From the Senior Warden

It has been a busy time around Emmanuel the last few weeks. A team of workers including Pat Cross, Brian Sullivan and Dave & Brad Laird bolted down the playground structure. It was a job well done highlighted by only one trip to the hardware store and a busted electric drill.

The recent Vestry Meeting was highlighted by a visit from Finance Committee chairman Joe McKeown. Joe was there to explain the workings of our endowments and how the interest from those historical donations is used to fund a lot of the things we do in the church. That income takes some pressure off our operating budget. We are truly blessed by the foresight and dedication of our previous generations in the church. Their financial legacy serves us well and contributes greatly to sustaining our church.

Also, the vestry reviewed historical data on attendance at the 7:30 AM Early Service compared to the 8:00 AM Early Service time instituted last fall. The 8:00 AM service drew modestly more attendees. The vote of the 8:00 AM service attendees authorized at the last Vestry meeting resulted in equal numbers in favor of each time. Our recent supply Priests cited experience elsewhere in favoring the 8:00 AM option. After discussion, the vestry voted unanimously to set the early service time to 8:00 AM. The vestry also voted unanimously to set the distribution of the Auntie Em’s sale at 45/45/10 to the Parish/Preschool/Food Cupboard, respectively. Some items are still being sold, but it appears that the sale netted approximately $3000.00.

The search for our new priest is proceeding. The Profile Team has met several times. The rough draft will be reviewed by the team this Friday and should be ready for sharing with our congregation and the Diocese soon.

I need to thank Nat Jaeggli for his commitment to our worship program as he provides Morning Prayer for us once a month. Nat will be back Sunday as he fills in for Constance Hammond+. Constance was looking forward to providing supply services for the next 2 Sundays. Unfortunately, she fell and suffered a broken hip. She will be discharged from the hospital soon and then in a rehab facility for around a month. Constance is a good friend of Bill Henry, a member of St. James in Coquille. Douglas Hale+ from Eugene will be our supply priest April 7. April 14, Palm Sunday and April 21, Easter, we welcome back Peter Fones+.

The search for an organist and choir director continues. Pam Chaney and Kerri Coldren, our church secretary, are working personal contacts around town and social media. Carla Courtney, our interim organist and choir director is shepherding the newsprint search.
The music team met Sunday after the 10:00 AM service to coordinate the various musical components of our worship. Pam Chaney, Carla Courtney, Cassandra Hawley, Dave Laird, and Dan Powell make up the team. We are scheduling a session with a sound board specialist in the immediate future so we can fine tune our sound system for its best presentation of our music.

Those folks who were at the early service last Sunday may have felt a distinct chill in the air. Not from anyone's attitude, but from the furnace. For some reason there was no heat to the church. Several people attacked the thermostats and managed to get heat to the undercroft but were unsuccessful in getting it to the church. Today I met with two technicians from All Weather Heating and they quickly determined that 2 of the 5 burners weren't working. They are ordering parts and will return to finish the service soon. In the meantime, we have learned which furnace units service which parts of the church so I’m pretty sure there will be heat Sunday.

Finally, on a happy note, Melissa Cribbins has volunteered to head up the Easter egg hunt! Also, ladies are encouraged to wear their finest hats to the Easter service. There will be one combined service this day at 10:00 AM.

Sincerely,
David Laird, Senior Warden

Parish Profile Committee Report
Our committee is confident that it will meet its goal of completing Emmanuel’s 2019 Parish Profile before Easter. We are in the process of editing a final draft, which will be submitted to the Vestry. Our members have diligently revised, rewritten, and updated the already excellent 2013 profile to create a new document.

We believe it candidly presents our current financial situation and its resultant necessary priorities, reflects the multifaceted nature of our parish’s hopes and needs, and clearly sets forth the expectations we have for our new priest.

The committee has recommended making the new profile available to the congregation electronically as a .pdf document, as well as in printed form on request.

~ Al Rumsch, Profile Committee Member

Easter Memorials
Memorial gifts for Easter altar flowers or individual lilies can be arranged through the Church office by talking to Kerri before Wednesday, April 17th. If you would like to make an offering toward Easter flowers, please drop it off at the office or put it in the offering plate, noting who it is in memory or honor of. Questions, talk to Kerri in the office at secretary@episcopalcoosbay.org or 541-269-5829.

Join us in wearing your finest Easter hat!
We invite the ladies to wear their finest hats on Easter Sunday. This was a tradition started when Father Gene was at Emmanuel but continues to be a fun way for the women of Emmanuel to come together on the holiday. We look forward to seeing what hats you will wear this year!
Preschool’s Annual Silent Auction and Lasagna Dinner  
Friday, April 12th  
Auction opens at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 6:00 PM.  
If you work for a company that would like to donate or if you have an item you want to donate as an auction item, please bring to the church office between 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Tuesday - Friday. In the past, we have auctioned off everything from massages, to pottery, to tugboat rides! The donation is tax deductible and for a great cause!  

_We would like to have all donations collected by Wednesday, April 10th._

Save the date to join us and bring a friend to the silent auction and dinner in the Undercroft! You will have an opportunity to enjoy a yummy dinner and bid on some great items! All proceeds go to support the preschool. Tax ID #93-0458490

Thank you for your consideration and continued support!  
Hannah Payne (Director), Kerri Coldren (Administrator), and the Emmanuel Preschool Board

**Book Fair was a success!**  
Thanks to everyone who purchased books! From our profits, we were able to obtain $280.60 in books for our Preschool and for our Christmas Outreach baskets. A donation of children's books was also made to our Church Library. We still have some Scholastic Dollars left to purchase more books as needed in the future! THANK YOU!

~Nancylee Stewart, Preschool Board Chair

**Thank you, John & Teri Whitty, for your generous donation to the Preschool’s book fair “wish list”. The kids love their new books!**

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**Bible Study – Thursdays at 1:00 PM in Fran Whitaker’s home**  
We are continuing on in the Gospel of John. Two chapters a week seems to be the norm. Our discussions are lively and Spirit filled.

I'm encouraging those who find 1:00 PM on Thursdays to be inconvenient to lead a time that works for them. Those interested and needing encouragement to lead a Bible study are invited to call me, 541-269-9430. One doesn't need to be a scholar. They just need to be open to what God speaks to us in scripture.

When I don't feel like God is talking to me, I only have to spend a few minutes in His word and we talk up a storm!

God bless you, Fran Whitaker
In Loving Memory of Mae Livingstone
Mae spent many years volunteering in the preschool, sharing in their delight while she read to them and joined in their play. She was cherished greatly by the teachers and the generations of children who’ve come through the preschool doors at Emmanuel. Teacher Cathy shared of her, “Ms. Mae was heaven sent to us and the children.”

Ralph Holland remembered of her, “Ms. Mae was a darling! I would sometimes give her a ride to or from the church. She sincerely loved kids. There wasn’t a hint of cynicism in her. She loved talking about Scotland and how much it rained. I can’t stop smiling while thinking about her! She loved kids. And pie. And she liked to use the term whippersnapper. What a gal.”

Nancylee Stewart shared of her, “Mae was kind, funny and helpful. She volunteered at our Preschool, and the little ones just loved her! Her wonderful "brogue" was always intriguing to the children. Mae also helped with past book fairs. She was happy to do whatever she could. She is greatly missed!”

Church Memorial Windows
There was recently a visitor in the parish office that stopped by because he remembered visiting Emmanuel when he was last in the area a decade ago. He remembered it vividly, specifically because of what he recalled as the most beautiful stained glass he had ever seen. It created an inspiring memory for him all these years.

Here are some interesting facts about our church and the memorial windows: The Narthex is the gathering area inside the main entry of the church. The Narthex is usually at the west end of a church or cathedral. Our altar is in the east end of the building where the "sun (son) rises". The stain glass windows of the South wall of the sanctuary are the Old Testament windows and you can see Abraham and the prophets here. The North wall represents the New Testament or "gospel" side starting with the Nativity all the way through the Resurrection of Christ. Which side do you usually sit on - Old Testament or New?

It has been commented that the church sanctuary appears like an upside down boat with the heavy wooden ribs above our heads; a reminder we are all in this journey together. All Episcopal Churches are built with an uncluttered view of the altar once you step through the Narthex. The eye is drawn to the cross and our focus is directed to worship.

There has been said our church location was significant in that we are built on bedrock but we have been unable to verify that information. Do you know or do you know someone who might whether this is true? It would be interesting to know since from a scriptural view, Jesus was the cornerstone and Peter was the rock on which the church was built.

~Special thanks to Terrye Laird for sharing this history of the church and memorial windows.
MOSES WINDOW
Central Medallion - Moses holding the Tablets of Stone with the Ten Commandments.

Small Medallion - Burning Bush, a symbol of God speaking, Ex. 3:2 "And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed."

Background - Tablets representing the Ten Commandments.

This window was given in memory of Albert Kohler.

JONATHAN WINDOW
Central Medallion - Jonathan holding a bow, spear and quiver of arrows over shoulder.

Small Medallion - Burning heart, denoting his love for David which exceeded his obedience to his father, Saul, who sought to kill David.

Background - Three arrows. I Sam. 20:38

This window was given in memory of Walter E. Butler, Elizabeth Martha Butler and William James Butler.

CRUCIFIXION WINDOW
Central Medallion - The Crucified Christ

Small Medallion - Passion Flower, the symbol for suffering.

Background - Three nails, symbolizing crucifixion.

This window was given in memory of Charles William Wall.
“The value of any historical study rests in the reminder that we are part of a succession of events and the recipients of a noble legacy. The inspiration received from the knowledge that in this place there was another generation which proclaimed and acted out the Good News ought to enable us to trust that another generation will follow.”

~Fr. Thomas L. Murdock, Rector at Emmanuel from 1970 - 1984