



The Eastwood Beacon

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

May 23, 2018

What's Happening An Update on the Interim

As I enter my seventh (yes seventh!) week at Eastwood I find myself somewhat surprised that it has flown by so quickly. Now that I am beginning to understand the inner workings of Eastwood I will be focusing more attention on the interim process itself.

On Sunday, May 20 a number of you filled out a short survey that is helping me determine which of the 5 Tasks of the Interim are most important for the church to address. The majority of those who filled out the survey indicated that the top priority was to commit to a new direction in ministry. The second was to discover a new identity, that is, gain an understanding of who you are as a congregation and how that influences the future. The third was allowing needed leadership changes by affirming and facilitating such changes.

The long-term goal of the interim is to prepare the congregation to commit to new directions in ministry and to welcome a new pastor with whom you will partner to pursue a shared vision for future ministry. To that end, we will start by exploring the past in such a way that patterns of God's activity may be found and in celebrating God's unfailing love throughout the church's history.

In these early days of the interim and the pastoral search there are some tasks that overlap. Therefore, I will be working with representatives from the Pastoral Search Committee on those that do.

In the meantime, I would like to ask each of you to think about your faith journey with the church and find or create an item that symbolizes that journey. In a few weeks we will be using these items to create a display which can be enjoyed by everyone. Please provide a paragraph describing how the item symbolizes your faith journey with Eastwood.

With thanks and blessings,

Pastor Linda

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Interim Pastor

Grant Rubin

Youth Director

Sharon Dady

Choir Director

Linda Tripp

*Accompanist &
Worship Coordinator*

Sue Becker

Church Secretary

Sam J. Angulo

Custodian

Kaitlyn Brunson

Nursery Attendant

COMING JUNE 6TH Wednesday Fellowship and Bible Study

On June 6th we will be kicking off a re-boot of the Wednesday fellowship and Bible study with a meal at 5:15 and a Bible study to follow at 6:15.

Pastor Linda will be leading a study of the book of Philippians which will begin with an introductory session on the 6th. Materials for future sessions will be handed out.

We will be meeting every other Wednesday through the Summer with sessions on June 6, and 20; July 4 and 18; Aug. 1, 15 and 29. You will be able to sign up for sessions the Sunday before each is held.

CHANGE OF PLANS - Youth Retreat Cancellation

It is with deep regret that we announce the cancellation of the Desert Rock Youth Retreat. If you made a donation you will be contacted regarding the return of your money.

Tidbits from the Search Committee

We appreciate all the prayers that you, the good people of Eastwood Baptist Church, have been giving the Search Committee. As I look at the task before us, I am thankful for your prayers and also appreciate all the people who have volunteered to be on the Search Committee. Listed are the tasks that have been completed.

1. We contacted the Regional Minister, Rev. Steve Bils. The committee met with him on May 8th and he gave us an extensive overview of the process.
2. Exit interview with the departing Minister. I have a meeting set with Pastor Miller.
3. Service of Closure with Pastor Miller. The service was well attended.
4. Select Pastoral Search Committee. Selected by the Deacon Board; we have met monthly since March of this year.
5. Develop Interim Ministry Plan. Credit goes to the Deacon Board for doing this.
6. Welcome Interim Minister. I have enjoyed talking to Pastor Linda and getting to know her. She told the church that God has put her here and I believe that God's will is being done.

The Search Committee will move forward with monthly meetings. As more steps get done, they will be checked off. I want you to continue with the prayers that you give us and remember that God will provide for us. Let us go forward and trust in God.

Jerry Lektorich, Chair Pastoral Search Committee
Carol Bath, Don Bolles, Barbara Davis, Marilyn Gilley, Sandy Tepper, Andy Tripp
Committee Members

Camp Arrah Wanna *"Generations of Promise" - Ground Breaking Luncheon June 2, 2018 11 AM - 3 PM*

Please join us for lunch (it's on us) as we celebrate the public kick-off of our **Generations of Promise Campaign** and break ground on our first project - the remodel of the upstairs sleeping quarters in our beautiful and historic Main Lodge. We are excited to start this project with you, share how this campaign is already effecting the future of Camp Arrah Wanna in Tremendous ways, and give you more details about upcoming projects. If you love what God is doing in and through this non-profit, and are passionate about seeing us grow and serve more people, then you will not want to miss this momentous day!

RSVP by May 26, 2018 - Info@Camparrahwanna.org (503) 622-3189

Thanks and Praise (5/20)

Grant's preaching was short and simple.

Nice to see so many young people at Church this morning, myself included, but I always come. (Katy Ceglia)

America For Christ Offering 2018

Dear Eastwood Baptist Church:

On behalf of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, we thank you for your support of the America for Christ Offering 2018. Your financial support to home missions is making a transformational difference across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Our theme this year, 'Cultivating Leaders, Equipping Disciples, Healing Communities' serves to remind us that mission and ministry are rooted in service that manifests and extends the grace of God . Through the AFC offering, we can participate with our Lord in transforming lives and communities. We are grateful for your continued partnership and financial gifts that support ABHMS.

With Eternal Hope,

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Executive Director ABHMS, ABCUSA

Thanks!

A big "thank-you" to the following for their help at the work party on May 12th:

Hugh Barnhill
Paul Klatt
Terry Miller

During the week:

Sandy and Sue Shaw
Jerry Darby

The next work party will be on Saturday, June 9th. Please come and help!

Thanks,
Don Eastman
Buildings & Properties

Mission Giving Opportunity

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Support for Families and Individuals in Need 2017

Homeless Family shelter , Hot lunches and groceries , Urban Rest Stop , School and medical supplies , Advocacy/social service support , Home visits

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

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

Progressive Dinner

We had SO MUCH fun last time, we'd like to do it again! Would you like to be a part of this year's Progressive Meal? We are looking for some people who would like to open their living space to some very nice people and to provide a part of a meal. We are not looking for fancy; paper plates are perfect. We would not eat toooo much and promise not to stay toooo long...

Our needs: a place to serve appetizers
 a place to serve soup/salad
 a place to serve the main dish
 a place to serve the dessert

This is a great time for yummy food, fellowship with a bit of fun, and a time to get to know some of the faces we see only on Sunday mornings. We plan to meet at the church and car pool from there. Last year we had a Hawaiian theme...this year? Mexican? Italian? We are open to suggestions. Questions? Call Sue Lektorich (5410 499-1059 or Ellen Husel (541) 531-1848.

June 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

May 27 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching	May 28 Memorial Day	May 29 Noon - Men's Bible Study	May 30 7:00 Choir Practice	May 31	1	2 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry <i>Generations of Promise at Arrah Wanna</i>
3 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching Celebrating June Rhoads' 99th Birthday!	4 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	5 Noon - Men's Bible Study	6 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice (Final Practice until the Fall)	7 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East ----- Spirit at Camp	8 Pastor Linda on ----- Arrah Wanna	9 9:00 Church Work Party 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry Vacation -----
10 Graduation Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Grant Rubin, Preaching	11 7:00 Boys Scouts	12 Noon - Men's Bible Study	13	14 3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	15 9:00 Builders' Social	16 9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry
17 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching	18 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	19 Noon - Men's Bible Study	20 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:15 Bible Study 11:00 Staff Meeting	21	22	23 No Full Draw Student Ministry
24 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching	25 7:00 Boys Scouts	26 Noon - Men's Bible Study	27	28 3:30 Knitting & Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	29	30 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1-Jun Maxine Gilmer
1-Jun Sara Lektorich
1-Jun Josh Robinson
2-Jun Carolyn Dutton
6-Jun Louise Breeden
7-Jun June Rhoads
8-Jun Ernest Bucher
9-Jun Ava Robinson
10-Jun Les Bennett
10-Jun Phyllis Joy
13-Jun Bee Wyatt
14-Jun Marilyn Brummett
16-Jun Jean Allsup
16-Jun Randall Cawthorne
16-Jun Roxann Zastera
21-Jun Barbara Aldrich
26-Jun Olivia Barber
27-Jun Allan Rowell
29-Jun Allan Campbell

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6-Jun Hugh & Barbara Barnhill
8-Jun Ernest & Geraldine Bucher
13-Jun Tom & Leona Lloyd
14-Jun Eddie & Tamara Goulart
19-Jun Terry & Susan Miller
19-Jun Stan & Ardy Ross
19-Jun David & Lyndi Sayler
28-Jun John & Sue Becker
28-Jun Andrew & Linda Tripp

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

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

Update on George Calvert

George has made good progress. He is now able to go for short walks. They hope to be back in Medford by mid-July. Pray for continued improvement, and for the family members helping with his care.

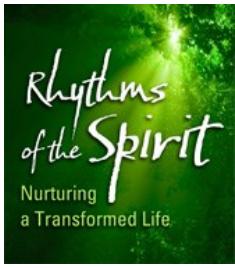
If you would like to send cards, the Portland address is:

George and Janice Calvert
4828 NE Flanders
Portland OR 97213

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



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 Bils and the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center

"Hands Holding Hearts"

Annual Diaper Drive for the Maslow Project

June 3 - July 1



Specific on-going needs: **Diapers of All sizes - Especially sizes 4 - 6**

Pull-ups (for the little ones "in training")

Wipes

Monetary Donations: for the purchase of diapers

How can you make a **Monetary Donation**? Make a check out to "**Eastwood**" and write "**Maslow Project**" on the memo line.

For any questions, feel free to contact: Bobbie Jaquette: 541-773-7855

Ruth Hockersmith – Eastwood Baptist Church Scholarship

The Ruth Hockersmith Eastwood Baptist Church Scholarship is in memory of Ruth Hockersmith who taught Home Economics at Medford HS (before North-South). She and her husband Keith were members of Eastwood Baptist Church (An American Baptist Congregation) for many years. She retired in the mid 1980's. Her desire was to provide scholarships to worthy students with funds from the American Baptist Foundation located in Valley Forge, PA.

Each year the scholarship offices at North and South Medford High School will submit candidates to the finance committee. Candidates must have a letter of recommendation from their pastor, youth pastor, or church leader of their church and include a list of activities and volunteer work that they are involved in at their church.

This year we had a total of 6 candidates and the final recipients to receive a \$1400 scholarship are as follows: Maizy Kesterson from South High and Katharine Bloomquist and Courtney Denn from North High.

Additionally, because the Hockersmith Scholarship is specifically for students of North and South High, the Board of Deacons granted a \$1400 scholarship to our own Derek Tripp, Central Point High.

By:

Richard Bath, Finance Deacon

Committee: Jerry Darby, Stan Ross, Brien Blankenship, Sue Becker, Aaron Thayer, and Kyle Cawthorne.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 10th, 2018

Join us on June 3rd as we celebrate and honor our graduates!

Derek Tripp

Matthew Nottingham

Crystal VanDyke

Josh Robinson

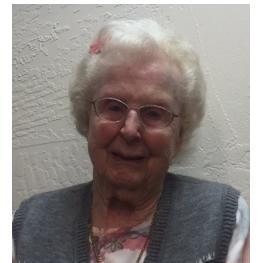
June Rhoads

99 Years and Counting!

Birthday Celebration Immediately following the Worship Service

June 3rd, 2018

Join us on Sunday, June 3rd, in celebrating June Rhoads' 99th Birthday ! There will be Birthday Cake. You may bring birthday cards or notes for June that morning.



THE IMPORTANCE OF STONES

I can hear the conversations now. In one corner: "Did you see that pile of stones? What are they doing cluttering up the platform? Why would anyone put stones up there?" In a second corner: "Well, those stones must mean something, I just don't know what." And in a third corner: "What stones?"

As you have probably guessed, these are imaginary conversations but one part isn't made up. There is in fact a pile of stones at the front of the Sanctuary and they are there for a reason. During the past month the sermons have been built around the idea of wilderness journeys and what they can teach us about ourselves and God. On May 27th I talked about the importance of stones as markers of wilderness journeys, as testimonies to God's activities/presence in those journeys, and as markers to celebrate leaving the wilderness.

The stones you see in the Sanctuary were put in place as a marker for our interim journey, a reminder that our journey together, which may in some ways be likened to a wilderness journey, will one day come to an end. In the time between now and then we will be adding stones to our marker. Stones that will represent various congregational milestones such as the Search Committee completing another step in the search process, the celebration of the church's anniversary, graduation Sunday, etc.

If you look closely you will also notice that there are two other places where stones are gathering. Near each door there is a table on which a mosaic frame can be found and is the place where we are going to be creating a mosaic celebrating the end of our individual wilderness journeys.

On Sunday, I invited people to place a stone in one of the frames as a way to celebrate having completed a wilderness journey or to celebrate having a God moment during their current wilderness journey. You all are invited to do the same whenever you come to worship. As the mosaic forms are filled up we will set them in plaster to create stepping stones that will be placed in our church gardens.



Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, June 16th - 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, June 9th**. 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

Women's Grove Bible Study

Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:45 a. m., in Room 14. Our Study Guide is: 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 every other Monday during the summer months. Our next meeting date is June 4th.

May 27, 2018

SUNDAY, May 27th

Sunday School
Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching

MONDAY, May 28th - Memorial Day

Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, May 29th

Men's Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, May 30th

Choir Practice

THURSDAY, May 31st

FRIDAY, June 1st

Builders' Social

SATURDAY, June 2nd

Full Draw Student Ministry

Eastwood Beacon

The next issue of *The Beacon* will be June 6th, 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, June 5th, 2018.**

Email sbecker@ebcmedford.org
This Beacon **will not** 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.

Volunteer Opening

After many years of service as a helper and then as the coordinator, Karen Clinkinbeard is stepping away from organizing the Military/College care packages. So many have been so blessed by this ministry. We are looking for a new person to "fill her shoes." Please prayerfully consider this vital and much appreciated ministry. Questions? Ready to step into this position? Call Sue Lektorich (541) 499-1059

June 3, 2018

SUNDAY, June 3rd

9:15	Sunday School	9:15
10:30	Communion Worship Service, Rev. Linda Bergeon, preaching	10:30
7:00	99th Birthday Celebration for June Rhoads following the Worship Service.	

MONDAY, June 4th

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

TUESDAY, June 5th

Men's Bible Study	Noon
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WEDNESDAY, June 6th

Choir Practice (final practice until fall)	7:00
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THURSDAY, June 7th

FRIDAY, June 8th

SATURDAY, June 9th

Church Work Party	9:00
Full Draw Student Ministry	6:00