



The Messenger

October 2024

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 1028
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Rector Reflection

At our Vestry meeting on September 15, the Vestry agreed that our theme for the 2024 Stewardship Dinner and 2025 Budget preparation will be “The Church’s One Foundation”. I suggested the title of this hymn after reflection on all the building and grounds focus we have had over the last couple of years. This magnificent old hymn reminds us of two important things: 1) Jesus is the foundation of all that we are and do and ever hope to be. 2) God, in Christ, has sought us and is seeking us still to be agents of love, reconciliation and transformation in this hurting world. I thought it would be good to unpack the 19th century language a bit as the profound metaphors could be lost on 21st century ears.

Here is Verse 1:

“The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.”

You notice that I have underlined the female references throughout the verse. The author, Samuel Stone, takes hold of biblical imagery in the Apostle Paul’s writings that suggest that the Church is ‘the bride of Christ’ in Ephesians 5:21-33. In this passage, Paul admonishes husbands and wives to respect one another in mutual respect and submission. This is not about domination; it is about a dynamic bond between a couple. Paul says in verse 32 that this image of marriage is like what Christ has demonstrated by loving the church (body of believers... the mystical bride) and dying for the church. It is an image of unity as well as self- giving and sacrifice. Paul means to suggest that we should have regard for one another with the same fervor shown in the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Christ. That THIS mutual love is the foundation of Christianity. I agree with that. And I am thankful to Samuel Stone for giving to the church this hymn that reminds us that Christ alone is the reason any of this enterprise of Church makes sense at all. It is by Christ and for Christ that we gather to learn and grow. Let us sing boldly of what God has done and not be distracted by the many other allegiances that vie for our devotion and attention when only one is truly necessary.

See you in church! *Patti+*

Please note Rev. Sr. Patti Hale will be out of the office/town Wednesday, October 9 – Sunday, October 13 as she will be traveling to Colombia to take the Life Professions of one of her Dominican brothers. Please keep her in your prayers as she travels. 🙏



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SPAGETTI WESTERN



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

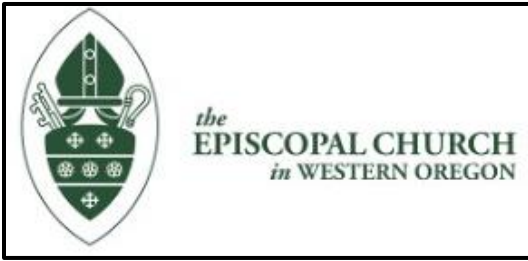
MUSIC • FOOD • FUN

OCTOBER 20 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

400 HIGHLAND AVE, COOS BAY



Music & Dinner Provided. Come for the fun and wear your best Western outfits. ALL are welcome!



The 136th annual meeting of the convention of the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon will be held October 25-26, 2024, at the Salem Convention Center.

Trainings and Hearings for the 2024 Annual Meeting:

Below are the scheduled trainings and hearings for the 136th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention. These meetings will be held throughout the month of October. Delegates should plan to attend one delegate training and all of the hearings.

Zoom links and passcodes will be emailed to delegates for all trainings and hearings, which will be recorded.

Trainings

- Delegate training – Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30–7:15 pm
- Delegate training – Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30–7:15 pm

Hearings

- Budget hearing – Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6:30–7:30 pm
- Proposed canonical amendment hearing – Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30–7:30 pm
- Proposed resolutions hearing – Monday, Oct. 21, 6:30–7:30 pm

Links to hearings will be public but only available through the Diocesan Digest. If you are not subscribed to the digest, please sign up here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/qz6iEJW>.

For questions, please contact communications@ecwo.org.

Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of October, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of toilet paper and/or canned fruits and vegetables. Clean, reusable grocery bags are also always needed.

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.

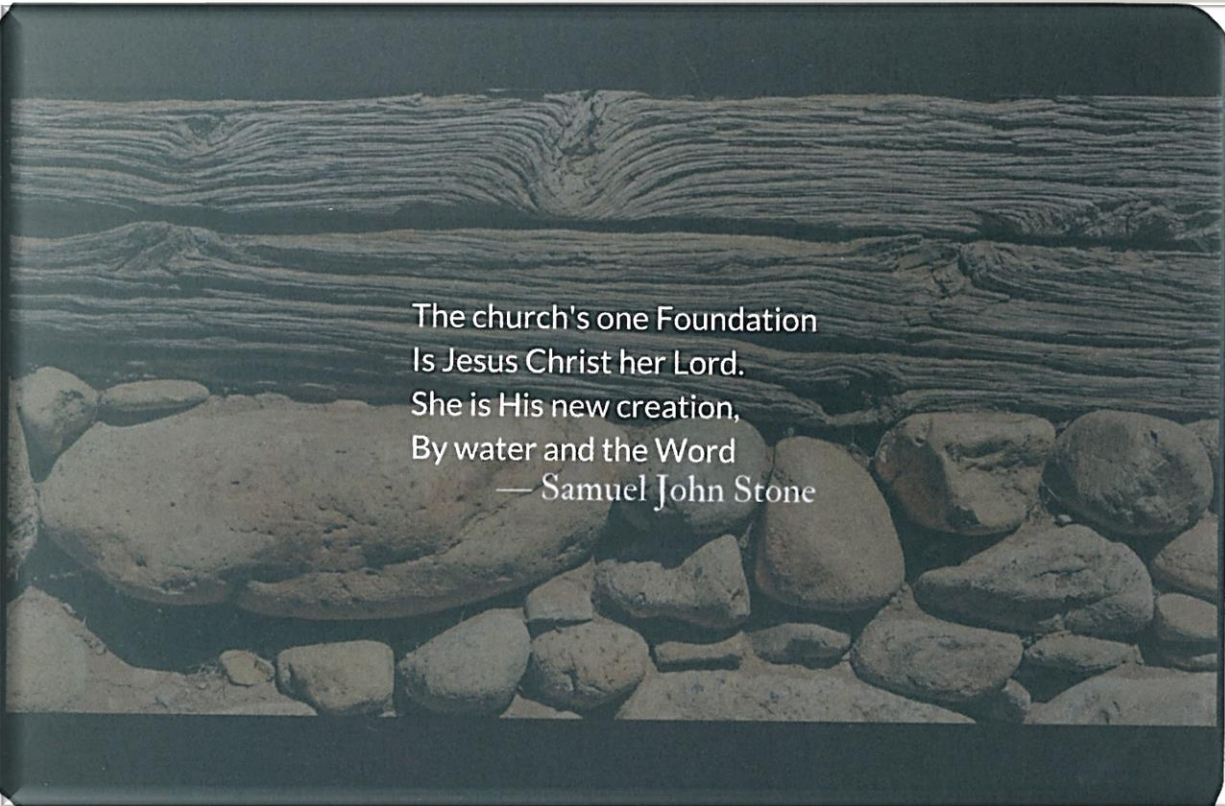
Donations are tax-deductible. EIN: 47-1558602

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





The church's one Foundation
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By water and the Word
— Samuel John Stone

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Is the theme of our Stewardship Dinner on

Sunday, November 10, 2024

5:00pm Happy Hour

6:00pm Supper & Guest Speaker

Please make every effort to attend! If you cannot join us that night we do not want you to miss the opportunity to make a financial commitment for the 2025 Operating Budget. Pledge cards are available in the Parish Office! We need to hear from everyone.

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2024 Blessing of the Animals



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Eve Gederos Birthday - October 2

Caroline Stewart Birthday - October 3

Larry O'Neal Birthday - October 5

Patti Nichols Heavenly Birthday - October 6

Kerri Coldren Birthday - October 9

Dedee Ousley Birthday - October 15

Jill Boyd Birthday - October 15

Virginia & Larry O'Neal Anniversary - October 18

Nancy Cross Birthday - October 19

Carol Flaherty Birthday - October 19

Fran Whitaker Birthday - October 21

*****November Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Thursday, October 24th*****

**TRUST IN
THE LORD.**

PROVERBS 3:5

