



The Eastwood Beacon

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

March 20, 2019

On Being Easter People*

Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

It is often said that Christians are an "Easter People." We walk in the sure and certain hope that just as Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, we have Jesus' promise that all who believe in him will have everlasting life. Our response to this promise, this gift, is to worship God with praise and thanks for what God has already done for us through Jesus Christ.

But there is more to it than that. Beyond our thanks and praise, Jesus calls us to a different kind of life—a different way of living. As an "Easter People," our response to the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life compel us to try to live lives that reflect our new status. We are a people forgiven, healed and renewed by Jesus and we are called to share that Good News with the whole world.

Our response can and should be rooted in love. As Jesus himself has told us, loving God and loving our neighbor is the foundation of our new life in Christ. Because God first loved us our appropriate response is to love God as deeply and fully as we are able and to love everyone else as deeply and fully as we love ourselves.

For most of us, including myself, the second way of responding to God's love is more difficult, a difficulty I can easily identify by simply reminding myself of the last time I thought or said something less than kind about a driver who wasn't doing what I thought they should. I find it is much easier to love God than to love "those people" with whom I live on this crowded planet we call Earth.

Yet that is precisely what we are called to do. Let's face it, human beings in general are an unforgiving, vengeful lot. We want to "get even" for what we take to be a slight, an offense, or an attack. By "getting even" we usually mean we want to return the slight, the offense, the attack equally or, as someone I once knew said, "I don't get even, I escalate." Our wounded pride is satisfied by wounding another. Where is love in that?

What we often fail to recognize is that through Christ we are all equal. Jesus, as Paul writes, died "once and for all." If we could begin to respect one another as equally loved, equally forgiven, equally saved by God through Christ Jesus; if we could begin to see all people, believer and unbeliever alike, as one of God's beloved creations, we would begin to live the second of Jesus' commandments more successfully. By doing so we could become the "Easter People" we are called to be.

In this age of violence, strife, argument and disagreement, God continues to call us to love not to hate. God continues to call us to look beyond the immediate to the eternal. What in a moment of anger or outrage might satisfy our pride is not consistent with loving our neighbor. It is not God who has created the turmoil that surrounds us; it is turmoil of our own making born from our love of self above our love of others.

This Easter season, amid the joy and celebration of our new lives in Christ, let us also celebrate the joy of new life with others. Let us begin to set aside our pride and petty differences that not only separate us from each other, but also separate us from God and strive to become an "Easter People" who know and reflect God's love through our love for one another as equally beloved children of God.

He is Risen!

Pastor Linda

**My thanks to Rev. Scott Monson who allowed me to summarize and edit his blog article.*

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Dear Ruth Hockersmith/Eastwood Baptist Scholarship Committee,

I wanted to update you on how my year is going so far at George Fox and express my gratitude again for your help and generosity which allows me to have the opportunity to attend this school. So far, I have met many new people and am starting to develop strong friendships with some girls in my dorm and on my team. I just finished my freshman soccer season here and can not believe how quickly it passed. I really enjoyed playing soccer here this season and love the atmosphere of my team along with the coaching staff.

Some things that I like about George Fox is how it is a Christ centered school, where professors and faculty incorporate God into every aspect. This environment has allowed me to grow closer to God than I ever have before. It is also extremely encouraging to be surrounded by students and peers with my same values and beliefs.

While there are many amazing things about George Fox, there are also some challenges that I have had to face, such as the cafeteria food for example. In addition, my course load has been extremely difficult for me to balance with soccer and my classes are really challenging me. I am currently taking anatomy and physiology, child development psychology, American sign language along with some other required courses. Although my classes are challenging, they have all been very interesting to me. Overall, I think that I am adjusting to college life pretty well and feel extremely blessed to be where I am. Thank you again for granting me this scholarship, I really appreciate it.

Best regards,
Courtney Denn

Dear Ruth Hockersmith - Eastwood Baptist Church Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the scholarship you gave me! I just wanted to write to you to tell you how I am doing and to say another thank you. I am at George Fox University and I am thoroughly enjoying myself! I love the abundance of trees and green and I am privileged enough to be in a dorm building that overlooks "the canyon," a small ravine that runs through campus with a creek, forest, trails and rich plant life. The GFU campus is small which makes it easy to develop a sense of orientation and familiarity. This has been crucial in the formation of my confidence and personal strength because instead of drowning in an endless world of anxious millennials and over-sized lecture halls (as my friends at state schools describe), I am known by my professors, fellow students, upperclassmen, and RA's. The GFU motto, "Be Known," really is true; from the moment I stepped on campus I was welcomed and accepted and have continuously been sought after by people who care about me both when I am feeling good and when I am struggling.

I have decided to double major, which is a challenging yet highly rewarding endeavor. My majors are Psychology and Vocal Performance. Right now (especially since I took AP Psychology in high school) my classes are almost all music: Sight Singing and Ear Training, Music Theory, Piano, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. I am also taking a couple general education requirements: Bible Survey and Liba (an introduction to college/literature course). My knowledge and skills in music are finally at a point where they are being stretched and grown and I am learning and developing my musical intellect every day. For my music major, I am required to take private vocal lessons which I am enjoying to the absolute full. My voice teacher is helping me greatly in singing in a stronger, more relaxed way and she is helping mature and grow my voice.

I feel like I belong here at this school and I want to say a *giant* thank you for helping make this possible. Without financial help, I wouldn't be here and wouldn't be pursuing my passions in a school that feels like home. I am so excited to be both a clinical psychologist and a performing musician and your help in getting me here has made that possible. Thank you, *thank you* for your generosity, your kindness, and your support. Education is truly priceless because its benefits last a lifetime for each individual it touches. This season of my life is going to affect me for as long as I live and every moment here is going to help form my worldview, my way of thinking and my beliefs. Thank you for everything and thank you for making this possible. I am so grateful for you and I hope you know how much your help is appreciated!

Thank You!
Kate Bloomquist

Thanks & Praise

Praise for young men like Trevahn Foster who has had a great year in Sports!

Praise for Eastwood's Boy Scout Troop 5

Dear Eastwood Family,

Thank you a dozen times for all the goodies you sent by Pastor Linda. It was a huge surprise! I thought it might be I was forgotten about, but such was not the case.

Thank you again for everything!

Love,
Walter Vail

Dear Eastwood Friends,

I appreciate the kindness of Eastwood for the gift bag with all the delicious treats and useful items.

Love,
Lois Olstad

Thanks!

Thank you to those who helped at the church work party on Saturday - Don Eastman, Merle Neufeld and Chris Daniel. Your help is much appreciated.

Our next work party will be on Saturday, April 13th. You are all invited! Come join the fun.

Paul Klatt
Buildings & Properties

Friends of the Mission,

For sixty years the Medford Gospel Mission has been helping people in need right here in our community. Recently, I went through our archives of newsletters, newspaper clippings, and board meeting minutes that are a testimony of thousands of people who have invested time, talent, prayer, and finances in helping people in our community that have found themselves in the despair of homelessness.

I know that a few pages in a newsletter or a simple thank you can't express enough how instrumental our community has been throughout the years, but I want you to know that your involvement has not gone unnoticed.

I want to personally thank you for playing a part in equipping people to make real life change.

May Christ be glorified in our community because of you!

Jason Bull, Medford Gospel Mission

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

Emilia Gilmer, Army

Lolo Vasquez, Iraq

Jason Cesario, Iraq

Logan Oravetz, Army

Tyler Powell, Marines

Tiffany Hart, 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

Dear Friends and Family,

Let me say thank you to one and all for keeping in touch with this broken down and forgetful 92 year old woman. I've heard from so many of you on this birthday which has made it a very special birthday for me. And, it also was special because my youngest son, Jim, his wife, Iren, oldest daughter, Stephanie, and son, James and girlfriend, Katelyn, all came from Washington and Corvallis to help me celebrate for the weekend.

It was a wonderful birthday and all of you made it so much more special and warm!!! Thank you all so much.

May God bless you all with such loving friends.

Dorothy Noyes

P. S. I'm so grateful to Sue Becker for keeping me posted with so many of you both on the prayer chain and by postal mail. I may not respond very often, but I do share your joys and frustrations and you are in my thoughts daily.

With Much Love
Dorothy Noyes

The full text of Dorothy's letter along with pictures of her Birthday Celebration is posted on the bulletin board near the Library.

April 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>March 31</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon Preaching</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Potluck 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Worship in the Wilderness 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p> <p>Diaper Drive Kick Off</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study 6:30 Finance Committee</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study - Worship in the Wilderness 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Church Work Party</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p> <p>Diaper Drive</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study 6:30 Finance Committee</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Maunder Thursday</p> <p>6:30 Sanctuary Gathering 7:00 Seder meal in the Koinonia Building</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>9:00 Builders' Social at Mrs. Q's Diner Hockersmith Scholarship Selection Completion</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Service of Baptism Rev. Linda Bergeon, Preaching</p> <p>Diaper Drive</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:30 Knitting & Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon</p> <p>Diaper Drive Ends</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>May 1</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Potluck 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>May 2</p> <p>1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East</p>	<p>May 3</p>	<p>May 4</p>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1-Apr	Barbara Barnhill
2-Apr	Ty Mahaffey
4-Apr	Tamara Goulart
5-Apr	Leo Gomez
6-Apr	Ann Christie
6-Apr	Grant Rubin
8-Apr	Tyler Powell
10-Apr	April Chisem
10-Apr	Don Jaquette
11-Apr	Fay Rashe'
15-Apr	Brenda Martin
18-Apr	David Morris
19-Apr	Kerri Robbins
24-Apr	Wendy Cawthorne
25-Apr	Carisse Chisem
25-Apr	Susan Skaggs
26-Apr	Matthew Arnett
30-Apr	Eloise Tarrant

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3-Apr	Jim & Marilyn Powell
4-Apr	Ralph & Sharon Dady
27-Apr	Jearld & Becki Foster

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

Do You Want to Fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Words of Pope Francis

Worship in the Wilderness

On March 3rd we began a Lenten pilgrimage that is taking us on a journey to understand God's heart for us in the wilderness. We are unpacking wilderness worship practices such as simplicity, solitude and silence and we will look to the hope that we have in Jesus.

In addition to the Sunday sermon series, we are offering a companion bible study on Wednesday nights. Bible studies will be based on a personal devotions book that will take us deeper into the sermon subjects.

Sunday Sermon Series

March

24 - A Sorrowful Journey
31 - A Sacrificial Journey

April

7 - A Truth-speaking Journey
14 - A Surprising Journey

Wednesday Bible Study

March

27 - A Sorrowful Journey

April

10 - A Truth-speaking Journey

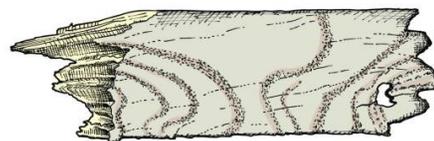
Splinters from the Board

February 28, 2019

- Sandy Tepper was nominated to be Vice Moderator for 2019.
- Jerry Darby has been appointed to a 1 year term on the Board as Finance Deacon.
- A Restructure Committee has been formed with the following members:

Linda Tripp (Chair), Josh Robinson, Jerry Darby, and Joan Avery. Ex-officio members: Pastor Linda & Dick Bath. The purpose of the committee is to review our Constitution and develop a restructure of our Deacon positions for approval by the congregation at a later date.

- Election of Officers for 2019 are Stan Ross (Treasurer) and Sue Becker and Marilyn Powell (Clerk).
- Youth Minister: the Board's consensus was that we hold off hiring another Youth Minister until we have a Senior Pastor in place.



“Hands Holding Hearts”

Annual Diaper Drive for the Maslow Project

April 7 - April 28



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 Baptist Church”** and write **“Maslow Project”** on the memo line.

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

Too Old to Learn?

Most of us went to Sunday School when we were children. Why did we stop? Did we think we knew all there was to know about the Bible?

Currently, there are two adult Sunday School classes. The Builder’s Class, which began in the 1950’s with young adults who were literally the builders of Eastwood, is still going strong with Senior adults. These folks are finding that there is more to learn in God’s word and we often have some lively discussions. This class meets in Room 14 across from the library and is led by Don Higgins.

The other adult class was created from the Discipleship Class originally taught by Don Eastman. It meets in the Koinonia Building and has alternating leaders. It is open to all adults no matter what age. The subject matter is relevant to modern times and is Bible based. Stimulating discussions here, too!

Both classes meet at 9:15 a.m. and welcome all who are eager to grow in knowledge of the Bible.

Virginia Yungen
Church Historian



Easter Lilies

On Resurrection Sunday our Worship Center will be decorated with live Easter Lilies. We are inviting our congregation to individually purchase these Easter lilies. The Worship Committee will place the flowers and care for them.

If you are interested in purchasing an Easter Lily, please fill in the necessary information and return the slip to the office. The cost is \$10 each.

On Resurrection Sunday we will publish who the lilies are “In Honor of” or “In Memory of.” You may take your lily home after the worship service.

I will purchase _____ Easter lily (lilies)

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Name _____

Easter at Eastwood - 2019 Holy Week activities



**Palm
Sunday**

April 14th
Worship in the
Wilderness
“A Surprising Journey”

April 18th



Our Maundy Thursday Service will begin in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. The Seder Meal will take place in the Koinonia Building at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on your Communication Cards or call the church office.



April 21st
Easter Sunday
Service of Baptism
“A Completed Journey”

Big News, Big Move!

Big News from Kyle and Katrina Williams

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers during this US assignment.

As many of you know, since we have been back in the US we have been working with IM to discern a ministry direction. On the 19th of February IM voted to send us to Chiang Rai, Thailand to team up with some incredible work being done.

What will you be doing?

Kyle's ministry description is as follows: Kyle will use his gifts to provide leadership, mentoring and coaching with staff in taking part in state-of-the-art information mapping. Kyle will join with Southeast Asia national leadership to seek justice for oppressed populations and to strengthen human rights and dignity.

Katrina has asked for time to focus on our children's transition to a new country. Once things settle she will begin getting to know what is going on in Chiang Rai and how she can use her skills to advance the Kingdom. There are plenty of opportunities that fit her gifts and passions.

When will you leave for Thailand?

We are praying that our support level can increase by ~15% before July which will open the door for us to depart the US in August. This is vital as it will allow our children to start school in Thailand this year rather than waiting another year.

What needs to happen before you can leave?

We need about 5 new churches (or existing churches who can increase their support) and 15 more individuals to become sustaining members of our mission team. Because of the change in location we lost some supporters but the major difference is schooling for our kids. Going from home schooling to an international school caused a jump in our Personal Support Goal (PSG). Please consider filling this need.

We will be continuing to visit churches, small groups, and individuals to share more specifically about our upcoming ministry in Thailand. If you would like to hear more, consider inviting us to share with you and your church or small group.

Are there any security concerns?

As far as our personal safety goes, no. But we will need to be more guarded in what we share online and through emails because the nature of the work Kyle will be involved in.

What is the major belief system in that part of the world?

Thailand is 98.3% Buddhist. In neighboring country like Myanmar, 89% of the population practice Buddhism and in Laos it is 67% according to the World Atlas.

What can we be praying for?

Continued wisdom for us as parents and global servants as we navigate travel, speaking schedules, trainings, and big decisions in the next 6 months.

New sustaining supporters who want to participate in the global work of advancing God's Kingdom on Earth as it is above.



2019 Cookie & Host/Hostess Sign-ups!

Thanks to all who have provided cookies for 2018. It's time once again to sign up and we need your help to continue this important ministry. Please check the sign up sheets, located on the kiosk closest to the Church Office. We would love to see some new faces behind the cookie tables. Please contact Suzan Darby or Sue Shaw to participate.

Church Work Day

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



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, April 13th**. 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 in the Library

The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer by Alice Burnette Greene.

With this book you will "learn to live as if:

- * You really mean what you're praying
- * You expect what you're praying for to happen
- * Your prayers have power in the name of Jesus
- * You can make a difference"

Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, April 20th - 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) 499-1055



2019 ABW of Oregon Spring Retreat

Where: Cedar Hills Baptist Church - Portland, OR

When: Saturday, May 25TH - 8 AM to 4 PM

Registrations Forms Available at the Welcome Center

New Addresses

Ann Christie
586 NW 23rd St. #2
Redmond, OR 97756

Tom Kofford
252 S. 2nd St. Apt. C
Central Pt. OR 97502

Katy Ceglia
534 Bessie St.
Medford, OR 97504

March 24, 2019

SUNDAY, March 24th

Sunday School 9:15
Worship Service, *A Sorrowful Journey* 10:30
Rev. Linda Bergeon

MONDAY, March 25th

Womens' Grove Bible Study 10:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, March 26th

Men's Bible Study Noon

WEDNESDAY, March 27

Mid-Week Bible Study - *A Sorrowful Journey* 6:00
Choir Practice 7:15

THURSDAY, March 28th

Deacon's Business Meeting 5:30

FRIDAY, March 29th

SATURDAY, March 30th

March 31, 2019

SUNDAY, March 31st

Sunday School 9:15
Communion Worship Service, *A Sacrificial Journey* 10:30
Rev. Linda Bergeon

MONDAY, April 1st

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

TUESDAY, April 2nd

Men's Bible Study Noon

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd

Fellowship Potluck 5:15
Mid-Week Bible Study - *A Sacrificial Journey* 6:00
Choir Practice 7:15

THURSDAY, April 4th

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

FRIDAY, April 5th

SATURDAY, April 6th