



The Messenger

November 2024

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 1028
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Coos Bay, OR 97420

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE CONVENTION OF THE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WESTERN OREGON

Elected for Diocesan Governing Bodies:

Standing Committee 4-year term:

Clergy: Rev. Vijendran (VJ) Sathyaraj, Trinity, Portland

Lay: Sandi Orbell, Resurrection, Eugene

Board of Trustees 3-year term:

Clergy: Rev. Brendan Barnicle, St. Francis, Wilsonville

Lay: Denise Skillman, St. John By-the-Sea, Bandon

Trinity Cathedral Chapter 3-year term:

(Clergy or lay position): Rev. Scott Painter, St. Michael & All Angels, Portland

Diocesan Council 1-year term:

Three clergy: Rev. Joseph Wallace-Williams, St. John the Baptist, Portland; Rev. Sara Fischer, Hope & Bread City Mission, Portland, Rev. Doug Hale, St. John By-the-Sea, Bandon.

Three lay: Melissa Baird, Good Samaritan, Corvallis; Aimee Fritsch, St. Paul's, Salem; Kari Scheie, St. Bede's, Forest Grove.

Camp & Retreat Ministries Board 4-year term:

(Clergy or lay position): Matthew Taylor, St. David of Wales, Portland

Elections were different this year, voting using your smart phone, tablet, or laptop with a system named VPoll. Although there were a few initial glitches in getting everyone on and going, it went smoothly and more quickly than in past elections. We are fortunate folks from our South Coast Convocation representing us! Congratulations to Rev. Doug & Denise!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted, *Nancylee Stewart*

Budget

The 2025 budget passed by the Convention was prepared by the Diocesan Council and reviewed by the convocations and others beginning in July. The total budget is just over \$2.3 million. Income includes

DPA of \$2 million, and \$.3 million from restricted sources. Expenses are \$1.7 million for the Diocesan office and \$.6 Million for national Church assessment and Diocesan program.

Finance

The Close property was sold in January for \$4.25 million. This was invested as the Diocese continues to search for an appropriate replacement. Offices now are a rental in Milwaukie and the bishop's residence at Shepherd House.

We met the long-term investment manager of Sellwood Partners who gave an excellent report. Diocesan investments of \$47 million have had a return of around 24% in the last year, and a very long-term return of over 9%. The investment portfolio consists of \$17 million Diocesan funds (mainly restricted as to use), \$13 million EBOF (Episcopal Bishop of Oregon Foundation), and \$17 million custodial funds held for parishes and missions. Our own Xandra McKeown began serving on the finance committee this year.

The Diocesan Treasurer, CPA Kathy Gordon introduced the finance team that, under the leadership of Anne-Marie Lowe, has brought order to chaos. Systems, procedures and internal controls are currently strong, and accounting is up to date. The 2022 audit was completed, and 2023 is about to begin. I have had the pleasure of working with these folks on the 2022 audit team for the 2 years it has taken to get to this point, in my role on the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees gave 3 grants of \$109,000 this year from restricted building funds, including one to St. John's, Bandon, for their roof.

Respectfully submitted, *Sally Jaeggli*

My report from the Diocesan Convention is about the section of business dealing with resolutions to changes in the Diocesan Constitution and Canons.

1) Was an amendment which required the Diocesan Council to make disclosures about DPA to congregations for the upcoming year in the same time frame (45 days before convention) as the Budget is presented. This enables congregations to be planning and to look at the Budget through the lens of a congregation's participation in the ministry of the Diocese. Motion carried.

2) An amendment to also requires that Diocesan Youth be included in official notifications for Convention business to actively prepare for their attendance. Motion carried.

3) An amendment to change the composition of Diocesan Council. Under the current Canon the make-up of the Council amounted to 26 people, clergy and lay from all the Convocations. This amount has proved to be unmanageable for well attended meetings and work groups. The proposal reconstituted by the Diocesan Council (whose work composes the budget, oversees DPA abatements and implements ministry and mission goals set by the Convention in the time between meetings) to be 14 people. A clergy and lay representative from each Convocation. Motion carried.

These were all necessary amendments for smoother operation of Diocesan governance.

See you in church! *Patti+*

There were two resolutions proposed for consideration at the annual meeting. Both resolutions were reworked in the committee after hearing testimony at the public hearing. Resolution one was presented as an amended resolution to strongly encourage the congregations of this diocese to support the work of the Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED) and the diaconate by contributing to the AED membership. This amended resolution passed.

The second resolution was encouraging a moderate stipend for non-stipendiary clergy to allow participation in the Church Pension Group. After significant debate and concern at the public hearing, the committee brought forth a substitute resolution to authorize the establishment of a working group for the purpose of studying, assessing, and fact-finding on the viability of providing a regular nominal stipend and an assessment to the Church Pension Group (CPG), sufficient to enable clergy participation in the programs and services available through the CPG. This substitute resolution passed easily.

Respectfully submitted, *Sr. Amy Linder, OP*



**Please note the parish office will be closed
Wednesday, November 27 – Tuesday, December 3,
2024, as Kerri will have family in town for
Thanksgiving.**



Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of November, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of gloves, mittens and hats since as the weather becomes chillier, many of our clients arrive cold. Gloves, mittens and hats are much needed and appreciated items.

Please consider a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard. Checks should be made out to “Coos Food Cupboard” and can be dropped off to the parish office or mailed to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, 97420.

Donations are tax-deductible. EIN: 47-1558602

Questions? Ready to donate? Ready to volunteer? Please contact Rev. Doug Hale for more information.

Phone: 541-654-1020 or Email: buckdeaver55@gmail.com

Thank you as always for your generosity and support of the Coos Food Cupboard!

Brian Sullivan, CFC Board Member



Thanks to Terrye Laird, Al Rumsch and the *5 Pound Possum Band* and all who helped with the Spaghetti Western Dinner! It was a resounding success with \$351.00 raised for the Hospitality Fund. YEEHAW!



Christmas Baskets Outreach



Calling all of Santa's elves. There is lots to do and everyone can help. Local schools are providing requests from families that can use some extra help this Christmas. Some requests have been submitted and we should have a complete list of families by November 8th. Each child in the family receives a special gift and shopping for those gifts is a fun way to participate. You may want to adopt a whole family to shop for! The forms we have received include a child's interests and special requests. In some cases, it may be helpful to call family contact to clarify requests. Shopping can be reimbursed; what we most value is your energy and creativity.

Participate by helping fill up the baskets with the extra gifts we supply! For example, distribute age-appropriate reading books and colors and coloring books. It would be especially helpful for a couple elves to help distribute socks for each child (we have obtained sizes), and/or to stuff Christmas stockings with small gifts and sweets. People have been helping by buying socks on sale. After we have a complete list of children. We will make a detailed list of what additional socks and sizes are required

Everyone can help wrap presents!! There will be wrapping supplies in the undercroft. We want to make it a real Christmas celebration for the whole congregation during extended coffee hours on December 1st, 8th and 15th.

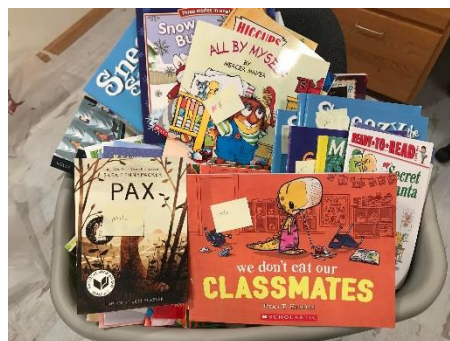
Families will be able to pick up baskets at Emmanuel December 16th, 17th and 18th. We will need elves from 10-12, and 12-2 all three days and 4-7 on Wednesday.

To reiterate, there are lots of ways to participate in our Christmas Basket Outreach:

- Shop for individual gifts for
- Filling baskets with age-appropriate books and art supplies
- Stuffing Christmas stockings and/or buying some small presents to put in them
- Distributing socks to all the children
- Wrapping presents
- Contact families to let them know that baskets are ready
- Distributing presents the week before Christmas

Please contact Susan Foreman: 542 808 5242, smforeman.sf@gmail.com, acting Christmas Outreach Coordinator, to let us know how you would like to participate.

We usually spend about \$200.00 per basket and give out approximately 30 baskets every year. The Christmas outreach is entirely supported by donations from the congregation. If you can help, Kerri will accept your donation in the office - please make out checks to Christmas Basket Outreach.





**Coastal Families Relief Nursery Online Silent Auction
November 11 – December 6**

Coastal Families Relief Nursery is hosting an online silent auction which is going live from November 11th to December 6th! Explore a variety of fun and unique items, perfect for the holiday season, all while supporting our mission to strengthen families and nurture young children. Join us from the comfort of your home and make a meaningful impact in our community.

Auction items can be viewed and bid on at the following link or by using the above QR code.
Happy bidding!

<https://givebutter.com/c/35VRTZ/auction>



Terrye Laird Birthday - November 10

Jim Peterson Birthday - November 13

Roman Trask Birthday - November 18

Bob & Ginna Richardson Anniversary - November 18

Neville Cordell Birthday - November 21

Wendy Whitaker Birthday - November 26

*****December Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Thursday, November 21st*****