



# The Eastwood Beacon

*Eastwood nurtures positive development in people's lives  
through the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

- Mission Statement adopted by Eastwood Baptist Church, January 19, 2014.

February 8, 2017

## Valentine of Rome (d. 269)

A Christian priest in Rome, Valentine was known for assisting Christians persecuted under Claudius II. After being caught marrying Christian couples and helping Christians escape the persecution, Valentine was arrested and imprisoned. Although Emperor Claudius originally liked Valentine, he was condemned to death when he tried to convert the emperor. Valentine was beaten with stones, clubbed, and finally, beheaded on February 14, 269. In the year 496, February 14 was named as a day of celebration in Valentine's honor. He has since become the patron saint of engaged couples, beekeepers, happy marriages, lovers, travelers, young people, and greetings.

*O Love that keeps the heavens turning : draw us to you in all our yearnings.*

Prayer: Lord, help us distinguish between the love that keeps merely human affection in the center of things and the love you bore in your sacrificial life, death and resurrection. Amen.

Taken from February 14<sup>th</sup> entry in Common Prayer, a Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals.

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## Journey to Easter

Mystery of the Cross, The Work of Reconciliation

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin our annual journey to Easter by looking at the Mystery of the Cross as a work of Reconciliation.

To shape our time together, you are invited to participate in the ancient prayer practices as captured in modern Taize prayer services. They will occur on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Koinonia Building. Come and engage in a time of quiet reflection and meditation.

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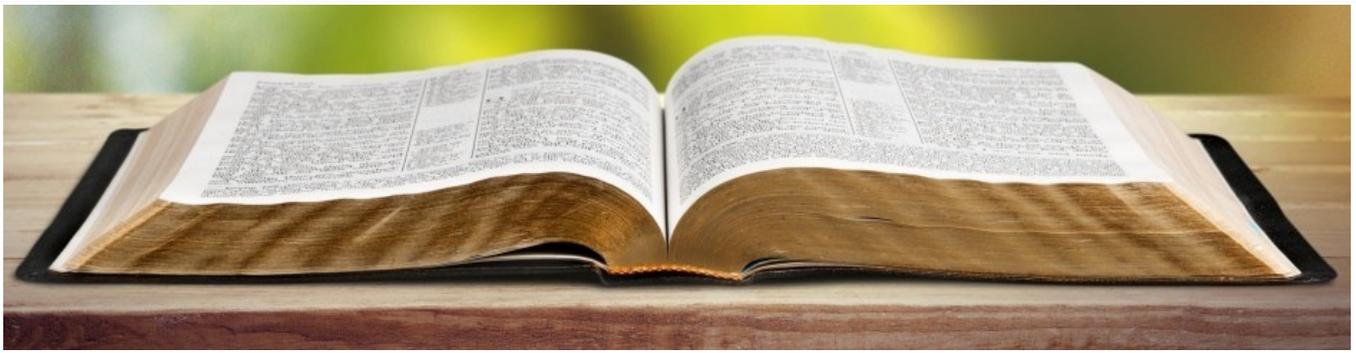
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## Celebrating our Leadership Heritage in Black History Month

For Black History Month in February, American Baptist Churches USA is lifting up and celebrating the lives of some of the denomination's significant leaders through history.

### Lulu Cecilia Fleming, M.D.

Appointed to service January 10, 1886, Lulu Cecilia Fleming, M.D., was the first African American to be appointed for career missionary service by the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. She was assigned to Palabala, Congo (now Zaire).

Fleming was born January 28, 1862, in Hibernia, Fla. Her father was a slave. When Fleming was six weeks old, her father decided to join the Civil War. He and other fugitives were gathered by the captain of a Union gunboat, who had himself deserted from the Confederate army. Her father's freedom was short-lived. The gunboat captain deserted the Union, and the fugitives ended up prisoners in a Jacksonville, Fla. jail. Some were hanged. Lulu's father was later released from imprisonment and joined the Union army. He died without ever seeing his family again.

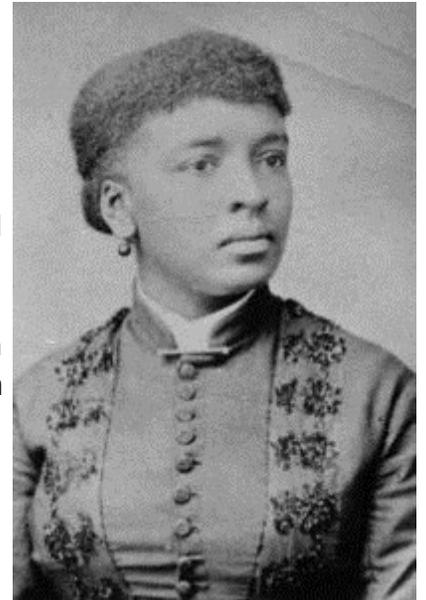
Up to age 15, Fleming's life was like that of many poor slave children. Her mother, a woman of no education, was deeply concerned for the welfare of her children. In 1876, Fleming was converted. "I was a missionary like Andrew of old," she later wrote, "from the very day I found the Lord."

Fleming became a public school teacher in St. Augustine, Fla. A pastor from Brooklyn, N.Y. who she encountered in Florida became impressed by the way she was teaching a "Sabbath-school class," which included the pastor and licensed members of his church. The pastor offered to help her attend college. He gathered a group of women from his congregation to encourage and support Lulu to attend Shaw College in Raleigh, N.C. In May 1885, she graduated from the "Estey Seminary Course" of Shaw as class valedictorian.

Returning to Florida, Fleming found that "the Lord had need of me in Africa."

The Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the West, an auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Union, had heard of her and in 1886 wrote her asking her to become their first missionary representative to the Congo. On her way to Africa she wrote of that invitation, "I was truly happy then, and since I have set sail for the benighted country I am happier; when I reach the doleful shores I will be happiest."

She reached Palabala, Congo, on May 23, 1887. During her first term of service she was matron for the "station girls" and a teacher in schools. She longed, however, for other contacts. In 1887 she wrote, "I am confined to the station, to my girls work, too closely to be permitted to get to the towns during the week but go each Sabbath twice...I go round to the near towns to invite and persuade people to come to our Sunday service. In the afternoon I go with some of the evangelists."



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## *Lulu Fleming, continued*

In another report, she lamented that "All of our converts thus far are men. Oh how I long to see the women reached." She prayed for another missionary that she might be "free to do town and jungle work." The women, she wrote, "must be reached in their homes."

Fleming appealed to the board to allow her to "stay out five years," noting that "No Lady has ever stayed out so long, but I am sure it can be done. I have only begun my real work." Illness, however, forced an earlier return, a decision she accepted only because 10 ill missionaries had died between 1887 and 1891 on their way home "because they waited too late." As she prepared for furlough, she wrote that she hoped "to be allowed two years home in which to study medicine, so as to be able to help these suffering people."

Returning to America in 1891, she engaged in medical studies at Women's Medical College of Philadelphia and graduated as a physician. While in Philadelphia she joined and was a popular speaker at Bethel Church.

She was forced to remain in the U.S. until 1895 due to lack of funds for her return. Grace Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Rev. R.G. Conwell, pastor, undertook her support.

During Fleming's second term, she served at Irebo in Upper Congo as a medical missionary, and when that station was closed, at Bolengi. During that time she married "Tata" (the Rev. Mr.) James of the Ikon Station, but the records tell little of their marriage.

Stricken with African "sleeping sickness" before the end of her second term, she reluctantly returned to the U.S. for treatment, anticipating that once restored to health she could return to the Congo. However, she died June 20, 1899 at the Samaritan Hospital in Philadelphia. She is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Philadelphia.

In an editorial in Baptist Missionary Magazine shortly after her death it was said that "Dr. Fleming was a woman of strong characteristics and fitted to overcome the many obstacles encountered in missionary work...She was particularly successful in winning the hearts of the Congo people, putting herself in close touch and sympathy with them."

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**Our Church:** its leaders and families

All of those with health needs.

All service people here and overseas, including:

**Kevin Hoffman**, Army

**Lolo Vasquez**, Iraq

**Aaron Chisem**, US Navy

**Jason Cesario**, Iraq

**Logan Oravetz**, Army

**Isaac Gilmer**, Marines

**Tyler Powell**, Marines

**Tiffany Hart**, Air Force

**Trevor Swanson**, Air Force

Please pray for all students, teachers and parents (of all ages of children)

Unemployed / Underemployed

Our ABC-CPC churches, pastors and missionaries ( **Dan & Sarah Chetti**, **Ed & Miriam Noyes**, **Glen & Rita Chapman**, and **Kyle & Katrina Williams**) serving around the world.

**Jonna Reeder**

**Tim & Mary Dady** serving in Latvia

## Thanks and Praise (2/5)

Praise! My Grandson's wife, Stephanie, is awake from the coma. No brain damage is detected. Thank you all for your prayers. (Mildred Byers)

Welcome home, Pastor Miller!

Thank you so much for helping Chris and me. God bless you all. Thank you, God, for Pastor Miller.

Wonderful Sermon. (Joan Daniel)

John 1: 1, 14 on the cover of Sunday's bulletin. What a nice verse, especially on Communion Sunday.

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## New Member Class

On Sundays, beginning on February 19th, we will hold a new member class for those interested in Baptism.

This class will meet after the morning worship on the following Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**February 19th and 26th, March 5th and 12th**

Bring your brown bag lunch. Please sign up on your Communication Cards and let us know of your interest.

## Season of Reconciliation

*So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21

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### ***Love Your Library Day***

***February 12, 2017***

This is an opportunity to purchase new books or Audio Visual materials for our Church Library. Is there something you would like to have available to read or listen to? Let us know!

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### **Help for the Homeless**

The Kelly Shelter is a project of Rogue Retreat, Church of the Rogue (First United Methodist Church) and community volunteers. The Kelly Shelter mission is simple: to ensure that homeless people in Medford Oregon have a place to gather indoors in the winter between December 1st and March 31st each year. The shelter is open to men, women and families regardless of level of sobriety. Service animals welcome.

First Methodist church is opening their doors so that the homeless can be somewhere warm at night. Many of these homeless people have inadequate clothing for the cold. We will be collecting socks and gloves of all sizes to take to the Methodist Church.

Please bring them to Eastwood Baptist church and they will be delivered as soon as possible. A collection area has been set up on the missions table.

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### **Mission Giving Opportunity**

Beginning in February, we will collect for our local Boy Scout Troop 5. This is a chance to say thank you for what they have done for the church and the community. Among other things, they have put up a chain link fence behind the church and helped with last year's Block Party. Last year, members attended the funeral of a local veteran to help ensure he would not be laid to rest alone.

Organized more than 25 years ago, the troop currently has approximately 40 scouts and has produced 53 Eagle Scouts. Eastwood members involved in the troop include Allan Campbell, Andy Tripp, Derek Tripp and Pastor Miller.

Joan Avery  
Missions Deacon

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### **FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

**Wednesday, February 15th at 5:15 pm**

**Please sign up on your Communication Cards or notify the church office.**

### Sunday Sermons Now on Church Web Site!

Pastor Miller's sermons are now available on the Eastwood Baptist Church web site:

<http://www.ebcmedford.org/> There is a new link titled Sunday Sermons. When you click that link you will see a list of recent sermons. If you click a sermon title, you will be able to listen to that sermon immediately on-line. If you **right-click** a specific sermon, you can then save it to your computer by selecting "Save Link As". That way you can



listen any time you like! New sermons will be added weekly, but please keep in mind they will always be a week behind as it takes the sound technicians time to convert them to the correct format.

### Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast NEW TIME!

**Saturday, February 18th - 9:30 am  
at Punky's Diner - 953 Medford Center**

Come join us for fellowship and breakfast at Punky's Diner in Medford.

See you there!

Questions? Need a ride?

Call Sue Lektorich  
(541) 499-1059



### Youth Activity Coordinator

Just a reminder that we are praying for a Youth Activity Coordinator. We invite you to join in the prayers and if you know someone who might be interested, please let us know.

### New Church Directories

If you haven't received a copy of the latest church directory, they are available at the Welcome Center

### Divorce Care Class

**Beginning Friday, February 24th - 6 - 8 pm**

Table Rock Christian Fellowship is offering Divorce Care Classes beginning February 24th at 6 pm. The sessions will last for 13 weeks.

If you are interested, contact Katie O'Shea at 541-621-7477

### American Baptist Women's Day

**Friday, June 20, 2017 - Portland Convention Center  
Volunteers needed!**

Dear Ones,

I am sending a volunteer form out to get an idea of how many women would be willing to help with American Baptist Women's Day at the Portland Convention Center on June 30, 2017. 9:00am until 3:00pm. Cost for that day will be \$60.00. Registration forms will be sent out by National in early 2017. I am requesting that each one of you print out this e-mail and share with the women in your church. We will need at least 30-60 volunteers. The tasks are listed below. It is a great privilege for Portland to have been selected and we will want to serve the Lord in this way. This day is part of the biennial which follows the rest of the week.

Serving on the local committee are: Nancy Shanks, president of ABWMO; Gail Aita, NW ABWM coordinator; Diane Weidkamp, Hostess of ABWMO; Rev Linda Wood; Leslie Cody; and Warrene Gill.

Please fill out the form in the space where you would be willing to serve and snail or e-mail back to:

[dianew67@comcast.net](mailto:dianew67@comcast.net). 8820 SW Maverick Tr. Beaverton, Oregon 97008 - (503) 524 5593. Try to send a form back before Nov. 30 so we can plan accordingly. Many thanks.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to serve on the following tasks. (You can sign up for more than one task.)

Greeters-Need 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Table Hostess-Need 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Table Center Pieces \_\_\_\_\_

Bag stuffers-need 15 \_\_\_\_\_

Ushers-need 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Check in desk, need 4 \_\_\_\_\_



## Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **February 22, 2017**. If you have anything you would like put in the *Beacon*, an up-coming event, a function, etc. please **have all copy in the church office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 21, 2017**.

Email [sbecker@ebcmedford.org](mailto:sbecker@ebcmedford.org)  
This Beacon will be mailed.

### Adult Sunday School Class in the Walker Room at 9:15 am

PROVERBS: Wisdom That Works,  
by Vinita Hampton Wright

This is another 12 week study and we will continue in the format of the Fall study in Parables, with a rotation of teachers/facilitators. If you are interested in participating in this class, please join us! There is room and books are available.

## 2017 Board of Deacons

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| Worship                   | Karen Clinkinbeard |

### February 12, 2017

#### SUNDAY, February 12th - Boy Scout Sunday

|                                    |       |
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| Prayer in Chapel                   | 8:00  |
| Sunday School                      | 9:15  |
| Worship Service, Boy Scout Troop 5 | 10:30 |

#### MONDAY, February 13th

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| Women's Grove | 10:00 |
| Boy Scouts    | 7:00  |

#### TUESDAY, February 14th - Valentine's Day

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| Men's Bible Study | Noon |
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#### WEDNESDAY, February 15th

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|----------------------|-------|
| Staff Meeting        | 11:00 |
| Fellowship Dinner    | 5:15  |
| Mid-Week Bible Study | 6:00  |
| Choir Practice       | 7:15  |

#### THURSDAY, February 16th

#### FRIDAY, February 17th

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| Builders' Social | 9:00 |
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#### SATURDAY, February 18th

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| Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's | 9:30  |
| Uke Practice                            | 10:00 |

### February 19, 2017

#### SUNDAY, February 19th

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| Prayer in Chapel                          | 8:00  |
| Sunday School                             | 9:15  |
| Worship Service, Pastor Miller, preaching | 10:30 |
| New Member Class                          | 12:00 |

#### MONDAY, February 20th - President's Day

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|---------------|-------|
| Women's Grove | 10:00 |
| Boy Scouts    | 7:00  |

#### TUESDAY, February 21st

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Men's Bible Study | Noon |
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#### WEDNESDAY, February 22nd

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| Staff Meeting        | 11:00 |
| Mid-Week Bible Study | 6:00  |
| Choir Practice       | 7:15  |

#### THURSDAY, February 23rd

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| Knitting & Crocheting Group | 3:30 |
| Deacons' Business Meeting   | 5:30 |
| Cub Scouts Blue & Gold      | 6:00 |

#### FRIDAY, February 24th

#### SATURDAY, February 25th

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| Uke Practice | 10:00 |
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