



The Messenger

December 2022

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Rector Reflection

Did you know that each candle of the Advent wreath has been assigned meaning? Typically in the U.S. the designation goes like this:

- First Advent Candle - Hope.
- Second Advent Candle - Love.
- Third Advent Candle - Joy.
- Fourth Advent Candle - Peace.

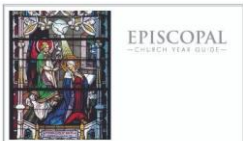
Let these words be for you a focus of daily prayer. At the dinner table or right before you go to sleep ask yourself these questions for each day of the week following the lighting of the corresponding candle:

- November 27- December 3 Where do I find Hope? AND/OR In what/whom did I find hope today?
- December 4 - December 10 Where do I find Love? AND/OR In what/whom did I find love today?
- December 11 - December 17 Where do I find Joy? AND/OR In what/whom did I find joy today?
- December 18 - December 24 Where do I find Peace? AND/OR In what/whom did I find peace today?

You will find that asking these questions during Advent is a beautiful way to prepare for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas. It is in him we find all our hopes, loves, joys and peace brought to their perfection! I encourage you to take the time to dwell on the meaning of Advent, which literally means "Toward the Coming". Advent leans in, listens for the songs of angels and God's in-breaking into the world as the Word made flesh.

God bless you during these days of waiting, preparation and expectation! Come thou long expected Jesus!!

See you Sunday, *Patti*+



2023 Episcopal Church Year Guide Kalendars are now available in the parish office. We ask for a \$3.00 donation. In addition, there is a selection of **FREE 2023 calendars** donated by several members of the congregation so stop by and check them out!

JANUARY 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Devereux Center

We continue to collect the much needed donations of disposable razors and travel size shaving cream for the Devereux Center. You can also make a donation to the Rector's Discretionary fund and Rev. Patti will purchase the requested hygiene products. Please have your donations to the parish office before the final Friday of each month if you are able to help with this important ministry of Emmanuel. Thank you!



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to make an offering toward the poinsettias that decorate our church at Christmas time in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one, please contact the church office, Administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org or 541-269-5829. Your remembrance will be included in the Christmas bulletins.



Coos Food Cupboard

Thanks to the generous donations from Emmanuel and our community we were able to provide 125 Thanksgiving dinner boxes to our clients. The boxes included a turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, crispy onions, cream of mushroom soup, fixings for mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, and dessert. Many thanks as well to all the volunteers who showed up and made it happen!

For the month of December, we are always in need of the heavy duty grocery bags. Thank you for your continued support of the Coos Food Cupboard.

~submitted by Brian Sullivan



Longest Night Service December 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Sister Amy Linder will be leading a Longest Night Service. This is a Christmas Observance designed for those for whom the holiday is a very difficult time. For example it is a service for those who have lost a child, a spouse, a pet, or a job. Also, someone who may be going through a health crisis or simply feel depressed this time of year. It is held on December 21, the winter solstice, to proclaim the light and hope we have in Christ on the darkest night of the year. There are hymns, a series of Scriptures which are read followed by reflections on the texts and the lighting of candles. It is a gentle and pastoral service for those who might be feeling 'outside' the joy of the season. If you know anyone who might benefit from this service, please invite them to attend.

Gentle reminder:

If you are not current on your 2022 pledge please become so before December 31st as it really helps the finance team in closing out the books for the year. All pledges/donations for the 2022 tax season must be received in the office postmarked by December 31, 2022.

THANK YOU!!

Advent Meditation Workshop with the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining:

Enjoy this free multimedia meditation guide for moments of "hush from the rush" this Advent season. This is a free on-demand experience offered by Lifelong Learning at VTS and the General Theological Seminary Center for Christian Spirituality. You can access the workshop until January 31, 2023 at no cost to you. Click here to Register: <https://lifelonglearningvts.teachable.com/p/advent-meditation-workshop/>

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

We are excited to announce Hope & Light—a diocesan youth event for middle and high schoolers—happening January 7-8, 2023, in Salem.



This is the first of many diocesan youth events to come that will feature a time for fellowship, service, and worship. The event is free; however, any donations of \$25 or more will assist with program costs.

Registration is now open! Register [here](#).

You can download the [flyer here](#). Contact [the Rev. Chris Craun](#) with any questions.

Church Ladies with Typewriters

Ready for a chuckle? These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services. What's the funniest typo you've seen in an Emmanuel bulletin?

THE FASTING & PRAYER CONFERENCE INCLUDES MEALS.

NEXT THURSDAY THERE WILL BE TRY-OUTS FOR THE CHOIR. THEY NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET.

THE SERMON THIS MORNING: 'JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER.' THE SERMON TONIGHT: 'SEARCHING FOR JESUS.'

LADIES, DON'T FORGET THE RUMMAGE SALE. IT'S A CHANCE TO GET RID OF THOSE THINGS NOT WORTH KEEPING AROUND THE HOUSE. BRING YOUR HUSBANDS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE CHILDREN AND DON'T KNOW IT, WE HAVE A NURSERY DOWNSTAIRS.

POT-LUCK SUPPER SUNDAY AT 5:00 PM - PRAYER AND MEDICATION TO FOLLOW.

THE PASTOR WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION WOULD LEND HIM THEIR ELECTRIC GIRDLES FOR THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY.

THE EIGHTH-GRADERS WILL BE PRESENTING SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT FRIDAY AT 7 PM. THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS TRAGEDY.



~shared by Terrye Laird

Save the Date, January 29, 2023 - Parish Annual Meeting

This is an official invitation for you to pray about whether or not you are called to serve on the Vestry, the leadership council for the parish. Vestry members serve a 3 year term. Vestry obligations include an active faith and participation in the life of the congregation, attending monthly meetings on the third Sunday at 11:00am-12:30pm, and a desire to share in the leadership of Emmanuel Parish. If you think you want to volunteer, let a member of your Vestry know. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rev. Patti at rev.patti.hale@gmail.com or 541-654-3758.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Knoll Gederos Birthday - December 8

Ali Nicholson Birthday - December 9

Hannah Payne Birthday - December 12

Sully Payne Birthday - December 13

Tom Collins Birthday - December 14

Pat Cross Birthday - December 15

Violet Laird Birthday - December 16

Miranda Seldon Birthday - December 18

Wyatt Laird Birthday - December 21

Rev. Doug Hale Birthday - December 23

Gene Svatos Birthday - December 23

Brian & Ingrid Sullivan Anniversary - December 24

Carla Courtney Birthday - December 26

Claire Hanson Birthday - December 27

Diana Wall Birthday - December 31

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!*

****January Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Tuesday, December 20th****