supported their family through the loss of Cindy Harper's husband, Randy Smith.



Thank you everyone
for all that you did,
I really appreciate it,
I love you all. 😊

I have not stopped
giving thanks to God
for you.
EPHESIANS 1:16 GNT

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Emmanuel family,

The Lord works wonders
through wonderful people
like you.

"Thank You"

Love,

Cindy Harper



Save the Date: Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM

We will hold our Blessing of the Animals service in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Please bring your leashed dogs, crated cats, or other special critters as we pray for them and give thanks for the gift of their presence in our lives. It is a service of worship and thanksgiving for God our Creator and the beauty and joy of creation. If you have lost an animal, please bring a picture of them and we will remember them as well. Weather permitting we will be holding the service outside in the breezeway/driveway. **Anyone wanting to be on the planning team for the service, please contact Rev. Patti right away. rev.patti.hale@gmail.com or 541-654-3758**

Congratulations, Tonya & David!



Devereux Center

We continue to collect needed donations of hygiene products for the Devereux Center. They are asking for disposable razors and travel size shaving cream for their clients. Items can be purchased in bulk online from websites like Amazon.com if you prefer.

Please have your donations to the parish office before the final Friday of each month if you are able to help with this important ministry of Emmanuel. Thank you!



From the Trinity Iconography Institute: Our Many Blessings

This summer, students wrote 34 icons that were blessed into service at the conclusion of each intensive week of iconography. Take a look at their (and our very own, Kathleen Vineyard's) painted prayers.

Pictured: Summer Iconography Intensive Students wrote the Holy Mandyllion

For upcoming classes, visit <https://www.trinityiconographers.org/>

Special thanks to Doug Laird and Terrye Laird for all the hard work they do to keep the church grounds looking beautiful! Many hands make light work...please let Doug know if you are available to lend a helping hand with the yard work. douglaird2@charter.net or 541-297-8196



Teri Whitty Birthday - September 3

Nancylee Stewart & Cary Pugh Anniversary - September 4

Lynn Nasburg Birthday - September 5

Sally Jaeggli Birthday - September 6

Joe McKeown Birthday - September 12

Sr. Amy Linder, O.P. Birthday - September 25

Tammy Gilson Laird Birthday - September 29

****October Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, September 23rd****