



The Messenger

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Rector Reflection

On Tuesday, May 16th, Emmanuel was blessed to host Pamela Filbert who is a volunteer historian working on the history of people of color in Coos County. Most recently she has been researching the 1924 unsolved murder of Timothy "Frank" Pettis. Pettis, an African American man, lived and worked here in Coos Bay. His body was recovered from the bay after being accused by sailors at a local cafe of having a knife. He was chased by police responding to the reports of the disturbance but mysteriously disappeared. Upon autopsy it was determined that he had been castrated and asphyxiated and dumped in the bay. There was an inquest, but no conclusion and seemingly not much effort to discover the perpetrator(s) was made.



Needless to say it was a difficult story to hear. But it is a necessary story to tell. The experience of racial bias against people of color in Coos County is a reality. We have learned two names in recent years: Alonzo Tucker and now Timothy Pettis. The point of such naming and research is not to incur shame or seek to blame and impose guilt. Rather it is to seek justice for those whose lives were cut short by acknowledging that racism is real. It is often very subtle and genteel and sometimes extremely ugly and violent. Either way, racism is a *sin*. It is an offense against God. It is a pattern of thinking and acting that diminishes another human being on false assumptions based on skin tone. It is not seeing the face of Christ in others. It is using power at your disposal. (e.g. words, attitudes, access to a way of life that others would like to enjoy but are prevented) Subtle and overt racism in thought, word and deed was a reality in the early days of Coos County. It was experienced among the African Americans, the Chinese, the Japanese and the Native peoples of the Coos and Coquille. This is what Pam reminded us all in her powerful presentation.

But the bigger and more pressing question is to consider in what ways is racism a reality now? How have our thoughts, words and deeds changed at all? In what ways do we actively diminish our neighbors whom we are commanded to love as ourselves? This is painful work. None of us wants to believe we have racist thoughts and actions as individuals. And yet the history of race relations in the world compels us to see the truth that humans throughout history have been formed to think some people are more and better humans than others. We must repent of this and turn to the Lord. We must be bold enough in our faith in Jesus Christ to acknowledge the ways in which we fall short of truly loving our neighbors and we must change our ways. The way of Christ is the way of love; genuine, authentic and substantive love. By the power of the Holy Spirit the transformation of our hearts is promised. Be not afraid.

See you in Church! *Patti+*

Summer Class with Rev. Patti

Rev. Patti will be holding a class called "Comparative Christianity". This is an historical and theological survey on the formative beliefs and practices of the major Christian denominations that have emerged throughout the last two millennia. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 12:00pm-1:30pm in the Undercroft for any who are interested. Class begins June 14 and ends on July 19.



Preschool Goods Yard Sale

The yard sale was a good success! In total, we raised \$560.00 for our 'Parish Roof Fund'. Although we did have many items left over, we were able to donate those items to other organizations in town that help our community such as the North Bend Public Library, Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the Coos Bay Fire Department.

Special thanks to the following individuals for helping to bring all the preschool items from upstairs to the undercroft, organizing and pricing items, cashiering, and transporting the unsold items to new homes: Nat Jaeggli, Al Rumsch, Xandra McKeown, Liz Cowden, Nancy Lee Stewart & Cary Pugh, Susan Foreman, Pat Cross, and Carla Courtney. It was a HUGE project, and you are very appreciated!



Keep Those You Love Safe from Scams

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

2:00 PM to 3:15 PM ET

You work all your life to build what you have, but scammers can take it away in an instant. Join Paul Greenwood, a retired deputy district attorney who prosecuted hundreds of elder abuse cases, as he shares lessons learned. You'll discover the many ways that people are targeted, actions you can take to keep you and your loved ones safe, and what to do if you become a victim.

Highlights:

- Learn from a veteran prosecutor the ways to spot trouble.
- Ask questions to get solutions from an expert.
- Gain practical tips to protect family and community members from being exploited.

Reserve your spot by letting the parish office know and Kerri will send you the registration link.





CREATE YOUR OWN MUSICAL! Summer Camp

Children entering second through fifth grades are invited to participate in Create Your Own Musical!, a two-week music camp being held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, June 19-30. At the Create Your Own Musical! camp, students create and perform dialogue, lyrics, music, and choreography for a short musical under the direction of camp director Kate Moody and teaching assistant, Matthew Reynolds.

Create Your Own Musical! is the brainchild of composer, pianist, and music teacher Kate Moody, who developed the Creative Method of music education when she began teaching music in 1990. The Creative Method combines traditional music strategies (reading and reproducing written notes and rhythms) with learning scales and chords and writing and improvising music with those scales and chords. Musical experience is great, but not required as all the parts are created during the camp so different experience levels can be mixed.

The camp musical will be about Harlequin, a child whose widowed parent can't buy a costume for Harlequin to wear to the village fair. The other village children each cut out a piece of their own costume so that there is enough fabric for Harlequin's costume - which turns out to be the most colorful of all!

This free camp is underwritten by a generous grant from Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Space is limited, so students must register to attend. Campers can register on the Emmanuel Episcopal Church website:

<https://www.episcopalcoosbay.org/event-details/create-your-own-musical>

If you are available to volunteer to help with the summer camp, please let Kerri in the office know. Emmanuel Episcopal Church follows Safe Church Guidelines in all its youth related activities, so all individuals wishing to help are required to pass a background check prior to volunteering.

For more about the camp director, Kate Moody, please visit her website at www.katemusic.com. For questions regarding the summer camp, she can be reached at (503) 701-1951.



Special ask from the Parish Office

The weather is starting to warm up, which means we have started to have more visitors stopping by and asking for a drink of water for themselves and sometimes their furry companions. It is VERY helpful to have bottles of water on hand to give so if you feel so inspired, we would be very grateful for donations of bottled water for the parish office. Thank you!!

Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of June, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of ready-to-eat meals such as spaghetti, pork & beans, and chili. For our furry clients, we also need dog and cat food in pre-portioned zip lock bags or cans.



To make a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard, please make your check out to "Coos Food Cupboard" and mail it to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Thank you for your continued and generous support of the Coos Food Cupboard!

~submitted by Brian Sullivan

Junior Warden Report: Shepherd House

Last month saw the completion of another Buildings and Grounds improvement project, as the "mud" was poured to finish a concrete patio behind Shepherd House. It was an idea that Doug Laird had last fall when, working with Zack Randle of Randle Brothers Construction, the site was excavated and graded. The rainy season and scheduling conflicts put off completion of the project, but finally the stars aligned, and Doug, Scott Randle, and the crew were able to make quick work of the pour. The new patio adds a cozy outdoor area in which the Bishop can relax while working on the south coast.

~submitted by Al Rumsch, Junior Warden



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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 Thursday, June 22nd****



COASTAL FAMILIES RELIEF NURSERY

Meet Our Team



Executive Director Evan Porter

Hello! I was born and raised in Coos Bay, Oregon and graduated from Oregon Tech. with a Bachelors in Small Business Management. I had been looking for an opportunity to work with a non profit organization in our area and I am thrilled to be a part of the Relief Nursery Organization. In my free time I like to garden and spend time with my family!



Program Manager Kallie Mill

So happy to be a part of the Relief Nursery team! With my background in child care, home visiting and parent education training I feel like this is the perfect place for me. I also feel right at home at Emmanuel, as all 3 of my kiddos attended preschool here! :) In my free time I am busy with Little Opry on the Bay and exploring the beauty of the Oregon Coast!



Our First Event!

We are just getting started! We were able to attend the Child Care Resource Fair. At this even we shared our information with many families in our area and met community partners as well! Thank you for sharing your space with us, we are thrilled to be here!

Get in contact with us to schedule a visit! We'd love to meet you and show you our space! 📍

Contact Evan Porter at evan@coastalfamilies.org for more info!

Please feel free to share this with anyone who might be interested.