



The Eastwood Beacon

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

November 20, 2019

Thanksgiving & Christmas - Have you ever thought about the connection between these two holidays? Thanksgiving, the day where we offer thanks to God for getting us through the past year. A day to consider the blessings we've received and express thanks for all of them. Blessings of relationships, food, shelter, love, sorrow, peace and challenge, all can be appreciated.

Christmas, the day we celebrate God's incarnation. God took on flesh, self-limiting to our terrestrial mortality, in order to demonstrate how to live as well as guide us in the way of love. What a blessing to give thanks for as well!

Over the next six weeks, we'll be offering our thanks to God for all that has been done for us. My hope is that as we approach Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, that we'll encounter God in a new and fresh way. We'll explore The Journey that led Mary and Joseph to the manger and bring to light new understandings of how God was working in their lives, as well as how Jesus' continues working in our own lives today.

We'll be using Adam Hamilton's The Journey as a resource to explore the Advent season, and I'll be using it for the Wednesday night study as well. I'm excited to dig in to this, and I hope you'll all join with me as we walk the road to Bethlehem.

Pastor Jeff

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

During Eastwood's exciting transition of being restructured with the arrival of our new Pastor, we are so thrilled to announce open opportunities for service within Eastwood's body. The Lord has given each one of us a spiritual gift and calling to serve. Eastwood is looking for willing members with this calling to prayerfully consider moving forward into leadership positions within the church. Whether you have a background in finance, grounds maintenance, teaching, administration or just have a desire to serve the Lord, you are encouraged to come and speak with Pastor Jeff or Joshua Robinson. If you are unsure of how best to serve but are interested in being a part of building up God's church, we will have questionnaires that will identify areas of strength to determine the position or roles that are best suited to your spiritual gifts.

Roles currently available include:

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| Finance | Buildings and Properties |
| Christian Education | Worship |
| Missions | Hospitality |
| Moderator | |

Information and questions about these positions can be obtained through Joshua Robinson, Dick Bath, or Pastor Jeff.

Please continue to pray for Eastwood and these opportunities of service. The Lord is moving, but we need every member to stand with us in this time to make that step into a new beginning.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,
Nominating committee

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Custodian

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Nursery Attendant

Thank you from Dan and Sarah Chetti

Dear Pastor Jeff and the faithful partners at Eastwood Baptist Church;

Dan & Sarah Chetti thank you from the bottom of their hearts for your prayers and financial support. Your support enables us to remain in the Middle East and minister during these critical times!

God is at work in amazing ways in the Prison **Ministry of Sarah** as well as through the Ministries at the **Insaaf Center**. It is a joy to see girls and women responding positively to the Good News of the Gospel, through Word and Deed. Your support of love and generosity is reaching women from 15 nationalities in Lebanon. There are 250,000 Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon. They come from poor countries in Asia and Africa and work for a salary of \$100 to \$250 a month. Some of them end up in prison for various reasons and Sara and her team visit them every week.

Dan is continuing his Ministry of teaching part-time at the Seminary and helping Migrant Churches. His main joy and Ministry is directing Gospel outreach in 7 Arab Countries through the Organization that God enabled him to start a few years ago. It is called **Enduring Love** and the title is taken from 1 Corinthians, chapter 13. This ministry is supporting 26 Arab Missionaries serving in 7 countries, facilitating 350 Home Groups, and impacting 150,000 people in the Middle East and North Africa. As *International Ministries* is unable to undertake this ministry; God laid this burden on Dan's heart. The Majority of these Arab Missionaries are from Muslim backgrounds and former students of Dan's. The Arab world is the most 'unreached' region in the world. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayerful support of our Ministries.

International Ministries has just launched the promotion of **Enduring Love** on its website Home Page.

As you pray and support us, we want to pledge our prayers for you and your dear families. May God bless your lives and your Ministry and preserve you safe in the palm of His hand.

Love and deep appreciation,

Dan & Sarah Chetti

An Update on Naomi Scott from Noelle Olmstead (Nov. 13th)

Just a little update to say that Naomi has gotten all the needed clearances for her transplant and had her last dose of chemo med they will be using. While she and Babs were at the clinic for the appointment, Nattie and I set up Naomi's room at her apartment. Because she had only lived there 3 weeks before this situation happened, she didn't have her room set up the way she had hoped. We were able to create a calming, healing space for her to come back to after she's released from the hospital and thankfully she loved it! (She has been staying with us in the Airbnb that we have through the end of Nov).

Naomi continues to ride the waves of emotions as well and as humanly as possible. There are hard days and easier days and even fun days. There are days that the reality checks of this season knock the wind out of her, but I'm convinced she wouldn't be human if they didn't.

I have come back to the west coast and Nattie is back in Philly until next Friday. At that point, Nattie will return to NYC for the donor transplant process. Babs is in NYC and will remain there until the middle-ish of January. At that time, Naomi's incredible friends, Jaclyn and Alex and Jason will help care for her during the second half of those critical 100 days after transplant. Naomi went to college with Jaclyn and Alex and wouldn't ya know, Jacklyn is an oncology nurse, so not only is she amazing at loving Naomi, she's also brilliant at caring for people who are battling cancer. We couldn't be more grateful for each of them and how they are not only willing to help care for Naomi, but how they are eager and honored to. Naomi has such kind friends (not surprising, I know).

At this point, Naomi could really use your prayers and good healing vibes for a cold/virus she is fighting. She came down with it a few days ago and her transplant doctor is starting her on an antibiotic because things haven't made a turn for the better. While her round of conditioning chemo will re-wipe out her immune system, it's best to go into transplant without a virus. So send her all the prayers and healing vibes that she starts feeling better right away.

As always, thank you for your love and support of Naomi during all of this.

Thanks and Praise

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following people helped out at the last Church Work Party:

Ellen Husel	Richard & Carol Bath
Barbara Davis	Don Eastman
Gene & Fay Rashé	

Special Thanks to those who help during the week:

Terry Miller	Merle Neufeld
Sue Lektorich	Jerry Darby
Richard Bath	And unseen others.

Our next work party will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m. Come join us!

Paul Klatt
Buildings & Properties

Gratitude & Thanksgiving for all of our Dear friends and family

I read a note in Guidepost about showing gratitude to all the people who have touched our lives in the past year. That is really what we are most thankful for, each one of you have expressed your love and concern for us.

Please forgive the impersonal group note, but there are too many to write individual notes and my handwriting is getting shaky, like my mother's did.

Most of all we are grateful for your prayers. These are the most precious things you can give us, for when our hearts are worn out and words don't come, we remember that many are praying for us. So we rest in your prayers.

Cheryl has begun a new round of "natural" infusions that are to attack the cancer cells. She has had extreme fatigue and flu-like symptoms, so is in bed most of the time. Her mind is muddled and easily confused. All of her tumors are really painful, so blood work is being done every two to three weeks to track the cancer markers, which continue to go up by 20% - 30% every time.

So we express gratitude for your financial gifts, meals, cards, visits, texts, hugs, and words of encouragement. Pray for our faith in God's love to remain secure, for our energy to stay strong, and for our hope in God's goodness to shine a light for each new day.

Love,
Brien & Jan Blankenship

"Hanging of the Greens"

December 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Come join the fun as we decorate the church
for Advent and Christmas**

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

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 Sue 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 _____

In Memory of _____

My name _____

Telephone number _____

December 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service Rev. Jeff Lundblad</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 "Hanging of the Greens"</p>
<p>8</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Jeff Lundblad</p> <p>Children's Tree Decorating Party after Church in the K-Bldg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Potluck 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 Worship Committee</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Church Work Party</p>
<p>15</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Jeff Lundblad</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 Women's Grove Bible Study 7:00 Boys Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Mid-Week Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 Deacons' Business Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 Builders' Social at Rogue Diner</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Punky's</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Jeff Lundblad</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. George Nye</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Jan 1</p> <p>New Year's Day Office Closed</p>	<p>Jan 2</p> <p>1:00 Fellowship Support at New Far East</p>	<p>Jan 3</p>	<p>Jan 4</p>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Dec	Curtis Smith
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
16-Dec	Brianna Yandell
17-Dec	Don Bolles
20-Dec	Kristyn Brunson
22-Dec	Felicity Saylor
23-Dec	Sandra Nye
28-Dec	Clementina Gomez
28-Dec	Hope Yandell

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10-Dec	Jerry & Sue Lektorich
27-Dec	Rev. Randolph & Leslie
28-Dec	Aaron & Cathy Thayer

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

Year End Love Gift

Dear Congregation,

It is the desire of your Board of Deacons to provide a Year-End Love Gift to our Pastor and staff as a way of showing our appreciation for their service to us this year. If you wish to participate in this "Thank You," please place your gift in one of the Special Offering envelopes, designating your checks to "Staff Love Gift" and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office during normal business hours.

Thank you for your generosity in this opportunity to share God's love with our staff this Christmas season.

Richard Bath, Moderator

Children's Tree Decorating Party Sunday, December 8th after church

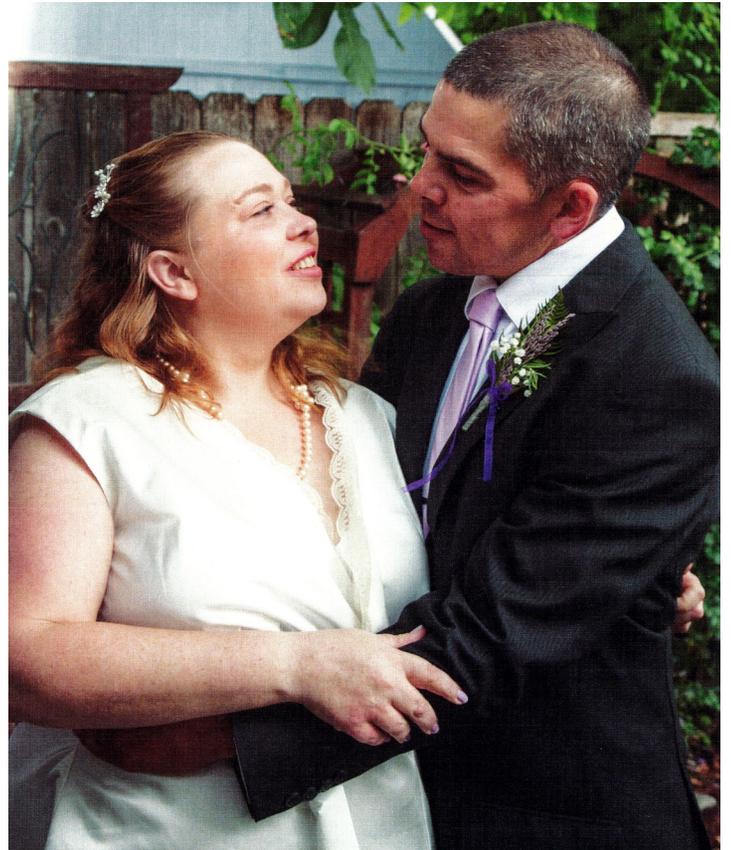
Join us for decorating fun and refreshments in the Koinonia Building.!

*Carol & Mike Snider
and
Starlena & Howard Simon
have the pleasure of announcing
the marriage of their children*

*Aimee Renee Snider
and
Seth Levon Peterson*

*On the ninth of August
Two thousand nineteen
At the home of the bride's parents
Eugene Oregon*

*The ceremony was performed by
Grandpa Lou Engle*



Salvation Army Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army is looking for either individuals or groups to volunteer to be bell ringers this holiday season.

Did you know that the Salvation Army has had to pay for bell ringers and still ends up short each day? The money raised assists with providing food, emergency assistance, shelter and youth programs.

Church Work Day

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



The next scheduled Work Day is **Saturday, December 14th**. 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!

An Advent Gift for the Children of Eastwood From Pastor Jeff

Pastor Jeff will be distributing an Advent gift to each child of Eastwood on the last Sunday of November - November 24th.

Please call the church office to let us know if your child will be present on that day. We want to make sure we have enough!

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering December 2019

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. The long-standing tradition of the RMMO established in 1977 supports ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA.

Women of Eastwood Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, December 21st - 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

Women's Grove Bible Study Beginning December 2, at 10:00 a.m. Room 14 Following Jesus with Luke

What would it have been like to walk with Jesus on the dusty roads of first-century Palestine, hearing his messages, witnessing his healings, and beholding his miracles? Designed for seekers and new believers, this 10-week study will transform your view of the Son of God through selected Scripture, challenging questions, life applications, and more.

Teddy Bear Ministry

We are heading into a busy season. Our need for stuffed animals is higher. So when you are out and about and see some animals in good condition maybe you could pick some up so we can keep this ministry going strong. I even get phone calls from Asante needing them. They are so appreciated by hurting children.



Thanks so much for your continued generosity.
Marilyn Brummett Gilley

November 24, 2019

SUNDAY, November 24th

Sunday School 9:15
Worship Service, Rev. Jeff Lundblad 10:30
Church Thanksgiving Dinner

MONDAY, November 25th

Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, November 26th

Men's Bible Study Noon

WEDNESDAY, November 27th

THURSDAY, November 28th - Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

FRIDAY, November 29th

SATURDAY, November 30th

December 1, 2019

SUNDAY, December 1st - 1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday School 9:00
Worship Service, Rev. Jeff Lundblad 10:30

MONDAY, December 2nd

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

TUESDAY, December 3rd

Men's Bible Study Noon

WEDNESDAY, December 4th

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

THURSDAY, December 5th

Fellowship Support at New Far East 1:00

FRIDAY, December 6th

SATURDAY, December 7th

"Hanging of the Greens" 9:00