



# The Eastwood Beacon

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

March 21, 2018

Hello Eastwood Baptist!

By now you all have heard about this person called an Intentional Interim who is coming to serve at Eastwood. Many of you may be asking yourselves what the heck an intentional interim is. An Intentional Interim is a pastor who has received specialized training in working with congregations during the interim time. The interim is a time when people can feel a little unsettled, yet it is also a time when exciting changes can take place within the church community. As an Intentional Interim I am trained to help congregations use the interim time in constructive ways.

An ABC publication called *Tackling the Tasks* provide a step by step process that will help us begin our work together. The tasks, which years of experience and study have shown to be the most helpful to congregations are:

**Coming to Terms with History** - Taking a look at the history of the church in order to learn from the past in a way that will enrich the future. By looking at the church's history we can see how God has called this congregation to serve in the past and how it has helped grow God's kingdom. Looking at history will also help us discover how to continue to live out that call.

**Discovering a New Identity** - Gaining an understanding of who you are as a congregation, how you view yourselves, what are your strengths and weaknesses, and what God is calling you to be and do in light of them. During this process you may discover that God is calling the congregation into new areas of ministry or affirming a call you have previously discerned.

**Allowing Needed Leadership Changes** - There are likely to be changes in leadership as well as the change in leadership style. This will be a time for some folks to become more active while others decide to be less active. Please understand that these changes are normal during an interim time and that they are not set in cement! Some folks might need a break for a while, not forever, just for a while.

**Re-Affirming Denominational Linkage** - Re-Visiting and perhaps renewing our appreciation of the heritage and mission of being American Baptists and the churches relationship with American Baptist Churches USA and the services they provide.

**Commitments to New Directions in Ministry** - During the interim period the congregation needs to become ready to make a commitment to the new pastor leaser it will call. This includes developing a sense of anticipation and hope for the future based on an understanding of ministry which the congregation begins to envision for itself.

In partnership with an Interim Ministry Team, we will identify which of the five developmental tasks will be most beneficial to the congregation and its next pastor. We will then lay out a plan to address those tasks and work toward completing them.

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## EASTWOOD STAFF

### Grant Rublin

*Youth Director*

### Sharon Dady

*Choir Director*

### Linda Tripp

*Accompanist & Worship Coordinator*

### Sue Becker

*Church Secretary*

### Sam J. Angulo

*Custodian*

### Kaitlyn Brunson

*Nursery Attendant*

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So there you have it, the practical hands-on description of the interim time. However, this description is incomplete if we leave out the most important component and that is the spiritual component. We can do nothing of deep and lasting value if we do it without God. A significant portion of our time needs to be spent in prayer seeking God's will for this community of believers and trusting that God will guide us. To that end we need the prayers and support of each and every one of you.

I look forward to getting to know you all and seeing where God takes us as we embark on this interim journey.

Blessings,

Pastor Linda

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## American Baptists to Explore Fresh Expressions of Ministry

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Several American Baptist regions have partnered with the Office of the General Secretary to explore a Fresh Expression of ministry in our changing times. Over 50 American Baptist participants are scheduled to gather in Reston, Virginia next week for the Fresh Expression national gathering entitled, Steeple to the Street.

Our world is rapidly changing. It needs a church, rooted in scripture, orthodoxy and tradition; but fluent in the language and culture of the world today. Fresh Expressions is an international movement of missionary disciples cultivating new kinds of church alongside existing congregations to more effectively engage our growing post-Christian society.

What sets Fresh Expressions apart is a focus on forming faith communities especially for those who have never been involved in church (un-churched) or who have left the church (de-churched). But this doesn't mean giving up on the established church.

Each fresh expression of church is unique, and designed for their particular context. Around the world, Christians are stepping out in faith and beginning fresh expressions of church, new or different forms of church for a changing culture.

Please keep this ministry initiative in prayer as these leaders explore this opportunity.

## Thanks and Praise (3/18)

Thank you, Choir and Linda – the spirit was upon us all.

Good music – good sermon.

Thank you, Fred. Great Sermon!

Josiah Kinsman has been seizure free since August 22, 2017!

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### **Thank You**

Many thanks to my church family for the gift bag of goodies and for your good cards and prayers.

Blessings with Love  
June Rhoads

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### **Thank You**

Thank you all so much for your prayers for my brother and his family.

Paul Klatt

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### **Thanks!**

We want to thank the following for their work at the March 10th “Work Party;”

Richard Bath  
Paul Klatt  
Sandy and Sue Shaw

Our next work party will be on Saturday, April 14th. Please help if you can. The weeds are starting to grow (fast)!

Again, Thanks!  
Don Eastman  
Building & Properties Deacon

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### **Mission Giving Opportunity**

Beginning in April, we will collect for our local Boy Scout Troop 5.

Organized more than 25 years ago, the troop currently has approximately 40 scouts and has produced 56 Eagle Scouts.

## 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

**Eric Lektorich**, Army National Guard

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



### *A Wedding Reception for Dick and Jackie Henselman*

**Friday, April 6th at Three O'clock  
Eastwood Baptist Church - Koinonia Building**

Jackie Graber and Dick Henselman were married on December 24, 2017 and would like to invite their church family to their reception on Friday, April 6th at 3 pm. NO gifts please, just come and enjoy light refreshments and visiting.

Please RSVP by signing up on your yellow communication card or by calling the church office.

# April 2018

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

1 <b>Easter</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Rev. George Nye, preaching	2 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	3 Noon - Men's Bible Study	4 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	5 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	6 3:00 Henselman Wedding Reception	7 6:00 Youth Group
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching  12:00 Reception for Pastor Linda	9 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	10 Noon - Men's Bible Study	11 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	12 3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	13	14 9:00 Church Work Party 6:00 Youth Group
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching	16 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	17 Noon - Men's Bible Study	18 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	19	20 9:00 Builders' Social	21 9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's 6:00 Youth Group
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching	23 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	24 Noon - Men's Bible Study	25 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	26 3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	27	28 6:00 Youth Group - Laser tag
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching	30 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	May 1 Noon - Men's Bible Study	May 2 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	May 3 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	May 4	May 5 6:00 Youth Group

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1-Apr	Barbara Barnhill
2-Apr	Ty Mahaffey
4-Apr	Tamara Goulart
6-Apr	Ann Christie
6-Apr	Grant Rubin
8-Apr	Tyler Powell
10-Apr	Don Jaquette
11-Apr	Fay Rashe'
15-Apr	Brenda Martin
18-Apr	David Morris
19-Apr	Kerri Robbins
24-Apr	Wendy Cawthorne
25-Apr	Carisse Chisem
25-Apr	Susan Skaggs
26-Apr	Matthew Arnett
30-Apr	Eloise Tarrant

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

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### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3-Apr	Jim & Marilyn Powell
4-Apr	Ralph & Sharon Dady
27-Apr	Jearld & Becki Foster

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

## Easter at Eastwood 2018 Holy Week activities

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# Palm Sunday

March 25th

Grant Rubin, Eastwood Youth Director,  
Speaking

### **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**

Palm Sunday, March 25th, at 9:15 - 10:00 AM  
in the Walker Room of the K Bldg. Everyone is invited.  
Please sign up on the yellow communication cards.

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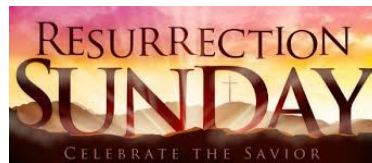
March 29th

Rev. George Nye



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.

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April 1st

Easter Sunday  
Communion Service  
Rev. George Nye, preaching

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## **A Welcome for Pastor Linda Bergeon**

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

**Immediately following the Worship Service**

Please join us in welcoming our interim pastor at a Reception in the Koinonia Building following the April 8th Worship Service.

**Please Sign up on your Communication Card**

**Or call the church office.**

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast  
Saturday, April 21st - 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



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

The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, April 14th**. 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



**Eastwood Beacon**

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be April 5th, 2018. 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 4th, 2017.**

Email [sbecker@ebcmedford.org](mailto:sbecker@ebcmedford.org)  
This Beacon will not be mailed.

**April 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.

**New Phone Number**

Walter Vail now has a "caption phone" which enables him to read his conversations. The caption phone number is 1-877-243-2823. After dialing the caption phone number, you will be instructed to enter his home phone number followed by the # sign. There will be a delay of approximately 10 seconds between your spoken words and his reply. Be sure to wait long enough to give Walter a chance to read and answer you.

**March 25, 2018**

**SUNDAY, March 25th - Palm Sunday**

Sunday School	9:15
Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast	9:15
Worship Service, Grant Rubin, speaking	10:30

**MONDAY, March 26th**

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

**TUESDAY, March 27th**

Men's Luncheon	12:00
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**WEDNESDAY, March 28th**

Staff Meeting	11:00
Choir Practice	7:00

**THURSDAY, March 29th - Maundy Thursday**

Maundy Thursday Service & Dinner	6:30
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**FRIDAY, March 30th - Good Friday**

**SATURDAY, March 31st**

Youth Group	6:00
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**April 1, 2018**

**SUNDAY, April 1st - Easter**

Sunday School	9:15
Communion Worship Service	10:30
Rev. George Nye, preaching	

**MONDAY, April 2nd**

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

**TUESDAY, April 3rd**

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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**WEDNESDAY, April 4th**

Staff Meeting	11:00
Choir Practice	7:00

**THURSDAY, April 5th**

Fellowship Support at New Far East	1:00
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**FRIDAY, April 5th**

**SATURDAY, April 6th**

Youth Group	6:00
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