



The Messenger

April 2021

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Priest Musings

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.*



What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

These profound words from Ecclesiastes have been on my heart lately as I reflect on the last remarkable and disturbing year. January 19 marked the one year anniversary of beginning my ministry with you here at Emmanuel. Likewise, the one year anniversary of the pandemic lock down just passed. So much has happened over this last year! Just taking a mental inventory of it all is dizzying! Yet, I am convinced that God's hand has been with us. We have remained steadfast in our faith and endured a crushing load of isolation and ever changing adjustments. And now we are in springtime.

I asked the Vestry in February at our planning retreat if they would consider naming me as Rector now, instead of going to the end time of the initial contract. It was to be at that time when we would all discern whether or not to continue with this arrangement. I did this for two reasons. One is, I have come to realize how much I love all of you and how Emmanuel is a really good fit for me. Another is that we would like to buy or build a home. Making me the Rector now gives tenure and permanence (well...as permanent as the seasons of our lives might allow) and that is helpful when putting down roots.

Thankfully, the Vestry felt the same way about my presence among you and so ... here we are! A new season and hopefully a new 'springtime' for the parish in which we will continue to overcome the challenges the pandemic has brought and re-emerge stronger, more loving and compassionate and extend a greater witness to God's Love in our communities. Qoheleth, the writer of Ecclesiastes, states that with all our toil we still cannot know God's mind or what God has planned for us. This is true. But we sure can enjoy what we *do* know of God's mind that is given to us!

Thank you for calling me to be Rector. Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your priest. I have been greatly blessed and humbled by all the emails, cards and expressions of welcome and support. I offer you the best I have to give. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless Emmanuel parish with resilience and new life. We are, after all, an Easter people. See you at Church! *Rev. Patti+*

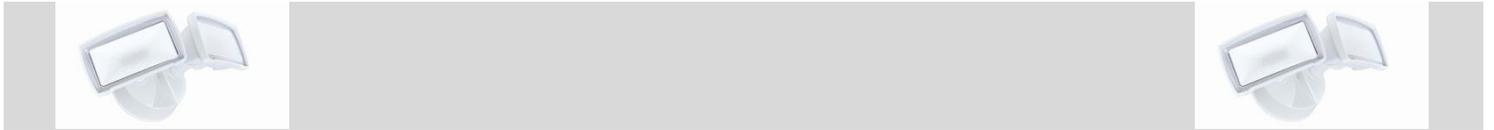


Office Holiday Closures

The parish office will be closed Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5.
Rector will be on vacation April 5th - 10th.

2021 Parish Directory

Please let Kerri in the parish office know if your address, email or phone number has changed so we can update our Parish Directory for 2021. Thank you.



Coos Food Cupboard, Security Lights

In last month's newsletter, we shared some upcoming projects the food cupboard was working on. One of those projects was to address the need to increase security and safety around the food cupboard by installing security lights. We are excited to share we have ALMOST reached our financial goal to be able to install security lights around the Coos Food Cupboard entrance and parish house. We only need \$180.00 more to move forward with completing this needed improvement.

For the month of April, donations of shelf stable items such as ravioli, canned fruits and vegetables, and chili would be greatly appreciated.

Every bit makes a huge difference for those in our community living with food insecurity. Thank you to all of Emmanuel for your continued support of the Coos Food Cupboard through your donations of food and nonfood items, money and time.

Community Shout out - Thank you, Mean Street Sandwich & Bakery, for another generous donation of bread to the Coos Food Cupboard.

And if you haven't tried Mean Street sandwiches yourself yet, we highly recommend you do....YUM!!! The favorite in the parish office is definitely the pastrami Reuben and their award winning clam chowder.

Hmmm....is it lunch time yet????

<https://www.facebook.com/MeanStreetCoosBay/>

Music Ministry

Dear Friends,

It is wonderful to be back with you live and in-person!

Nat Jaeggli has given us a sneak preview of his sermon for April 11: a song by Kris Kristofferson called "Why Me, Lord." Here is a Youtube video of Kris telling the story of how the song came to him, and his rendition of the song with back-up musicians Willie Nelson and Janie Frickie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tA7E7pbUws>

Wishing you a blessed Eastertide!

Kate Moody, Parish Music Director





Little Pirates Preschool Promise - Dan Birskovich, Lead Teacher

“Hello, I am Daniel Birskovich, one of the Preschool Promise teachers in the “Little Pirates Preschool” at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. I have been teaching in the Coos Bay/Bandon area for the last 28 years. Eight years was spent at Head Start and then the last twenty years at the Family Center on the SWOCC campus.

My original plan was to stay only a year on the southern Oregon coast and then head out into the great big world - but plans change. ☺ It has been an amazing experience living on the coast for these many years.

What I enjoy most about my experience as a teacher is sharing a child’s journey as they discover the world - how to use a hammer and a saw, what it feels like to have a slug crawl up your arm or to discover and treasure a best friend. The preschool years are so important to creating the building blocks for success in school and in life. I feel privileged to share that opportunity and experience with each child. Thank you, Emmanuel, for creating the space to make this possible in the next chapter of my teaching career.”

Lynn & Andy Nasburg Address Update

If you would like to send a card or word of encouragement to Lynn & Andy, the following is the address to send it to:

Lynn & Andy Nasburg
c/o Kristin & Marvin Houston
7940 S.W. Lantana Place
Beaverton, OR 97008



Bittersweet News

Our own Cassandra Hawley has received orders for her new assignment. She does not have definite move dates but she expects to begin her new assignment in late June at Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco! Please pray for her as she sets forth into a new phase of the adventure. Cassandra Hawley, YOU WILL BE MISSED!

Roses of Emmanuel

After posting a photo to our Facebook page about our first rose of 2021, we received several inquiries into what kind of roses we have on Emmanuel’s grounds. Not having a green thumb and instead a penchant for killing any flower or plant ever given to me, it was time to do some research!



“What kind of rose do you think this is?” ~~~~~

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### *"Father Steve and Celeste's Roses"*

As many of you know, Rev. Steve Tyson was the rector of Emmanuel from 2001-2013 and curate from 1974-1977. In the quest to find out more about Emmanuel's roses, it was suggested Fr. Steve may know. I emailed him asking about the roses of Emmanuel and he shared this, "Celeste and I planted the roses on the south side of the parish house in memory of Celeste's father who died in 2008. One was a floribunda called "Drop Dead" red which had/has many smaller red blossoms. On one side we planted a "Mister Lincoln" and on the other side a "Veterans Honor" (pictured below). Those were both hybrid tea roses and had a larger blossom on single stems. So, I suspect the one in the picture you sent was planted later."



### *Terrye Laird joins the search!*

Another name that came up as I continued to track down the identities of Emmanuel's roses was Terrye Laird. Terrye spends hours and hours every year cleaning up the flower beds, watering and feeding the flowers (one of those things I tend to always forget), pruning, and replanting areas that need it to keep Emmanuel's flowers beautiful and healthy. One of the inquiries from our Facebook post asked if the rose was a "Double Delight", which I posed to Terrye while she was working on the garden beds one afternoon. Double Delight roses are so called because of their "eye-catching color combination and fantastic fragrance". So there was just one thing left to do...we stopped and smelled the roses. And although our roses do indeed have an "eye-catching color combination", they are devoid of any "fantastic fragrance" at all.

### *The search continues...*

Terrye believes the roses may be Peace Hybrid Tea Roses. Friends of Emmanuel, what do you think? Do you know what kind of roses are pictured? Do you have any stories or history you would like to share about Emmanuel's roses or grounds? We would love to hear from you and share in our May newsletter. Please send to Kerri in the parish office at [Administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org](mailto:Administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org) and look for our next newsletter article about the "Trees of Emmanuel".



### **April Birthday & Anniversaries**

Dave Laird Birthday - April 4  
Kerry Oxford - April 4  
Janet Huggins Birthday - April 5  
Joe & Xandra McKeown Anniversary - April 17  
Nat & Sally Jaeggli Anniversary - April 20  
Shaymus Hanlin Birthday - April 21  
Nancy Clarke Birthday - April 23  
Sawyer Payne Birthday - April 23

Please email the office at [Administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org](mailto:Administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org) to have your birthday and/or anniversary included in the church announcements and prayers. Photos and stories to celebrate your special day are encouraged and appreciated!

***\*\*May Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, April 23rd\*\****