



Dear East Woods Family and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy, warm, and enjoying God's blessings and presence.

What a super year we're having. By that, I first mean super CRAZY! Snow, ice, freezing rain, flooding, school closures, church cancellations, sledding in the streets, cabin fever! Isn't this supposed to be the mild-mannered Pacific Northwest? As February starts, I'm hoping we've seen the end of that craziness. If not, it may be all of us who start going crazy.

Apart from that, our year is about to get a little more super with East Woods' first Super Bowl Party. On Sunday, February 5, we'll have the big game on the big screens in the Sanctuary, and we'll have a super time hanging out, sampling great soups, playing games, and welcoming some very special guests. Want to know more? Look inside for more information, or just come out and join us for the super party! It's a great opportunity to invite friends or neighbors to join us and get to know us better. Too bad the Seahawks weren't quite super enough to make it to the show this year.

Lastly, February offers some super opportunities for discipleship and relationship growth within our congregational community. One of those opportunities is small groups. Cynthia Younger, our Adult Ministries Elder, has done a super job creating small group clusters based on where our members live. Starting at our Gathering Sunday Brunch on February 5, I invite you to learn more about the great group of people in your cluster and sign up to start a new small group based on the "Believe" curriculum we're using in worship through the summer. We have resources available to you to make small group gatherings easy, enriching, and enjoyable, and we hope this will be the beginning of a super movement at East Woods. Just how super it becomes is up to you!

Also, the Annual Women's Retreat is happening in Lincoln City the weekend of February 24-26. There's a super roster of women signed up already, and there's room for a few more. Gwen Wagner will lead the program on "God's Providence, Your Story" based on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. It will be a reflective opportunity to see how God has been shaping your life's journey from the beginning and to learn about God's role in the journey of other women, too.

Like I said, it's a super year, and there's a lot of super stuff going on at East Woods. I hope you'll jump in and join in with the fun.

"So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun."

Ecclesiastes 8:15, NIV

Blessings to you and yours ~ *Bill*

LIFE LINE PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SCREENINGS AT EAST WOODS

East Woods is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings all day on **Thursday, March 9.**

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.** We hope to see you there!



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE—KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese: “Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.”

A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am.”

A Sunday School teacher asked her children as they were on their way to church service, “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One bright little girl replied, “Because people are sleeping.”

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied “That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.”



EAST WOODS WIFI PASSWORD

We've added password protection to the "eastwoodspres" public WiFi network. The current password is **ILoveEWPC611**. Of course, we all love EWPC, and the 611 represents our chartering anniversary - June 11, 2000. We hope that helps you remember the password *and* the anniversary! A draft of our WiFi policy is available in the church office for all who'd like to read it. Happy surfing!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

CHILDREN

Children K-5th grade are invited to come to choir during Connecting Time with Lisa Pickering. They will be practicing songs to sing for the congregation on Sunday, March 19, 2017. Nursery Care is available for ages 0-5.



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group welcomes students from middle school and high school to our regular meetings on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM in the Redwood Room, and at 9:45 AM on Sundays during Connecting Time.



PART-TIME JOBS OPEN AT EAST WOODS

In case you're not aware of it, our congregation currently has three open job positions. We are looking for a part-time Director of Family Ministries, a part-time Student Ministries Teacher, and a part-time Worship Service Pianist/Accompanist. These positions have been posted to websites for:

- George Fox
- WSU (Vancouver)
- Multnomah,
- Clark College
- Warner Pacific College
- Craigslist
- East Woods
- Presbytery of the Cascades
- APCE (the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators).

Please refer qualified candidates you may know to Pastor Bill or Chuck Dunn.

THE DEACONS' CORNER
Deacons Moderator Lynne Helmke

Lynne and her husband Rich moved from New Jersey in 2004 to be closer to her son, daughter-in-law and twin granddaughters. Lynne and Rich became members of East Woods in 2012.

This is Lynne's third time serving as a Deacon. She previously served in Allentown Presbyterian Church in Allentown, New Jersey, and at Columbia Presbyterian Church. She is very grateful to Pastor Bill and our Session for supporting the transition from Congregational Care to the Deacons Ministry.

As do all the Deacons, Lynne loves the opportunity to serve members of East Woods. She is Deacon to: Gwen Wagner & Keith Bloss, Bernie Danielson, Don & Gretchen Dire, Nicole Hazen, Darin & Lynette Nelson, Clydella Parker, Sally & Don Gifford, Roberta Schlechter, Susan Smith, Ayn Lavagnino, Gordon & Janice Lynch.



SCRIP UPDATE: We thank everyone who participated in the Scrip Program in 2016. The program raised over \$2,200 for East Woods. We took the month of January off and we will be back next month. Your first order of this new year needs to get to us on or before Gathering Sunday, February 5. Your gift cards will be available in church on February 12. Please keep in mind that you can pay for your order using a credit card. For information on how to order, please see **Lynne Helmke, Linda Fortney or Shirley Lashley.**

CARING CARD MAKING is Monday, February 27th at Brookdale Fisher's Landing, 17171 SE 22nd Dr., at 1:00 PM. We will be signing birthday cards for residents with March birthdays and assembling cards from card kits for Soldiers' Angels to distribute to veterans and their caregivers at the VA Hospital in Vancouver. Also available are book kits for You Are Special books that Soldiers' Angels distribute to children of homeless veterans at Stand Down dinners, shelters, and Fishers House where families can stay while the veteran is hospitalized.



BELIEVE



During 2017 East Woods Presbyterian will journey as a whole church, from the little ones to the most seasoned members, to believe the core truths of the Bible and to become more like Jesus every day.

We have embarked on a holistic study called “BELIEVE.” Grounded in Scripture, BELIEVE is a unique discipleship experience that helps Christians of all ages become more like Jesus in their beliefs, actions, and character. This topical Bible study illuminates the core beliefs of the Christian faith to help you think, act, and be more like Christ.



CONNECTING TIME

Christian Education – the new BELIEVE study will include in February:

- ✦ Identity in Christ—Feb. 5
- ✦ Church—Feb. 12
- ✦ Humanity—Feb. 19
- ✦ Compassion—Feb. 23

Children’s Activity – Children’s Choir practice in the Cedar/Preschool Room, preparing to sing songs for our congregation. Nursery care: ages 0-5.

Youth Gathering – Middle school and high school students are invited to the Redwood/Youth Room for relationship-building and discussions on faith-centered and Bible-oriented topics.

Mission Time – Helping Those Who Hurt

Have you ever been at a loss for what to say to someone going through a crisis? Would you like to feel more present with those who are hurting? Cynthia Younger will present a short course “**Helping Those Who Hurt.**” There will be four sessions, during Connecting Time on February 12 and 19, and March 12 and 26. Topics discussed will include grief, divorce, and reproductive problems. For more information, contact Cynthia Younger at adult@eastwoodpres.org.



*Brighten someone's day
with a Valentine's Day Flower Bouquet!
Order by Sunday, January 29
Pick up Sunday, February 12 - 9:30-Noon
\$25 each bouquet*

*Top-quality, farm fresh flowers will be shipped direct
just in time for Valentine's Day delivery.
Each bouquet contains 12 long-stemmed (50 cm) roses
in your choice of red or white,
with 4 silver dollar eucalyptus stems.
See order forms in Evergreen Hall (narthex) or on the
East Woods website: www.eastwoodspres.org*



IT'S BACK! MUNCH & PLAY BINGO!

Join us on Sunday, March 5 after the late service for some family fun, food and fellowship. Football is over so we're playing Bingo—a great game for everyone! Bingo game cards are just 25¢ each. Buy a book of 20 cards (4cards per 5 games) for just \$5. Pizza and a soft drink will be available for \$1 a slice. Prizes will be given for each game.

Please sign up at the Opportunity Table area if you're interested! Open to everyone; invite your friends, neighbors and family to join us. We hope to see you there.



EWPC "SUPER BOWL" PARTY, FEBRUARY 5TH - 3-7 PM

Please join us at the church and watch the big game on the "big screens" in a family friendly environment. We will use the screens in the sanctuary to make it feel like the "big game day."

There will be food, drinks (nonalcoholic) and games to entertain you.

If you have a good soup recipe, share it during our "soup cook-off."

The Youth Group will be raising money for the Clark County Food Bank for the "Souper Bowl of Caring."

Bring the kids, bring your neighbors, bring your family.

You don't need to like football to like this party.

There is something for everyone!

EAST WOODS ACTIVITIES -- SAVE THE DATE:

February 5	Super Bowl Party
February 11	Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9 AM
February 18	Women's Breakfast, 9-10:30 AM
February 19	Lunch at McMenamins
February 24-26	Women's Retreat 2017
March 1	Ash Wednesday Service
March 11	Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9 AM
March 18	Women's Breakfast, 9-10:30 AM
March 19	Lunch at Elmer's Pancake House
April 8	Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9 AM
April 15	Women's Breakfast, 9-10:30 AM
April 16	Easter Sunday
May 13	Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9 AM
May 20	Women's Breakfast, 9-10:30 AM
May 21	Lunch at Olive Garden
August 25-26	Annual Rummage Sale

For more information on these events, please visit our
"Happenings" web page at www.eastwoodspres.org/happenings

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

February 19
Lunch at McMenamins
after the 10:45 service

WOMEN'S RETREAT – 2017

Lincoln City · **February 24, 25, 26**
Join us for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual renewal.
Cost: \$95 · Sign up at the Opportunity Table
in Evergreen Hall.



March Newsletter deadline—Tuesday, February 14

Office hours: Tuesday 1-3 PM, Wednesday & Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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