



"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. Romans 10:13-17

Dear East Woods Family and Friends~

Perhaps now more than ever, it is critical that those who are saved and sent obey and proclaim.

If I could have been a fly on the wall in one place this past February 21st, that place would have been the wall nearest Billy Graham's entrance into the life hereafter. What a welcome God's servant must have received! What a homecoming it must have been for him! In my mind's eye, I see him being greeted joyfully not only by the Lord he loved so deeply but also by the throngs of those who had come to know the Lord through Billy Graham's faithful ministry. What a confirmation and affirmation of his life's work! Jesus would not have had to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," because the presence of the throng would declare the words with unmatched strength and clarity.

In a week of preaching about the sweetness and simplicity of the gospel, I value and appreciate the simplicity of the message posted to Billy Graham's Twitter feed on the day of his death. It read, *"I have one message: that Jesus Christ came, he died on a cross, he rose again, and he asked us to repent of our sins and receive him by faith as Lord and Savior, and if we do, we have forgiveness of all of our sins."* Rev. Graham was a man who understood the sweet simplicity of Jesus' message and purpose, and he lived to share that message with others.

Based on what the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 10 above, I wonder if the saints of the halls of heaven took time on Billy Graham's arrival to admire his feet. As the verse quoting Isaiah 52:7 says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Considering how good Rev. Graham was at delivering the good news of the gospel to people, he must have had some attractive feet, second only perhaps to those of the one pierced for our transgressions.

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So, how are *your* feet looking? Now that Rev. Graham has moved forward to the sweet by-and-by, who will fill the void left by his departure and bring the good news? Will *you* faithfully answer the call to deliver the sweet notes of salvation with simplicity to a world soured by sin? And, when you are called home, will you be met by a throng affirming the evangelistic work you did in their lives? Or, will you instead be counted among those of whom the Apostle Paul wrote, “But not all have obeyed the good news...?”

We have been sent to bring the good news. May we work together with the Lord on the beautification of our feet.

In Christ ~ *Bill*



Easter Week at East Woods



Maundy Thursday/Seder Dinner & Service - Thursday, March 29, 6:30 PM

Good Friday Station Experience, Friday, March 30, Noon to 7 PM

Annual East Woods Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 31, 11 AM

Easter Morning Services at 6:30 and 10:00 AM

FAMILY MINISTRIES



EASTER EGG HUNT East Woods' 5th annual Community Easter Egg hunt will be held on **Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 AM.**

We are asking for donations of individually-wrapped candy to fill more than 2,500 plastic eggs that will be scattered for our hunt.

We will be collecting candy through Sunday, March 18.

For more information, contact **Tim Martinez** at tmartinez0408@gmail.com.

YOUTH

WHAT IS WORSHIP? Beginning **March 11**, the **Youth Commission** will begin offering a sermon-time discussion group for our youth called "What Is Worship?" The twice-a-month gathering is intended to help our youth make the transition from Sunday School to being full participants in worship by reviewing and discussing the different segments of the worship service and what they mean. The group will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Youth will remain in the service before being excused to the Redwood (Youth) Room just before the sermon for a 20-30 minute discussion. For more information, contact Tim Martinez at tmartinez0408@gmail.com

30 HOUR FAMINE LOCK-IN – Friday & Saturday **April 6-7th** we will join Cascades Presbyterian youth to learn and experience a little bit of hunger as we raise awareness and compassion for those in need with an overnight lock-in. More details to come. Please connect with **Jeff Kennedy** to sign up or volunteer (provide adult support, closing meal prep, worship team, etc.)

NIGHT STRIKE SERVICE PROJECT – Thursday, **April 19** we have 14 volunteer slots to serve the homeless under the Burnside Bridge in Portland. High Schoolers may attend without a parent, Middle Schoolers need to attend with an adult. Volunteers at *Night Strike* will help provide the following services to our homeless guests: serve food, distribute clothing, wash feet, cut hair, paint fingernails, engage in conversation and much, much more! Be a friend to these marginalized people and help them feel known, loved, and that they matter! Leaving East Woods at 6pm (carpool, etc.) and returning around 10pm. Please sign up with **Jeff Kennedy** as soon as possible to ensure your spot and task.

ADULT EDUCATION:

SENIOR SEASON SEMINAR Please join us on **April 3rd**, for lunch and for the first meeting of the Senior Season Seminar. This class will meet in the Maple Room once a month on Tuesday at noon. Lunch will be served. In the first meeting we will discuss topics that would be of interest to the seniors. This is your opportunity to ask for specific topics that impact those of us who are of a certain age. For more information, please contact **Cynthia Younger**: Cynthia_younger@outlook.com or (360) 837-2381.

TAMING THE TECH TYRANT. Parents, we will present a series of three classes discussing setting healthy boundaries for your family on the use of technology. The class will be based on *The Tech-Wise Family*, by Andy Crouch. First class **April 4th**. Three Wednesdays, in the Maple Room, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Come, and bring your teens for youth group.

For more information, please contact **Cynthia Younger**: Cynthia_younger@outlook.com or (360) 837-2381.

THRIVING IN BABYLON Are you looking for a Bible Study? Thriving in Babylon is a 5 week study of the Book of Daniel. These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation? Each session also includes real-life stories of people struggling to thrive in an ever-increasing godless society. Though Daniel lived thousands of years ago, he has much to teach us today. (Feb. 4, Feb. 18,) **Mar. 4, Mar. 18, April 1.** 9:00 AM in the Maple Room, led by **Cynthia Younger**.



GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER STATION EXPERIENCE AT EAST WOODS

Sometimes, one needs to do something different to engage in moments of prayer. At times we can get into a prayer routine – how often do we step back and recognize what we are actually praying when we say the Lord's Prayer? In this interactive prayer experience, we invite you to come and participate in some hands-on activities that help you focus on talking to God or listening for God's voice.

This Good Friday event is designed for all ages, children included, and is offered to us in an open-house style – meaning come when you can, stay as long as you need. Several Prayer Stations will be set up throughout Evergreen Hall and the Sanctuary at East Woods Presbyterian Church and available for you from 12 NOON until 7PM on Good Friday, March 30.

MISSION

Do you like cookies?

Do you like to bake cookies?

The Mission Commission has just the fun activity for you!



Our Connecting Time activity on **March 18** and **March 25**, will be to bake goodies for the refreshment table. **Anyone is welcome to help us with the baking** (9-10 AM on those Sundays). If you aren't a baker, you can help by bringing supplies such as cookie mixes, brownie mix, quick bread mixes, or such things as eggs, flour, butter, nuts, or chocolate chips. We will prepare and bake the goodies, carefully freeze them, then serve them over the next several weeks so everyone can enjoy the results of our fun activity. Sign-up sheets for bakers, recipe ideas, and donations for supplies will be on the Opportunity Table, beginning **February 25**. Please join us!



Mill Plain elementary has an ongoing need for shoes and snacks. The shoes can be gently used or new and the snacks can be bulk or individual. Other items the families are in need of include diapers and wipes, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, feminine hygiene. The complete list is on the table above the Mill Plain bin. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please put in the Mill Plain box.

March 3rd from 10:30-12pm Mill Plain is gathering to prepare their community garden for planting. They could use some help. If gardening is your thing, please consider helping.

For more information contact **Conni Pfeifer 360-281-5368**.

A TRUE STORY!



An East Woods family placed a monthly East Woods Scrip Gift card order which included: \$250 Fred Meyer (4%); \$50 Joann Fabrics (5%); \$100 Amazon.com (4%); \$30 Panera Bread (8%); \$50 Home Goods/Old Navy (12%); \$25 Starbucks (6%); \$25 McMenamins (12%).

This order earned \$29.40 for East Woods—just in one month! That equals over \$300 in the course of a year.

Imagine how East Woods and our entire congregation would benefit if all East Woods families shopped with Scrip! ***Learn more on the Scrip gift card order form, available in Evergreen Hall (Narthex).***

Order by March 4—Pick up on March 11



Lord, What Do You See?

by Arla Olsen

*Lord, what do you see when children die
from a shooting at school and kids and parents cry...
When someone takes another's life,
at a concert or church, causing horror and strife...
Lord, what do you hear when a man shoots a gun,
and has hatred and anger towards something or someone,
when innocent people are victims of hate,
and help for a shooter was not there, or too late...
Lord, what do you feel when our lives are turned upside down
and nothing makes sense, and we feel we might drown
in political power, confusion and distrust
and know something should be done... no, it must,
so this will happen no more... it is too much...
We turn to you, Lord, with our prayers and hope,
we are your children, and we must cope
with a world growing more unsettling each day
and we face many difficult situations today...
We know you see, hear and feel our fear and sadness,
as we follow you, know you will lead us the right way...
Oh, Lord, please heal our country in this season of darkness...*



East Woods Activities - Save the Date

March 8	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 AM
March 10	Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9 AM
March 14	Lent Movie Series, 6 PM
March 15	Women's Bible Study, 10 AM - Noon
March 18	Thriving in Babylon class, 9 AM
March 18	Mission Comm. Cookie Bake at East Woods, 9 AM
March 21	Lent Movie Series, 6 PM
March 22	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 AM
March 25	Mission Comm. Cookie Bake at East Woods, 9 AM
March 29	Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner and Service, 6:30 PM
March 30	Good Friday Station Experience, Noon—7 PM
March 31	5 th Annual East Woods Easter Egg Hunt, 11 AM
April 1	Easter Sunday , Services at 6:30 AM & 10:00 AM
April 3	Senior Season Seminar, 12-1PM, Maple Room
April 4	Taming the Tech Tyrant, 6:30-8 PM, Maple Room
April 15	Thriving in Babylon class, 9 AM
April 26-29	Men's Walk to Emmaus
May 1	Senior Season Seminar, 12-1PM, Maple Room
May 2	Taming the Tech Tyrant, 6:30-8 PM, Maple Room
May 17-20	Women's Walk to Emmaus
June 5	Senior Season Seminar, 12-1PM, Maple Room
June 6	Taming the Tech Tyrant, 6:30-8 PM, Maple Room



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

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