



THE MESSENGER

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Emmanuel Episcopal Church
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Senior Warden Update

I want to welcome Christiann Howard to Emmanuel Church. Christiann received blessings and prayers as she formally joined our congregation at the 10:00 AM service on July 7, 2019. Welcome!



Here is a brief bio about Christiann:

"From the first service at Emmanuel, I felt the Lord was calling me to a new home," says Christiann. She is joining the congregation at Emmanuel and the world-wide Episcopal Church after a long search for a denomination that expresses Christ's love as she has come to know it.

Christiann moved to Coos Bay two years ago and shares a house with her spritely 89-year-old mother and two dogs. She loves to hike the trails along our beautiful coastline.

Christiann also spends time in the Seattle area where her two daughters and two granddaughters live, and she travels a lot for her work as a writer.

Christiann thanks everyone at Emmanuel for such a warm welcome and their commitment to being Christ's love in the world.

Preschool Changes

You may have heard that the preschool is closing the nursery program effective August 30, 2019. The preschool wanted to give parents with babies in the nursery program as much time as possible to find new childcare, so notice was sent home to parents on May 24, 2019.

This has been a very difficult decision and was made with sadness and regret. The bottom line is one of financial necessity. The financial stability required to support the State Certified programs has not been met because of current and rising costs of operation.

If financial conditions improve over the course of the year, the preschool leadership team and board hopes the nursery program can be reinstated.



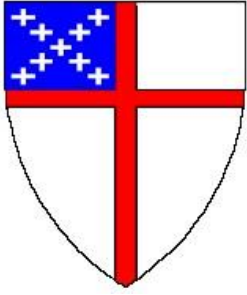
Supply Priests for July

July 7 – Rev. Doug Hale returns.

July 14 – Rev. Richard (Dick) Young – Rev. Young is a retired Lutheran priest. He will also conduct a family service later in the day in the columbarium.

July 21 – Rev. Eileen Heden – Rev. Heden is a retired Episcopal priest from Bandon.

July 28 – Morning Prayer with Licensed Lay Minister Nat Jaeggli



Search Committee Report

The search committee met recently. The purpose of the meeting was to review and examine impressions and thoughts from the recent interview with the candidate for priest-in-charge. Discussion was lively, open and honest. Committee chair Jeff McKeown is following up the team discussions with Canon Neysa at the Diocese regarding diocese recommendations. Pending the outcome of that conversation, a recommendation will be made to the vestry. I could say, "Keep your fingers crossed", but as it's a church thing, it might be better to ask for your prayers as we move forward in our search for a new priest.

Organist/Choir Director Update

At the recent vestry meeting, it was decided to offer the organist/choir director position to Kate Moody. Negotiations are proceeding. Hopefully everything will work out and we'll have our new music director in short order.



Kitchen News - New Latches

The lower cabinets in the kitchen now have child-proof latches. This is the result of the recent State of Oregon inspection. Also, all the knives have been moved off the counters and stored off the counters.

The new latches are much easier to use. Pull the door open, press down on the latch and as they say in Great Britain, "Bob's Your Uncle."

~Dave Laird, Senior Warden

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, 8/17, sometime in the morning (To Be Determined - possibly 9am) a South Coast Convocation Eucharist will be held in Bandon at:

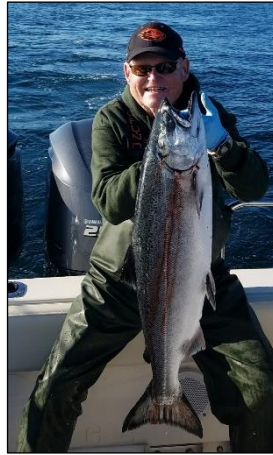
Devil's Kitchen
Oregon State Parks Vista Point
87108 Saturn Ln, Bandon, OR 97411

This is a State Park off Beach loop Road. Please plan to bring food to share, a blanket and your chair. Watch for more information!

South Coast Convocation includes St. Andrew in Florence; St. Mary in Gardiner; Emmanuel in Coos Bay; St. James in Coquille; St. John in Bandon; St. Christopher in Port Orford; St. Matthew in Gold Beach & St. Timothy in Brookings.

~Nancylee Stewart

THANK YOU - The preschool wants to thank some special people: **Pat Cross & Nat Jaeggli** for building a lid for the sand box and **Emily Wilson**, preschool parent, for repairing the damaged bricks around the playground structure.



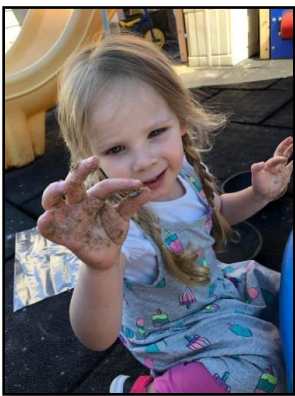
Senior Warden on Vacation – I will be gone for about two weeks starting July 11, for a salmon fishing expedition to the Pacific Ocean off Vancouver Island.



Preschool Summer Campers are having a blast while learning!

Our campers enjoyed their first week of summer camp, **“It’s a Bug’s Life”**, by experiencing the world through the eyes of our favorite Preschool Garden bugs such as ladybugs, lacewings, and praying mantises. They’ve been learning how to care for the Preschool Garden and creative ways to recycle.

During the **“Gold Rush!”** week, campers went gold panning and searched for gemstones to identify. Al Rumsch paid a special visit to our camp this week to play his banjo during a time of gold rush storytelling and camp songs. In the process, they learned about geology and spent a lot of time digging up fun!



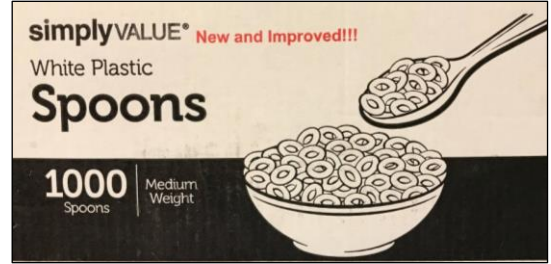
Campers’ imaginations reached new heights with our **“Imaginarium”** camp that combined science and engineering to ignite new adventures! Campers were introduced to basic science and engineering concepts through hands-on experiments, such as creating their own weather station and through exploring the world of robotics.



We are grateful for the generous donations of milk and supplies in June and ask for your continued help in July.

If you can help in July, the following items are needed:

- *pepperoni or salami slices
- *yogurt
- *dried fruit or vegetable sticks
- *hummus
- *pita chips/bread
- *plastic spoons
- *tupperware for food storage
- *large Ziploc bags



Perishable items may be placed in the refrigerator across from the nursery and marked as “Preschool”. Thank you for your support of our preschool summer camps!!

Help us welcome new teachers, Amanda Goodpasture and Jenna Armstrong!

“Hi, I’m Amanda Goodpasture. I studied Early Childhood Education with a specialization in Special Education at Kendall College. I have worked with children on and off for the last 10 years and have always had a passion for making learning inclusive, purposeful and most of all fun! I truly believe the best way for young children to learn is through play! I’m so excited to be here at Emmanuel Preschool to implement my education and experience.



I currently reside in Charleston, Oregon with my husband and our 3 year old daughter who are both the light of my life. During our free time you can catch us exploring the outdoors with our dogs and soaking up everything Coos County has to offer. Whether that be the sandy beaches or forest trails, we always seem to find an adventure somewhere!” ~Amanda



“Hello, I’m Jenna Armstrong and I am the new lead teacher at the Emmanuel Episcopal Preschool. I graduated from Southwestern Oregon Community College this June with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Family Studies. I believe in using play and hands-on-experiences to teach children about a variety of subjects.

I hope to bring a new and fresh outlook into the preschool classroom, and create meaningful relationships with my students and their families.

In my free time, you can find me playing video games with my husband, going to the arcade, playing with my dog, and doing college homework.” ~Jenna



Coos Food Cupboard

The food cupboard is seeking donations of fruit cocktail for the month of August.

Thank you!

~Brian Sullivan