



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.

November 1, 2017

Season of Thanksgiving



As the end of the year nears, we at Eastwood enter the wonderful November season of Thanksgiving. Rooted in the biblical word for thanksgiving "Eucharist," which is generally associated with the liturgical tradition of communion, we remember to give thanks for those saints who have joined the great cloud of witnesses over the last year.

This year we include:

Marcella Nickerson, April 4, 1925 – December 4, 2016

Jane Smith, June 4, 1916 – January 2, 2017

Muriel Brandenburg, January 6, 1926 – January 26, 2017

Elizabeth Egan, December 22, 1929 – February 15, 2017

Frances Kelly, December 15, 1920 – June 7, 2017

Marjorie Peterson, May 18, 1920 – October 3, 2017

We also pause to give thanks and pray for all those veterans who have served our nation. We are better because of who you are and your faithful service.

As the month progresses, we will host the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Eastwood on Sunday, November 19, with a time of worship that continues the theme of thanksgiving.

Consider the practice of writing down a matter for which you give thanks. Offer it up in prayer.

Remember the words of Paul:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

Giving Thanks,
Pastor Miller

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ABHMS Continues to Support Restoration of Puerto Rico with Funds, Supplies, Visits

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VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/20/17)—As three American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) staff members return to Puerto Rico this week, the organization affirms its commitment to its “[Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico](#)” multi-year initiative and continues its response to the damage wrought on the island by hurricanes Irma and Maria.

The staff members are Victoria Goff, associate director of Mission Advancement and Passionary Movement and director of Disaster Recovery for Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico; the Rev. Salvador Orellana, national coordinator of Latino Ministries and deputy director of Logistics and Relationships for Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico; and the Rev. Rothangliani Chhangte, senior associate, Strategic Initiatives and Relationships.

They will deliver additional supplies, provide encouragement and support to ABHMS partners in Puerto Rico, and continue to assess the damage in an effort to adequately respond to constantly changing needs.

“On my first trip to Puerto Rico after the hurricanes, one of the greatest needs was gasoline,” Orellana says. “Now water is a huge need.”

Because water in Puerto Rico is contaminated and unsafe for drinking, the team will deliver 100 filters for purifying water. They will also deliver 1,000 solar lights and 125 solar chargers. One hundred tarps previously shipped by ABHMS have already been received on the island.

Also, Church World Service (CWS) funded the following items and shipped them at ABHMS’ request: 2,550 school kits; 1,800 tubes of toothpaste; and 22,500 hygiene kits.

This week ABHMS is shipping 500 tarps in sizes of 18-by-24 feet, 20-by-20 feet, and 20-by-30 feet, as well as tarp accessories. Slated to arrive in Puerto Rico by the end of the month is ABHMS’ shipment of 200 portable triple burners for cooking and 50 propane tanks.

In addition to the \$25,000 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Emergency Disaster-relief Grant and the \$25,000 ABHMS has pledged to match the grant, ABHMS has received \$72,845 in donations as of Sept. 30. To date, ABHMS spent \$80,000 in OGHS funds in support of Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico. Part of those funds—\$10,000—was transferred last week to Puerto Rico, where it was used to purchase food.

ABHMS partners lend a hand

American Baptist women’s groups are helping by providing hygiene kits to Puerto Rico through CWS. In addition to encouraging American Baptist women to participate in CWS’ call for hygiene kits, American Baptist Women’s Ministries (ABWM) Executive Director Virginia Holmstrom encourages [giving](#) to Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico and to ABWM’s Women and Girls Mission Fund. “Because American Baptist women are known for giving over and above the normal channels of support,” Holmstrom says, “American Baptist Women’s Ministries has chosen to fund the 2018 budget of the region’s ABWM board—Ministerios de Mujeres Bautistas de Puerto Rico—from contributions to ABWM’s Women and Girls Mission Fund.”

Meanwhile, the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB), is working closely with Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico Executive Minister Dr. Roberto Dieppa-Báez to serve hurricane survivors by providing continuity of benefits to members through Premium Assistance for the Comprehensive Plan and providing emergency financial assistance for recovery and living expenses.

“To date, we have sent 34 applications for financial assistance and are expecting more,” says MMBB Associate Executive Director the Rev. Dr. Perry J. Hopper.

Two of International Ministries’ (IM) missionaries are currently serving with the relief effort in Puerto Rico, and IM’s website sends visitors to ABHMS’ site to obtain updates on and to contribute to Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico.

“IM is preparing to help provide bilingual support to the work of short-term volunteer teams, when it becomes possible for such work teams to contribute effectively,” says Stan Slade, IM global consultant. “IM is seeking to provide special assistance to missionaries from Puerto Rico and their supporters, and is grateful for the way ABHMS is leading all American Baptists to work together to meet the needs of our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico, and to help them serve as the hands and feet of Christ to all of their neighbors.”

Thanks and Praise - 10/29

Choir song was wonderful! Please sing it again soon!

Great music, inspiring sermon.

Love the great old songs we sang today!

Barbara – awesome leadership!

Wonderful Song – Thank you Choir! “He Never Failed Me Yet” Amen!

The music was so uplifting!

Swim competition – I won a 5th place ribbon, a 4th place ribbon and a bronze medal (3rd place). (Katy Ceglia)

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD**
HIS LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

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

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.

Tim & Mary Dady serving in Latvia

Christmas Poinsettias

For Christmas our Worship Center will be decorated with live poinsettias purchased by the congregation.



We are inviting you to individually purchase the poinsettias by using the following form. The Worship Committee will place the flowers on December 10th and will care for them.

If you are interested, please fill in the necessary information and return this slip to the office. The cost is \$10 each. On Christmas Eve we will publish who the poinsettias are “In Honor/Celebration Of” or “In Memory Of” and you may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Service.

I will purchase _____ poinsettia(s)

In Honor/Celebration of : _____

In Memory of: _____

My name : _____

Telephone number: _____

Transition Times and Pastoral Services

Eastwood is an American Baptist Congregation and as such operates under a constitution that directs the Board of Deacons to ensure continuity of Pastoral Services in times of transition.

With the retirement announcement of Pastor Miller, the Board of Deacons is already assuming their responsibilities for smooth transition and continuity of Pastoral Services.

On September 30th, 2017, a request was made to Rev. Steve Bils, executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast, for an interim pastor. It is anticipated the Interim will begin as early as middle February or as late as the end of March, 2018.

This Interim Pastor will provide leadership and pastoral care during the period that Eastwood searches for their new pastor.

Pulpit supply has already been arranged for the early months of 2018 and includes the following:

- January 7 George Nye, pastor of Eastwood, retired
- January 14 George Nye
- January 21 Steve Bils, Executive Minister, ABC-CPC
- January 28 Michael Sayler, pastor of Eastwood, retired
- February 4 Michael Sayler
- February 11 Don Hildebrand, member of Eastwood, chaplain, retired.
- February 18 Don Hildebrand
- February 25 Ev Denniston, former youth minister, Eastwood

Additionally, the Board of Deacons is working to secure Pastoral Care services during this period of time, prior to when the Interim Pastor arrives. It is anticipated that these pastoral care services will be in place when the new year begins.

A congregational meeting to survey dreams, feelings, and hopes of members for determining the direction of the church is planned for early January.

It is anticipated that the Pastoral Search Committee will be formed and appointed during the month of March or soon after the arrival of the Interim Pastor. This search committee will begin regular meetings with guidance of our Executive Minister. It is likely that this process will take more than a year.

Meanwhile, all committees of the Board of Deacons are extending their planning into 2018. We will hold our Annual Meeting on January 21, 2018 for the propose of approving the 2018 budget and electing deacons and moderator for three years terms.

Further information will be provided when it is available. Any questions can be forwarded to your leadership team of Deacons and Pastor Miller.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

Randolph Miller, Pastor

Jerry Darby, Moderator

Mission Giving Opportunity

November's Mission Giving Opportunity will be the Medford Gospel Mission. The primary purpose of the Mission is to reach people with the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The secondary purpose is to feed, clothe and shelter people in need.

Bottles are available on the Mission table to take home and bring back with your loose change.

Mission Nite with Dan & Sarah Chetti

Dan and Sarah Chetti will be with us from Lebanon on Wednesday, Nov. 29th. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. and will be followed by dessert. The program will start at 6:00 p.m.



Please sign up on your communication card so we have an accurate count of attendance.

"The Office" Ministry Update

This ministry has continued for twelve years and God is guiding us as we visit with the staff and dancers at "The Office." We continue to need donations of jewelry, cakes for birthdays and, most of all, we need your prayers for the dancers and staff at "The Office!" We ask your prayers also for those of us working in this ministry! We represent the Eastwood family when we go to "The Office!" If there is anyone interested in joining our ministry, please call Maxine at (541) 826 - 2206.

Eastwood Knitters and Crocheters

We will again be collecting hats and scarves to be donated to the Maslow Project at Christmas time. If you need yarn, please check the closet by the giveaway books.

Please bring them to the "yarn closet" or the office when you are finished.

Any questions, call Joan Avery, 541 702-2114 or Barbara Davis, 541 414-4889.

Eastwood's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

November 19th!

Immediately following the
Worship Service



Your fellowship committee will be serving turkey with ALL the trimmings. In order to accommodate everyone we need an accurate count so please make reservations on your communication cards or call Sue in the church office.



Mercy Flights Membership Time

There is still time to join or renew your Mercy Flights Group Membership. This year's membership expired on October 31st. Our group rate is \$64.00 per household for Combined Air & Ground Membership. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center. You do not have to fill out an enrollment form if you are not making any changes and are a returning member.

Please have your check (**made out to Mercy Flights**) and enrollment form turned into the church office **ASAP. Please bring the check to the Church Office and not in the offering plate.**

Year End Love Gift

Dear Congregation,

It is the desire of your Board of Deacons to provide a Year-End Love Gift to our Pastor and staff as a way of showing our appreciation for their service to us this year. If you wish to participate in this "Thank You," please place your gift in one of the Love Offering envelopes, designating your checks to "Staff Love Gift" and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office during normal business hours.

Thank you for your generosity in this opportunity to share God's love with our staff this Christmas season.

Jerry Darby, Moderator



**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, November 18th - 9:30 a.m.**

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

New Address

Mildred Byers (541) 621-5125
300 Suncrest Road #116
Talent, OR 97540

**The Women's Grove Bible Study Group
Mondays - 10:00 AM - Room 14**

Our Bible Study Book is entitled:
"A Guide to Prayer - Connecting with God"
From Stonecroft Bible Studies

All women are welcome to join us at any time.



Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **November 15th, 2017**. If you have anything you would like put in the *Beacon*, an upcoming event, a function, etc. please **have all copy in the church office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 14th, 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 **Saturday, November 11th**. 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

November 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.

November 5, 2017

SUNDAY, November 5th - Remembrance Sunday

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

MONDAY, November 6th

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

TUESDAY, November 7th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, November 8th

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

THURSDAY, November 9th

FRIDAY, November 10th

SATURDAY, November 11th

Church Work Party	9:00
Uke Practice	10:00

November 12, 2017

SUNDAY, November 12th - Veterans' Sunday

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

MONDAY, November 13th

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

TUESDAY, November 14th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, November 15th

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

THURSDAY, November 16th

Deacons' Business Meeting	5:30
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FRIDAY, November 17th

Builders' Social	9:00
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SATURDAY, November 18th

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