



# The Eastwood Beacon

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

October 17, 2018

## Psalm 136.1-3, 26

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.*

*O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.*

*O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;*

*O give thanks to the God of heaven, his love endures forever*

Here we are at the beginning of November, the beginning of a holiday season that will last until the first of the year. Holidays are beautiful and magical and precious... and sometimes they're not. Sometimes holidays are sad, or scary or anxious. Sometimes holidays are hard.

The reality is, there are many reasons why the holiday season might be hard. For me it is the reality of celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas without my Dad. I find myself struggling with feeling depressed and sad. For all of you out there who find yourselves feeling anxious, sad, depressed, scared, sick or angry about the holidays I just want you to know, you are not alone.

I also want to share with you that there are some things you can do to help yourself cope with those feelings. First of all, don't ignore them. Admit that they are there. Give yourself time to cry or yell or whatever. Feel what you feel and don't heap guilt on yourself for feeling that way. At the same time, try not to get stuck there.\*

Call a friend. Hearing a friend's voice and talking through your stuff always helps.

Give. It can be your time, money or a smile but give of yourself and maybe the joy you feel in that will help you find joy in the season.

Hug. Find people who like to hug (Eastwood has a bunch of them!) and hug away.

Join me on an adventure I have been challenged to go on.

A friend suggested that I find all the verses in the Bible that contain the words thanks, thankful, thankfulness and thanksgiving so I started with verses I could remember, most of which were in the Psalms. Then I looked in a concordance where I found over 100 verses containing some variation of the word "thank."

After finding out there were so many I decided to look up some of those verses every day between now and Thanksgiving because it occurred to me that if I did that I would reap a number of additional benefits.

First, by focusing on thankfulness I will be forced to pay attention to what I have rather than what I don't have.

Second, focusing on thankfulness will encourage me to have a positive attitude. It will force me to think about what is right with my life rather than what is wrong with it.

Third, focusing on thankfulness will help me look to the future with hope.

Fourth, focusing on thankfulness will lead to gratitude and gratitude will change my perspective. I cannot be grateful and anxious at the same time. I cannot be grateful and grumpy or irritable at the same time.

Fifth, focusing on God will fill my heart with peace no matter what I am feeling. God loves me just the way I am and will help me cope with and maybe even overcome my negative feelings.

If the holidays are a difficult time for you, I invite you to join me in this challenge and may the Lord bless us each step of the way.

\* There are times when no matter what we do or say to ourselves we continue to be overwhelmed with sadness and depression. If that is the case, please seek professional help.

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### *Where Our Arrows Roam*

October is a month of spooky, scary, ghost stories that make your skin crawl and the hair on your neck stand up. However, for Full Draw Student Ministry, October is a month to learn how to “*Know God*” better. This month we have been learning how we can know God on a deeper and more personal level. We will be starting our third lesson in the “*Know God*” series this week. On Friday, October 19th, Full Draw Student Ministry will be held in the K-Building from 7 - 8:30 P.M. The following week we will meet on Thursday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m.

October still has some room in my heart for the occasional spooky and goofy time to dress up in a costumes, play games, and watch scary movies. For that very reason, we will be having a Halloween party for our 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. It will be on Saturday in the K-Building from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. It will be a costume party where prizes will be given for best homemade costume, most convincing costume, funniest, cutest, scariest, and etc.! We will also be playing some fun, spooky games and finishing the night off with popcorn, candy, and a scary movie.

Where do our leading arrows roam? Well this month I have been visiting many pastors and community members and learning about how we can better reach the youth in our area, what we can do to help each other, and how we are all on the same team. We have some things brewing in the cauldron (a little Halloween joke for you) that I am very excited about, and will be anxious to announce when the opportunity arises.

I have also been attending many school functions such as sporting events and Sparrow club meetings in hopes of being able to help coach some athletics in our Valley!

UPCOMING: Next month we will be switching back to Saturday evenings, and we will be doing our “*Testify*” series, where each Saturday we have a guest speaker share their testimony and then answer questions from our students. Each Saturday gathering will be held in the backyard of Alicia’s and my house, around a small fire, where we will have s’mores, hot chocolate, and maybe some hot dogs for roasting! We will be staying with Saturday’s for the rest of the quarter.



**Eastwood's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner  
November 18th!  
Immediately following the Worship Service**



Your fellowship committee will be serving turkey with ALL the trimmings. In order to accommodate everyone we need an accurate count so please make reservations on your communication cards or call Sue in the church office.



*In Memory of*

**June R. Rhoads**

At home in the body: June 7, 1919  
At home with the Lord: October 10, 2018

**Memorial Service**  
**October 20, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.**  
**Eastwood Baptist Church**

*In Memory of*  
**Elias Whitmoyer**



At Home in the body: November 19, 1930  
At Home in the Lord: October 16, 2018

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

John 14: 1 - 3

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join the Deacons in touring Hope Village, one of the local outreaches Eastwood supports. Hope Village is a tiny house community where Rogue Retreat case management staff can meet weekly with homeless men, women and couples to help them work on permanent ways to get off the streets, address their individual barriers and transition back into society.

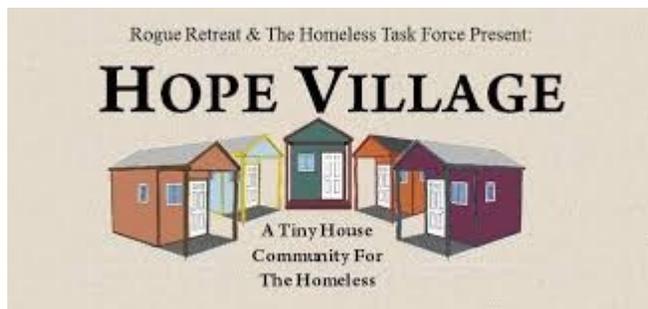
The primary purpose of Hope Village is to help restore lives by creating opportunities for the homeless to have hope.

- \*Hope in a brighter future,
- \*Hope in a safe, warm and dry place to sleep at night,
- \*Hope in a respite from the daily need to find shelter, food and resources.
- \*Hope in a supportive community that encourages and enables them to find ways to step out of homelessness and empower them to strengthen the quality of their lives.

**When: Wednesday Nov. 7 or Thursday Nov. 8 at 2:00. The tour will last approximately an hour.**

**We will meet at the church at 1:30 and Car Pool from there.**

**Please sign up on your communication cards or call Sue in the church office.**



## “ Pass the salt, please.”

Even these qualities may lose their life-enhancing, culture-preserving and spiritual-thirst-producing qualities when they are only turned inward. Our “saltiness” is useless when we remain in the shaker, when we become inwardly focused only on our personal spirituality or the life of our Christian communities. It is when we are poured out in obedient service to God—when we become engaged in God’s mission in our neighborhoods, our schools, our cities, our nation and across cultural and national boundaries, “to the ends of the earth”—that we begin to see God’s will being done “on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10)

We invite you to join International Ministries in “passing the salt,” not only around a table, but around the globe. When a group gathers at a table to enjoy a good meal, no sooner are the plates filled than the salt shaker begins making its rounds so that everyone may season the food to their liking. Many a meal would be far less tasty—even bland—if no salt were readily at hand!

Jesus tells those of us who follow him that we are “the salt of the earth.” Since ancient times, salt has been used not only as a seasoning to enhance flavor, but also as a preservative. Long before refrigeration was available, salt was coarsely rubbed into meat so that it could be saved and stored over time, remaining useful for nourishment.

As the “salt of the earth,” there is a quality about us, a distinct character, a “flavor” that should enhance the quality of life for those around us. It should preserve relationships and the social structures that facilitate human flourishing. And it should make people thirsty for the living water, generating an awareness of spiritual need that can only be quenched by the presence of the Spirit given to those who come to faith in our Lord Jesus. (John 7:37-39)

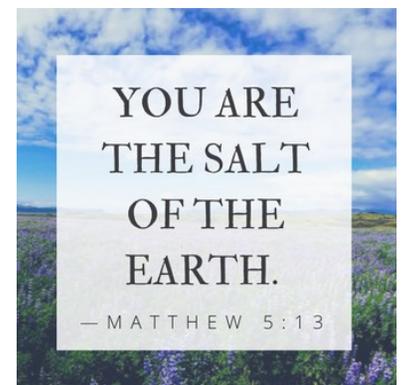
Jesus includes with this charge a warning, however: Salt that “loses its saltiness” becomes useless and is tossed aside. The “salt” to which Jesus was referring was not like the refined sodium chloride that we use today. It was a coarse white powder mined from the area of the Dead Sea that contained gypsum and other minerals mixed in with salt. Over time, the sodium chloride would leach out of the powder, leaving a chalky tasteless powder that was poured on the roads and pathways. No longer useful for seasoning or preserving, it was discarded.

So also we, as followers of Jesus, must remain in him and so retain those qualities that arise out of devotion to Jesus and commitment to the way of Christ—the fruit of the Spirit, love for one another and holiness. (John 15: 4 - 5; Galatians 5: 22 - 23; John 13: 34 - 35; 1 Peter 1: 15 - 16)

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Rev. Jim Bell  
Associate Executive Director  
For Global Mission



## Thanks & Praise (10/21)

Thank you for your prayers for our family. (Brien & Jan Blankenship)

Praise for June Rhoad's life and legacy. (Ellen Husel)

For the gift of my mother's life. (Jan Blankenship)

Praise for relatives whose house survived Hurricane Michael. (Mary Lewis)

Praise that Suzan was in worship today. (Fay Rashé)

Praise for my job and forgiving someone. (Katy Ceglia)

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Dear Eastwood Baptist Church,

I want to thank you for your donation to help us continue the building of Hope Village.

We are truly blessed to partner with you in the mission of Rogue Retreat. We exist to create opportunities for the homeless to find hope. Hope is the driving force of Rogue Retreat and hope is what inspires change in the individuals we serve. Hope gives people power and lifts people up from the darkness. When you are supporting Rogue Retreat, you are both creating and inspiring hope, which can and will change the Southern Oregon community.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead.

On any given night in the United States, more than half a million people experience homelessness. Your recent donation truly makes a difference in trying to address the issue of homelessness in Southern Oregon. We are always honored when we get donations and it spurs us on to do better work. The needs are so great, but we are making a difference every day. Thank you for your partnership and support of the mission of Rogue Retreat

Sincerely,  
Chad McComas, Executive Director

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## Are you a fan or a follower?

I recently had the opportunity to read the book, *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman. The premise of the book is that some people are fans, that is, enthusiastic admirers of Jesus while others are committed followers. Idleman challenges the reader to consider what it really means to call ourselves a Christian and to take an honest look at our relationship with Jesus to determine if we are fans or followers. If you are looking for a challenge, I highly recommend this book.

Pastor Linda

## 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

## Thanks!

A big thank you to the following for their work at the October Work Party.

Paul Klatt

Merle Neufeld

Josh Robinson

Sandy & Sue Shaw (during the week)

Terry Miller

Gene Rashé

The next work party will be on Saturday, November 10th. Please come help!

Don Eastman

Buildings & Properties

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## Child Care Available During Choir Practice

Is it difficult to find child care on a week night? Well, we have good news for "want to be choir members!" Child care is now available on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p. m.

# November 2018

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	1	2	3
<p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>Noon - Men's Bible Study 6:00 Soup 'N Soul</p>	<p><b>All Souls Day</b> 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>All Saints Day</b> 1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East 3:30 Knitting &amp; Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting</p>		<p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>4 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>5 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>6 Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 2:00 Hope Village Tour 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>8 2:00 Hope Village Tour</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:00 Church Work Party 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>11 <b>Veterans' Day</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>12 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>13 Noon - Men's Bible Study 6:00 Soup 'N Soul</p>	<p>14 5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>15 3:30 Knitting &amp; Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p>	<p>16 9:00 Builders' Social</p>	<p>17 9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>18 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching  <b>Church Thanksgiving Dinner</b></p>	<p>19 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>20 Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <b>Thanksgiving Office Closed</b></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>26 10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>27 Noon - Men's Bible Study 6:00 Soup 'N Soul</p>	<p>28 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Dec. 1 9:00 "Hanging or The Greens" 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5-Nov	Earl Simmonds
6-Nov	Geraldine Bucher
8-Nov	Kari Donham
8-Nov	Jaden Foster
8-Nov	Jon Skaggs
14-Nov	Tanny Flowers
15-Nov	Sue Becker
15-Nov	Linda Millus
15-Nov	Lucas Ramirez
15-Nov	Lyndi Saylor
17-Nov	Jerry White
18-Nov	Angelica Ramirez
19-Nov	Dorothy Curtis
19-Nov	George Nye
19-Nov	Lloyd Stalcup
19-Nov	Dick Wilson
20-Nov	Ruth Jolly
23-Nov	Nick Ceglia
24-Nov	Terry Miller
24-Nov	Julie Tiffany
25-Nov	Alexis Rosenthal
26-Nov	Shelby Boyersmith
26-Nov	Jean Brummet
26-Nov	Jody Yandell
27-Nov	Cathy Thayer
30-Nov	Buddy Arnett



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### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

22-Nov Sandy & Sue Shaw

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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.



## Mercy Flights Membership Time

### Combined Ground and Air Ambulance Service

It is time to join or renew your Mercy Flights Group Membership. This year's membership expires on October 31st. Our group rate is \$60.00 per household for Combined Air & Ground Membership. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center. You do not have to fill out an enrollment form if you are not making any changes and are a returning member.

Please have your check (**made out to Mercy Flights**) and enrollment form turned into the church office by October 25th. **Please bring the check to the Church Office and not in the offering plate.**

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### Fall College and Military Care Packages

The time is quickly approaching to send out our next college and military care packages! These packages will be packed and sent out on Monday, October 22nd. Please let us know the names and addresses of recipients right away. You will find sign-up forms on the counter at the Welcome Center in the foyer, or you may call/email the church office with name and address information.

Items needed to fill these care packages are: Halloween candy, snacks of all kinds, coffee, microwave popcorn, hand sanitizer, hotel/trial size lotions and school supplies. Some cards from church members would be fun to include as well. We can address them for you. We would also be pleased to accept any monetary donations to help cover postage as it is the biggest expense. Homemade goodies can be brought on Sunday, October 21st. As indicated by the received "thank you notes" **homemade goodies** are most appreciated. Any of these items can be left with Sue in the church office. Thanks so much for your support of this important ministry.

College/Military Care Package Team

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### 60 Days of Prayer

The global servants and staff of International Ministries are pleased to bring you 60 special prayers to enhance your walk with God during your church's World Mission Offering (and beyond!)

Available at the Welcome Center

**Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast**  
**Saturday, November 17 - 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) 499-105



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

The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, Nov. 10.** 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.**

**New Addresses:**

Liliana Flowers  
 273 Pinner Lane Apartment 3  
 Medford, OR 97501-77525

Jerry White  
 Shepherd's Adult Care Home  
 175 Orchard View Drive

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
 And Fellowship Dinner - November 7th  
*The Sermon on the Mount*

Fellowship Dinner 5:15  
 Bible Study 6:00

Please sign up on your Communication Card or call the church office to make reservations.

**October 24th - Potluck Dinner and Mission Speaker**  
**Kyle Williams - Missionary Speakers**

Kyle Williams will be here to share his experiences in the Congo Wednesday night, October 24. Dinner will be at 5:15 P. M. and he will speak at 6:00 P. M. Dessert will be provided by the Mission Committee.

Please sign up on your Communication Card or call the office so we know how many to plan for.

**November & December 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.

**October 28, 2018**

**SUNDAY, October 28th**

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

**MONDAY, October 29th**

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

**TUESDAY, October 30th**

Men's Bible Study & Brown Bag Luncheon Noon  
 Soup 'N Soul 6:00

**WEDNESDAY, October 31st**

Choir Practice 7:15

**THURSDAY, November 1st**

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00  
 Knitting & Crocheting Group 3:30  
 Deacons' Agape Meeting 5:30  
 Worship Committee Meeting 6:30

**FRIDAY, November 2nd - Office Closed**

**SATURDAY, November 3rd**

Full Draw Student Ministry 9:00

**November 4, 2018**

**SUNDAY, November 4th - All Saints Day Celebration**

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

**MONDAY, November 5th**

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

**TUESDAY, November 6th**

Men's Bible Study & Brown Bag Luncheon Noon  
 Soup 'N Soul - Ellen Husel's House 6:00

**WEDNESDAY, November 7th**

Tour of Hope Village 2:00  
 Fellowship Dinner 5:15  
 Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00  
 Choir Practice 7:15

**THURSDAY, November 8th**

Tour of Hope Village 2:00

**FRIDAY, November 9th - Office Closed**

**SATURDAY, November 10th**

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