



The Eastwood Beacon

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

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Shalom

Lately it seems like I have been spending a lot of time worrying. My list goes on and on including everything from peace in my heart to the state of our nation. It's at times like these that I am so very grateful we serve a God who speaks to me in a variety of ways. This time it was through reading a couple of articles about the word "shalom" and being reminded of what it means.

Shalom, the Hebrew word for peace, is derived from a root word meaning wholeness or completeness. In one of the articles I read I learned that its frame of reference throughout Jewish literature is associated with the idea of *shelemut*, that is, perfection and as a result, its significance is not limited to the absence of war and enmity or to the absence of quarrel and strife. In different contexts it can refer to bounteous physical conditions, to a moral value, and, ultimately, to a cosmic principle and divine attribute.

In the bible, according to Professor of Jewish philosophy, Dr. Aviezer Ravitzky's* article, the word *shalom* is most commonly used to refer to a state of affairs, one of well-being, tranquility, prosperity, and security, circumstances unblemished by any sort of defect. *Shalom* is a blessing, a manifestation of divine grace.

And then I read these words by author Lisa Sharon Harper**:

Shalom is what God declared.

Shalom is what the Kingdom of God looks like.

Shalom is when all people have enough. It's when families are healed. It's when churches, schools, and public policies protect human dignity.

Shalom is when the image of God is recognized in every single human.

Shalom is our calling as followers of Jesus's gospel. It is the vision God set forth in the Garden and the restoration God desires for every relationship.

Wow! I so want shalom for myself, for all of God's people, for our nation, for our world and while I don't have all the answers about how to go about pursuing *Shalom*, what I do have is the Bible in which God reveals both what *shalom* is and how I can best pursue it. I also have the promise that despite our anxious minds, despite division and threats of violence, God's vision remains: Wholeness for a hurting world. Peace for a fearful soul. May it be so for all of us.

Shalom,
Pastor Linda

* "Shalom" an article by Professor of Jewish Philosophy and author Dr. Aviezer Ravitzky.

** Sojourners article about Lisa Sharon Harper's new book *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right*.

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BLACK ROCK DESERT YOUTH RETREAT

In Bible College I took an “Outdoor Leadership” class, and of all the bible classes I took at Colorado Christian University, this class happened to be the one I learned the most about God and faith in. Every day of class was about whisper lite stoves, how to build tents, purifying water, different ways to tie knots, different plants and animals to avoid, and the survival melodrama continues. However, all these lessons were leading to one final moment, pun intended. Our final. At face value, our final exam was a 9 day backpacking trip through the grand canyon. Where as time went on we were tested on all of our lessons over backpacking essentials.

However, there was a much deeper lesson being conveyed through the course of this exam. The lesson that, it is necessary for us to retreat into “*the wilderness*” from time to time to draw ourselves closer to God. Each night on this trip we would listen to our professor give a devotional about how many biblical figures would retreat into the wilderness to find out what God was trying to teach them at the time. Our final part of our final (again, pun intended) was to do a 48-hour solo camp where we would hike about 2 miles away from our professor, our co-instructor, and our group. And we spent the 48 hours, by ourselves, praying, worshiping and listening to God.

Matthew 4:1-11 – *“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. But he answered, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, He will command his angels concerning you, and on their hands they will bear you up lest you strike your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him “Again, it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test. Again the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him “Be gone Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.”*

Jesus wasn’t ready to preach to great crowds until after he had retreated into the wilderness to grow closer to God. The importance of this lesson is to show that even Jesus, God in man, perfect human being, who never sinned. Needed to get away and isolate himself from the world in the great nature that God has created for us.

All this said in order to transition into the importance of Black Rock Desert for our youth. Black Rock Desert is a region in northwest Nevada and the Northwest Great Basin. The playa (where we will be camping) extends for about 100 miles. We will be going to an event with a group of other churches in that area that we have been connected with through Don Hildebrand. Each year this group goes for great adventurous hikes, fun rides on toys, lots of games, campfires, swimming, fellowship with community and Jesus, and much more excitement. Now this year our very own Full Draw Student Ministry will be joining them! We will go on many historic hiking locations, have lots of fun exciting games to play, and learn about different times biblical figures retreated in the wilderness to grow closer to God, and how we can begin to do the same. Now, don’t start worrying thinking I am going to be sending students off into the desert to do a 48 hour solo.... They’ll be doing a 72 HOUR SOLO!

Just joking. Our students will be camping, having fellowship with each other, the other church groups involved, and experiencing God through all of it!

If you would like to make a special donation to this trip. Please include a check or cash in your offering envelope. If by check please designate it to “Youth Retreat” in the memo section.

Black Rock Desert Retreat Forms and due dates: If your student is planning to attend (which I highly suggest as it will be an incredible experience) a deposit of \$25.00 is due by Saturday May 19th. Students are encouraged to turn in their deposits this Sunday, May 13th.

All forms (permission slips, waiver of liability and a photo release form) need to be filled out and turned in with the deposit. Forms can be found on the youth board in the Sanctuary atrium (Across from the coffee machine.) Deposits and forms completed on May 13th can be given to Don Hildebrand.

Capital Improvement Campaign Progress Update

We are continuing to move forward with our Capital Campaign projects. Last year, several elements of the overall plan were completed. The blue windows were replaced with energy efficient, low-e, opaque glass. New sinks and counters were installed in the downstairs classrooms.

We had hoped to be able to move the Crow's Nest sound booth to the main floor last year, but we had trouble finding contractors that weren't too busy! A bid has now been accepted and we will be starting work on this project May 14. (That is coming right up!) This will require the removal of several of the back pews to accommodate the new sound booth. There will be some disruption in the sanctuary as the construction will take at least two weeks or more.

The funding for these projects relies on donations to the Capital Improvement Campaign. The cost of the window replacement was \$10,495 and to date we have received \$7,220 for this project. The bid for the construction of the sound booth is \$8,200 and we have received donations totaling \$1,600. An additional piece of this project will be the purchase and installation of, and training for, a new digital soundboard and possibly the purchase of improved digital hearing devices. As we continue to maintain and upgrade our Church facilities, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support these enhancements to our Sanctuary. Thank you so much for the donations that have already been given.

Karen Clinkinbeard – Worship Deacon

Full Draw Student Ministry Presents: “Hot Hits of the 50’s & 60’s”

Saturday, May 19th at 6:00 P.M - Eastwood Koinonia Building
Entertainment and Spaghetti Feed to Benefit Black Rock Desert Youth Retreat

On Saturday, May 19th the youth group will be putting on a fundraiser event called "Hot Hits of the 50's & 60's" to raise money for their trip to Black Rock Desert. The students will be providing entertainment by lip-syncing music from the 50's and 60's as well as serving dinner. The suggested donation for the event is **\$5.00**.

Tickets will be available in the foyer before and after the Worship Service on May 13th, or you can call the church office by Wednesday, May 16th to make a reservation.

Prayer In the Park Bear Creek Park Amphitheater - 1520 Siskiyou Boulevard Tuesday, May 15, 2018 - 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

The event has grown as we seek the Lord and prepare. The Lord is moving powerfully as He is developing this time of devotion and evangelism. People from 40 churches have been invited to the amphitheater at Bear Creek Park to serve in a time of intercession and prayer, worship with an excellent live gospel band with lead singer Jennifer dePuglia, and to hear a powerful gospel message given by Bruce Sherbourne focused on the cross. The event will be filmed by Media 14 Production. For information, please call Bruce Sherbourne at 541-941-2660 or e-mail at brucesherbourne@hotmail.com

Church Secretary Position

Our beloved secretary, Sue Becker, will be retiring in September.

If you are interested, or know someone who would be interested in the Church Secretary position, please contact our Deacon of Nominating and Personnel, Susie Skaggs. 541-816-2624.

Thanks and Praise (5/6)

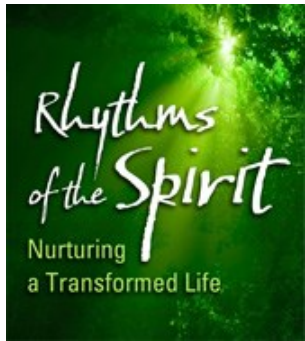
Thank you for your continued prayers for Carol. We feel the power of your prayers. (Dick Bath)

Praise for our family gathering. (Suzan Darby)

Praise! Wendy Cawthorne will start a new job in the fall as Choir Director for Eagle Point High School and Middle School.

Thank you for all your prayers. (Howard & Rosalie Bowman)

Quitting smoking!



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 Bils and the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast**

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center

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.

Wanted - I would like to find a twin bed and a small dresser for the apartment. Please note that this is a want not a need. If you have either or both and are willing to lend or sell them please contact me at 651-387-3359.

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

Mission Giving Opportunity

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Support for Families and Individuals in Need 2017

- Homeless Family shelter - We provided over 8500 bed nights. Emphasis is on emergency needs of parents with children.
- Hot lunches and groceries - 42 volunteers provided 62,700 hot lunches, served Monday through Saturday. The pantry supplies bagged groceries on the third and fourth Fridays of each month. We are also members of the Medford Food Project.
- Urban Rest Stop - 29 volunteers provided over 11,140 showers and over 4,000 loads of laundry for the homeless.
- School and medical supplies - 3,500 sets of school supplies were given to K through 12 school children.
- Advocacy/social service support - 19 trained counselors helped 14,000 individuals with job training, utility bills, rental assistance, shelter and other necessities.
- Home visits - 1,925 individuals visited in Ashland, Talent, Central Point, Medford and other locations in Jackson County.

Bottles for Loose Change are located on the Missions Table in the Foyer near the Ladies Restroom

**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 23rd, 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 22nd, 2018.**

Email sbecker@ebcmedford.org
This Beacon will be mailed.

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.

Women's Grove Bible Study

All women are invited to join The Grove, a group that studies God's Word together, prays for one another and for our church, and encourages one another. We meet on Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:45 a. m., in Room 14 here at the church.

On Monday, May 14th, we will begin a new study, Colossians: You Are Alive in Christ. Please join us, or contact Jan Blankenship, 541-772-7888, for more information. The Grove will continue to meet during the summer months.

May 13, 2018

SUNDAY, May 13th - Mother's Day

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

MONDAY, May 14th

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

TUESDAY, May 15th

Men's Luncheon	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, May 16th

Staff Meeting	11:00
Choir Practice	7:00

THURSDAY, May 17th

FRIDAY, May 18th

Builders' Social	9:00
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SATURDAY, May 19th

Women's Fellowship Breakfast	9:30
"Hot Hits of the 50's & 60's " Spaghetti Feed and Fundraiser	6:00

May 20, 2018

SUNDAY, May 20th - Youth Sunday

Sunday School	9:15
Worship Service, Grant Rubin, preaching	10:30

MONDAY, May 21st

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

TUESDAY, May 22nd

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, May 23rd

Choir Practice	7:00
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THURSDAY, May 24th

Full Draw Student Ministry departs for Black Rock	7:00
Knitting & Crocheting Group	3:30
Deacons' Business Meeting	5:30

FRIDAY, May 25th

SATURDAY, May 26th