

Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church

Our Vision

We stand together at the crossroads where God’s powerful love compels us to worship Him fully, follow Jesus daily, and live in the Spirit joyfully.

Our Mission

Our mission is to pursue this vision with commitment, character, and in community.



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP



Proof of light



On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, “It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven’s ‘Hymn to Joy’ is joyous. If a man were to say, ‘It is not joyous to me,’ he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidity. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself.

”Writing our life — with God’s help

A journalist once said you can measure the quality of a piece of writing by the quality of what has been cut. No matter how beautiful or interesting a phrase or sentence is, the piece may be stronger without it. Rabbi Evan Moffic applies this wisdom to life in general. Too often we refuse to let something — a habit, a memory, a process — go, even when it no longer serves us. Thinking of our life as a book, we can cut out, edit or rearrange some pages or sentences to reflect our new learnings and growth. This is not always easy, but we don’t have to do it alone. “God is our ‘editor-in-chief,’” says Moffic, “and we are part of God’s story. [While] God ... gives us free will to decide what to write on the pages of our lives, ... God is always there for conversation and consultation. And God left us a great guidebook called the Bible. Its lessons make our writing shine with truth and beauty.” With God’s guidance, what will you “write” in the new year?

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Gina Land made this amazing sign for Russell. He was so excited when he seen the sign. We also sang "Happy Birthday" to Russell & others joined in along the parade route.



This years Grand Marshall for the 2022 Veteran's Day Parade was our very own Russell Strite. Russell served in the Army's Chemistry Division from 1941-1944.

Russell also celebrated his 99th Birthday on November 11, 2022.

Russell was driven in the parade by another one of our very own, Jim Connelly. The car Russell was chauffeured in was a 1923, (the year Russell was born) owned by Jim & Jan Connelly. Russell was also accompanied by two of his dear friends, JoAnne Francies and Gerry Pennington. After all the parade excitement, JoAnne & Gerry took Russell out for his hamburger & milkshake, he absolutely loves it when he gets a treat like that.

Thank you for your service Russell & all who served.

In the back from L-R, Gerry P and JoAnne F...
In the front, 2022 Grand Marshall of the Veterans Day Parade is **Russell Strite~**



Baptism is serious business!

Baptizing people into God's family has always been a ministry highlight for Pastor Stan Purdum. One Sunday, he had the privilege of welcoming three infants and two young boys to the baptismal font, along with all their parents. After baptizing the babies, Purdum turned toward the families with older children, who'd been instructed to have their boys step forward one at a time.

Immediately, the 3-year-old shouted, "Not me!" and bolted for the exit. His father caught the youngster and carried him back as the congregation chuckled. This time, Purdum wasted no time completing the sacrament.

"Maybe this young boy was not greatly wrong to try to duck baptism," he later pondered. "Far from being a harmless little ceremony, baptism begins a lifetime commitment to God, which over the long haul is no easy thing. It lays upon us the responsibility to live up to the vows we have made." How seriously do you take your baptismal vows?

Communion is one of the most important ceremonies in the church. It is a reminder that the Holy Ghost surrounds us and is present in our lives at all times. This tradition has been ongoing for thousands of years: think of the importance and impact that eating these symbols of Jesus' life and death have had throughout history! Each time that we do it, we join billions of other believers, going through the same struggles, yearning for the same relationship, and living the same God.



From trashed to treasured

In December 2017, Jimmy Amisial, a Texas State student home in Haiti on break, noticed a crowd peering into a trash can. A 4-month-old infant lay inside, but no one moved. So Amisial scooped up the baby and took him home to his mom. They washed and clothed him, gave him milk and sought medical care.

After investigators failed to locate parents, a judge asked if Amisial would serve as legal guardian. Sensing "this had happened for a reason," he "took a leap of faith." Now Amisial is raising funds to adopt Emilio. "I'm glad I got the opportunity to transform his life from being abandoned in the trash to being a wonderful treasure," he says.

Likewise, God did not leave humankind trapped amid the trash of sin and evil, destruction and death. Instead, God came to us as Jesus, scooped us into his loving arms and claimed us as his own. Like Emilio, we've been transformed and are treasured.

—Heidi Hyland Mann





Thank you everyone who donated prayerfully packed shoeboxes to be delivered to children around the world in Jesus' name. Our church's

donation will be added to ministry partners in over 100 countries. With your help, we are blessed to have the opportunity to participate in this discipleship program.



Our 48 boxes delivered to the Calvary Baptist Church in Elko.



NFL quarterback Alex Smith suffered a leg injury in 2018 that nearly ended his career. But following 17 surgeries and nearly two years of rehab, he was back in the game! To celebrate, his wife, Elizabeth, turned his leg brace into a trophy to remind him how far he's come.

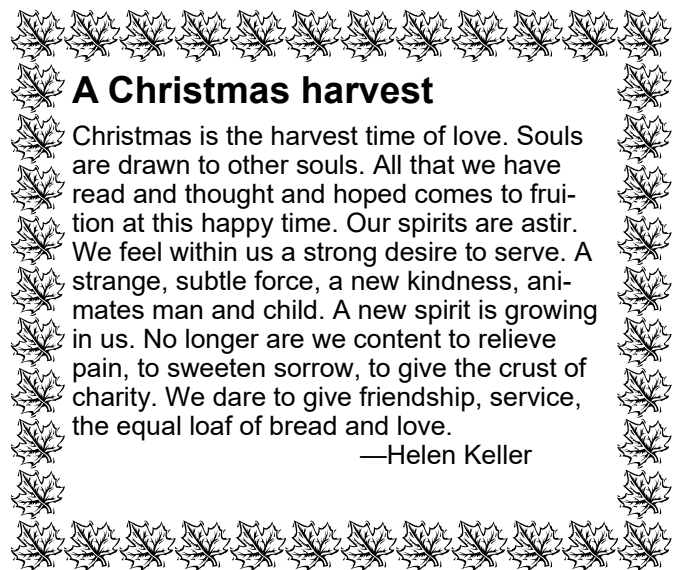
I love to start my day off with inspirational stories, Devotions, Bible Verses and such. I try and do this on a daily bases and everyday God speaks to me. The Bible verses are meant for me, I know for others also, but on days I miss and don't get to them until later on, I feel bad. I know it would have made the day ahead much easier and made my heart happy much earlier. There are so many Christian things you can download onto your phone so you never have to waste a minute, hearing God's work.

At home in our hearts

"All hearts come home for Christmas," according to popular sentiment. But what if your heart (and/or home) is hurting or troubled? Does this season have room for people who are struggling? Does the holiday still have meaning?

Yes, God's word tells us. In fact, that's why God sent Jesus, the Word, from his heavenly home to make "his dwelling among us" (John 1:14, NIV). As fully human, Jesus experienced loneliness and betrayal, loss and physical pain. He was rejected by loved ones, angered by corruption, and abandoned to die. But as fully God, Jesus provides answers, healing and hope. Through his resurrection (which first required an earthly birth), Jesus offers salvation to all who believe in him.

As we await the heavenly home that God's Son is now preparing, we can welcome him and his comforting promises, even into our hurting hearts.



A Christmas harvest

Christmas is the harvest time of love. Souls are drawn to other souls. All that we have read and thought and hoped comes to fruition at this happy time. Our spirits are astir. We feel within us a strong desire to serve. A strange, subtle force, a new kindness, animates man and child. A new spirit is growing in us. No longer are we content to relieve pain, to sweeten sorrow, to give the crust of charity. We dare to give friendship, service, the equal loaf of bread and love.

—Helen Keller

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The greatest gift that you can give to others is the gift

This quote belongs to [Brian Tracy](#) (born January 5th, 1944).

HOW much does love cost? You cannot buy love in the market place. Love is not on sale. You cannot horde love. No one has the monopoly on this commodity that human beings depend on. That is why love has no price tag on it. You can only give and receive love in equal measure, and it is free. Love can bring both joy and sadness. In the development stage, love is fun and exciting. In the breakup stage, love can be hurtful and painful. The first step you need to do is open yourself to love and to share your feelings with others! Try it, and you will see how the world around you changes!

That man is admired above all men, who is not influenced by money.

This quote belongs to [Marcus Tullius Cicero](#) (106 BC - 43 BC).

To understand this quote, think of the many foundations and organizations that sponsor needy individuals throughout the world. These institutions are run by people, who know the value of investing money in others. These are the men and women who have been called to serve others through giving in diverse ways. If you value the world, and not money, you will be repaid in full many times over by love and appreciation.

