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Fear and Faith

My daughter and I took, Roxie, my dog, to the Huntington Beach dog beach a few days ago. We set out our chairs, our towels, and put up our umbrellas and took a deep breath. On the exhale I realized that the beach is one place where I can go that doesn't scream that there is a world-wide pandemic, that we are at a point in our culture where we are having conversations about race and racism as never before, and that the U.S. Postal Service is being undermined. These are the people who spend their lives in post offices and postal trucks, sorting mail, delivering mail, selling stamps, making sure people get their prescriptions and Christmas presents on time. Whose motto is: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

"Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray." Matthew 14:22-23

We need a time out. I have bought some yarn and a crochet needle and I'm crocheting cotton dishcloths while I watch the documentaries I love so much. I'm learning new things from the documentaries, I'm doing something creative with my hands, and I'm throwing all my stinky sponges away to make room for my new dishcloths. I'm so tickled watching Roxie chase her ball in the waves at the beach or lizards at the garden. And praying. Praying is necessary for strength, courage and persistence, and prayer is necessary for the healing of the world. If praying is talking to God, then balancing it out with quiet stillness is fundamental to listening to God. We need to listen, too. But then, like Jesus, we walk down the mountain. When we do,

we may be confronted by the storm and a whole lot of scared people who have faith but have a lot of fear, too. We may have both of those going on inside our hearts as well. That's ok. Just like Jesus catching up Peter as he begins to sink in the water after being called out by Jesus to walk on the water, we are held up, also. Let's honor our fear and honor our faith. When we do, we honor God as the true source of our well-being.

Blessings,
Rev. Holly+



An Important Message from Your Treasurer

Our Operating Fund had a deficit in July of \$2,906.10. That's pretty good considering that we paid our quarterly Property & Liability Insurance bill which was \$5,623.50.

Year to Date, donations to our Operating Fund (General Tithes and Offerings) are up about \$10,000 over last year (\$137,833 vs. \$127,593) which is very encouraging. However, we're still running about \$29,000 under what we had budgeted (\$166,250).

Thanks to the support of some very generous parishioners, our "refresh projects" are almost complete. Edwards Hall is looking great with new flooring, lighting, window treatments, paint, fans, toilets, etc. Havermale Hall has new flooring and baseboards throughout, and the men's restroom wheelchair-friendly renovation should be complete by the time you read this message.

We very much appreciate your continued prayers and financial support during this difficult time. Summer is always a challenging time for us financially so please continue to donate by sending checks to my attention at the church, or by using our eGiving portal which you can access through the Donate button on the homepage of our website - <https://www.emmanuelfullerton.org/>. When you reach the eGiving site if you're on your phone or other mobile device please click the [View Mobile Site](#) link to be redirected to the mobile friendly version. If you have any questions please reach out to me and I'll be happy to help.

With much gratitude for your prayers and support!
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Why Emmanuel?

Sharing Our Stories



Everyone who has been at Emmanuel longer than a minute knows Diane Coy. Her cheerful smile and willing hands have been part of Emmanuel since she was stolen away from St. Wilfred's in Huntington Beach one Sunday nearly eighteen years ago by dangling some good-looking teenage boys in front of her granddaughters.

A native Californian, Diane was raised in a large Mormon family, but happily for the Episcopal Church, she was won over and baptized in 1989. She had her own hair salon for twenty-five years, and is the mother of two sons and a daughter, the grandmother of six, and is now the great-grandmother of three.

Diane was first introduced to Fr. Rob and MoLyn at Cursillo in 1995, where she also met and became fast friends with Marti Edmonds. After the Cursillo weekend, Marti and Diane joined a group of women from Cursillo who met every week. When Marti's twins were baptized, Diane and her granddaughters came to Emmanuel for the baptism. Some teenage boys were visiting from a Christian group in Santa Maria, it was later discovered, but when Diane's granddaughters saw those cute boys, they wanted to make Emmanuel their home church.

Diane lost her husband and the father of her children Larry Coy, in 2005, but she felt blessed to meet George Hayward at Emmanuel, a man with whom she realized true happiness before he passed away.

Diane went on to become very involved in Cursillo, serving as Rectora and choosing Fr. Rob as her priest shortly after she became an official part of Emmanuel. Even without the boys from Santa Maria, Fr. Paul and his guitar, MoLyn and the loving hearts of Emmanuel have kept Diane driving all the way from Huntington Beach each week. Diane has said that attending Emmanuel is like having Cursillo every Sunday.

The Growing Connection

“When the World Wearies and Ceases to Satisfy, There is Always the Garden”

The lovely quote above is very appropriate right now. It appears on a sweatshirt given to me by a dear friend as we were starting to build the Garden. Currently, during COVID-19, it is worth remembering - take their advice and remember ***There is Always our Garden.***

Back in my June article I mentioned we had planted stevia and that it didn't make it. Well, I lied. It came back and is growing just fine. This is just to put an exclamation point on what I was talking about last month. It is all part of the gardening “deal.” It also proves that plants really do want to grow. Have you ever seen that palm tree trying to grow in the sidewalk crack? If you aren't familiar with stevia, it is an herb native to Paraguay and other tropical areas of the Americas. It grows to about 18” and overwinters in our Southern California climate. The thing about stevia is that it is very sweet, about 300 times sweeter than sugar, and contains no calories. You can buy powdered stevia at the grocery store and many brands are found online. I have been using it for my tea for several years. My eventual goal is to make my own sweetener for tea - without any additives.

The Giant Mandevillas (giant means the size of the flowers) Charley and I have been growing are ready to be planted out. We have many more than we need at the Garden, both pink and white. If you would like to have one, or more, give Charley or me a call. These are very vigorous vines and can grow to 20 feet, can easily be contained with regular pruning. They can also be grown in a container. They do make a statement!

Gordon has harvested all his onions and shallots. He has just a few leeks still in the ground. He is now busy harvesting cucumbers. We have had one Japanese eggplant and have many flowers. Have you ever looked closely at an eggplant flower? It is lavender and beautiful. (I once bought an eggplant plant just for the flowers This was before G, when I did not eat many vegetables.) Stop by and look at Gordon's plants and flowers. They are in the 3rd - 3 foot bed from the blueberries. He has many, many beets that are 3-4 inches high. The fennel is up and looking fernery (is that a word – its leaves look like a fern).

You may remember that I told you I planted bush green beans along with the favas. They came up fine and were about 3” tall with two sets of true leaves, then they were just stubs, but only half of them. The others were 4-5 inches and had not been touched – maybe they did not taste good. So, I covered the stubs with upside down empty hanging baskets (I only had 3). Now the stubs have leaves but the others did taste good after all. I need some more empty hanging baskets. I suspect the bush beans were dinner for a bunny.

Blessings and Happy Growing,
Lorra and Gordon

Vineyard Update

We are learning more about Pierce's Disease, none of it good. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. I think I told you in my last report that there are four different signs on the actual vines that indicate the vines have PD. During my last visit to the vineyard, I counted all the vines one by one, and there are at least 25 out of the 120 vines that I think have the disease. However, to prove they definitely have the disease, the vines must be tested, as there are similar conditions which the vines may have that is not PD and there might be a cure for these other conditions.

My contact for proving we truly have PD started with Rich and Lynda Bronzellino suggesting I contact David Allbright, Winemaker, Monte de Oro Winery. David put me in touch with Dr. Carmen Gispert, Viticulture Adviser to many wineries in the Temecula wine growing region. Believe it or not, she was giving a Zoom lecture to the Small Winegrowers Association of Temecula the same evening I made contact with her. The subject of her lecture was Pierce's Disease. Unfortunately, I read her email after the lecture had finished. We have kept in contact and she has given me details on how to join the SWA. She also gave me notice of another Zoom meeting on August 25, to be given by Professor Andy Walker, a world expert on PD. His lecture is entitled Pierce's Disease Resistant Winegrape Varieties.

Testing is expensive, usually \$180.00 per sample, but through the SWA, tests are reduced to \$60.00 per sample, with no setup fees. Included in this price is the costs of testing for two other diseases which we may possibly have; 1) leaf roll and 2) red blotch. All samples must be taken to Wilson Winery in Temecula on October 19. As we have three varieties, Merlot, Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon, I will take one sample of each.

We are making progress – stay tuned.

Sincerely, Gordon

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	2 7:00 PM Taizé Service	3	4	5 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom
6 10:00 AM Online Service--Zoom and Facebook	7 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	8 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	9	10 5:00 PM Early Birds Cocktail Hour on Zoom	11	12 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom
13 10:00 AM Online Service--Zoom and Facebook 6:00 PM Parking Lot Pulpit	14 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	15 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	16 6:30 PM Vestry on Zoom	17	18	19 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom
20 10:00 AM Online Service--Zoom and Facebook	21 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	22 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	23	24	25 6:30 PM Movie night	26 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom
27 10:00 AM Online Service--Zoom and Facebook	28 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	29 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	30			

This Month's Happenings

All in-person events have been cancelled until further notice.

Mondays at 7 p.m.
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Evening Bible Study on Zoom
Women's Bible Study on Zoom
Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, September 2, 7pm
Thursday, September 10, 5 pm
Friday, September 25, 6:30 pm

Taizé on Zoom
Early Birds Cocktail Hour on Zoom
Movie Night on Zoom

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