



The Messenger

April 2023

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
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Rector Reflection

As you know, hymns are one of the main sources of theology for Christians beyond the Holy Scriptures. Lyrics are often taken from a Scripture passage and then expanded with meaning applied in verse and meter. Enjoy the words of this classic Easter Hymn by Samuel Medley written in 1775. They remind us of ALL the ways the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead matters.



Blessed Paschaltide to one and all! *Patti+*

*I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everliving head!*

*He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives all-glorious in the sky;
he lives exalted there on high.*

*He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.*

*He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.*

*He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.*

*He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.*

*He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.*

*He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!*



Back to Pre-Covid Communion Practices

The Bishop notified the clergy at our monthly meeting this week that all parishes are asked to revert back to receiving the elements of Holy Eucharist in both kinds and by using the common cup. Therefore, we will not practice intinction but receive by sipping from the Chalice. If you are not comfortable with receiving the consecrated wine in this manner please know that

receiving the Eucharist only by eating the host is completely acceptable and understood to be fully receiving Eucharist. We will continue to have two stations at the bottom of the stairs as this enables the maximum amount of safe accessibility for all.

Please note, the parish office computer was replaced recently. If you have had any difficulty reading or receiving emails from the parish or heard of someone else who has, please let Kerri in the office know as we continue to work out some "bugs". Thank you. PHONE: 541-269-5829 EMAIL: Administrator@episcopalcoosbay.org



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 2, 9:00am, Palm Sunday service at Emmanuel

Wednesday, April 5, 11:00am Chrism Mass at St. Thomas in Eugene

Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm, Maundy Thursday service at Emmanuel

Friday, April 7, 12:00pm, Good Friday service at Emmanuel

Friday, April 7, 6:30pm, Outside Stations of the Cross at Emmanuel

Saturday, April 8, 5:00pm, Easter Vigil at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in Gardiner. All are invited to join us!

Sunday, April 9, 6:30am, Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Sunset Beach

Sunday, April 9, 9:00am, Easter Sunday service at Emmanuel



Special Easter Coffee Hour

Plans are in place for a special extended coffee hour following the Easter Sunday service so we hope you will join us!

Office Holiday Hours

Please note the parish office will be closed Friday, April 7 – Tuesday, April 11. Rev. Sr. Patti Hale will be on sabbath April 10 and April 11.



In Memory of Pastor Gene

We invite the ladies to wear their best Easter hats or bonnets in memory of Pastor Gene on April 9, Easter Sunday.

Easter Memorials

Memorial gifts for Easter lilies can be arranged through the parish office. If you would like to make an offering toward Easter lilies, please drop it off at the office, mail it in or put it in the offering plate, noting who it is in memory or honor of **by Tuesday, April 4**. Suggested donation amount is \$15.00.



Holy Week with Jesus

Are you looking for a deeper way to experience Holy Week? This year, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, you'll receive text messages in real-time so you can walk with Jesus during his final days. When we say 'real-time' we mean it! Some text messages will arrive early in the morning or late at night as we truly walk with Jesus and experience the events leading to His death and resurrection. As you read the texts, our hope is that you'll live the Easter story as if it were happening in the moment.

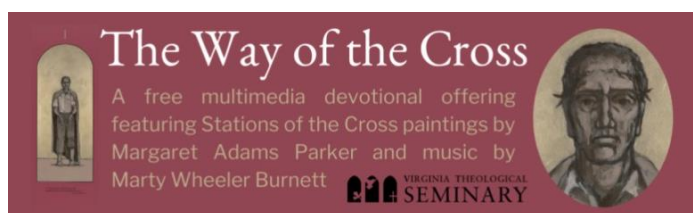
Click here to sign up: <https://www.trytank.org/textabbey.html>

The Way of the Cross: Free Video & Reflection Guide

The devotion known as the Way of the Cross is an adaptation of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death. This practice is also known as Stations of the Cross.

You may wish to "walk" the Way of the Cross individually, as a household, in a neighborhood gathering, or with a small group online. For more information about this free online resource, please visit:

<https://buildfaith.org/way-of-the-cross-video/>



Coastal Families Relief Nursery

Oregon Community Foundation Senior Program Officer John Moriarty recently visited the Coastal Families Relief Nursery. Supported by a \$50,000 grant from Crane Creek Family Fund of OCF in response to a community grant proposal, the new relief nursery is scheduled to open June 1. Relief nurseries partner with families who are raising children ages birth through 5 years old to ensure each child gets the best start at life.

- L-R: Sara Stephens, board member and South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub director; Jen Shafer, executive director, United Way of Southwestern Oregon; Adrian DeLeon, board president; Arlene Roblan, board member; John Moriarty; Nancylee Stewart, board member and Emmanuel Episcopal Church liaison; Evan Porter, Relief Nursery executive director; Kallie Mill, Relief Nursery program director

We are also excited to announce that we're hiring a teacher for our relief nursery! If you or someone you know is passionate about early childhood education and want to make a difference in the lives of young children and families, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Evan Porter: Evan@coastalfamilies.org for more information on how to apply.

You are invited to follow the Coastal Families Relief Nursery's progress by liking their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085965323880>.



Coos Food Cupboard

Article from: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2023/03/01/1160220847/pandemic-food-assistance-that-held-back-hunger-comes-to-an-end>

“Pandemic food assistance that held back hunger comes to an end. Millions of Americans will have less to spend on groceries as emergency food assistance that Congress enacted early in the pandemic has ended (effective March 2023).

On average, individuals will get about \$90 less this month in benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP. Families will see a cut of \$250 a month or more.”

Your support is needed now more than ever! For the month of April, the Coos Food Cupboard would appreciate donations of canned meals such as pork and beans, spaghetti and stews. Please also consider a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard as it allows the food cupboard more purchasing power through the South Coast Food Share program. 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.

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

Brian Sullivan, CFC Board President



Dave Laird Birthday - April 4

Kerry Oxford Birthday - April 4

Janet Huggins Birthday - April 5

Judy Jennings Birthday - April 10

Mark Jennings Birthday - April 13

Joe & Xandra McKeown Anniversary - April 17

Nat & Sally Jaeggli Anniversary - April 20

Shaymus Hanlin Birthday - April 21

Nancy Clarke Birthday - April 23

*****May Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, April 21st*****