



# The Eastwood Beacon

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

April 4, 2018

## On Being Easter People\*

*Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

*Matthew 22:37-40*

It is often said that Christians are an "Easter People." We walk in the sure and certain hope that just as Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, we have Jesus' promise that all who believe in him will have everlasting life. Our response to this promise, this gift, is to worship God with praise and thanks for what God has already done for us through Jesus Christ.

But there is more to it than that. Beyond our thanks and praise, Jesus calls us to a different kind of life—a different way of living. As an "Easter People" our response to the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life compel us to try to live lives that reflect our new status. We are a people forgiven, healed and renewed by Jesus and we are called to share that Good News with the whole world.

Our response can and should be rooted in love. As Jesus himself has told us, loving God and loving our neighbor is the foundation of our new life in Christ. Because God first loved us our appropriate response is to love God as deeply and fully as we are able and to love everyone else as deeply and fully as we love ourselves.

For most of us, including myself, this second response to God's love is more difficult, a difficulty I can easily identify by simply reminding myself of the last time I thought or said something less than kind about a driver who wasn't doing what I thought they should. I find it is much easier to love God than to love "those people" with whom I live on this crowded planet we call Earth.

Yet that is precisely what we are called to do. Let's face it, human beings in general are an unforgiving, vengeful lot. We want to "get even" for what we take to be a slight, an offense, or an attack. By "getting even" we usually mean we want to return the slight, the offense, the attack equally or, as someone I once knew said, "I don't get even, I escalate." Our wounded pride is satisfied by wounding another. Where is love in that?

What we often fail to recognize is that through Christ we are all equal. Jesus, as Paul writes, died "once and for all." If we could begin to respect one another as equally loved, equally forgiven, equally saved by God through Christ Jesus; if we could begin to see all people, believer and unbeliever alike, as one of God's beloved creations, we would begin to live the second of Jesus' commandments more successfully. By doing so we could become the "Easter People" we are called to be.

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## EASTWOOD STAFF

**Rev. Linda Bergeon**

*Interim Pastor*

**Grant Rublin**

*Youth Director*

**Sharon Dady**

*Choir Director*

**Linda Tripp**

*Accompanist & Worship Coordinator*

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*Church Secretary*

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**Kaltlyn Brunson**

*Nursery Attendant*

This Easter season, amid the joy and celebration of our new lives in Christ, let us also celebrate the joy of new life with others. Let us begin to set aside our pride and petty differences that not only separate us from each other, but also separate us from God and strive to become an “Easter People” who know and reflect God’s love through our love for one another as equally beloved children of God.

**He is Risen!**

Pastor Linda

*\*My thanks to Rev. Scott Monson who allowed me to summarize and edit his blog*

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## **ABHS Executive Director to be Inducted into Martin Luther King, Jr., College of Ministers and Laity**

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**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 4/4/18)**—The American Baptist Historical Society (ABHS) is pleased to announce that its executive director, the Rev. Dr. Priscilla E. Eppinger, will be inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr., College of Ministers and Laity at Morehouse College. ABHS invites its friends and supporters in the Atlanta area to attend the Crown Forum Induction Ceremony where Dr. Eppinger and others will be honored on Thursday, April 5.

The Martin Luther King, Jr., College of Ministers and Laity was established in 1985 by Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr., Dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr., International Chapel, and Dr. Hugh Morris Gloster, Sr., seventh president of Morehouse College, to honor individuals whose life and work exemplify the ethical ideals promoted by the College’s most prominent alumnus, Martin Luther King, Jr. Nominees to the College of Ministers and Laity have demonstrated and are evolving toward great achievement in their chosen vocations, a profound commitment to their community and society, the planet, and the cosmos, and are living their lives according to a high standard of cosmopolitan ethical principles.

The Benjamin Elijah Mays Crown Forum Induction Ceremony will take place at 11:00 am on Thursday, April 5, 2018, in the Martin Luther King International Chapel at Morehouse College. The Rev. Dr. Marvin Andrew McMickle, President, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, and Professor of African-American Religious Studies at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School will address the gathering. The world-renowned Morehouse College Glee Club will sing. The ceremony is open to the public.

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## **Off-Road Living Sermon Series**

This week we begin a sermon series entitled “Off-Road Living” which will address skills and attitudes the congregation is encouraged to exhibit this interim time. These skills and attitudes will help Eastwood move through the interim and will also be important to keep in mind as we look to the future.

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| April 8  | <b>Spying Out the Land</b> - Numbers 13 & 14; Joshua 1.6-9 |
| April 15 | <b>Staying Together</b> – Philippians 2.1-4                |
| April 22 | <b>Staying Calm</b> – Philippians 4.4-7                    |
| April 29 | <b>Staying Focused</b> – Matthew 14.13-21; 22-33           |

## Thanks and Praise

Beautiful Choir, Great Sermon.

He lives!

Beautiful Easter Service! Pencil mikes a great help.

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**Enthusiasm is contagious.  
It's difficult to remain neutral  
or indifferent in the presence  
of a positive thinker.**

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*Finally, brethren, whatever is  
true...honorable...right...pure...lovely...of  
good repute, if there is any excellence and if  
anything worthy of praise, let your mind  
dwell on such things.*

**Philippians 4: 8 NAS**

## 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  
**Kevin Farmer**, US Navy

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**) serv-  
ing around the world.

**Tim & Mary Dady** serving in Latvia



*In Memory of*

**Larry Rogers**

At home in the body: March 26, 1950

At home with the Lord: March 22, 2018

Services will be Friday April 13th at 4 p.m.  
Edgewater Christian Fellowship  
101 Assembly Circle, Grants Pass.

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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.

Joan Avery,  
Missions Deacon

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## New at the Library

Side by Side: being Christian in a Multifaith World by  
Charles Polson. "Focusing on relations among Christians,  
Jews and Muslims, where the greatest tensions exist to-  
day, as well as how to navigate conflicts between Chris-  
tian traditions. Each chapter includes practical sugges-  
tions to 'Reflect, Discuss, Do.'" A Judson Press publica-  
tion.

Holy Bible, New Living Translation

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## ABW of Oregon

### Spring Retreat 2018

**Emerald Community Fellowship - Eugene, Oregon**  
**Saturday, April 28th - 9 am to 4 pm**

**Keynote Speaker: Susie Main, 1st Baptist, Coos Bay**

**Registration forms available at the Welcome Center**

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## Maxine Gilmer is Moving April 21st!

Maxine's new address will be:

Horton Plaza  
1122 Spring Street, Apartment 323  
Medford, OR 97504

## 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.**

### April & May 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.

## April 8, 2018

### SUNDAY, April 8th

Sunday School	9:15
Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching	10:30
Welcome Reception for Pastor Linda	12:00

### MONDAY, April 9th

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

### TUESDAY, April 10th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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### WEDNESDAY, April 11th

Staff Meeting	11:00
Choir Practice	7:00

### THURSDAY, April 12th

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

### FRIDAY, April 13th

### SATURDAY, April 14th

Church Work Party	9:00
Youth Group	6:00



## Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **April 18, 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 17th, 2018.**

Email [sbecker@ebcmedford.org](mailto:sbecker@ebcmedford.org)  
This Beacon will be mailed.

## 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.



## April 15, 2018

### SUNDAY, April 15th

Sunday School	9:15
Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching	10:30

### MONDAY, April 16th

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

### TUESDAY, April 17th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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### WEDNESDAY, April 18th

Staff Meeting	11:00
Choir Practice	7:00

### THURSDAY, April 19th

### FRIDAY, April 20th

Builders' Social	9:00
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### SATURDAY, April 21st

Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's	9:30
Youth Group	6:00