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.

June 7, 2017

One Great Hour to Share

Words and Music by Leslie Lee and Steve Gretz, 2011

1. You celebrate my glory in the beauty of the earth
   In love that brings forgiveness in the miracle of birth
   You offer up your gratitude in worship and in prayer
   But what I really want from you is willingness to share.

2. There are questions you can't answer that keep you up at night:
   Why evil strikes the innocent and darkness hides the light
   On the day when every eye can see; when all accounts are squared
   The question that will matter most is: "Did they know you cared?"

Refrain:
When the wind and the rain of the hurricane, left me homeless on the street
Did you give me clothes and shelter, did you bring me food to eat?
When the Warlords came and I fled the flames; when they made me a refugee

3. Did you feel my racing heart beat? Hear my cries of agony?
   When the heat and the sand of this barren land left me struggling to survive
   Did you help me find clean water, so my family could thrive?
   When I was lost and lonely and wandering in despair
   My greatest time of need was your one great hour to share.

4. The world, for all its beauty, can be an ugly place
   Suffering comes and hopes and dreams vanish without trace
   Though tragedy can bring on pain you simply can't erase
   It gives each soul a chance to be an instrument of grace.

On June 18, this song will be introduced to Eastwood. You can listen to it on vimeo: https://vimeo.com/36366110. On Sunday morning, July 16, Steve Gretz and Leslie Lee will be leading worship at Eastwood as part of their West Coast tour.

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ABCUSA President Fackenthal Says She Has Been Powerfully Blessed by 'Living' the Denomination's Diversity

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Rev. Judy Fackenthal of Indianapolis says she has been "profoundly changed" over the time she has served as president of American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA).

"I've always known intellectually of the diversity of our denomination," Fackenthal says. "But in the year and a half so far that I've served as president, and before as Vice President, I have truly experienced and lived that diversity. I've heard the stories of so many wonderful people. Voices have been brought to me during that time that I had not heard from before. Living into that diversity with all of its ethnic, racial and theological expressions has really blessed me."

Fackenthal's term as President runs from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. She has traveled from Seattle to Puerto Rico and from Maine to Arizona and Southern California and throughout the Midwest during her tenure as President. ABCUSA has 33 regions and about 5,000 local churches.

She's traveled extensively while serving at the same time as pastor of Garfield Park Baptist Church, an urban, inner city congregation in a transitional Indianapolis neighborhood. She's been there more than 17 years. "We have many impoverished people, drug issues and homeless individuals in our neighborhood," Fackenthal says. The congregation, with about 100 members, extends outreach efforts into the community. She is a strong advocate for the effectiveness and influence of smaller congregations. "Just because you are small does not have to mean you are dead," Fackenthal points out.

Fackenthal was nominated to serve as ABCUSA president by Joan Friesen, executive for ABC of Greater Indianapolis. Finding the right balance to both serve her congregation and become a leading harmonizer for the denomination has been one of Fackenthal's greatest challenges. She has insisted on being home weekends to preach and serve at Garfield Park, and finding the right balance for her ministry has required "much attention and focus," she explains. "But the people of my congregation have been wonderfully generous, kind and understanding about what I am being called to do," she says. "At the same time I think they have grown in their understanding, appreciation and support of ABCUSA." That's probably in part because when Fackenthal preaches in her home pulpit she often shares powerful anecdotes about what she has learned on the road.

Fackenthal's presidency has taken place during a period of great transition for the denomination. She has partnered with Susan Gillies, the Interim General Secretary, whose term ended on May 31, 2017.

Fackenthal believes part of her responsibility during this "season of transition" has been to share with others she meets a message of hope and possibilities for ABCUSA. "Along with Susan I've made a great point of saying that American Baptists are stronger together than apart. With our vision for mission and ministry we have so much to bring to the world. We have a unique voice because of our understanding of freedom. That voice enables us to bring a message of hope with possibilities for wholeness and healing to the world."

In the most recent transition, Fackenthal has welcomed General Secretary Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, who began his term on June 1, 2017.

Thanks and Praise (6/4)

God is good! Vadim's kidney is doing better. No more appointments for one year on that. Brain is fine, too! Prayers worked! Thanks. (Terri Bish)

Great sermon. Thanks.

Wonderful sermon. Thank you, Don. Pastor & Leslie, I hope you had a good trip.

I wish to thank all who have been praying for me. I'm feeling better and God has been good. (Louise Breeden)

Knitting & Crocheting Group

The last meeting of the knitting & crocheting group for the summer will be on Wednesday, June 22nd at 3:30 pm.

Fruit of the Spirit Sunday School Class

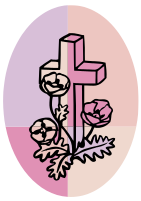
9:15 in the Walker Room

New People are Always Welcome

Sunday, June 11th - Faithfulness
Sunday, June 18th - Gentleness

In Memory of

Frances Kelly



At Home in the body: December 15, 1920

At home with the Lord: June 7, 2017

Plans for a Memorial Service have not yet been finalized

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself,
"The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

Lamentations 3: 22 - 24

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

In Memory of

Muriel Ann Brandenburg

At Home in the body: January 6, 1926

At home with the Lord: January 26, 2017

The family of Mim Brandenburg invite you to participate in a Celebration of Life for Mim on Saturday, July 22nd at 4 pm in the Koinonia Building.
There will be a presentation by Eric Brandenburg and you may share your memories of Mim.

Theme Interpretation

You are here

"I was hungry and you gave me food..." ***Matthew 25:35***

Paul's letters remind us that as members of the church, we are so closely connected that we can think of ourselves as parts of one body. The New Testament constantly refers to followers of Jesus, not as Christians, but as a *family* – brothers and sisters.

Many churches live this out when someone is ill, mourning, or facing a crisis. You show up. You are there for your loved ones in need. You show that love in tangible ways, with casseroles and cards, with hugs and spoken words of prayer. These acts let your brothers and sisters in Christ know that you are present with them. They know they are not alone because you are beside them.

Maybe you have been through the diagnosis and treatment, the unimaginable sorrow, and your church – your family – has been there to let you know that you are not forgotten in your troubles. When someone you love suffers – all your truest words and most loving actions simply declare: "I am here."

The Bible tells us that God is like us in this respect. When one of God's beloved children suffers, God declares, "I am here." God hears the cries of the poor and oppressed (Exodus 3:9, Psalm 10:17, 69:33), is near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18), and is near to all who call God's name (Psalm 145:18). The promise that God will be with us is a constant refrain from Genesis to Revelation.

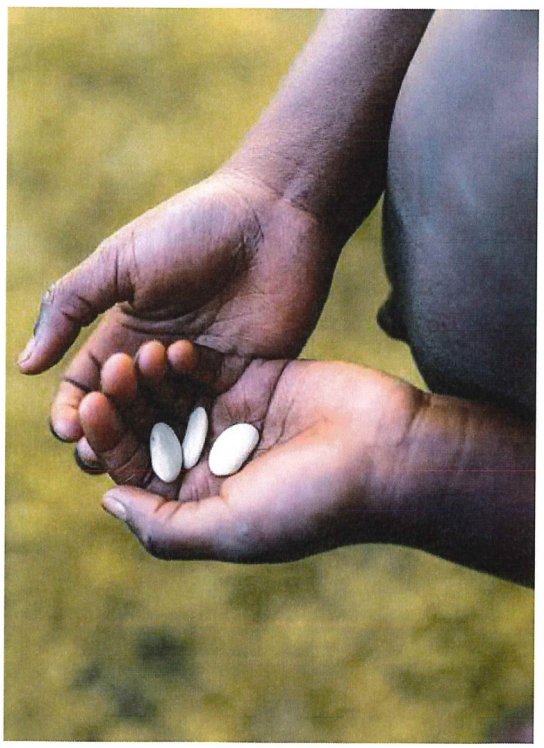
When we see the latest tragedy on the news, we might ask, "Where are you, God?" But we already know the answer – God is *here*, in the midst of those who are hurting.

When Jesus tells the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-40), he reveals to us a mystery. God is most tangibly present in the world where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned. Christ claims as family members people who suffer and says Christ is so present in them that when you feed the hungry, care for the sick, welcome the stranger – you feed, and care for, and welcome Christ.

Not just your fellow Christians, but anyone in need, anywhere in the world – these are your sisters, your brothers, your children. Their needs might seem different than the person you worship with on Sunday, but your tangible gifts declare the same message: "I am here." By reaching out to those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty, you let them know that they are not forgotten. Even when the need seems far from here, by acting together as the body of Christ, we are able to be there for these members of Christ's family.

You show them love with gifts of rice and oil. You are present by providing well pumps for clean water and seeds and training for sustainable agriculture. Through medical kits, school supplies, temporary shelters, and safe housing you show up.

In the midst of suffering, where is God? God is here. Where are you? When you give to OGHS, you are here.



Progressive Dinner
Saturday, June 24th at 4:00 P.M.

Appetizers will be served at **Ellen Husel's** place, 1101 Woodrow Ln. #2, Medford, 97504. Parking is limited so we can meet at the church parking lot and carpool over; it's close by.

Salad and Bread will be served at **Aaron & Cathy Thayer's** home, 705 Park Ave., Medford, 97501

Entrée will be served at **Jerry and Sue Lektorich's** home, 534 Bessie St., Medford, 97504.

Dessert will be served at the home of **Pastor Randy and Leslie Miller,** 1586 Ridge Way, Medford, 97504.

We plan to spend approximately 1/2 hour at each home plus travel time...Maybe a little longer for the main dish. Games after dessert at the Millers.

Need Transportation? Please call! Sue Lektorich (541) 499-1059

Please RSVP on your yellow card or call the Church Office.

Electronics Recycling

We will be collecting electronic equipment to be recycled in early September. If you have an old computer tower or laptop you would like to dispose of, bring it to the church prior to **June 28th** along with $5 for each Hard drive that needs to be pulled and erased.

Additionally, any old keyboards, monitors, printers, Cell phones, VCRs, TV's and DVD players may also be brought to the church for recycling

Free of Charge!

New at the Library

The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner

After 9/11 three mothers started meeting to talk about their three faiths -Christianity, Islam and Judaism. The plan was to write a book for their children. The result was this book about the differences and similarities of their beliefs.

None of the women were that strong or knowledgeable about their own or any other religion. By the end that had changed.

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

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 host.

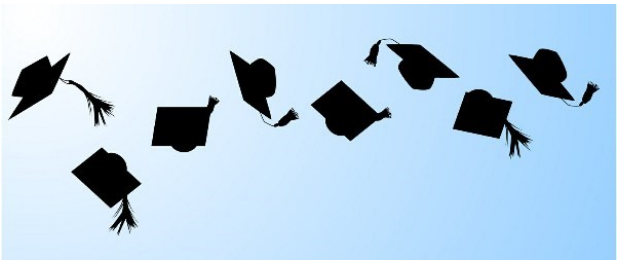
Congratulations to our GRADUATES of 2017

Kayliana Foster graduates from Crater High School and is planning to study journalism at the University of Oregon in the Fall.

Kaela Flowers graduates from North Medford High School and is planning to study Spanish and Nursing at Azusa Pacific University in the Fall.

Genna Cottini graduates from Crater High School and is planning to study nursing at Pacific Lutheran University

Kelsey Robinson graduates from Southern Oregon University with her teaching degree in elementary education.



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

Yamaha Junior Guitar

A JR-1 Yamaha Junior Guitar has been donated to the church. If you are interested in this guitar, please contact the church office at:
(541) 779-7831

Fellowship Dinner - June 21st at 5:15 pm

Please Sign up on your Communication Cards
Or Notify the Church Office

Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **June 21st 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 20th, 2017.**

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 <u>Saturday, June 10th</u>
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

June 11, 2017

SUNDAY, June 11th - Faithfulness

Prayer in Chapel	8:00
Sunday School	9:15
Worship Service	10:30

MONDAY, June 12th

Boy Scouts	7:00

TUESDAY, June 13th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
First Place	5:30

WEDNESDAY, June 14th

Staff Meeting	11:00
Mid-Week Bible Study	6:00

THURSDAY, June 15th

Knitting/Crocheting Group	3:30
Deacons' Agape Meeting	5:30
Worship Committee	6:45

FRIDAY, June 16th

Builders' Social	9:00

SATURDAY, June 17th

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

June 18, 2017

SUNDAY, June 18th - Gentleness - Father's Day

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

MONDAY, June 19th

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

TUESDAY, June 20th

Men's Bible Study:	12:00
First Place	5:30
Cub Scouts	6:00

WEDNESDAY, June 21st

Staff Meeting	11:00
Fellowship Dinner	5:15
Mid-Week Bible Study	6:00

THURSDAY, June 22nd

Knitting & Crocheting	3:30
Deacons' Business Meeting	5:30

FRIDAY, June 23rd

SATURDAY, June 24th

Uke Practice	10:00
Progressive Dinner	4:00