



The Messenger

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Priest Musings

Rev. Dr. Patti Hale shares the following poem, *Easter in Our Eyes*, by author Robert Raines:

Lord, we exalt in the early morning birdsong
which wakes us to green beginnings
and multi-colored hopes
and pulls us to our feet
to stand on tiptoe
Surprise us with joy in the morning
struggle with us in heat of noonday
sit with us in the evening shadows of
quietness and confidence
for you meet us at every corner
and bring new life out of all our dying
and create us new and afresh
a springtime people
with Easter in our eyes

Bless our families
Let husband and wife be tender to each other
let the guard drop and the tears fall
and the heart open and the arms go round
Let parents and children listen to each other
and cry for each other
and laugh with each other

Bless our friends
Thank you for weaving us together into a
fabric of friendship, a living tapestry of
glad/sad colors forever separating and uniting
You have made of us together
more than we were apart
You have bound us deep in the mystery of
death and birth
You have driven us in conflict
to cry out for help and healing
Forgive us all the ways in which we have
hurt or hindered one another
Reach deeper than self-pity or
self-justification
to forgiveness which yields
the love that bears, believes, hopes, endures
all things

Lord, we are uneasy looking into the future
we need to know that you are with us
and we are with you
Give us confidence that though all things
change
You are the same God
ever gracious
from whose love nothing can separate us

Let us feel you in our pulses
and in our breathing
and convince us in our very bodies
that we may live and die
in the hollow of your hand
Release now those mute longings
hidden in our hearts
to join the early morning birdsong
singing green beginnings
and multi-colored hopes
for you are shaking us and
shaping us into
a springtime people
with Easter in our eyes



Susan Vineyard, Senior Warden

Greetings Emmanuel Family!

I hope you are enjoying spring and anticipating a beautiful summer as we move closer to whatever “normal” will be in these trying times.

I've been in the role of Senior Warden since January and I suddenly realized that some of you don't know anything about me. I hope to shed some light here.

Nobody was more surprised than I when Rev. Patti asked me to step in to this role. After all, I came to the church very late in life, bringing a history of staunch secularism and an abundance of religious skepticism. Turns out, this is why Rev. Patti wanted me in this role. I'm the closest she'll ever find to the “unchurched” mind. She's looking for insight on how to reach others like me. Whoda' think?

Briefly, I come from a secular family who, in our brokenness, were divided and scattered among people and places. As children, my two older brothers were sent to live in separate boy's homes in Kansas. Both homes happened to be Episcopalian. One was for “normal” kids and the other for “delinquents.” They were each placed accordingly. This was a terrible time for our family, especially for my brothers, but lo and behold, God put them EXACTLY where they needed to be. Each received the nurturing and protection that wasn't possible within our family. In fact, my “delinquent” brother still maintains a relationship with Father Sword (“The Blade”), who was his advocate throughout a very difficult adolescence.

I stayed with my mother, which posed its own unique challenges. Like my brothers, I sought out surrogates, most of whom were from Catholic or Mormon families. Neither faith took hold for me.

As an older woman with a painful and complicated past, I began to crave a deeper connection than what is possible with other people. I eventually landed on the steps of Emmanuel only because of the role the Episcopalians played with my brothers. I knew you all to be good people.

To me, the most fascinating aspect of the bible is this: You can't live as long as I have and not recognize yourself in the stories across the scriptures. The lessons contained within are truly guideposts to living. Turns out, I'm slowly breaking a long standing habit of making things harder than they need to be.

I hope you are all enjoying Rev. Patti's gifts as much as I do. Untangling the language and revealing context is no easy task. I for one am extremely grateful.

As Senior Warden, my goal is to be of maximum assistance wherever I'm called. I look forward to getting to know everyone through some exciting new ministries that are unfolding within the Vestry. Stay tuned! In the meantime, may peace and mercy be with you, one and all.

Sincerely, *Susan Vineyard*, Senior Warden



One on One Meeting with Rev. Patti

Now that the COVID-19 vaccine has been more widely distributed and Rev. Patti has completed her vaccination, she would like to extend an invitation to visit with you one on one if you feel comfortable doing so. She is happy to come to your home or meet for coffee. If you would like to schedule a time to meet one on one with Rev. Patti, please let Kerri in the office know.

Coos Food Cupboard News

The Coos Food Cupboard recently completed some significant improvements that increased security and comfort for the food bank clients and volunteers.

The hard work of the Coos Food Cupboard Board and Chairman Brian Sullivan, Rev. Dr. Patti Hale, Junior Warden Dave Laird, the Vestry, and the generosity of Emmanuel's parishioners and our community made this possible.

CANOPY - The food cupboard canopy was not only worn out and faded but was deteriorating and falling in on itself. The canopy was replaced and as you can see, it is looking good!



LIGHTS - Recent vandalism and concerns about the lack of lighting/visibility around the food cupboard entrance made it clear that better security lighting was needed. Reese Electric did a great job installing the new LED security lighting and under-canopy LED lights. They were on time and on-budget!

SHELVES - And thanks to a grant from the South Coast Food Share, new shelving was installed so items can be stored off the floor and much more accessible to the clients and volunteers.



Special thanks to the following for their generous donations that made these projects possible:

Dave & Terrye Laird
Faye Stuart
Judy & Wilbur Jensen
Liz Cowden
Joe & Xandra McKeown
Myrle Ellingsen
Chuck & Diana Wall
Eric Kohler

Donations of toilet paper for the month of May would be greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*



Music Ministry

E komo mai! - which is Hawaiian for: Please welcome back Nancy Clarke (pictured), who will be playing music for Emmanuel services from May 23 through June 13. Nancy is the pianist for the Contemporary Choir, which has been on hiatus for over a year, so it will be good to see and hear her again.

Requests: If there is a particular hymn or other piece of music you would like to hear (an instrumental version of) this summer, please let me know! My email is coco@katemusic.com, or you can call or text (503)701-1951.

Respectfully,
Kate Moody, Parish Music Director



Diocese of Oregon: Extraordinary Young Musicians at St. Paul's, May 2 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

All concerts are online for the 2020-21 season.

Featuring: Olivia Curry, Vocalist, South Salem High School Senior; Emma Tiffany, Vocalist, Sprague High School Senior; Debra Huddleston, Accompanist



Premiers May 2 at 4:00 on the St. Paul's YouTube channel. The links to the concert and program can be found at: stpaulsoregon.org and then selecting "Music Guild Concerts".

Which Partner Knows Best?

Recently the senior warden from St. Johns in Bandon, Judy Jackson, reached out with an idea of "how well do Rev's Patti & Doug Hale know each other after 30 years of marriage? Being a couple of good humor, it was decided to have a little fun with our own version of a "Not-So-Newlyweds Game". We are sharing the answers to "What are Rev. Patti's Favorite..." and St. Johns will be sharing "What are Rev. Doug's Favorite...". Let's see which partner knows the other best!

Question: What is Rev. Patti's Favorite.....?

Rev. Patti's Answers:

Vegetable: Snow peas

Place in Oregon: Bastendorff Beach

Psalm: 121

Gospel passage: "Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father has chosen to give you the kingdom."
Luke 12:32

Season: Summer

Place she's lived: Chicago

Type of music: Gregorian Chant

Geography (i.e. beach, mountains, desert or forest): Forest

Dessert: Anything with dark chocolate and whipped cream

Movie: The Mission

Book: Gilead

Pizza topping: Pepperoni, mushroom and olives

Day off routine or activity: walking on the beach or yard work

Favorite recess game as a child: Four Square

Rev. Doug's Answers:

Vegetable: green beans

Place in Oregon: actually her favorite place is Mt. Rainier in Washington

Psalm: Psalm 139

Gospel passage: John 20:18

Season: Summer (it's warm)

Place she's lived: the coast

Type of music: 80s dance music, Christian chant

Geography (i.e. beach, mountains, desert or forest): beach or mountains

Dessert: chocolate, anything chocolate

Movie: O Brother, Where Art Thou

Book: The Epic of Gilgamesh

Pizza topping: sausage and mushroom

Day off routine or activity: walking on the beach

Favorite recess game as a child: have no clue



To see how well Patti knows Doug, check out St. Johns newsletter at:
<https://stjohnsbandon.org/newsletter-and-calendar/>

Trees of Emmanuel

Did you know several of the trees on the parish grounds are dedicated to specific people and/or families? Thank you to Terrye Laird for sharing with us the following information about Emmanuel's trees.



The Bedingfield Family



Rev. Gene Jennings



Fred Johnson



Rev. Christy Close Erskine

A big thank you goes to Doug Laird who is the longtime arborist of Emmanuel. He not only cares for the trees on the parish grounds but also the apple trees planted at Shepherd's House, which many, including the preschool have been able to enjoy over the years.

If you have any special recollections or stories you would like to share about the trees of Emmanuel and those they are dedicated to, please let Kerri in the parish office know so we can share them in June's newsletter. Email: Administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org Phone: 541-269-5829



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In response to our last month's article about Emmanuel's roses, we received the following responses:

Hi Emmanuel,

A botanist I am not, but in the early 1970's when my mother worked as a floral designer, she brought home a beautiful rose bud that was yellow tinged with red like the one in your photo. It slowly opened into a full double bloom. She said it was a newly developed hybrid tea rose called "Flamenco." Maybe that is your mystery rose? ~Submitted by Denise Skillman, St. John Episcopal Church in Bandon

Another possible recollection was shared that the unidentified roses were planted in memory of Esther Murdock. Although we were unable to confirm the possibility from our church records, The Rev. Thomas L. Murdock and Esther's daughter, Heather, does fondly share that the colors of the rose pictured were her "mother's colors". Esther Murdock did plant the hydrangea bush that once was located in front of the parish office before it was removed for safety reasons.



Coos Bay School District, Little Pirates Preschool Promise

Enrolling now! Help spread the word about this amazing program offering quality childcare and education to our community for the 2021-2022 school year!

To qualify, families must meet certain income limits or the child must be in foster care. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2021.

2021-2022 School Year Interest Form can be found at the link below.

<https://www.cbd9.net/apps/news/article/1416995>

If you are interested having your child attend preschool, please fill out the above mentioned form and e-mail to carlia@coos-bay.k12.or.us or drop off at Eastside School at 370 2nd Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420. You can also pick up a paper form from Eastside School. For more information, please call 541-267-1340



Duke Davidson Birthday - May 6

Eli Davidson Birthday - May 6

Emmett Hale Birthday - May 14

Bob Huggins Birthday - May 14

Brynn Stevens Blanc Birthday - May 29

Jill & Jason Davidson Anniversary - May 31

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