



# 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.

May 17, 2017

## Fly on the Wall



It was Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Mylinda Baits was preparing for her presentation with the women of Eastwood. I made myself available to assist as needed, carrying supplies, transporting guests to the meeting and gofering to the store for some last minute food items. There was great excitement in the room and an anticipation of goods things to occur. After the food and refreshments were served, I secreted myself in the hallway awaiting an opportune time to remove some of the serving dishes. As Mylinda began her presentation, I was caught in between and couldn't move, so I simply listened.

Mylinda spoke about entering "safe-spaces" (which she doesn't believe exist) and contrasted them with "brave-spaces." She declared the Walker Room a "brave space" and invited the women to enter their time with confidence and hope. Then she led the group in an African introduction ritual. She explained:

"Each person is to introduce themselves by name and then say,  
'I am here to be seen, I am here to be heard, I am here to be honored.'  
The group is then to respond,  
'\_\_\_\_\_ (person's name), we see you, we hear you, we honor you.'  
Then the person would respond by saying, 'I am here.'"

With each introduction there were corresponding hand signals of touching the eyes, ears, and crossing the heart.

From that hallway, I listened as each woman said their name and then said, "I am here to be seen, I am here to be heard, I am here to be honored." Then the group would respond, "We see you, we hear you, we honor you." Then the woman would say, "I am here."

One by one each woman introduced herself. One by one, each woman said, "I am here to be seen, I am here to be heard, I am here to be honored. The group responded in kind.

Like a 'fly on the wall,' I listened and was profoundly moved as I heard voices raised, honoring one another. I know most of these women. I know some believe they are not seen, nor heard, and not honored. I know some believe they are invisible. As I listened, I felt the Holy Spirit moving in that room and covering me, too. As some spoke, I caught my breath. As others spoke, I found myself weeping to think these souls are often ignored and dismissed. But not today! Today, 50 women gathered together to echo the Holy Spirit's cry, "I see you, I hear you, and I honor you!"

In speaking about parables, Jesus said, "... blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear." Matthew 13: 16. In like fashion, perhaps we are blessed when we see, hear, and honor each other. I know the dear women of Eastwood were blessed that Saturday in May. Oh, and by the way, so was I.

Pastor (Fly on the Wall) Miller

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## Women's Brunch and Art Extravaganza



On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, fifty Eastwood women gathered for a brunch prepared by Sandy Tepper and Fay Rashé. Thank you to those who brought scones and Devonshire cream! We were pleased to have **Mylinda Baits**, regional missionary, as our guest facilitator. Currently Mylinda works and coordinates efforts that address the situation of exploitation and trafficking of women and children in Latin American.

Mylinda guided us through different “art activities” that she uses as a means to restore wholeness to those who have been broken by trauma and crisis. For sure it was not your usual missionary presentation! We shared of ourselves in small groups, drew pictures and laughed a lot in a “brave space.” We got a taste of what Mylinda does with sisters around the world. God is indeed using this servant to bring about transformation amidst deep brokenness. \$500 was collected to support her work. Hallelujah!



That morning we featured the Eastwood Art Gallery where we showcased paintings, needlepoint, ceramics, knitting, garments, calligraphy and woodworking. There were a lot of oohs and aahs. As one woman said, “I’m happiest when I am creating....” Thank you Carol Bath for organizing our art work.

For more information about Mylinda, go to [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org)

## Thanks and Praise (5/14)

Great Sermon – enjoyed!

Happy Mother's Day!

How can Linda take a simple hymn and elevate it to the anthems of Heaven? God bless her.

Wonderful sermon. Thank you, Pastor Miller.

So nice to be here again! (Kerri Robbins)

### Church Work Party Thanks,

Thank you to the following for their help at the April 8th Church work party:

Paul Klatt  
Sandy Tepper

Hugh Barnhill  
Randy & Leslie Miller

And to our "During the Week helpers":

Sandy & Sue Shaw    Merle Neufeld  
Paul Klatt

The next work party will be on Saturday, June 10th.  
Come, "join the fun!"

Thanks,  
Don Eastman  
Buildings & Properties

### 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

## 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

**Samuel Strom**, Army

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 American Baptist International Ministries

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director of American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

Ukulele Orchestra

Brochures and Registrations forms are available at the Welcome Center





## Mission Giving Opportunity - May 2017

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

#### Support for Families and Individuals in Need in 2016

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in France in 1883 to help the poor and destitute of Paris.

The Rogue Valley District Council was established in 1982 to serve the poor and needy in Jackson County. Our all-volunteer staff serve all who come regardless of race, creed, religion or ethnic origin.

We are committed to ensuring that the poor and needy of Jackson County have a safety net of support and encouragement. No work of charity is foreign to St. Vincent de Paul.

#### Bottles for Loose Change are located on the Missions Table

Joan Avery, Missions Deacon

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#### Choir Musings

By Virginia Yungen, Church Historian

A choir has always been a part of the worship experience at Eastwood. Our first choir director was Shirley Jones, wife of our pastor, Dick Jones. An accomplished musician, she led our small choir for most of the five years they served in our church.

Carroll Graber came among us in 1960 and, though a busy man with his school choir, found time to serve as choir director for Eastwood until his retirement. Sometimes it was a struggle to find enough sopranos or tenors but Carroll always made the music sound good. Carroll had a great tenor voice.

Carol, Snider, a fine soprano, came on board to take Carroll Graber's place and we enjoyed some very good years under her direction. She and her husband, Mike, moved away but still keep in touch with Eastwood people.

Then, we all know Wendy Cawthorne who was our choir director for over 10 years. She helped us singers to be more aware of what we were saying in our music and how to express it better. It's always good to have her come back and sing with us occasionally.

Our present director, Sharon Dady, who is also blessed with a lovely voice, serves with humility and gentleness and keeps us all on key with her leadership. It takes time to choose music that is appropriate for each worship service. Sharon seems to find just the right selection for each occasion.

Any one who loves to sing is invited to join us.

**Let us praise the Lord with singing!**

## Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer Called as ABCUSA General Secretary

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**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 5/9/17)**—On Monday, May 8, the Board of General Ministries met at Springhill Suites in Chicago to elect Reverend Dr. Lee B. Spitzer to the position of General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA. Dr. Spitzer's name was brought forward to the Board of General Ministries by the General Secretary Search Committee. Over the past several months the Search Committee had interviewed numerous candidates. After much prayer, discernment, and deep discussion, the committee identified Dr. Spitzer as the candidate best suited to lead American Baptists forward.

Currently Dr. Spitzer serves as Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches in New Jersey (ABCNJ). He has served congregations in New Jersey, Nebraska, and Rhode Island. Dr. Spitzer brings a wide range of experience and expertise to his new role as General Secretary. In ABCNJ he guided a strategic planning and renewal process, provided pastoral leadership, launched new ministries and collaborative efforts, created networks and new partnerships, promoted church growth, fostered a united community, and managed financial growth. He continues to speak prophetically into current issues and concerns.

Dr. Spitzer has authored *Endless Possibilities: Exploring the Journeys of Your Life* (1997), the companion *Endless Possibilities Course Book* (2001), *A Summer's Journey* (2001), three articles for the *Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development* (Sage, 2006), and *Jesus Christ from Cover to Cover* (2006). In his first Judson Press book, *Making Friends, Making Disciples* (2010), he explores the pivotal role friendship plays in support of the church's mission to make disciples and evangelize. Dr. Spitzer's newest Judson Press book, *Baptists, Jews, and the Holocaust: The Hand of Sincere Friendship*, is scheduled for release in October 2017.

His goal as General Secretary is "to lead ABCUSA into a future of spiritual renewal, creative service, and church growth, in joyful cooperation with all partners of the American Baptist Family." His efforts as General Secretary will be directed toward strengthening connections with ABC regions, affirming and enhancing our diversity, reaching out to the next generation of leaders, growing trust and collaboration, strengthening our American Baptist identity and providing administrative leadership in areas of stewardship, funding, and fiduciary concerns.

Dr. Spitzer will be preaching on Sunday morning, July 2, at the American Baptist Biennial Mission Summit in Portland, Oregon.

ABCUSA President, Judy Fackenthal, wishes to extend her gratitude to the work and ministry of the General Secretary Search Committee: Wesley Roberts (Committee vice-chair), Robin Crouch, Shirley Fair, Kelly Legg, Charity Matic, Don Ng, Marcia Patton, Charles Revis, Don Robinson, Tom Ross, and John Williams-along with ABC staff member, Marilyn Tyson.

Dr. Spitzer will begin his service as General Secretary on June 1.

*American Baptist Churches USA is one of the most diverse Christian denominations today, with approximately 5,000 congregations comprised of 1.3 million members, across the United States and Puerto Rico, all engaged in God's mission around the world.*

# June 2017

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

May 28  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>KINDNESS</b>	May 29  <b>Memorial Day</b> 7:00 Boys Scouts	May 30  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	May 31  11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	1  1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	2	3
4  <b>Pentecost</b>  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service - Don Hildebrand, Speaking  <b>GOODNESS</b>	5  7:00 Boys Scouts	6  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	7  11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	8  3:30 Knitting/Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting	9	10  9:00 Church Work Party 10:00 Uke Practice
11  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>FAITHFULNESS</b>	12  7:00 Boys Scouts	13  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	14  11:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study	15	16  9:00 Builders' Social	17  9:30 Women's Fellowship Brunch at Punky's 10:00 Uke Practice
18  <b>Father's Day</b>  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>MEEKNESS</b>	19  7:00 Boys Scouts	20  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	21  11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study	22  3:30 Knitting/Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	23	24  10:00 Uke Practice
25  8:00 Chapel Prayers 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>SELF-CONTROL</b>	26  7:00 Boys Scouts	27  Noon - Men's Bible Study 5:30 First Place	28  11:00 Staff Meeting	29  Biennial Mission Summit in Portland	30  Biennial Mission Summit in Portland	July 1  Biennial Mission Summit in Portland

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1-Jun Maxine Gilmer  
1-Jun Sara Lektorich  
1-Jun Josh Robinson  
2-Jun Carolyn Dutton  
6-Jun Louise Breedon  
7-Jun June Rhoads  
8-Jun Ernest Bucher  
9-Jun Ava Robinson  
10-Jun Les Bennett  
10-Jun Phyllis Joy  
13-Jun Bee Wyatt  
14-Jun Marilyn Brummett  
16-Jun Jean Allsup  
16-Jun Randall Cawthorne  
16-Jun Roxann Zastera  
21-Jun Barbara Aldrich  
26-Jun Olivia Barber  
27-Jun Allan Rowell  
29-Jun Allan Campbell

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6-Jun Hugh & Barbara Barnhill  
8-Jun Ernest & Geraldine Bucher  
13-Jun Tom & Leona Lloyd  
14-Jun Eddie & Tamara Goulart  
19-Jun Terry & Susan Miller  
19-Jun Stan & Ardy Ross  
19-Jun David & Lyndi Saylor  
22-Jun Steve & Verna Yungen  
28-Jun John & Sue Becker  
28-Jun Andrew & Linda Tripp

Please contact Sue in the Church Office or note it on your communication card if your special day has been missed or reported incorrectly.

## June Cookie & Host/Hostess Sign-ups!



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It's time to sign up to bring cookies for our Fellowship hour. The cookie calendar is located on the kiosk closest to the Church Office. We would also love to see some new faces behind the cookie and punch tables. Please call Suzan Darby if you would like to

### Knitting & Crocheting Group

The knitting & crocheting group will meet on Thursdays, May 25th and June 8th at 3:30 pm.



## Short Term Mission Opportunity

### Black Hills of South Dakota – August 5-13, 2017

**T**he American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and the Dakotas have teamed up in each of the last sixteen years to minister at the annual gathering of over 400,000 people in Sturgis, South Dakota for Bike Week! (Attendance in 2015 was 739,000.)

The ABC Emergency Services Center was created in the basement of the First Baptist Church of the Northern Hills in Deadwood to help those who became stranded due to injury, abandonment, or mechanical breakdown. Many of those we help are referred to us by law enforcement, hospitals or social services agencies. Posters and brochures also help many find us for help. Since 2011 we have worked out of the First Baptist Church of Rapid City.



Volunteers from American Baptist churches around the country spend all or part of the week helping, feeding, transporting, and counseling the dozens of individuals who come to the ABCESC for assistance. Throughout the week calls come in at all hours of the day and night from churches, police and rescue workers, and individuals, wanting us to help men, women, and children in need.

Volunteers don't need to be motorcyclists, but need a heart for evangelism and a willingness to serve. Women volunteers are especially needed due to the large percentage of women and children that we end up assisting. If you can come for all or part of the week, we can find a job for you!

#### Interested in Sturgis Rally Ministry 2017?

- ◆ The ABC Emergency Services Center will be open Aug 5-13. Early arrivers can be accommodated on August 4.
- ◆ Sleeping space is provided. Most bring an air mattress.
- ◆ RVers will be provided with space to set up.
- ◆ This mission project is designed for adults. High school students will be permitted when accompanied by a parent.
- ◆ Follow-up on those ministered to will be coordinated by contacts in ABC regions around the country.
- ◆ Each participant is asked to contribute \$100 towards this project. Local churches are encouraged to assist participating members in raising this amount. Contributions may be made through ABC Nebraska and ABC Dakotas.

For more information contact:  
ABC of Nebraska • 6404 Maple Street • Omaha, NE 68104  
(402) 556-4730 • (877) 244-7339 (toll-free)  
[L.Cline@ameritas.com](mailto:L.Cline@ameritas.com)

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast**  
**Saturday, June 17th - 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



**Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.**

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*Now the just shall live by faith:  
but if any man draw back,  
My soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

Hebrews 10:38



## **Eastwood Beacon**

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be June 7, 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, June 6, 2017.

Email [sbecker@ebcmcf.org](mailto:sbecker@ebcmcf.org)

This Beacon will not be mailed.



## **Church Work Day**

Inviting ALL who want to help “spruce up” our church.

The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, June 10th**. 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

## **Fruit of the Spirit Adult Sunday School Class**

### **A Ten Week Course on the Fruit of the Spirit**

New People are Always Welcome

## **May 21, 2017**

### **SUNDAY, May 21st - Patience**

Prayer in Chapel  
Sunday School  
Worship Service, Pastor Miller, preaching

8:00  
9:15  
10:30

### **MONDAY, May 22nd**

Women's Grove Bible Study  
Boy Scouts

10:00  
7:00

### **TUESDAY, May 23rd**

Men's Bible Study  
First Place

Noon  
5:30

### **WEDNESDAY, May 24th**

Staff Meeting  
Mid-Week Bible Study  
Choir Practice

11:00  
6:00  
7:15

### **THURSDAY, May 25th**

Knitting/Crocheting Group  
Deacons' Business Meeting

3:30  
5:30

### **FRIDAY, May 26th**

### **SATURDAY, May 27th**

Uke Practice

10:00

## **May 28, 2017**

### **SUNDAY, May 28th - Kindness**

Prayer in Chapel  
Sunday School  
Worship Service, Pastor Miller, preaching

8:00  
9:15  
10:30

### **MONDAY, May 29th - Memorial Day**

Boy Scouts

7:00

### **TUESDAY, May 30th**

Men's Bible Study:  
First Place

12:00  
5:30

### **WEDNESDAY, May 31st**

Staff Meeting  
Fellowship Dinner  
Mid-Week Bible Study  
Choir Practice

11:00  
5:15  
6:00  
7:15

### **THURSDAY, June 1st**

Fellowship Support at New Far East

1:00

### **FRIDAY, June 2nd**

### **SATURDAY, June 3rd**

Uke Practice

10:00