



# *The Messenger*

## *November 2020*

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### **Priest Reflection**

November marks the end of the liturgical year. In the common worship of the Episcopal Church the Scriptures we read on Sundays are on a three year cycle which begins on the first Sunday of Advent, which this year is November 29. We will be entering "Year B".

The unique feature of "Year B" is that the Gospel readings come in large measure from the Gospel of Mark. So in preparation for the new liturgical year, I invite you read through the Gospel of Mark. Read it in one sitting, it only has 16 Chapters! As we hear it throughout the year you will already be familiar with the overall flow. Furthermore, there are things to pay careful attention to in Mark.

-Mark's style is very "Dragnet" like. Meaning, Mark tends to report 'just the facts, ma'am, just the facts'. His story telling is brief unlike the other three Gospels which give significantly more detail to their narratives of Jesus' ministry.

-Mark repeats the word "Suddenly" throughout the narrative. This creates a kind of urgency in his storytelling. Things happen "suddenly". As you read, please note this.

-In a great deal of Mark's version of the Gospel, Jesus is casting out demons. When you are reading, note how many encounters with the demonic that Jesus has in his ministry.

-Note any other patterns that seem to bubble up in the Gospel as a whole. Ask yourself why Mark might have written the story this way as opposed to another way. Is there a message in the very way the story itself is told?

-Finally, note that the ending of Mark is surprising. That's all I will say. It is unlike the other Gospels. Discover what is different about it and then ask yourself why Mark might have ended his version of the Gospel in this manner?

If you are interested in a more detailed study guide I recommend the series called "Genesis to Revelation". You can find the study booklet for Mark here:

<https://www.christianbook.com/mark-participant-book-large-print/orion-hutchinson/9781501855023/pd/855023?event=ESRCG>

Most of all ENJOY! Blessings, Patti+



### **Sunday, November 1 - Celebration of the Feast of All Saints**

This is an important feast day in the church year where we celebrate the communion of saints and we remember all the saints, "who from their labors rest."

Necrology: Loved ones who have died will be remembered in the reading of their names at both services.



**Friendly reminder...**

**Remember to set your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time.**



### **Fall Stewardship Campaign**

Recent Vestry Conversation Summary about how to ask for 2021 Pledges:

Behind door #1 is the Annual Stewardship Dinner at Emmanuel... (“Um. COVID? Hello.”)

Behind door #2 is an Every Member-(in person)-Canvas... (“Um, yea, door to door conversations with the parish? How is this a better option?”)

Behind door #3 is mailing a Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card to every household AND an Every Member-PHONE CALL blitz to make connections! (“YES! That works!”)

Soon you will receive a letter in the mail describing all the things the parish is still doing during these days of COVID along with a pledge card. We are asking you to pray and consider how God is asking you to support Emmanuel Parish in 2021 with your time, with your talents and with your treasure. You will also receive a self-addressed stamped envelope to send your pledge card back to the church and let us know how God has spoken to your heart in these matters. We hope to have them all back to the office by November 22 so we may bless our pledges on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Most importantly, the Vestry felt that what we need as a parish right now is CONNECTION in the time of COVID. That is our theme! The Vestry will be dividing up the newly revised phone directory and giving everyone in our directory a call simply to 'check in' with what is happening in your life and how Emmanuel can be praying for you. We would also love your feedback on our Livestream videos of Sunday morning worship on YouTube and how to make them more engaging and helpful. Stay tuned...!

### **A Prayer for Stewardship 2020**

*Most Holy God, your love and providence are without bounds! We praise you and bless you for the gift of life itself! Grant us a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit to guide and direct the life of Emmanuel Parish for the year ahead. Give us creativity. Renew us in our weariness with your holy fire. Help us as we seek to love and serve Jesus as Lord and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Speak peace to our hearts and give us grace to live boldly for you in these deeply troubled times. Help our parish to continue to be a place of love, welcome, connection, and hope. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.*

### **Gentle reminder:**

If you are not current on your 2020 pledge please become so before December 31st as it really helps the finance team in closing out the books for the year. Thank you!

### **Christmas Baskets**

We are going to adjust some of the dates for the Christmas Basket program this year due to a couple of factors, one of course, being COVID and the challenges it brings to wrapping, storing, and distribution. The other reason is the blessing of the preschool occupation and its new 18 families that we will include in the basket program.

Sooo, that being said I've sent out the letters to the eight schools that we normally work with and also will give forms to the preschool for those families. They will be asked to return them completed by November 20th which will give us an extra week to shop, wrap, etc.

I welcome any ideas, assistance and of course, donations, that you might want to contribute – please call me at 541-252-1076 or text – or email me at [pnichols@gci.net](mailto:pnichols@gci.net).

Thank you, *Patti Nichols*



**Music Ministry with Kate Moody, Parish Music Director**

All Saints Day falls on November 1 this year. For the prelude at the 10 a.m. service I will be playing an instrumental version of "Remember," a pair of poems set to music. For the postlude I will play "Eleven Is Forever," by my dear friend and Seattle jazz great Overton Berry, who died on October 19.

REMEMBER, Pawnee

Remember  
the circle of the sky,  
the stars and the brown eagle,  
the supernatural winds  
breathing night and day  
from the four directions.  
The great life of the sun  
breathing on the earth,  
it lies upon the earth,  
to bring out life upon the earth,  
life covering the earth.  
Remember the sacredness of things.  
Running streams and dwellings,  
the young within the nest,  
a hearth for sacred fire, the holy flame of fire,  
The great life of the sun!

PRAISE WET SNOW, Denise Levertov

Praise wet snow  
falling early.  
Praise the shadow  
my neighbor's chimney casts on the tile roof  
even this gray October day that should, they say,  
have been golden.  
Praise  
the invisible sun burning beyond  
the white cold sky, giving us  
light and the chimney's shadow.  
Praise  
god or the gods, the unknown,  
that which imagined us, which stays  
our hand,  
our murderous hand,  
and gives us  
still,  
in the shadow of death,  
our daily life,  
and the dream still  
of goodwill, of peace on earth.  
Praise  
flow and change, night and  
the pulse of day.



Wishing you a blessed November!

*Kate*



## Junior Warden Report

The Little Pirates preschool is running well. It's always a delight to pull up at the church and see the little kids running around our playground.

Preparing our building for the preschool has involved some improvements such as a new floor in the nursery room and a washer/dryer combo. Funds for these additions came from an EBOF grant that Rev. Patti and Senior Warden NancyLee Stewart put together. The washer/dryer is available for use by our church members as well as preschool staff. There are even laundry supplies in the cabinet next to the combo.



The bike rack in memory of Tim Wall has been installed. Big thanks to the "Yard Boys", Al Rumsch & Doug Laird, for their help in the installation.

Carbon Monoxide monitors have been installed in the preschool, outside the furnace room, and in the undercroft. If you are in the undercroft and hear a loud, piercing shrill sound get outside ASAP & call 911. That means the CO alarm is doing its job and carbon monoxide, a deadly, odorless, and colorless gas is present. I don't expect any problems, but anytime you have gas appliances best practices call for CO monitors.



Speaking of gas appliances, our furnace units have suffered a few glitches lately. I have been working with Roseburg Refrigeration & Heating to resolve the issues. They are great to work with and professional in their work ethic. One of the issues is the programmable thermostat on furnace bank #1 – which heats the sanctuary. The thermostat has partially failed so the furnace cannot be programmed for Wednesday or Thursday. We should have a new thermostat installed shortly. In the meantime, the heat can be bumped up manually if it's too cold for the Wednesday morning service.

Kyle Electric has been responsive to a couple of our electrical gremlins. Their electrician installed a new LED power unit and bulbs in the light over the Sacristy hall. They also updated electrical receptacles and installed GFI plugs so Rev. Patti could use her computer safely in her new office.



As we approach winter, if you notice any concerns regarding our building or grounds please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted, *Dave Laird*, Junior Warden

## Butter Braids for the Upcoming Holidays

The preschool still has a few butter braids and pies available, which are perfect for the holidays! You can purchase them during coffee hour or parish office hours. Prices and available flavors are below.

Braids \$13 each or 2 for \$25: 5 strawberry and cream cheese, 4 Raspberry, 1 Apple

Pies \$15 each: 2 pumpkin chiffon and 1 peach raspberry

Thank you! *NancyLee Stewart*, Senior Warden

## Sharing Smiles

It seems like these days most people tend to be pretty skeptical about life and where society is headed. However, there are actually tons of wholesome and heartwarming things happening all around us that just don't make the headlines. Here are some photos that totally restore faith in humanity.



A young man was struggling to put on a tie, so this older gentleman gave him a step-by-step tutorial.

This Turkish bride and groom spent their wedding day feeding 4,000 refugees.



When a student's baby started crying in class, this professor had the best response ever.

Quincy's been waiting all week to show the garbage men his garbage truck. But in the moment, he was overwhelmed in the presence of his heroes.



<https://sharingsmiles.co/faith-in-humanity-restored/>

~Submitted by Terrye Laird

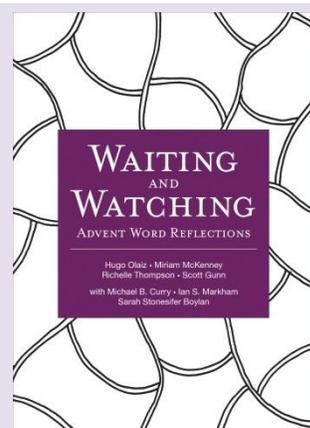
## Advent is just around the corner...

November 29th - December 23rd are the days of the Advent season this year. I am recommending this Advent devotional for all who are interested in a daily spiritual practice throughout this beautiful season of waiting and preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Have a look:

<https://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2614/waiting-and-watching.aspx>

If it sounds good to you and you are interested, let Kerri know by November 8th and we will make a group order to lower our cost.

Blessings, *Patti+*





## Coos Food Cupboard

We are still seeing new people coming to the Coos Food Cupboard for the first time and lots of families are expanding with additional members moving into their households. Though we often see ample food supplies available through the South Coast Food Share, it is still sporadic and we are purchasing food outright to fulfill our needs. Thanks to generous donations, we are able to do this to ensure the ability to provide our clients a full week's worth of food.

One area of food products that always seem to be in short supply these days are canned vegetables and canned beans. Donations of these would be especially welcome.

We are glad to hear that we will be the recipients of Safeway Turkey Bucks again this year so we will be able to offer our clients the makings of a homemade holiday dinner for their families. In this time of COVID, we are glad we will be able to help our clients keep their families safe and able to celebrate the holidays at home.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please email me at [d.schab@gmail.com](mailto:d.schab@gmail.com).

To make a monetary donation, please make checks out to Coos Food Cupboard and mail to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Thank you for your support of the Coos Food Cupboard! *Diana Schab*



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Roman Trask Birthday - November 18

Wendy Whitaker Birthday - November 26

To have your birthday or anniversary included in our monthly newsletter and prayers, please let the parish office know by emailing [administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org](mailto:administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org) or calling 541-269-5829.

You can join us for worship online by going to our church YouTube channel at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9rtAd3nGaZ-Xpa38796ctA>

**\*\*December Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, November 20th\*\***

