



The Messenger

July 2024

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
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Rector Reflection

I want to tell you a bit about what I have been doing for the last month...I have been taking an intensive course in Spanish. I learned about it from one of my Dominican Brothers in the Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico. The course is run through their seminary, and this was a pilot program for church leaders, both clergy and lay, to work on conversational Spanish. It is a prerequisite for a month-long Spanish immersion program at the seminary that will take place in June 2025. I will be on sabbatical for three months next summer and plan to spend a month of it in San Juan practicing conversational Spanish as well as learning to preside at liturgies in Spanish. The program is not only about language, but about the nuances of Latino culture.

Now, you may be asking: Why is our Rector doing such a thing? The answer is simple: I studied Spanish in college but never actually mastered speaking in coherent sentences. I was recently challenged by some of my Latino colleagues to make an effort to become proficient. It seemed like a great thing to do since many people who come to our food pantry are Spanish speakers. I thought it would be lovely to be able to welcome them with conversation that was familiar. Likewise, there is no reason why Emmanuel could not hold a regular Mass in Spanish. There are Spanish speaking people in our community who might want to learn about Jesus Christ. Furthermore, a full third of the membership of the Anglican Order of Preachers, my religious community, are Spanish speaking. It is necessary that I am proficient to lead the Profession of Vows for our confreres in Latin America since I am the Master of the Order.

Here is what I want to say about all of it: Learning another language is a beautiful way to learn how other people see the world! Language shapes our perceptions of the world around us. It has been interesting and.... would you believe...even fun? It has been a great blessing to me, and I hope I will (eventually) be a blessing to our Latino/a neighbors.

See you Sunday! *Patti+*



Coastal Families Relief Nursery Raffle & Fundraiser

The relief nursery will be holding a raffle through the month of July for two Lifetime brand Kayaks from Wal-Mart. Adult and child life vests will also be included. Parish members are invited to purchase the raffle tickets from the office in support of CFRN and a chance to win! Tickets are \$10/each. Cash only please.

The drawing will be on July 31st. Thank you for your support of Coastal Families Relief Nursery and families in our community!

PHOTO: Walmart Store Manager Travis and Store Lead James proudly donate a pair of kayaks to the Coastal Families Relief Nursery in their fundraising efforts to support families in need in our community. 🛶



Senior Warden Reflections.... We at Emmanuel are blessed in many ways!

Our Vestry (past and current) is strong and works on behalf of our church family. Not only do they take care of general, everyday business, but guide us in looking forward to our future. Our Vestry has helped us navigate transitions in Rectors and helped lead us as a community of faith and in stewardship. Our Jr. Wardens have done a great job of managing all building and maintenance issues that constantly arise.

Our Finance Committee is amazing! They help us to invest wisely, spend as needed with focus and clarity, as well as working to prepare us for future needs. The expertise and commitment of these committee members is outstanding.

Rev. Patti is wonderful, and a great match for Emmanuel Parish. She has greatly increased our community involvement in many ways. Community involvement is part of where the future of our church lies. She leads our church family with faith, love and hard work.

I have heard people express concern about “how much she has on her plate at this time.” When we have concerns about someone being overly busy, it is our opportunity to step up and say, “How can I help?” Most all of us have times when we are busier than usual. I know how much I appreciated all those who helped with the Relief Nursery dinner in varying ways, at a time when I was especially busy. Let’s all strengthen our support to Rev. Patti, as she leads us at Emmanuel and also the Dominican Order. What a great blessing to have this leadership and international perspective available to us.

Respectfully,
Nancylee Stewart, Senior Warden

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.

Donations are tax-deductible. EIN: 47-1558602

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.

Questions? Ready to donate? Ready to volunteer? Please contact Brian Sullivan for more information:
Phone: 541-217-0258
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Thank you as always for your generosity and support of the Coos Food Cupboard!

Brian Sullivan, CFC Board Member





Junior Warden's Report

Here are some highlights from Buildings and Grounds at Emmanuel Parish:

- Due to the efforts of enthusiastic volunteers, Emmanuel enters the summer season with trimmed and weeded grounds. We also will see the lawn green up when the sprinkler system control unit repair is complete.
- The crumbling garbage can enclosure has been refurbished; a project completed by members of St. Eligius Guild.
- The installation of our new security system was not easily accomplished in our "vintage" buildings, but it is now complete. Final inspection of the work will take place on July 1.
- The repositioning of the photocell that operates the illumination of the church sign should create small savings for the parish, now that the lights are not shining during the day.
- The Finance Committee has determined funding for the replacement of three of our aging furnaces and a contract with Addcox to begin work has been signed.
- The city has mandated the installation of a grease interceptor in the drain lines for the sinks in all commercial kitchens. An estimate for the installation has been received by the Vestry, and the project has been approved. There is a subsidy for the cost of this project for which we are eligible.
- Work on the roof replacement project is scheduled to begin in the first week of August.



Mosaic Over Church Entrance

The symbolism of the mosaic is concerned with the prophecy of Isaiah regarding the Advent of our Lord - "Emmanuel, or God with Us". The central motif consists of the shield of "Christ the Conqueror", a Greek Cross between the letters of "IC XC" (Iesous Christos), and the word "N I K A" (conqueror). Above is the dove of the Holy Spirit by Whose agency the Christ came into the world. Flanking the shield are two stars. On the left is the six-pointed star of the Old Testament, the "Mogen David" or "Shield of David". On the right is the five-pointed star of Our Lord, symbolic of the New Testament. Thus, the mosaic symbolizes Prophecy and Fulfillment.





*Congratulations,
Pierce & Chelsea Davidson!*



We thank you, O God, for the marriage of Pierce & Chelsea. Watch over them and bless them in their new life together and help them build a home that is a haven of peace and much joy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ginna Richardson Birthday - July 3

John & Teri Whitty Anniversary - July 10

Claire Blanc Birthday - July 26

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 Tuesday, July 23rd*****