



# The Messenger

## April 2024

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
P. O. Box 1028  
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### Meet Your Vestry – Nancylee Stewart, Senior Warden

I am honored to be on our Vestry. Thank you for your confidence. I will, with God’s help, serve the people of Emmanuel.

#### Why do you feel called to serve?

Emmanuel is a place of joy. Our services, community outreach, and the people are important to me. I’ve always been an active person, and serving others is a priority for me.

#### What is your vision for the future of Emmanuel?

So much is happening at Emmanuel – Sunday and Wednesday services, services at St. Mary’s in Gardiner, services at Evergreen Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday meals, Coos Cupboard food bank, choir, contemporary choir, wonderful musicians to enhance the services, Lenten food and prayer, connection with pastoral services at Bay Area Hospital, Shepherd House, support of Coastal Families Relief Nursery, etc. It’s a growing list! My vision is to support our many current undertakings and help add/revise as needed. We are going strong!

#### What skills do you bring to lead us toward that vision?

As to skills I bring to help lead us toward that vision, I would say involvement, strong work ethic, organizational skills, problem solving skills, commitment to families and children, ability to build shared vision resulting in positive outcomes, successful grant writing, knowledge of community social service resources, and a strong, active faith in God.



Blessings, *Nancylee Stewart*

### April Office Hours

Rev. Sr. Patti Hale will be on vacation from Monday, April 1 – Monday, April 8, 2024. The parish office will be closed Monday, April 1 and closing early on Tuesday, April 2 at 1:00 PM.



### From Your Junior Warden, Al Rumsch: Attention, Horticulturists!

On Saturday, April 13th, the Lawn Boys will be organizing a Yard Maintenance Day at Emmanuel. Bring your clippers, edgers, weeders, trimmers, and rakes and help put our grounds in order for the season. We plan to start at 9:00 AM and work to 12:00 PM. **Lunch will be provided.**

### FaST....Facility Support Team

Handy People of the Parish: As we were writing a job description for the custodian position at Emmanuel, we realized that there are many small repairs and routine maintenance issues that fall outside the scope of normal janitorial duties. Although some jobs will still require the parish to hire a licensed contractor, it occurred to us that we could organize a cadre of Handy People who could volunteer to handle many of these tasks. If you would like to participate in a Facility Support Team, please drop me, Al, a quick text (541-294-5989) or e-mail ([oscar@jeffnet.org](mailto:oscar@jeffnet.org)). We will have an organizational meeting after Holy Week.





### Coos Food Cupboard

With the re-opening of the food cupboard, 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, chili, and stews. Toilet paper is another often-requested item that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits by our guests. It is an item our guests are very grateful to receive.

Please also consider a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard as the cost of the flood repairs significantly depleted our funds. 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 Member



### Join us in welcoming our new custodian, Sierra Folks

Eric Flaherty recently resigned as our custodian. We thank him for 19 years of faithful custodial service to Emmanuel Church. We now welcome Sierra Folkes, who will begin in April as our new custodian. Sierra works as a teacher's aid in the Coastal Families Relief Nursery and was glad to hear about this recent opportunity that had opened with Emmanuel. She has been a custodian in the past in the medical field, and she is excited to work with us.

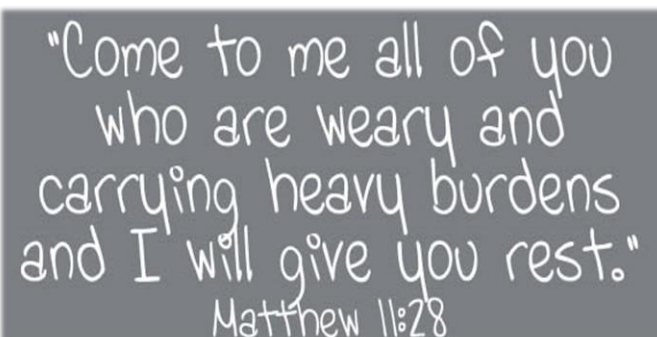
### A little more about Sierra...

Sierra has been working with Coastal Families for a short time, but she has always worked with kids. Sierra adores working with children, something about nursing little minds with big futures brings purpose and hope to our new generations. She hopes to be a part of the childcare workforce for years to come. Sierra is 22 years old and has a 4-year-old kiddo herself! Sierra is originally from California but has lived on the Oregon Coast for the last 4 years, a side hobby of hers is photography.



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## Sole Provider, Sole Comforter



As long as Jesus is one of many options, he is no option.

As long as you can carry your burdens alone, you don't need a burden bearer. As long as your situation brings you no grief, you will receive no comfort. And as long as you can take him or leave him, you might as well leave him, because he won't be taken half-heartedly.

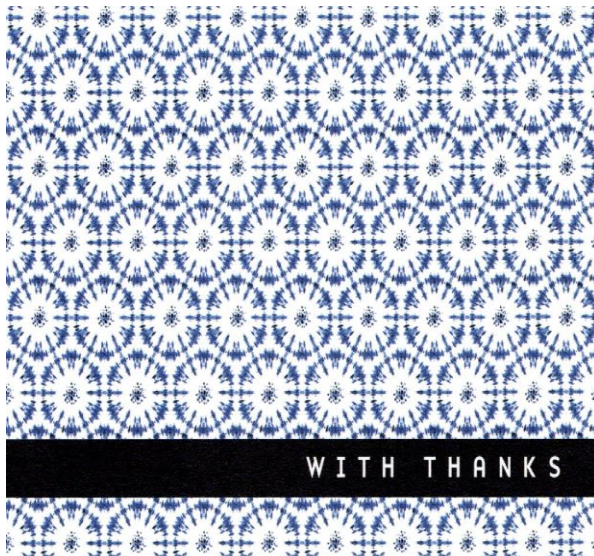
But when you mourn, when you get to the point of sorrow for your sins, when you admit that you have no other option but to cast all your cares on him, and when there is truly no other name that you can call, then cast all your cares on him, for he is waiting in the midst of the storm.


By: **Max Lucado**

From: *The Applause of Heaven*

Respectfully Submitted by Terrye Laird

## Meal Train: Thank you from Cindy Harper



my church family, march 2024  
thank you so much for all  
the meals, grocery shopping  
and chores that you did at  
my home during my recovery  
of total knee replacement,  
I could not of done it without  
you. Love,  
Cindy Harper 



### Coastal Families Relief Nursery is growing!

CFRN will open their new class for children 1-2 years of age early in April. This class is nicknamed the "Wobblers". The current class should be full at that time as well with 8 students. It's great to see services extended to more families at risk!

Emmanuel will be providing a "welcome" dinner on Friday, May 31 from 5 PM -7 PM to the CFRN families to extend our welcome to them. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. 541.404.7470 or [nancylee.b.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:nancylee.b.stewart@gmail.com).

*NancyLee Stewart*, Emmanuel liaison to CFRN Board of Directors, Sr. Warden

### Onion Shortcake Recipe (as requested by popular demand) 😊

Serves 4 – 6 Bake 425 degrees, 25-30 minutes

- 1 large, sweet onion
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 ½ cups corn muffin mix (I use Jiffy brand.)
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 cup cream style corn
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sour cream
- ¼ teaspoon dill weed
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheese



Peel and slice onion and cook in butter until tender. Combine onions with sour cream, salt, dill, and half of the cheese. Set batter aside.

Blend together the corn muffin mix, egg, milk, and corn. Turn into well-greased 8 x 8 baking dish.

Spread onion mixture over batter and top with remaining cheese. Bake at 425 degrees for 25 – 30 minutes.

~shared by Liz Cowden

**Special Request from the Parish Office:**

We keep a small supply of items on hand in the parish office for those extenuating circumstances when we are asked for help but other resources are closed/unavailable. Our supply has gotten very low from the recent extended closure of the Coos Food Cupboard, so we are making a special request for the following items:

- \*shelf stable, ready-to-eat food items such as tuna or chicken "Lunch To-Go" meal kits
- \*manual can openers
- \*canned dog and/or cat food
- \*men's socks



Thank you for your generosity, Emmanuel!



**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**

If you don't see your name(s) on the birthday and anniversaries list, please let Kerri in the office know so we can add you to our parish list. *Thank you!*

**\*\*May Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Tuesday, April 23rd\*\***