



The Messenger

March 2024

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 1028
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Rector Reflection

"O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." Psalm 63:1

I admit that I am uninspired to write my March Newsletter article. It is not because there is not a plethora of topics, it is more because of a longing in my soul to slow down and to sit in the presence of the Lord. To truly be fallow ground. Like most of us, my days are filled with many tasks that demand my concentration and creativity and prayer. This is not a burden. It's living. But during Lent we are invited to slow down and to sit in the glorious quiet of the Lord's presence without having to 'produce' something. To lie fallow. And so, instead of writing a lengthy theological discourse about the virtues of Lenten disciplines, I simply want to tell you what lies at the heart of every sermon I hope to preach. God *is*. God is *good*. God *loves* you. The Spirit of the Living God dwells *within* you. I invite you to own your longing for peace and renewal and to slip into a moment of contemplation of the goodness of our God. Below is an image... no words, just an image to help us all to slow down long enough to let go of the striving and rest in the knowledge of God's love. Blessings for a fruitful and holy Lent as the days continue to unfold.

See you in Church! *Patti+*



Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday @ 9:00am at Emmanuel

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday @ 7:00pm at Emmanuel
Overnight Prayer Vigil to stay awake one hour with the Lord. Sign-up in the church entryway.

Friday, March 29: Ecumenical Service @ 12pm at Faith Lutheran Church
Friday, March 29: Good Friday @ 7pm at Emmanuel

Saturday, March 30: Holy Eucharist @ 5pm at St. Mary in Gardiner

Sunday, March 31: Ecumenical Sunrise Service @ 6:30am at Sunset Beach
Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday @ 9:00am at Emmanuel with an extended coffee hour following service.



In Memory of Pastor Gene Jennings

We invite the ladies to wear their best Easter hats or bonnets in memory of Pastor Gene on Easter Sunday.

Easter Memorials

Memorial gifts for Easter lilies can be arranged through the parish office. If you would like to make an offering toward Easter lilies, please drop it off at the office, mail it in or place in the offering plate, noting who it is in memory or honor of **by Tuesday, March 26**. Suggested donation amount is \$15.00.



Meet Your Vestry – Beth Bennison

Thank you, Emmanuel Parish, for allowing me to serve on your vestry. Now that I'm finally retired, I'm looking forward to more free time for volunteering in our church and community. Within the church, I'm excited to be learning more about the inner workings, participating with a like-minded group who has the best interests of Emmanuel in mind, and discovering where I can best fit and contribute to the future.

After 34 years of teaching public elementary school, I'm happy to have more time for some of my favorite things, such as reading, photography, traveling, gardening, and creating mixed media art projects. I've been married to Ted for 36 years. We have two adult children, Catherine of Bandon, and Jonathan of Coos Bay. Our newest family member is Mac, the Border Collie mix, who replaces the joy of children in the home.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to participate. *Beth Bennison*

Meet Your Vestry – Terrye Laird

As a new member of Vestry, I am pleased to share with my faith community some of my history. Though I was born in Dayton, WA, I have spent all but 2 years as an Oregonian. My husband's family are deeply rooted in the South Coast, and it is now part of who I am and has been for the last 40+ years.

My mother-in-law Gretchen had been a lifelong member of the Episcopal church, and I left my Presbyterian roots to follow their family's choice. David and I were married at St. Martins in Lebanon some 53 years ago and so started my journey with the Episcopal church.

As a newlywed, I was eager to bring home a paycheck and contribute to our partnership and I added to my BS in Science from OSU with an associate degree in nursing. It served me well for 35 years but having been retired for the last 13 years I find I like making my own choices and timetable.

One perk of retirement is the latitude to attend church studies and meetings during the day. I am loving the deepening of information and knowledge that I have had in these years, and I have many of you to thank. In a time of church decline and subtle erosion of Christianity in our country, I think it important to reach out to our other brothers and sisters in Christ who live in our communities.

Blessings, *Terrye Laird*





Please join us at **Emmanuel Episcopal Church**
in the Undercroft
on **Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 12:00pm**
for a Screening of the newly released documentary on
the first women ordained to the priesthood in 1977
remembered as “The Philadelphia Eleven”.
There is no cost to attend as persons in the
South Coast Convocation
sponsored the Screening and have covered the cost to
enable as many people as possible to join us for learning
more on this important history.

Community Meal

Come enjoy a **Free** meal with us.

Community Meal available to all.

5th Saturday of March 30, 2024
11:00am – 1:00pm

At Harmony Methodist Church
123 Ocean Blvd SE, Coos Bay



Chicken Peanut Soup
It's not too spicy...flavorful YES!
Served by Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Also requesting support from 9:00am to 11:00am for preparing the meal and then from 11:00am - 1:30pm for serving and cleaning up.

Any questions? Please contact Nancy Layne @ 541-435-0054.

THANK YOU For Your Support



Thank you for your support in helping houseless children, youth and their families in Coos County. Your generosity is making a significant impact, and we truly appreciate everything you do!

Sincerely,

Melinda Davis & Sonia Novak

* 650 lbs!
* of clothing *



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Coos Food Cupboard

The repairs of the food cupboard are progressing. Most recently, Cedar Electric relocated several outlets, so the space is better utilized when we reopen. Also, thanks be to God for our tremendous volunteers, Brian Sullivan and Al Rumsch, who have spent many hours completing as much of the repair work and painting as possible to cut down on the overall cost. Thank you to Gene Svatos for his donation of materials. We hope to reopen in March, so keep an eye out for more updates to come.



Classical Iconography Institute, Black & White Value Study Mini-Course

This comprehensive and intensive mini-course is designed for entry level iconography students and will instruct them using an icon of St. Antony of the Desert, a desert father and founder of early monasticism. You will learn how to see the icon's lines without the distraction of color to create a black and white study. You will also learn to re-create the underlying geometry of the icon to help you to analyze other icons as a step in writing them.

Building on this knowledge, you will draw the icon and apply highlights using black and white pigments. The course is intended to be an in-depth way to experience iconography and to apply this experience to other icons.

DATES & TIME:
April 20, 27 & May 4, 11
10:30am - 1:30pm
(Light lunch provided.)

PLACE: Classical Iconography Institute at Holy Rosary Parish, 220 NE Weidler St., Portland, OR 97232

TUITION: \$220, includes a \$20 supply fee for specialized art supplies (\$50 nonrefundable deposit)

DEADLINE: April 6, 2024 (sorry no refunds after this date)

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

Sister Anne Sekul is a Sister of Mercy whose primary ministry has been in education as a teacher, principal, and school psychologist. With a love of art, she has worked in wood, watercolor, pastels, and pencil. In 2001, she dedicated herself to becoming an iconographer and participated with the Iconographic Arts Institute in Mount Angel for almost 20 years. She felt iconography was a good fit for her culturally, as her Croatian father instilled in her a love and reverence for icons from early childhood.

COASTAL FAMILIES RELIEF NURSERY



Our Classroom Team is full!



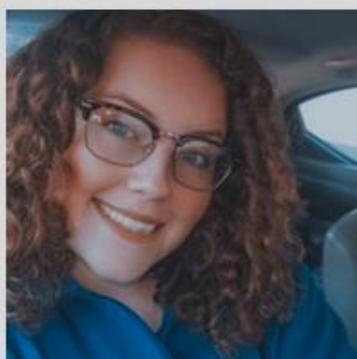
Claire Felix

Claire Felix is a teacher and home visitor at Coastal Families Relief Nursery. She has been working in the field of early childhood education since 2017. Claire graduated from Grand Canyon University in 2022. She moved to Coos Bay from her hometown in Colorado this last year. Claire loves to go to the beach, take pictures, cook, and go hiking.



Andrea Williams

Andrea Williams is a teacher/home visitor. She has an associates degree in elementary teaching and a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Andrea has worked in early education for 15 years now. She lived in Tillamook all of her life and has always been a small town girl. Andrea moved to Coos Bay in September of 2022, she enjoys meeting new friends and exploring. If Andrea is not working she enjoys spending time with family, friends, hiking, woodburning, doing photography and has recently really enjoyed working in the garden!



Sierra Folkes

Sierra has been working with Coastal Families for a short time but she has always worked with kids. Sierra adores working with children, something about nursing little minds with big futures brings purpose and hope to our new generations. She hopes to be a part of the childcare workforce for years to come. Sierra is a 22 years old and has a 4 year old kiddo herself! Sierra is originally from California but has lived on the Oregon Coast for the last 4 years, a side hobby of hers is photography.

CARE CLOSET DONATIONS

Want to make a donation to our Care Closet we have for families?
Here's a list of positively impactful items!

Clothing:

Tops and bottoms sizes 6 months - 5T

Any shoes that will fit children from 6 months of age to 3 years old.

Food:

Canned or frozen vegetables

Frozen meat of any kind

Healthy shelf-stable children's snacks

Personal hygiene:

Boxes of tampons or pads

Body soaps for adults and children

Shampoo and conditioner sets for adults and children

Hair accessories

Deodorant and perfumes

Cleaning products:

All-natural cleaning products

Disinfectant wipes

Bathroom cleaners

Kitchen cleaners

Flea treatments for carpet

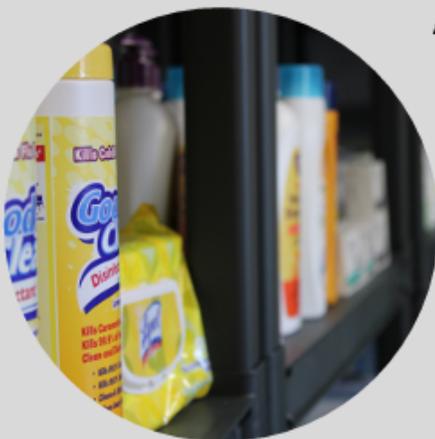
Hand sanitizer

Dish scrubbies/Dish soap

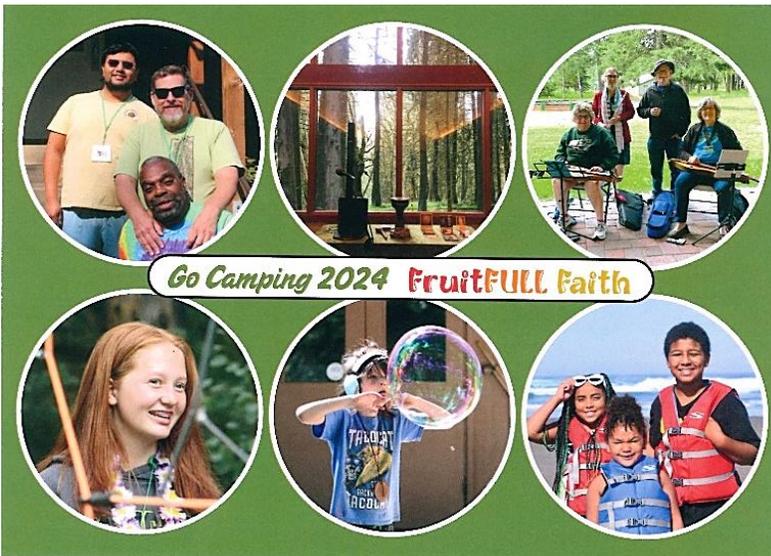
Diapers and wipes

Diapers and pull ups from size 1 to size 6

Any wipes



Please keep in mind we ask for **new items** and we do have donation forms if you need a record of your donation!



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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

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!*

*****April Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, March 22nd*****

Easter Watercolor Painting

Matthew 28:1-15



Materials you will need:

- Card stock, watercolor paper or heavy copy paper
- Grease pencil or crayon
- Watercolor paintbrush
- Watercolor paints
- Cup of water

Instructions:

1. Using a pencil, draw a faint outline of a cross on your paper.
2. Take a crayon or grease pencil (we used white) and color the cross. **Be sure to press hard** to put down a lot of “wax” from the crayon or grease pencil onto the paper.
3. Paint a rainbow or a sunrise over the entire piece of paper using watercolor paint. As you paint over the entire page, the crayon part should “resist” the watercolors and remain white on the paper. If you find you have water drops like shown in the photo, simply use a piece of paper towel to wipe away the excess paint.
4. Let your painting dry.