



The Eastwood Beacon

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

April 18, 2018

A Change of Perspective Pastor Linda

A couple of years ago I attended a Women's Retreat where I experienced one of those moments when a slight change in perspective took something familiar and stood it on its head. The theme of that weekend was women and change so we looked at a number of women in the Bible who changed or were instruments of change. Among them was a woman who, when I saw that we were going to look at her story, I thought didn't fit at all. What kind of change agent could Lot's wife possibly be?!

As the conversation unfolded the guest pastor challenged us to think about Lot's wife in a different light. What if her transformation was thought of as something other than punishment for disobedience? What other reasons might she have had for looking back? During the ensuing lively conversation thoughts and ideas abounded. Perhaps she was looking back with longing at the home where she had raised her family, maybe the only home her children had ever known. Maybe she was looking back out of concern for family members who were still in Sodom and Gomorrah; or perhaps she was looking back broken hearted and filled with sorrow with a for all those whose lives were being destroyed.

That was the thought that captured my attention - what if it was a broken heart that caused her to look back? What if the tears that flowed from her eyes and ran freely down her face dripped onto her clothing? What if her sorrow was so deep and all-consuming that that the salt from those tears literally turned her into a pillar of salt?

A change of perspective can transform how we understand a familiar Bible story; it can alter the way we identify ourselves or others, our families, our church. A change of perspective can open our hearts and our eyes to new ways of understanding and serving God. A change of perspective can, I believe, be good for the soul.

Ideally, the interim is a time for changing perspectives. A time to look at the familiar and dream about what it could become in the future, to maybe stand our heads preconceived ideas on their heads and see how the view changes. It is a time to look inward to what works and what doesn't; what can and should remain and what needs to change. It is a time to look outward to envision the future God is leading this church into.

In the coming months we will be evaluating, envisioning and engaging in exercises that I pray will allow us to shift our perspective just a bit to see what lies around the corner. The interim can be an exciting, challenging, sometimes sorrow producing time yet through it all there is one thing that will never change... Jesus Christ is Lord!

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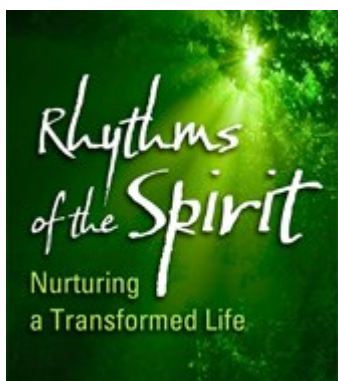
Nursery Attendant

Can You Help?

Christine Nguyen, a pharmacy student who is in her last year of pharmacy school will be on rotation at the Medford Providence Medical Center starting May 14, 2018 until April 2019. She is looking for a room to rent. Her budget is \$300-\$400/month. Christine notes that she is mostly at the hospital (some of her rotations require her to work 18-20 hours/day) and that she will go home in December, as well as in February and March for her off-block.

Christine is a 24-year-old Christian who came to know Christ during a medical mission trip. She was baptized at her home church in Portland and looks forward to going on another medical mission trip this summer.

If you have a room to rent or know of someone who does, please let Pastor Linda know. References are available upon request.



Rhythms of the Spirit

Do you struggle for balance between prayer and activity?

Do you long for a rhythm of the day that supports your spiritual journey?

More energy for compassion, peace and justice?

This conference, offered in a retreat style, provides a unique opportunity to explore the transformed life and discover contemplative practices that invite us into deeper engagement with the needs of the world.

We'll focus on your own spiritual practice providing time to develop solitude and silence, creating the expansive space necessary to welcome God's voice. If you desire spiritual direction, each conference will provide the opportunity for you to meet one-on-one with a spiritual companion.

June 4 - 8, 2018 Camp Arrah Wanna near Portland, OR

Sponsored by Steve Bills and the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast

Save the Date for a "Summit by the Sea" at the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 4/16/18)—The American Baptist Churches USA 2019 Biennial Mission Summit will be held June 21-23, 2019, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, Va. Join us for a "Summit by the Sea" as the Biennial Mission Summit returns to the East Coast for the first time since 2007!

The event will feature an all-new ABCUSA Biennial Academy – offering continuing education and spiritual growth opportunities for both clergy and lay leaders. Many different options will allow for something for everyone, including learning tracks with credit available, bible studies, workshops, and educational seminars.

The 2019 Biennial Mission Summit will be a family event, so plan to bring the whole family! The event will feature sessions available for all ages, from day care through high school age. In addition, Virginia Beach is a top family-friendly destination. The Virginia Beach Convention Center and event hotels are all within a mile of the beach.

We invite you to come early to experience planned events with other American Baptists which will be offered before June 21 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. There are many hotels in Virginia Beach, offering a wide range of affordability. Also, special discounts for post-biennial tourist activities and attractions will make your stay a memorable vacation.

We hope that you will Save the Date and plan now to join together with us to celebrate our unique American Baptist identity with your sisters and brothers in Christ at the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit.

Thanks and Praise (4/15)

Thank You!

Your thoughtfulness meant so much.

Thank you for sponsoring the Good News Club at Roosevelt School. We have over 50 kids sign up and served 20 - 32 kids each week. Every child that asked for a Bible was given one. On the very last day of club, most of the kids in club prayed out loud to receive Christ as their Savior! What a joy it has been to be able to see the Lord moving in the hearts and lives of the kids in this community! Please continue to pray for these precious kids and their families and for the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers for this ministry. Thank you again for investing in this ministry.

To God by the Glory, Great things he has done!

In His Service,
Signe, Caleb, Delores, Jerry, Ashley, Sherri and Bette
Roosevelt's Good News Team

Thanks!

Thank you to the following group of people for their help at the April 14th "Work Party:"

Paul Klatt
Sandy and Sue Shaw
Carrie Wallis

Our next work day (9:00 - 12:00) will be on May 12th.
We can use more help! Thanks!

Don Eastman
Buildings & Properties

*From the bottom of our hearts,
We are grateful for people like you.*

*Thank you for your generous gifts of candles,
wax and cans that will be used to make
candles-in-a-can for the homeless at
St. Vincent de Paul.*

Nancy Fleming

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

Thank You!

We want to thank our Church family for all the prayers, cards, and visits to the hospital to see Bill. He is doing much better.

With our Love,
Bill & Carolyn Dutton

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

Needed for the Nursery

We could use a small dresser or chest of drawers to store diapers and other supplies. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

May 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>April 29</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>April 30</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Church Work Party No Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Mother's Day 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Builders' Social</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Youth Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Youth Director, Grant Rubin, preaching</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 Full Draw Student Ministry - Students depart for Black Rock Desert 3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Memorial Day 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7 :00 Boys Scouts Full Draw Student Minis- try - Students return from Black Rock Desert</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 1</p>	<p>June 2</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1-May	Leighanne Nottingham
1-May	Ray Olstad
1-May	Joanie VanDyke
7-May	Sharon Dady
7-May	Aaron Thayer
8-May	Eli Matthews
9-May	Connor Hunter
10-May	Howard Bowman
14-May	Jeanne Scherbinske
15-May	Elisha Smith
15-May	Bill Wheatley
18-May	Joan Daniel
18-May	Norma Hart
19-May	Trevahn Foster
23-May	Helen Bartlett
23-May	Michael Ekelman
23-May	Don Hildebrand
25-May	Anita Simpson
25-May	Deborah Slocam
27-May	Dianne Rowell
30-May	Jim Powell
31-May	Sam Angulo
31-May	David Saylor

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6-May	Rev. George & Sandra Nye
10-May	Travis & Makayla Goins
22-May	Jacob & Julie Kinsman
29-May	Carl & Ada Harsch

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

Prayer Request

Prayer for Denominational Leaders Gathering at Green Lake, Wis. This month, please be in prayer for regional and national leaders of American Baptist Churches USA who will meet together for the annual National Leadership Council meeting.

Each year in April, national leaders and Regional Executive Ministers of American Baptist Churches USA gather at the American Baptist Assembly/Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wis. A main focus of the event is networking between leaders and building relationships, as well as moving denominational initiatives forward.

Please keep these leaders in prayer as they work to advance the denomination's mission.

Thank you.

"The Extraordinary Story of Ann Hasseltine Judson" by Rosalie Hall Hunt .

Many know the story of the first Baptist missionaries, Adoniram and Ann Judson, who left America in 1812 to take the Good News of Jesus Christ to Burma. But in this book, Ann springs from the pages as a vital, fun-loving, adventurous girl who sought God with all her heart. Adoniram and Ann were married in the morning, commissioned as missionaries that afternoon, and left their families the next day for a four-month voyage to India.

There are many triumphs as God enabled them to love the Burman people, translate the Bible into Burmese, and saw the Spirit transform lives for Jesus. But amid the joys, there were many sorrows and much suffering. Ann's fortitude and dependence on God were seen again and again as she claimed Romans 12:1 as her life verse, being a "living sacrifice" for her Lord and Savior.

The author has brought to life this God-following woman, expressing her emotions and faith in the world of the early 19th century.

Jan Blankenship

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 Church of Coos Bay

Registration forms available at the Welcome Center

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, May 19th - 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, May 12th**. 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.**

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The next issue of *The Beacon* will be **May 10th, 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, May 9th, 2017**.

Email sbecker@ebcmedford.org
This Beacon will not be mailed.

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.

New Addresses

Maxine Gilmer
Horton Plaza (541) 858 - 4581
1122 Spring Street, Apartment 323
Medford, OR 97504

Kaitlyn Brunson
843 Pittview Avenue
Central Point, OR 97502
New email: kaitlynabrunson@gmail.com

April 22, 2018

SUNDAY, April 22nd

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

MONDAY, April 23rd

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

TUESDAY, April 24th

Men's Luncheon Noon

WEDNESDAY, April 25th

Choir Practice 7:00

THURSDAY, April 26th

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

FRIDAY, April 27th

SATURDAY, April 28th

Full Draw Student Ministry - Laser Tag (Bring \$20) 6:00

April 29, 2018

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Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, May 1st

Men's Bible Study Noon

WEDNESDAY, May 2nd

Choir Practice 7:00

THURSDAY, May 3rd

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

FRIDAY, May 4th

SATURDAY, May 5th

Full Draw Student Ministry 6:00