



The Messenger

April 2026

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
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We Know that Christ is Raised

"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold,
and our despair He turned to blazing joy.
Allelu, alleluia!

We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn we share with Him an Easter life,
as living members of a living Christ.
Allelu, alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's pow'r, it shakes the church of God,
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Allelu, alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Allelu, alleluia!"

Words: John Brownlow Geyer

Reflection

I look out and see robins, daffodils, daisies, trees and plants in bloom, green grass, sunshine.
I watch the nightly news and see bombs, war, injuries, fear, anger, devastation.

How am I to be a light in the world? How am I to be following Christ – what am I called to do? Can I discern God's voice? Will I have the courage to do His will? It sometimes feels challenging just to do little things here in our community. What can I do in the world?

If this sounds familiar to you, it may be because many are feeling a heavy heart, especially at this time. I give thanks that I am in a community at Emmanuel where people feel deeply. It seems some answers remain – regardless of the world situation: prayer, listening for God in our life, fellowship, feeling God's joy and hope even in troubling times, reading/listening to the word of God, taking communion, watching for opportunities to make a real difference for others, knowing we're not alone.

As this Spring blooms, let our hearts stay full of these things in our life that help us stay close to God. Let us blossom at Emmanuel with others. May our bit of light help others to see their way.

Blessings, *Nancylee Stewart*, Sr. Warden



Public Service Announcement

Jesus calls his disciples to extend help to anyone in need who asks. Emmanuel is a place where we do our best to love and care for those who come to us looking for assistance. That's who we are. However, for your safety, if *anyone* approaches you and asks for money, lodging, gas, food, clothing, rides or anything else of this nature, please kindly refer them first to Rev. Patti or to Kerri in the office during office hours. Thank you.

The ARK Project

You may notice a new donation bin for the ARK Project this Sunday in the undercroft entryway... We hope you will take a moment to read about this wonderful program and see how we can further help the houseless children and youth in our community.

ARKproject

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Most Needed Items

- ▶ Nonperishable food
- ▶ After school snacks
- ▶ Shampoo & conditioner
- ▶ Laundry detergent/pods
- ▶ New teen backpacks
- ▶ New underwear (all sizes)
- ▶ Shoes - new or gently used
- ▶ Clothing (all sizes)
- ▶ Fitted sheets & blankets

Drop-off Donations
Mon–Thurs 1–5 PM

817 South 10th St, Coos Bay, OR



For more information about the ARK Project, please visit: <https://www.cbd9.net/ark-project>



Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of April, the Coos Food Cupboard would appreciate donations of canned proteins such as tuna, chicken and ham. 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. Checks should be made 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



In-Person Safe Church Training at Emmanuel

Saturday, May 9, 2026 @ 9:00 am

Are you preparing for a new leadership role, ministry, or volunteer opportunity in the church? Safe Church training equips us to create and uphold spaces that reflect Christ's love, where all can feel safe, respected, and supported.

This training is **required** for those serving in licensed ministries, vestry or BAC members, employees, and volunteers across the diocese.

Lunch will be provided, register here: ecwo.org/safe-church.



SAVE THE DATE! Renewal Gathering

June 6 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Each year, our Diocesan Renewal Gathering brings together people from congregations across the diocese for a day of learning, prayer, and fellowship. This annual event offers space to reconnect with one another, deepen our faith, and explore how God is calling us to serve in our congregations and communities. All are welcome!

This year we are delighted to gather at St. Timothy's in Salem and to welcome our featured speaker and preacher, The Rev. David "Kawika" Jackson of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i.

E Komo Mai — The Role of Hospitality from a Judeo-Christian Perspective:

In Hawai'i, the phrase "E Komo Mai" means welcome. Rooted in that spirit, this year's gathering will explore the biblical call to hospitality and what it means for the Church today.

Rev. Jackson will begin by examining the challenge of Christian nationalism in current public discourse, particularly as it relates to questions of belonging, welcome, and the treatment of newcomers and immigrants. From there, participants will explore passages from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament that speak clearly about God's call to welcome the stranger.

Together, we will reflect on how the witness of scripture invites us to embody God's generous hospitality: recognizing that all people are created in the image of God and that our communities are enriched by the gifts of our global neighbors.

Through teaching, reflection, and conversation, participants will be encouraged to consider how the Church can faithfully live out the Gospel's call to welcome, dignity, and shared humanity.

What to Expect:

- ❖ Holy Eucharist with the Rev. David Jackson preaching
- ❖ A keynote presentation and teaching from the Rev. David Jackson
- ❖ Time for questions, reflection, and conversation
- ❖ Opportunities for fellowship with Episcopalians from across the diocese
- ❖ Shared prayer as we renew our commitment to Christ's mission
- ❖ Basket Raffle: this year's basket raffle will be at our Renewal Gathering!
- ❖ Whether you are clergy or lay, long-time Episcopalian or newly exploring your faith, the Renewal Gathering offers a meaningful opportunity to learn together, renew friendships, and strengthen our shared ministry.

About Our Speaker:

The Rev. David “Kawika” Jackson, often known as Kahu Kawika, serves as the Diocesan Youth Missioner for the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i and lives in Kailua-Kona on Hawai‘i Island.

Now in his 31st year of ordained ministry, Kahu Kawika has served in a variety of church and academic settings, including as Rector of All Saints’, Kapa‘a (Kaua‘i) and Epiphany Church, Kaimuki (O‘ahu), as well as School Chaplain at Seabury Hall on Maui. He also served as Chief Instructor in Bible and Church History for the Waiolahui‘ia Center for Ministry, the diocesan formation program for clergy and lay leaders. He has represented the Diocese of Hawai‘i as a Deputy to General Convention in 2012, 2015, 2024, and will serve again in 2027.

Annual Basket Raffle:

This year we will also host our annual diocesan basket raffle during the Renewal Gathering, rather than at Diocesan Convention. All parishes are warmly encouraged to participate by creating and donating a themed basket for the raffle.

The raffle is always a fun part of our time together and helps support diocesan ministries, while showcasing the creativity and generosity of congregations across the diocese. Be sure to bring some extra cash and take a chance on your favorite baskets!

Registration:

The cost to attend is \$20 per person. We hope you will join us for this day of learning, renewal, and community! <https://ecwo.org/event/diocesan-renewal-gathering-2026/>



Dave Laird Heavenly Birthday - April 4

Kerry Oxford Birthday - April 4

Janet Huggins Birthday - April 5

Judy Jennings Heavenly Birthday - April 10

Mark Jennings Birthday - April 13

Joe & Xandra McKeown Anniversary - April 17

Nat & Sally Jaeggli Anniversary - April 20

Beth Bennison Birthday – April 20

Nancy Clarke Birthday - April 23

Quinnlyn Mary James Birthday – April 26

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 Friday, April 24th****