



# The Eastwood Beacon

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

May 22, 2019

## Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow

You have to hand it to Shakespeare; he had a way with words! These words seem particularly fitting as I think about my time at Eastwood and write my last Beacon article. The sweetness of this parting is that you will have a new senior Pastor! This is an event to celebrate and enjoy as the pastor whom the Lord chose begins his ministry here.

The sorrow, of course, is that I will be leaving. As many of you know, June 30<sup>th</sup> will be my last Sunday at Eastwood, a day that will be sweet and sad at the same time. You all have prayed for me and supported me in so many ways! I know God brought me here for reasons that had to do with you all. However, I also believe God gave me a gift when He brought me here. God knows what generous loving people you are, and God knew I needed a bit of a respite from the intensity of my previous assignment and an outpouring of love to help me navigate the grief that follows the loss of loved ones. In the way that only God can arrange, I was an answer to your prayers and you an answer to mine. God is so good!!

One of the most difficult aspects of being an interim is leaving behind people I have come to love and care about. The difficulty of leaving is compounded by the fact that I will need to discontinue contact with all of you for at least six months to a year. I realize that may sound harsh however there is good reason for doing so. My complete absence allows you to fully let go of me and completely embrace your new pastor.

Now, on a more practical note. Transitions, even happy ones, can be challenging. While the calling of a new senior pastor is a time of great rejoicing it will also be a time of challenges as you adjust to a new voice and a new style of leadership. There will also be some growing pains as you explore what this new joint ministry will look like.

One of the greatest challenges during this time will be to keep an open mind and not let fear get in the way. Change often generates fear, fear of the unknown, fear of loss, fear of leaving a comfort zone. Don't let fear get in the way! If you begin to be afraid, simply remember the character and nature of the one who is in control.

You can make this transition! I know you can because God has a plan and a purpose for this congregation. A plan and a purpose that may take you in some new directions. A plan and a purpose which may challenge you to think and act differently, to grow spiritually in directions you hadn't anticipated. It may challenge you to engage in new ways of reaching out to a hurting world, or to grow into areas of ministry you never expected. I know you can do it because God loves you and you love God.

I am excited on your behalf and look forward to seeing where God takes you during this next chapter of your journey and may you be blessed each step of the way.

Pastor Linda

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## EASTWOOD STAFF

### Rev. Linda Bergeon

*Interim Pastor*

### Sharon Dady

*Choir Director*

### Linda Tripp

*Accompanist & Worship Coordinator*

### Sue Becker

*Church Secretary*

### Sam J. Angulo

*Custodian*

### Kaltlyn Brunson

*Nursery Attendant*

## Letter from Our Moderator

Dear Eastwood Friends,

I am excited about the announcement given to us Sunday morning by Jerry Lektorich, Search Committee chairman. We, as a congregation, have been traveling "Off Road" (thank you Pastor Linda) for about 18 months as we have been navigating the roads between Senior Pastors.

I have only been a part of the Search Committee (as Moderator) since February, but I have witnessed great dedication of service to searching for a candidate for our next Senior Pastor. This dedication has been demonstrated through many meetings, reading many profiles, discerning which names should require more investigation, several Skype interviews with the candidate, watching numerous sermons from the candidate's home church, inviting the candidate to a neutral pulpit and meeting with him, hearing his sermon and watching his delivery in person. All of which has led the search committee to the unanimous decision to invite the candidate and his family to Eastwood on June 2, 2019, to meet this congregation, lead us in our Sunday service and bring the Message.

After the service we will have a congregational meeting to vote on the calling of this candidate to be our new Senior Pastor for a new season at Eastwood. When a search committee is selected to serve, it is with the understanding that they represent the congregation and work on behalf of the congregation as a whole. So we as a congregation need to trust the process, respect the discerning Spirit of the search committee, and believe God's Hand has brought our church family and this candidate and his family together for us to formally call him to the position of Senior Pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church.

This process has required much privacy of information within the search committee. This is required for the protection of our local church, but more importantly, for the protection of each of the candidates. Once our candidate gives us permission to release a bio on him and his family, we will do that with much excitement.

We continue to press into the Heart of Jesus as we continue to walk through the process believing that God is in control of each step. The Spirit just brought to mind James 4:13-15 which basically says to not boast about what tomorrow will bring! So with that we continue to pray for God's Will to be done in the life of Eastwood.

In His Service,  
Dick Bath, Moderator

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### Pastoral Candidate Biography Pastor Jeff Lundblad

Jeff Lundblad was born and raised in Wyoming. He attended a community church comprised of Baptists, Methodists and a few Pentecostals that was located less than 200 yards from the Deer Creek Crossing of the Oregon and Mormon trails. He attended the University of Sioux Falls where he majored in Information Systems where he met his wife, Brenda. While working on computer systems in North and South Dakota from 1995 to 2006, he also served as the youth pastor in a couple of different churches. In 2006 he accepted God's call to the ministry and moved his young family to the suburbs of Philadelphia where he earned his Masters of Divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary in May of 2013. During seminary, and in the subsequent years, Jeff has focused on the Missional Church movement and how to empower the local church to better embody Jesus to their community. During his years in seminary, he worked as a student pastor for Frazer Mennonite Church for two years and was an interim minister for the Malvern United Methodist Church.

Since July of 2013, Pastor Jeff has been the pastor of Laramie First Baptist Church. During that time he has helped create a program for providing Christmas gifts to families in need; helped initiate a Family Promise program in this county that provides shelter to homeless children and their families; and has worked to organize ecumenical responses to crisis' in the city of Laramie. He loves to talk theology and really gets excited about wood turning!

Jeff's wife, Brenda, grew up in the tiny town of Upham, North Dakota. She has a BA in Business Administration the University of Sioux Falls and currently works for the University of Wyoming where she oversees the Federal Work-study Program in the financial aid office. Jeff and Brenda have three children. Jack, who just completed his freshman year at the University of Sioux Falls, Zane, who will be a senior in High School, and Sarah who just completed sixth grade.

## Thanks & Praise

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**Dear Eastwood Friends,**

We can not thank you enough for the generosity of all of Eastwood Baptist in providing our Community Bible Study ministry a meeting place! Thank You for all you do for us! It is truly a privilege to serve our real God - and Eastwood helps make that possible for us. It has also been a joy getting to know you! Thank you again to Pastor Linda, all the Eastwood Staff, Board and Congregation.

Joyfully in Him  
Community Bible Study

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**Dear Eastwood Baptist Congregation,**

Wow! Thank you for hosting the April diaper drive. It couldn't have come at a better time. We were totally out of wipes and some sizes of diapers - the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community needed help - and you folks answered the call. Thank you so much for the drive and donation. Your continued support helps us provide services for our community - we couldn't do it with out you.

Emily Baehr  
Maslow Project

## Thank You!

Thank you everyone, for your generous donations during the Annual Diaper Drive

Your gifts are much appreciated by the families and little ones served by the Maslow Project.

Bobbie Jaquette  
Community Ministries

## Thanks!

Thank you to those who helped at the church work party on Saturday - Sue Shaw, Sandy Shaw, Don Eastman, Merle Neufeld and Hugh Barnhill. Your help is much appreciated.

Our next work party will be on Saturday, June 8th. You are all invited! Come join the fun.

Paul Klatt  
Buildings & Properties

## 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

## May Giving Opportunity

### St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Family Shelter

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*The purpose of the shelter is to provide temporary housing to homeless families* while supporting their search for employment, and eventually, securing a new home or apartment. There are computers available for guests to use to help them seek work and classes are given to improve their skills interviewing and working effectively on the job. The facility has rooms for parents with children. To qualify for housing, applicants must pass a drug test. About 40% of those wishing accommodations either fail the test or refuse to take it because of the expectation they will fail. Along with the drug testing, applicants must be willing to abide by the rules for living in the shelter: stay off drugs, not drink in the shelter, observe the daily 7 p.m. curfew and keep their living area orderly and clean. Living in close quarters with strangers can be difficult, so they must also be able to get along. Fighting can be a cause for expulsion.

St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to turning no individual in need away. In addition, they often receive referrals from other community agencies who are unable to help.



# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 26  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon	May 27  <b>Memorial Day</b>	May 28  Noon - Men's Bible Study	May 29  6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	May 30	May 31	1
2  9:00 Meet the Pastoral Candidate - K Bldg No Sunday School Classes 10:30 Communion Worship Service Pastor Jeff Lundblad	3  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	4  Noon - Men's Bible Study	5  5:15 Fellowship Potluck 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice	6  1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East	7	8  9:00 Church Work Party
9  <b>Pentecost</b>  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon	10  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	11  Noon - Men's Bible Study	12  6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study	13  3:30 Knitting & Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Agape Meeting	14	15  9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's
16  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon	17  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	18  Noon - Men's Bible Study	19  6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study	20	21  9:00 Builders' Social at Mrs. Q's Diner	22
23  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon	24  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	25  Noon - Men's Bible Study	26  6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study	27  3:30 Knitting & Crocheting 5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting	28	29
30  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Linda Bergeon  <b>Farewell Celebration</b>	July 1  10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts	July 2  Noon - Men's Bible Study	July 3	July 4  <b>Office closed</b>  	July 5	July 6

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

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### 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 Saylor
22-Jun	Steve & Verna Yungen
28-Jun	John & Sue Becker
28-Jun	Andrew & Linda Tripp



happy anniversary

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



### Letter from the President

## 'Keeping the promise' To Ranchers for 45 years Rainbow Acres



For this 45th anniversary year of Rainbow Acres, our theme is "Keeping the Promise." It has a nice ring to it, but it's so much more! It's a statement of commitment to the Ranchers! Since its founding, Rainbow Acres' mission has been a commitment and a promise; to empower the Ranchers to grow and thrive, achieve their potential, and discover their purpose in life.

From the beginning, our founder Ralph Showers led the way, emphasizing "unconditional love" and at least "three hugs a day!" He understood that love and acceptance was the foundation for personal growth. Ranchers have shared with me over and over their desire to be accepted by their peers and adults in their lives. Being loved and accepted are critical foundation blocks for success in learning life skills and career skills. Every day, Rainbow Acres' employees are keeping the promise of unconditional love and acceptance to the Ranchers. It is in our DNA.

Fulfilling that commitment also requires that we remain open to change. When I arrived 23 years ago, a Rancher said, "if my only option is to live in a house with nine other guys the rest of my life, it feels like a dead end." At that moment, it became clear that Rancher expectations were greater than they had first appeared. This Rancher's insight led us to develop the apartments for those who wanted to live more independently. We are deeply grateful for Ranchers and parents who have helped us lift our sights above the horizon with a greater vision for the Ranchers.

As the Board of Trustees looks ahead to future needs and trends in disability services, to continue keeping the promise, we can anticipate further strengthening our programs and services. Rainbow Acres will pass through new doorways into an exciting future as it welcomes new Ranchers; serves more adults with Asperger's and on the Autism spectrum; and addressed issues centered on the social needs of our day. These changes will be consistent with Rainbow Acres' core values and centered on the needs of each individual Rancher.

Thank you, faithful friends of the Ranchers! Your concern, compassion and love continue to transform lives every day! Your faithfulness in prayer and generosity make all the difference!

Gary W. Wager,  
President & CEO

## Cookie & Host/Hostess Sign-ups!

Thanks to all who have provided cookies for our Fellowship Cookie Hour. 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 table. 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, June 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.**

## New in the Library

Time to Talk About Dying: How clergy and chaplains can help senior adults to prepare for a good death by Fred Grewe.

If you were here on Sunday, May 12th, you will want to read what Fred has to say about helping senior adults feel comfortable about death and dying before they begin to approach life's end.

## Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, June 15th - 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

## Church Wide Meet and Greet

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

**9:00 A.M. - 10:10 a.m.**

Please join us in the Koinonia Building on Sunday, June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. to meet Eastwood's Pastoral Candidate and his family. All regular Sunday School Classes are cancelled for this date.

## New Address:

Earl Simmonds  
2979 East Barnett Road #117  
Medford, OR 97504

## May 26, 2019

### SUNDAY, May 26th

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

### MONDAY, May 27th - Memorial Day

### TUESDAY, May 28th

Men's Bible Study Noon

### WEDNESDAY, May 29th

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

### THURSDAY, May 30th

### FRIDAY, May 31st

### SATURDAY, June 1st

## June 2, 2019

### SUNDAY, June 2nd

All Church Sunday School - Meet our Pastoral Candidate  
In the Koinonia Building 9:00  
Communion Worship Service 10:30  
Rev. Jeff Lundblad

### Congregational Meeting Following Worship Service

### MONDAY, June 3rd

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

### TUESDAY, June 4th

Men's Bible Study Noon

### WEDNESDAY, June 5th

Fellowship Potluck 5:15  
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00  
Choir Practice 7:15

### THURSDAY, June 6th

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

### FRIDAY, June 7th

### SATURDAY, June 8th

Church Work Party 9:00