

# The Eastwood Baptist

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Yet there is one ray of hope: his compassion never ends. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his loving-kindness begins afresh each day. My soul claims the Lord as my inheritance; therefore I will hope in him. The Lord is wonderfully good to those who wait for him, to those who seek for him. It is good both to hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:21-26

# Eastwood Life

*Connecting Hands & Hearts*

**“CONNECTING HEARTS & HANDS”**

Eastwood Baptist Church Newsletter -- September 2021

## What's On and What Will Be

- **What's On**
- Worship in person – **9:30 am**
- Worship online – **9:30 am** or by Monday morning on recording

## What We Will Do...Soon

- **September 5<sup>th</sup> -- Labor Day**
  - **September 12<sup>th</sup> -- Back to Church**
- Sunday Worship – 10:30 am**
- **September 12<sup>th</sup> -- Grandparents Day**

## What's Not...Yet

- **Fall Garage Sale**
- **Senior Lunch**

## OUR STAFF

Rev/Dr. William C. Tatum – Interim Pastor  
Laurie Hadlick – Secretary  
Steve Eichmann – Facilities Manager

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If you have family members, friends or neighbors who may enjoy receiving our newsletter, please call our office to give us their mailing address.



Hope to see you for  
**Back to Church Sunday**  
**September 12th, 10:30 am**

The end is not the goal for everyday life. The journey is! Where you are today is where God wants you.

**PHILIPPIANS 1:6**

I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Eastwood Baptist Finances** – as reported to the Deacons in July 2021

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*End of June Checking Account Balance* \$ 22,700



**Year-To-Date Expenses vs. Income** \$ 10,680 behind

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Thank you to all who volunteered to help with this year's VBS. It was a success because of you. – Jeannie Baker

Barry Nicholas  
Marilyn Stedman  
Gabi Kuersteiner  
Gitta Trippany  
Karen Procopio  
Donna Price  
Marge Hamlin

Gail Vinette  
Joe Pierce  
Melissa Kuersteiner  
Garth Cadiz  
Angie Gagnier  
Doreen Ural  
Blessed Joe

Steve Eichmann  
Pastor Bill Tatum  
Doug Dowty  
Dan Vinette  
Elise Kuersteiner  
Gary Baker  
Rob Poulsen  
Ralph Schrack  
Tom Hadlick  
Laurie Hadlick

Christy Siau  
Brenda Mertz  
Sally DiFelice



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to those celebrating  
in **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Doris Stoddard
- 3 Betty Foland
- 4 Kathleen Hammond
- 5 Marilyn Stedman  
Edward Demello
- 6 Emma McNamara  
Lenore Sealy  
Ray Vinette
- 13 Karen Nauschuetz
- 17 Elaine Mitchell
- 18 Iris Logan
- 21 Monty Stone
- 24 Craig Foland
- 27 Michael Ural
- 28 Robert Foland  
Jackie Gaffield
- 29 Cheyenne Dunn
- 30 Mary Beth Kolozsvary  
Shirley Mott

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to:

- 7 Amy and Dennis O'Rourke
- 10 Revs. Suzi and Jim Harriff
- 11 Bill and Brenda Mertz
- 15 Amy and Bob Brisson
- 19 Charles and Dale Sargent
- 27 Iris & Andre Logan
- 28 Gayle and Ray Vinette

**COZY CORNER**

Bob and Carol Walczyk have a new grandson, Atticus Stanley Walczyk, born on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proud parents are Mark and Jessica Walczyk.

**What's going on with you and your family?**

Send updates to Linda Troiano  
@ [Isaenz@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:Isaenz@twcnny.rr.com) to include in the next newsletter.

## **DEACONS CORNER**

### **WORSHIP**

Fall is coming, and unfortunately with it, some of the too familiar uncertainty, but we are hoping to welcome everyone back with an outdoor reception after church on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. The tent will be up and packaged snacks and beverages will be available. In the meantime, let's all pray for health and healing – and a nice day on Sept. 12! We look forward to welcoming many new and familiar faces on “Back to Church Sunday.”

### **EDUCATION**

The Education Commission will be making a donation of \$200.00 to Pathfinder. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our camp luncheon for the camp scholarship fund.

Thanks to all the volunteers and wonderful Director, Jennie Baker, for a successful Vacation Bible School.

The tentative plan for the start of Sunday School for children will be Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow.

### **HELP WANTED:**

Ushers, Lay Readers and people to work the Welcome Station – Sign-up sheet on the table by the office or contact Karen Procopio, Carol Walczyk or the church office.

Deacons needed -- You are welcome to join the Deacons at the next meeting on **Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** or anytime on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the

month. Email Gayle Vinette if interested @ [gaylevinette@gmail.com](mailto:gaylevinette@gmail.com)

### **BONA DEA WOMEN'S GROUP**

Bona Dea Circle meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. A typical meeting consists of devotions, a program, and refreshments. The Circle members take responsibility for the Inspiration Table in the back of the sanctuary. A Love Gift offering is collected each month and forwarded to American Baptist Women's Ministries at the state level. The Circle is part of a larger group, the Iroquois Association, which includes other area churches. This group meets twice a year. Area churches also participate in White Cross projects which may include collecting items for various organizations and/or contributing money for overseas projects. The Circle's next project will be to renovate the Lounge, including painting and new curtains. Bona Dea invites any women in the church to join us. Bona Dea meets next on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11:30 am, @ Tony's Restaurant.

The next **SAMARITAN CENTER TRIP** is on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY?** Please contact the office.

## **A Message from Pastor Bill**

For September, 2021

Dear Friends,

Hope everyone has had a great summer to this point! Much has happened with the transition process since my last newsletter article. With your nominations and the guidance of the Deacons, fourteen persons were asked to consider serving on the transition team. Twelve agreed to consider this opportunity to serve and get more information about what is involved in being a member of the transition team and ten agreed to serve on the team. The members of the transition team are -

Douglass Dowty

Elizabeth Ferguson

Tom Hadlick

Ray Hickey

Brenda Mertz

Joe Pierce

Susan Rizzo

Marilyn Stedman

Doreen Ural

Bob Walczyk

I led a training event for the Team on Saturday morning, August 7. By the time you get this newsletter, the team will be meeting regularly, every other Thursday evening. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the Transition Team!

By way of a reminder, the purpose of the **Transition Team** is to clarify the identity of the congregation. It seeks to answer two basic questions – who is Eastwood Baptist Church as a congregation, and what is God leading EBC to do and be in the coming years.

With answers to those questions, the **Pastor Search Committee** will seek a Pastor who has the gifts and abilities to lead EBC into the future God has for it.

Again, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving with you. I believe that God has an exciting future in store for Eastwood Baptist Church!

I hope you are staying well!

God's Blessings,

Pastor Bill