



The Messenger

January 2023

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Rector Reflection

I wanted to share a paragraph from the annual report letter from the Devereux Center we received this week. The full report will be added in the reports for the Annual Meeting, but I was so moved by this story I wanted to share it with you.

"One of our most amazing examples of collaboration this year is the story of "Timmy". Timmy has been living on the street for quite a long time. He ate out of dumpsters, sat in rain puddles, ate meat that was very rotten and the list continues. Officer Babb (Coos Bay Police Department's Community Resource Officer), Coos Health and Wellness Mobile Crisis team and more met with Timmy on a regular basis working to help him find a better path. Over and over the offers of help were rejected. Officer Babb didn't give up on Timmy. He checked on Timmy several times a week and had conversations encouraging him to consider moving into Coalbank Village. Over the course of six months (or more) members of our team, and the others previously mentioned, worked with Timmy, showing him compassion and support. Today, Timmy has been a guest at Coalbank Village for nearly a month. He is connected with a primary care provider and has been meeting with his case manager and setting goals. The support that the community gives to the Devereux Center allows us to assist people like Timmy in moving from the street into a more productive life."

This one hopeful story among a world of bad news made my day. I hope it makes yours too. And, I am so very proud of the efforts of Emmanuel Parish over the last year in supporting the Devereux center with donations of feminine hygiene supplies, razors and shaving cream, blankets, and coats as well as a financial gift for Coalbank Village which has moved 30% of its residents into permanent housing over the last year! These small, unseen gifts of love and mercy make a real difference in the lives of our unhoused neighbors. Thank you for following Christ and opening your hearts to 'the least of these' in our community.

See you in Church! *Patti+*

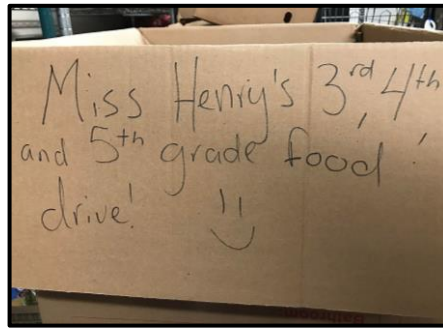


Coastal Families Relief Nursery Update

Exciting news! Coastal Families Relief Nursery (CFRN) was awarded a grant of \$110,000 from Advanced Health. This will be a boost to helping us get started! The Board should have a Program Manager hired and ready to start very soon. The Executive Director position is posted and interviews will start early in the new year. Once these positions are in place, other staff (teachers, assistant teachers, etc.) will be hired. At the same time, ordering has begun for the needed items to fully equip and supply the classroom and office space. It is wonderful to see so much taking shape, as we look to a spring date to open the doors to serve children and families.

~submitted by Nancylee Stewart

Relief Nursery prevents the cycle of child abuse and neglect through early intervention that focuses on building successful and resilient children, strengthening parents, and preserving families.

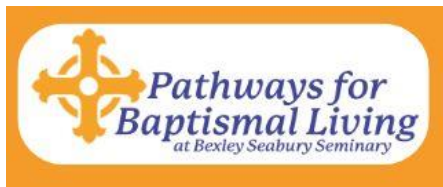


Coos Food Cupboard

Thank you to Emmanuel and our community for all their support in 2022. As you all know, it was a difficult year for many to make ends meet with the rising cost of food. This also impacted the food cupboard's ability to obtain discounted bulk food items from the South Coast Food Share like we normally do. It meant we had to start buying from local stores and markets at those higher prices as well to meet the rise of the number of clients to the food cupboard. Without your generosity, we would not have been able to meet those needs. Thank you, Emmanuel, for your generosity and blessings.

For the month of January, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of toilet paper. It is an often requested item that our guests cannot purchase with their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Thank you for your continued support of the Coos Food Cupboard!

~submitted by Brian Sullivan

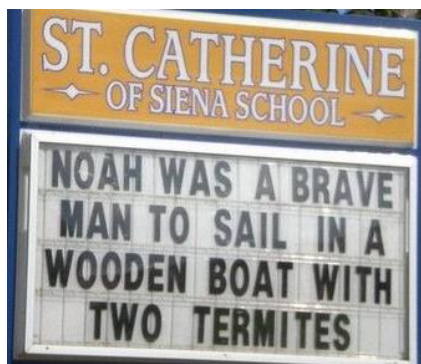


Pathways for Baptismal Living Courses for 2023

Beginning in January 2023, Pathways for Baptismal Living at Bexley Seabury Seminary will offer several courses and trainings that are open to anyone to register. Courses range from 4-8 weeks long and require around 3-4 hours per week. Here are some of their offerings:

- Foundations for Baptismal Living (January 8 - February 4)
- Evangelism Leadership Training (January 8 - February 18)
- Exploring the Doctrine of Discovery (January 15 - February 12)
- Gracious Leaders: Becoming Beloved Community Facilitator Training (January 15 - February 11)
- Discerning My Path for Faithful Living (January 15 - May 20)
- Discovering the Story You Need to Tell (January 15 - March 4)
- Worship Leader Training (January 29 - March 25)
- Faith Formation Leaders Training (January 29 - March 18)

Explore all of the offerings from Pathways online by going to <https://www.bexleyseabury.edu/pathways/>



~submitted for your enjoyment by Kerry Oxford ©



Washed Ashore

The lovely young lady in the photos is Baylee, the docent at the new Washed Ashore facility in Coos Bay. These sculptures are currently in-house. Come by to enjoy their recycled and creative expressions.

The fish, the Whale's Tail, the Sea Horse are just some of the sculptures produced by the volunteers at Washed Ashore. Using plastics and other items found on our local beaches they create giant marine sculptures which educate the world about plastics pollution. If you are interested in joining the work on environmental issues, this is a real opportunity to help. They have recently opened a workshop here, in Coos Bay, at 1584 N. 7th Street (just around the corner and down the street from Dave's Pizza). Currently they are open for volunteers to join their work on Wednesdays between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM. For further information, you can email them at volunteer@washedashore.org.

~submitted by Elizabeth Roman



JANUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Patti Nichols & Jerry White Anniversary - January 2

Ingrid Sullivan Birthday - January 5

Chuck Wall Birthday - January 5

Grant Cable Birthday - January 8

Brian Sullivan Birthday - January 15

John Whitty Birthday - January 18

Kathy Bennett Birthday - January 20

Fran & Wendy Whitaker Anniversary - January 24

Grace Hanson Birthday - January 25

*****February Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Tuesday, January 24th*****