



The Messenger

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Rector Reflection

Sr. Amy suggested that for the 'Green Season', the liturgical season for half of the year, on Sundays after Pentecost, that the Newsletter articles should be teachings about Episcopalian customs and practices in liturgy. I thought that was a fine idea! So here goes the teaching for the month of July.

The question to consider this month is what is called 'open communion'. This phrase describes a desired practice by many that the sacrament of Holy Communion should be given to whomsoever should desire to receive it who attend an Episcopal Eucharist. There are good reasons for this. For example: Revelation 22:17, Isaiah 55:1-9, Matthew 11:25-30. Coupled with a desire to warmly welcome others. However, the Episcopal Church requires a person to have first been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Why is this? It is spelled out like this because other Christian traditions do not believe in or use the title of the Trinity at Baptism. This is historical and unifying language within the Christian Church through time. In the simplest terms... using this language binds us to an understanding of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit that has been standard since the earliest followers of Jesus started gathering regularly. (i.e. The Apostles' Creed) More than this, the requirement of Baptism to receive Eucharist is about the proclamation of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. To be Baptized as an infant someone brought you to the Church. To be Baptized as an adult a person chooses to come to the font by their own will. Either way, *the proclamation is the same...* you are Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection and intend to follow him all your days.

The Eucharist is the ongoing sacrament of God's love, grace and redemption given to us by Christ. To receive the Eucharist is to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ until he returns. In other words, Baptism is the entrance rite into the Body of Christ, and the Eucharist is the sustaining and sanctifying rite for believers and disciples. Some feel this is not welcoming. But it is important to consider what it means to be welcoming. We welcome any visitor, no matter what their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious upbringing, age, etc... But ultimately, we are also welcoming such visitors to embrace the life and identity as a follower of Jesus Christ. Repeatedly, the House of Bishops have overruled attempts to change this practice NOT because they are mean and unwelcoming... but because the liturgy is a proclamation of who Jesus Christ is and the invitation to believe and live for him in this world. A final note: We DO invite all people present to come forward to receive prayer and blessing.

See you Sunday! *Patti+*

Parish Office Closed for Independence Day

The parish office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Normal business hours will resume Monday, July 6.

As we mark the holiday, we pray for our nation and for all who call it home, giving thanks for the freedoms we enjoy while renewing our commitment to seek justice, peace, and the common good.





Senior Warden Reflections....

Who Cares?

Short answer? You do!

I am continually impressed and appreciative of the caring people in our Emmanuel family that donate, volunteer, and perform other acts of caring and kindness. Folks step up as the need arises. We see this with the support of our Coos Food Cupboard, the Nursery volunteers, the Relief Nursery donations, all the Sunday service volunteers, extra help in the office when needed, and so much more! All the folks that help with coffee hour, funeral/memorial services, other celebrations! The list goes on and on....

I know Rev. Patti has shared how amazed and grateful she is with all the support found at Emmanuel.

People do what they can.

Thank you for caring and doing!

Your grateful Senior Warden, *Nancylee Stewart*



Sr. Patti and Johanna Cielo went with 30 or so other citizens concerned about affordable housing to the development on Broadway in North Bend! Very nice facility being built with expectation of opening to residents in October! If you would like more information, Sr. Patti has paperwork about the project. Just ask!

Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of July, the food cupboard needs and would appreciate donations of clean egg cartons and reusable grocery bags. Since the food cupboard purchases crates of eggs in bulk at a discounted price, it is important to have the egg cartons to then be able to portion them out for our clients. We also ask our clients to provide their own bags, but most are unable to do so.

Please also consider a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard. Please make checks out to "Coos Food Cupboard". Checks can be dropped off in the parish office or mailed to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, OR 97420. **Donations are tax-deductible.**

Questions? Ready to donate? Ready to volunteer? Please contact Brian Sullivan for more information:

Phone: 541-217-0258 or Email: brianjfc@gmail.com

Thank you as always for your generosity and support of the Coos Food Cupboard! *Brian Sullivan*, CFC Board Member



HANDY LITTLE CHART

God has a positive answer:

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GOD SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
You say: "It's impossible"	God says: All things are possible	(Luke 18:27)
You say: "I'm too tired"	God says: I will give you rest	(Matthew 11:28-30)
You say: "Nobody really loves me"	God says: I love you	(John 3:1 6 & John 3:34)
You say: "I can't go on"	God says: My grace is sufficient	(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)
You say: "I can't figure things out"	God says: I will direct your steps	(Proverbs 3:5- 6)
You say: "I can't do it"	God says: You can do all things	(Philippians 4:13)
You say: "I'm not able"	God says: I am able	(II Corinthians 9:8)
You say: "It's not worth it"	God says: It will be worth it	(Roman 8:28)
You say: "I can't forgive myself"	God says: I Forgive you	(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
You say: "I can't manage"	God says: I will supply all your needs	(Philippians 4:19)
You say: "I'm afraid"	God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear	(II Timothy 1:7)
You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"	God says: Cast all your cares on ME	(I Peter 5:7)
You say: "I'm not smart enough"	God says: I give you wisdom	(I Corinthians 1:30)
You say: "I feel all alone"	God says: I will never leave you or forsake you	(Hebrews 13:5)

Seventeenth Century Nun's Prayer

“Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint – some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen.”

~Gleefully shared by Liz Cowden



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

GINNA RICHARDSON HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY - JULY 3

CAROL ZUVICH BIRTHDAY – JULY 7

JOHN & TERI WHITTY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 10

JAMES PEWITT YANCEY BIRTHDAY – JULY 25

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!*

****August Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, July 24th****