

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP
SERVICE AT HOLY
CROSS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
6, 2020
10:00am**



MASKS ARE REQUIRED UNLESS YOU CHOOSE TO STAY IN YOUR CAR. WE HAVE MASKS FOR YOU TO USE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE. WE WILL HAVE HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING ALL STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES AS WELL AS CDC RECOMMENDATIONS. **RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.**

If you choose to stay in your car you do not need to RSVP.

Please remember to bring your own bread and wine (or juice) and a sun hat or umbrella and a chair!

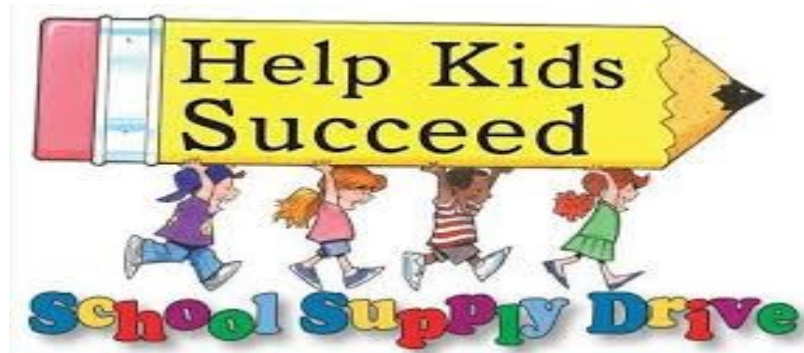
Please call Janet in the office at 503/364-6041 to RSVP so we know how many will be coming.

Broadway Coffeeshop in Partnership with Oregon Black Pioneers presents:

Black in Oregon Historical Art Exhibit at the Broadway Coffeeshop at 1300 Broadway St. NE

August 1 to October 31, 2020

The historical display is excerpted from "Black in Oregon 1840 to 1870" developed originally developed by the State of Oregon Archives in collaboration with the Oregon Black Pioneers. The exhibit includes art work by local and national artists to educate, advocate and move our community towards racial reconciliation. The artists featured have donated their work to help fund non-profits that are fighting for change and providing support for racial inclusion and diversity locally and nationally.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

We don't know when schools will reopen, or what it will look like. Will we be in the classrooms? Or online? Or a hybrid version? In any scenario, the kids at Washington Elementary need supplies. Here's a list of what's needed. Supplies can be dropped off at the church on Tues-Wed-Thurs from 9am to 1pm, or you can bring them to the Outdoor Worship service on August 9th & 23rd, and on Sept 6th.

Backpack

Pencil case

24 count colored Crayola pencils

24 count colored markers

24 count Crayola crayons

3 boxes (1 dz. each) #2 Ticonderoga pencils

Pkg of fine tip black Expo dry erase markers

Primary composition notebook

Wide rule composition notebook

Red ink pens

Large boxes of Kleenex

Pkg of wide ruled notebook paper

Pkg of Huggies unscented wipes

Earbud headphones

Ream of copy paper

Please bring school supplies to our worship service Sunday, September 6th!

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Pastor Patricia is taking some well deserved time off. She will be out of the office from the afternoon of August 23rd until September 3rd. There will be no Zoom Bible Study on August 27th or September 3rd.

If you need pastoral care, please call Pastor Charles Mantey at 503/784-6566 through August 28th, and after that you can call Pastor Shelley Willem at 971/235-4432.

Dear members of Holy Cross and friends,

As Pastor Patricia embarks on her grandkid adventure you are blessed (or cursed as it may seem) to have church leaders writing the cover letter for the email blast this week and next.

We, as leaders of your congregation, have been discussing the pandemic and how it has and continues to affect our congregation. The good news is that we are doing okay financially. Continuing contributions, lower expenses and a forgivable Payroll Protection Loan have offset our loss in rental revenue. The bad news is that our outreach has suffered. Most of our avenues of outreach have been shut down or seriously curtailed by Covid-19.

I believe that God has the power to work wonders through adverse situations. As we've examined in our Thursday Bible studies: Joseph was sold into slavery but later saved Israel during the 7 year famine. The Pharaoh ordered all the Israelite male children be throw into the Nile, but Moses survived to lead his people out. Jacob had to flee to Egypt to save the baby Jesus so that he could save us all.

The Pandemic has definitely created many adverse situations, but out of adversity new opportunities for outreach arise. I don't believe that the fire of our desire to be of service to our neighborhood and community has gone out. Like sleeping hot coals, we are just waiting for the right wind to blow our fire back to life. What is that wind for Holy Cross? Several of us attended a Zoom meeting sponsored by Salem-Keizer Youth Collaborative that is asking churches and other organizations to help kids with online studies and activities that align with the virtual classrooms. We are helping one homeless family with our rental house. Is there a way to help more? There is a need for learning pods to assist students on the days they are not in class. Is there a way we can help with marginalized populations that may have a hard time learning on line such as our homeless population or those whose primary language is not English.

We can't let our outreach fire go out! Your leaders are looking into opportunities to rekindle the flame and welcome your input and participation. Please share your enthusiasm and ideas with us and each other. God has a purpose for Holy Cross in this adverse situation. Let's find it.

Loran Sell, Vice President.