



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.

April 5, 2017

Even the Rocks Love Jesus

Once again we celebrate this day. Hosanna.

Once again we come to prepare His way. Hosanna.

Buried in Sunday's anthem, "Now Sing We All Hosanna," composed by Nancy Price and Don Besig, are these two lyrics that capture the essence of Palm Sunday, the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, triggering the period of time known as Holy Week.

Once again ... we will hear the story of Jesus riding a donkey, coming in peace.

Once again ... we will remember the palm branches raised on high and the raucous crowd shouting words from Psalm 118:

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the LORD.

Once again ... we will recall the hope and excitement that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah.

Once again ... we will be reminded of how those hopes were destroyed on Good Friday.

Once again ... we will enter into the transformed hope of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

One of my favorite Palm Sunday passages is from the Gospel of Luke. In Luke 19:40, the Pharisees tell Jesus, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop (praising God)!" Jesus responds:

"I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will shout out."

This Sunday we will listen to our children bring life to this passage with a presentation entitled:

Even the Rocks Love Jesus

Come once again to celebrate this day...

Come once again to prepare His way...

In Hopes of the Season of Resurrection,
Pastor Miller

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Lenten Reflections: Fifth Sunday of Lent

We are well past Ash Wednesday in this Lenten Season. Yet, it was my fresh experience of Ash Wednesday that made Lent come alive for me this year.

This year, for the first time in my ministry, I had the privilege of participating in the imposition of ashes at an Ash Wednesday service. As I intoned the words: “from ashes you came and to ashes you will return,” dipping my thumb in the ashes and making the sign of the cross on the forehead of those who came forward, I was reminded of several things which I don’t normally consider during Lent.

I was reminded of how frail and fleeting life really is. It is so easy to get caught up in the frenetic pace of day to day life and the demands of ministry; yet I was reminded how important it is to slow the pace and enjoy the embrace of our loving God and Savior. . . to savor each moment of ministry and to take the time to truly enjoy and value each person we meet.

I was reminded that this journey through the Lenten Season should be a journey toward a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. When we deny ourselves of whatever we have chosen to “give up” for Lent, it is so we will be reminded of Jesus’ command to “deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him”.

The Lenten Season can serve as a powerful reminder of who we are as followers of Christ and how we are to live as his disciples in this time and place. It can remind us to make the most of every opportunity to “follow God’s example . . . as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:1-2).

This year, I will spend time reflecting on these things. . .

*Rev. Yvonne B. Carter
Executive Minister
Cleveland Baptist Association*

Thanks and Praise (4/2)

Praise! I start work tomorrow – April 3rd. (Katy Ceglia)

March 30, 2017

To My Eastwood Family,

Thank you, everyone, for your prayers and words of encouragement. They have sustained me during a difficult time. I hope to see you all on Easter.

Your Sister in Christ
Susie Skaggs

Journey to the Cross, 2017

We are grateful for those who participated in our Wednesday evening Taize services during the Season of Lent. Kudos are extended to the kitchen staff of Sandy Tepper and her assistants, Suzan and Jerry Darby and Susan and Terry Miller, who supplied dinners for six weeks in a row.

We are grateful, too, for the preparations and set up of the prayer service by Karen Clinkinbeard, Sue Becker, Leslie and Pastor Miller, and Sam Angulo.

We deeply appreciate the preparation and musical leadership of Linda Tripp. It was also a joy to meet the local harpist, Sarah Lavender.

Well Done, Good & Faithful Servants.

Dear Eastwood Baptist Church:

On behalf of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), we thank you for your support of the America for Christ Offering 2017. Your financial support to home missions is making a transformational difference across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Our theme this year, 'Cultivating Leaders, Equipping, Disciples, Healing Communities' serves to remind us that mission and ministry are rooted in service that manifests and extends the grace of God. Through the AFC offering, we can participate with our Lord in transforming lives and communities.

We are grateful for your continued partnership and financial gifts that support ABHMS.

With Eternal Hope,

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray
Executive Director
ABHMS, ABCUSA

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

Registration is open for the 2017 Biennial Mission Summit in Portland, Oregon, June 30 - July 2. The theme is "Connect!"

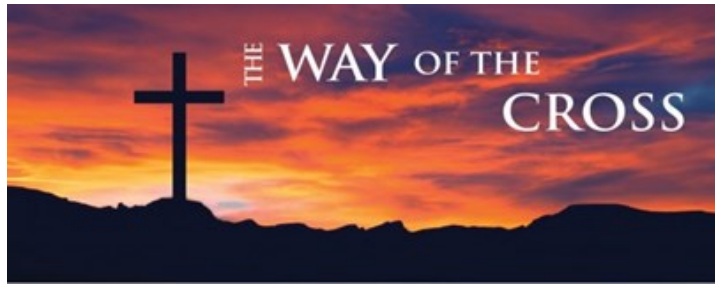
Speakers: Rev. Sharon T. Koh, Executive Director
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Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director
of American Baptist
Home Mission Societies.

Ukulele Orchestra

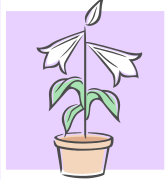
Brochures and Registrations forms are available at the Welcome Center





Mystery of the Cross - A Work of Reconciliation

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; ... So if anyone is in Christ, , there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors from Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. II Cor. 5: 16 – 21



Easter Lilies

On Resurrection Sunday our Worship Center will be decorated with live Easter Lilies. We are inviting our congregation to individually purchase these Easter lilies. The Worship Committee will place the flowers and care for them.

If you are interested in purchasing an Easter Lily, please fill in the necessary information and return the slip to the office. The cost is \$10 each.

On Resurrection Sunday we will publish who the lilies are "In Honor of" or "In Memory of." You may take your lily home after the worship service.

I will purchase _____ Easter lily (lilies)

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Name _____

Telephone _____

Easter at Eastwood
2017 Holy Week activities



Palm
Sunday

Breakfast in the Koinonia Building at 9:00 am.
Please sign up on your communication cards.

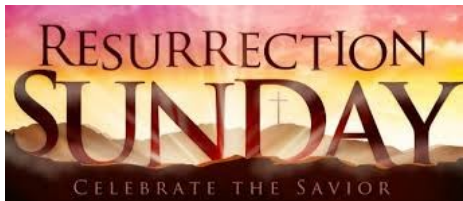


April 13th

Our Maundy Thursday Service will begin in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Dinner will take place in the Koinonia Building at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on your Communication Cards or call the church office.

There will be a presentation entitled:

"Lead Me to the Rock"



Easter – Resurrection Celebration

Baptisms in morning worship.

What a time of rejoicing!

George Barna states that 47% of unchurched people would come, if they were simply invited. Imagine, if you had two friends who do not attend church and you invite them to worship on Easter, odds are that one of them would come, simply based upon your invitation.

New Address

Leonard & Roxann Zastera
822 Golf View Drive #216
Medford, OR 97504

**Women's Brunch &
Art Extravaganza!**

Saturday, May 6th
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Eastwood Baptist Church Koinonia Building

Come prepared for a "Hands-on" art activity!

Ladies!

Save the date! On **May 6th**, **Myllinda Baits** will be our speaker/leader at our Women's Brunch and Art Extravaganza. It will be a special time to "connect with creativity through art", a restorative work she does with women around the world. All ages are invited for this event. Myllinda and her husband, Gary, have been missionaries in Costa Rica. Contact Leslie Miller if you are interested in attending or sign up on your communication cards.



Women's Art Exhibit

On that day, we will have an **Eastwood Women's Art Gallery exhibit**. Bring something (a painting, sewing, woodwork) you've made and would like to have on display! Contact Carol Bath if you would like to display your artwork.

Mission Giving Opportunity

Beginning in April, we will collect for The American Baptist Seminary of the West. Previous Eastwood Pastors that attended ABSW include; Bob Murphy, Ev Denniston, George Nye and Jerry Gilmer. Leslie Miller currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

ABSW is a Christ-centered school that trains men and women for leadership in the church of the twenty-first century who are:

- Prepared to minister in a multicultural and multiracial world
- Rooted in evangelical heritage and tradition
- Equipped for ecumenical partnership in ministry
- Informed theologically and biblically
- Skilled in the practice of ministry for personal, ecclesial and social transformation
- Committed to the justice demands of the Gospel

Bottles for Loose Change are located on the Missions Table

Joan Avery, Missions Deacon

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, April 15th - 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

Memory Verse of the Week - (4/9 - 4/15)

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!*

Psalm 130, verse 1

**New Adult Sunday School Class
Begins April 23rd in the Koinonia Building
9:15 am**

**A Ten Week Course on the Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5: 22 - 23**

If you are interested, please sign up on your communication card.



Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **April 19, 2016**. 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, April 18, 2016**.

Email sbecker@ebcmedford.org

This Beacon will be mailed.

Church Work Day

Inviting **ALL** who want to help "spruce up" our church.



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, April 8th**. Meet at the church at 9:00 am and we should be finished by 12:00. Please bring rakes, clippers and **DON'T FORGET** the gloves! **See you there.**

Questions...call Don Eastman at (541) 773-7237

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The knitting & crocheting group will meet on Wednesday, April 27th at 3:30 pm.

April 9, 2017

SUNDAY, April 9 - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Breakfast	9:00
Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School	9:15
Worship Service, Pastor Miller, preaching	10:30

MONDAY, April 10th

Women's Grove Bible Study	10:00
Boy Scouts	7:00

TUESDAY, April 11th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
Finance Committee Meeting	6:30

WEDNESDAY, April 12th

Staff Meeting	11:00
Choir Practice	7:15

THURSDAY, April 13th - Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service	6:30
Maundy Thursday Dinner "Lead Me to the Rock"	7:00

FRIDAY, April 14th - Good Friday

SATURDAY, April 15th

Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's	9:00
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April 16, 2017

SUNDAY, April 16th - Easter Sunday

Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School	9:15
Resurrection Worship Service of Baptism Pastor Miller, preaching	10:30

MONDAY, April 17th

Women's Grove Bible Study	10:00
Boy Scouts	7:00

TUESDAY, April 18th

Men's Bible Study:	12:00
Cub Scouts	6:00

WEDNESDAY, April 19th

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

THURSDAY, April 20th

FRIDAY, April 21st

Builders' Social	9:00
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SATURDAY, April 22nd

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