



# The Eastwood Beacon

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

Nov 14, 2018

The holidays are here! I love the holidays but sometimes I get so caught up in the hoopla that I lose sight of what is important. As I see all of the outward signs of the holiday's approach I get so caught up in planning I forget to slow down and enjoy this beautiful season.

One of the ways I have found to keep myself focused on the deeper meaning of Advent and Christmas is to use a daily devotional guide designed specifically for Advent. This year I have one called "Joy in Jesus" which provides a daily reminder that my joy is in the Lord and that there is no greater joy than to recall what Jesus' birth meant to humankind. In the spirit of the season and for the joy of sharing here are the devotions for the Sundays in Advent.

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT – THE JOY OF THE PRESENT MOMENT: Read: Romans 13:11-14

You know the saying "It doesn't get any better than this." There are times we wish we could stop time and stay in the moment, but life goes on. There is always some dread that the future will not be as good as the past. For any who would be dreading the day at hand, St. Paul says, "Now is the moment for you to wake from sleep" (Romans 13:11). And why? What should give such nerve, and even joy, to face whatever lies before us?

"Salvation is nearer to you now than ever before" we read in Romans. Advent is the anticipation of the filling of our lives with God's grace. Yet these days are filled with the busyness of parties, shopping and entertainment all of which are added on top of our regular busyness. In the middle of it all, our true joy is that NOW is the time we welcome Jesus into our lives ever more fully. NOW is the day of our salvation to be shared in loving ways with those around us.

Prayer: *Lord, keep me awake to the joy of your nearness in every moment.*  
*AMEN.*

**ACTIVITY:** Press the snooze button on your morning alarm. Use these minutes of wakefulness to prayerfully anticipate the presence of the Lord in the day before you.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – THE JOY OF HARMONY: Read: Romans 15:4-6

Christmas music is greatly loved. The well-known harmonies of Christmas music bring together and actually seem to "harmonize" people of all ages, politics and even religions! All join together to sing: "Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere."

The Good News from God in Advent is that God comes to harmonize the discord of a sinful world into songs of forgiveness and new life. The Savior, Jesus, sets the tone and calls each believer to sing along and make a joyful sound.

So what part will you play in bringing God's harmony among others? Harmony requires all the parts. You have been given a part. Make a joyful noise "so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:6).

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Prayer: *Savior, teach me to sing songs of thanks for the joy of your love in my life. AMEN.*

**ACTIVITY:** Pretend you are the one singing the words from that popular song: "I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony," and then do something specific to make it happen.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT – WRAPPED WITH JOY: Read: Luke 2:1-7**

At birthdays we wrap presents one birthday at a time, but at Christmas everyone gets presents all at once. That means this is the wrapping season!

Let's see now, in Bible times what kinds of experiences involved wrapping? There was Elijah who wrapped his face in his coat (1 Kings 19:13) when he met God at Mt. Horeb. Then there was the time when God wrapped Mt. Sinai in smoke before he handed down the Ten Commandments to Moses and the Israelites (Exodus 19:18).

In our modern times we might find ourselves wanting to be close to God, but we are wrapped in anxiety, doubt or guilt, which hold us back from him. In Advent, be assured that the Christ Child comes to you, and he is wrapped in swaddling clothes. Better yet, he is wrapped in the loving grace of God. The joy of his coming is that he will unwrap for you a safe place with God.

Prayer: *Loving Lord, wrap my heart in your love and teach me to live in joyful peace. AMEN.*

**ACTIVITY:** Begin your present-wrapping times with a little prayer that those who receive your wrapped gifts will also receive the Christ Child.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT – THE JOY OF BEING A HELPER: Read: John 16:21-24**

As the story goes, when Santa needs a helper, he turns to his elves. Do you sometimes think, "I could sure use some elves to help get all this work done?" At other times maybe *you* are needed to be a helper elf to assist someone else.

The tradition of helping is not merely a tradition. It is a privilege. In John 16, Jesus speaks of the joy of helping. He uses the example of a mother sacrificing to bring a child into this world and her joy that results from her "helping."

It was Christ's joy to be born and to "help" bring us into life, new life, new eternal life.

People need assistance. They need to be lifted up. They need you. Let it be your joy and privilege to be a helper these days that are leading to Christmas.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice to reach out to me. Help me to want to help others. AMEN.*

**ACTIVITY:** *Pray for those you know who need help. Then select someone to help.*

**Joyfully Yours, Pastor Linda**

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**Nativity Display**

The Family Ministries and Christian Ed committees would like to have a display of nativities from your homes to view and share with each other this Christmas. We will set up tables outside of the sanctuary, where they will be lovingly and carefully appreciated. If we can receive the sets by the 13th of December, they can be on display for the two Sundays preceding Christmas. Please bring them by the church office between the hours of 9 and 2, Tues through Thurs. You may also bring them on Sunday, Dec 9th or call Sue Lektorich at 541-499-1059 to arrange for transport.

## Thanks & Praise (11/11)

Thank God for my son-in-law's 2 years of freedom from alcohol and drugs. (Terri Bish)

Praise for my daughter's 70th birthday! (John Mast)

Praise for Eliana's 1st birthday! (Josh Robinson)

Praise for Allyson making the team! (Kevin Nottingham)

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**T**hank you Eastwood Baptist, for your donations of school supplies. Your donations will help our young students be prepared for class and will help keep them from falling behind, due to a lack of resources.

On behalf of all that you have helped, Thank You!

In gratitude,

Karen Phillips, Maslow Project

## Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

The roots of the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) originated in the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and elderly clergy within their churches. In 1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched RMMO to continue this appreciation of God's service.

The offering is rooted in thankfulness and honors the individual acts of support and faith that recipients have shown to their congregations and communities.

This year's theme, *Extending Our Hands to Our Neighbors* illustrates the importance of being there for one another and remembering we are stronger together than on our own is central to the Christian faith.

We hope you will join us in honoring God's committed servants.

## 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

## Save the date !!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, 12/2/2018 following service, for a retirement dinner honoring **Sue Becker**.

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### *Thanks Again!*

Thanks to the following for their help at the November "Work Party":

Hugh Barnhill

Paul Klatt

Merle Neufeld

Sandy & Sue Shaw

The next work party will be Saturday, Dec 8th from 9am until 12 noon. Come join the fun!

Don Eastman

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**A** heartfelt Thank You to everyone for your kind words, phone calls and cards during Eli's illness and recent passing.

Carlene Whitmoyer

# December 2018

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p>Nov 25</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>Nov 26</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>Nov 27</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>Nov 28</p> <p>6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>Nov 29</p> <p>5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p>	<p>Nov 30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 "Hanging of The Greens" 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>2</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching  <b>Retirement Dinner for Sue Becker</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study 6:00 Soup 'N Soul</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:30 Knitting &amp; Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Church Work Party 6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study 6:00 Soup 'N Soul</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3:30 Knitting &amp; Crocheting Group 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>Worship Service 7:00 pm</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>New Years Eve</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>Jan 1</p> <p><b>New Years Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>Jan 2</p> <p>6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>Jan 3</p>	<p>Jan 4</p>	<p>Jan 5</p> <p>6:00 Full Draw Student Ministry</p>

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Dec	Curtis Smith
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3-Dec	Danny Meuse
7-Dec	John Mast
7-Dec	Bob Yoshida
8-Dec	Betty Hewitt
13-Dec	Chris Tarrant
14-Dec	Larry Aguirre
14-Dec	Luke Lektorich
14-Dec	Kevin Nottingham
15-Dec	Gail Eastman
15-Dec	Fernando Gomez
16-Dec	Brianna Yandell
17-Dec	Don Bolles
20-Dec	Kristyn Brunson
22-Dec	Felicity Saylor
23-Dec	Sandra Nye
24-Dec	Chrissy Chisem
28-Dec	Clementina Gomez
28-Dec	Hope Yandell
29-Dec	Ada Kirkman Harsch

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### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1-Dec	Merle & Rosalie Neufeld
10-Dec	Jerry & Sue Lektorich
24-Dec	Dick & Jackie Henselman
27-Dec	Rev. Randolph & Leslie
28-Dec	Aaron & Cathy Thayer
31-Dec	Michael & Marybeth Gresham

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

## Church Work Day

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



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, Dec 8th**. 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

## *Christmas Poinsettias*

For Christmas, our Worship Center will be decorated with live poinsettias purchased by the congregation.

We are inviting you to individually purchase the poinsettias by using the following form. The Worship Committee will place the flowers on December 9th and will care for them.

If you are interested, please fill in the necessary information and return this slip to Cheryl in the office, or place in Sunday's offering basket. The cost is \$10 each. On Christmas Eve we will publish who the poinsettias are "In Honor/Celebration Of" or "In Memory Of" and you may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Service.



I will purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias.

**In Honor/Celebration of**

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**In Memory of**

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**My name**

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**Telephone number**

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

And Fellowship Dinner - November 28th  
*The Sermon on the Mount*  
Bible Study 6:00 (No Dinner)

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### 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

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### Baptism Class

Pastor Linda will be leading a baptism class starting the first Sunday in December. Class will be held from 9:15 -10:00. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Pastor Linda.

## Christmas Eve Service

We will celebrate Christmas together with a special service at 7 pm, on Monday, December 24th. Families with children or youth who plan on attending are asked to contact Jan Blankenship at 541-772-7888 or Jody Yandell at 541-601-2337. We will plan around those who will be present. Thank you

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### New Addresses:

Walter Vail  
1641 Veranda Park #240  
Medford, OR 97504

Roni Rosenthal  
11270 W Goldenspire Dr  
Boise, ID 83709-639

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### Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, Dec 15, 2018

Come join us for fellowship and breakfast at Punky's Diner in Medford. See you there!



Questions? Need a ride?

Call Sue Lektorich (541) 499-1055

## November 18, 2018

### SUNDAY, November 18th - Church Thanksgiving Dinner

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

### MONDAY, November 19th

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

### TUESDAY, November 20th

Men's Bible Study & Brown Bag Luncheon Noon

### WEDNESDAY, November 21st

### THURSDAY, November 22nd - Office Closed

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### FRIDAY, November 23rd - Office Closed

### SATURDAY, November 24th

Full Draw Student Ministry 9:00

## November 25, 2018

### SUNDAY, November 25th

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

### MONDAY, November 26th

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

### TUESDAY, November 27th

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 28th

Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00  
Choir Practice 7:15

### THURSDAY, November 29th

### FRIDAY, November 30th - Office Closed

### SATURDAY, December 1st

"Hanging of the Greens" 9:30  
Full Draw Student Ministry 6:00