



The Messenger

August 2024

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
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Rector Reflection

"So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God." Ephesians 2:19-22

Matters of our building are on my mind and heart these days. Think of it: At the conclusion of July, I can report that we have a new security system, a new furnace system, and a new grease trap (per city requirements). Shortly we will see scaffolding and the good folks from Evergreen Roofing from Eugene climbing our peaks to replace the roofing August 5-16. This is on top of the unexpected repairs of the Food Pantry that occurred in late winter. And before that, the arrival and start of the Relief Nursery which remodeled and overhauled the east wing. All of these have been in the works for some time now and with the arrival of August they will be complete! Every one of these has been necessary and thanks be to God that Emmanuel has the resources to address them thanks to you.

But I want to share a secret with you.... One that you probably never thought about. It is simply this: Clergy do not go into ministry because they love to be facility managers! We all have to be administrators to a lesser or greater degree depending on where you serve. But building sucks up a great deal of our time and energy. They just do. And we deal with these challenges as they arise and as best we can. In this, the people of Emmanuel make this a blessing and a learning rather than a perpetual headache!

Having said that, I call your attention to the little quote at the beginning from Ephesians Chapter 2. Really, the whole Chapter is worth reading slowly and carefully as it is exquisite theology from the Apostle Paul on what it means to be the Church, the Body of Christ. But this little piece at the end is for me the "building ministry" that stirs my heart the most. It is why I have given my life to be a priest and a preacher. The heart of our life as a church is about being 'built' by growing in Christ. It is about the journey of growth in faith and transformation of soul that occurs as we seek to follow Jesus Christ on a daily basis. It is a parallel process that as we have cared for our 'buildings' we are also individually being 'built' by the Holy Spirit.

As we celebrate the completion of all these amazing projects this August, let us also remember that the transforming work of Jesus Christ continues with a holy fire within us!

See you Sunday! *Patti+*

Please note:

Rev. Sr. Patti Hale will be out of the office/town from August 5 – August 17 for the annual meeting of the Anglican Order of Preachers in Louisiana and then following with vacation. In case of emergency pastoral care, please contact Rev. Doug Hale at 541-654-1020.





From the Oregon Remembrance Project

Born a month and a half after the lynching of Alonzo Tucker, Timothy Pettis met a similar fate in Coos Bay 22 years later. 100 years after that, a memorial service was held in his honor at Sunset Memorial Park where his body lay buried. An anonymous donor in the community paid to mark his gravesite where we gathered.

Timothy Pettis belongs to a legacy of people of color in Oregon who have lost their life to some form of racial bigotry. Yet by memorializing those who have been historically harmed by injustice, we give them power.

To close our ceremony, we placed soil gathered in a planter that would then have Kniphofia “Timothy” plants seeded in it. The planter would then go to the Coos History Museum to begin its new life. Our memory of Timothy Pettis gives him power. What we do in his name gives us power.

May he now rest in power.

Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of August, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of toilet paper and/or canned fruit. Please also consider a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard. Please make checks out to “Coos Food Cupboard”. Checks can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Donations are tax-deductible. EIN: 47-1558602

Questions? Ready to donate? Ready to volunteer? Please contact Brian Sullivan for more information.

Phone: 541-217-0258 or Email: brianjfc@gmail.com

Thank you as always for your generosity and support of the Coos Food Cupboard! *Brian Sullivan*, CFC Board Member





Diocesan Spanish Language Immersion Program

August 3 - August 17

Learn to speak Spanish in the Anglican Diocese of Cuernavaca! Have you thought about learning to speak Spanish but couldn't decide how to get started? Has your previous knowledge of Spanish grown rusty with disuse? Are you a priest who would like to be able to celebrate in Spanish or a deacon who longs to proclaim the Gospel in Spanish with greater confidence. This is your chance!

Since 2015 the Anglican Diocese of Cuernavaca has offered a two-week Spanish language immersion program for groups from various dioceses in the Episcopal Church, including the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon. The program for our diocese in 2024 will be held from August 3 to August 17, as always at their diocesan center in Cuernavaca, Mexico. This program is open to students of all levels – from those with very little or no Spanish to more advanced students wanting to zero in on the subjunctive or reflexive verbs.

The course is open to up to 16 people who will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. The group will stay at the Anglican Center in Cuernavaca, which has been described as “a modest and friendly place.” In addition to language classes Monday through Friday, there will be visits to a variety of religious and cultural sites in and around Cuernavaca during the week, and to more distant destinations on weekends. The day includes Morning Prayer before breakfast, and Compline after the evening meal, said in Spanish and led by members of the group, thus providing additional opportunities for reading, praying, and singing in Spanish. Our group will also have an opportunity to meet the clergy of the Diocese of Cuernavaca and to worship in local Anglican churches.

The cost for the course is \$2,200.00 per person which includes registration, tuition, the language program, all ground transportation, shared lodging and most meals for the two weeks. It does not include airfare to and from Mexico City, entrance fees to museums, meals outside of the Anglican Center, tips, trip or health insurance or personal purchases. A deposit of \$1,100 is due upon registration and the final payment is due by May 1, 2024.

For more information or to register, please contact Sharon L. Rodgers at slrogers@comcast.net or 541-515-3925.

Our Diocesan Seal and History

The official seal of the Diocese of Oregon was accepted by the twentieth Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention in 1908. This final seal includes the Arms of the Diocese of Oregon designed by Mr. Pierre de Chaignan la Rose, and the inscription *Sigillum Dioecesis Oregonensis Conditae MDCCCLXXXIX* (Seal of the Diocese of Oregon, Established 1889).

Included in the Seal:

- Episcopal Ornaments: Mitre, Keys, Crozier
- Vesica Piscis, the fish-like shape symbol for Jesus of Nazareth
- Shield
- Crosses-Crosslets: three Missionary Crosses
- Fesse: horizontal stripe in the middle of the shield, red for the Oregon Trail
- Roses: to represent the city of Portland
- The border and inscription

The diocesan logo is a modern translation of the seal, not a replacement. The wooden seal pictured hangs in the diocesan office.



Register now for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's 2024 Collins Lecture

FAITH & POLITICS IN A DIVIDED WORLD

Global South leaders explore the role of faith in politics

THURSDAY, AUG. 8 | 7 PM

\$25 General | \$10 Students

HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

Buckley Center Auditorium

5000 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland, Ore.



JUAN GUAIDO
Former Interim
President of Venezuela



AMBASSADOR CECILIA ADENG
South Sudan's Permanent
Representative to the United Nations

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) invites you to join us for the 2024 Collins Lecture, "Faith and Politics in a Divided World."

Two leaders from the Global South will engage us in conversations around leadership, faith and politics from their unique perspectives. The event will be hosted at the University of Portland on Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.

Our lecturers will be Ambassador Cecilia Adeng, South Sudan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and Juan Guaidó, Venezuelan opposition leader and former Interim President of Venezuela.

Rare is the opportunity to sit in conversation with global leaders of this stature. Our hope is to engage in conversation about how a leader who identifies as a person of faith draws from their faith in the face of adversity. EMO is excited to provide this opportunity to learn and to create space for dialogue in our community.

Register Now: <https://emoregon.org/event/2024-collins/>



Hope and Fire Youth Event, August 3–4 in Lincoln City

Below you will find the registration form for the upcoming Hope & Fire youth event, Aug. 3–4 at St. James/Santiago Episcopal Church in Lincoln City. We are excited to share this special experience with our diocesan youth!

<https://ecwo.org/youth-registration/>

Questions? Contact Canon Chris Craun via email at ccraun@ecwo.org or by phone at 503-780-8084.

Mary Magdalene in the Gospel of John: A Case of Textual Suppression?

with Dr. Elizabeth Schrader Polczer
Sunday, August 11th at 3:30 p.m.



On Sunday, August 11, the Women of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will
host Dr. Schrader Polczer in the sanctuary at 3:30 p.m.
Cost will be \$20 or a sliding scale fee.

Register at saint-marys.org/give or
contact Nancy Crawford at nancy@saint-marys.org

Who was Mary Magdalene? In this lecture, Dr. Schrader Polczer introduces
audiences to Mary Magdalene and surveys how this important character is
presented in the New Testament and ancient apocryphal literature.

Please join us for the unique opportunity to hear from a prominent
theologian in the field of New Testament studies.

Invite your friends - All Are Welcome.

You may register using the QR code to the right.



1300 Pearl St, Eugene, Oregon

541-343-9253



Pierce Davidson Birthday - August 3

Amanda Sullivan Birthday - August 3

Bob Richardson Birthday - August 3

Liz Cowden Birthday - August 4

Pat & Nancy Cross Anniversary - August 7

Sue Wall Birthday - August 9

Revs' Patti & Doug Hale Anniversary - August 11

Kate Moody Birthday - August 17

Nancy Lee Stewart Birthday - August 17

Faye Stuart Birthday - August 17

Andy & Lynn Nasburg Anniversary - August 18

Lyla Davidson Birthday - August 18

Audrey Lankford Birthday - August 18

Lily Hanlin Birthday - August 19

Chuck & Diana Wall Anniversary - August 22

Rev. Patti Hale Birthday - August 23

Nadine Archer Allen Birthday - August 27

Xandra McKeown Birthday - August 29

Robert Cribbins Birthday - August 30

Barb Praus Birthday - August 30

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!*

****September Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Tuesday, August 27th****