

Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church

“Pursuing a faith that makes a difference”

Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



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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**

Thy will be done



Placing ourselves completely into God's hands can be challenging. If you need help in that area, pray these words from Thomas à Kempis: “Lord, you know what is best. May your will decide what shall be done. Give what you will, how much you will and when you will. Do what you know is best for me. Do what pleases you and brings your name most honor.

“Put me where you will, and deal with me in all things as you please. I am in your hand — turn me backwards and forwards, turn me upside down. Here I am, your servant, ready for anything, for I have no desire to live for myself but only to live perfectly and worthily for you.”

When we least deserve love

“Love me when I least deserve it,” says a Swedish proverb, “because that's when I really need it.” My mom recounts how my 1-year-old sister, scooting around in a walker, somehow got hold of and spilled a loosely capped bottle of cooking oil. As Mom cleaned up, my sis scooted into the bathroom and unwound all the toilet paper.

Mom went to investigate the ruckus, and as she respooled the TP, my sister went back to the kitchen, pulled crackers out of a lower cupboard, tossed them on the floor and drove over them — in the remaining oil. At that point, Mom decided it was naptime! Yet I know Mom laid her little one in her crib with tender love. After a rest, they'd start afresh.

In John 21, the risen Jesus addresses Peter, who had denied him three times the night of Jesus' arrest. But Jesus didn't treat Peter harshly. In love, the Savior offered his disciple a fresh start. So too, when we're at our worst, hurting God's heart by hurting others and creation, God loves us all the more. He loves us into a fresh start — even, and especially, when we least deserve it.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



How would you like to be able to see this from your bedroom deck?

Debbie and Matt spent some time recently in a Lodge in Kruger National Park in South Africa.



Save-worthy

I was teaching a junior high Sunday school class about salvation and that age-old question, "Are you saved?" Before diving in, I asked the students what they collect and why. Answers included sports cards, coins, stamps and rocks — items you may have saved as a child too. We save because items seem special or interesting to us. Collecting implies worth and a desire to keep something safe.

In our class, that led to discussion about what it feels like to be saved by or for Jesus ... to be the "savee" instead of the "saver." How amazing that God deems us special, interesting and worthy of safekeeping. We are God's precious, well-loved "collection," and he's reserving space and preparing a place for each one of us.

Married in April, 20 —Julie Lee



The dedicated hiway cleanup crew was delighted to have two new helpers on 7/22 when Addie & Emmie Connelley joined us at our 8am start. The hard work from previous cleanups is paying off, as you see this was the least amount of trash we've picked up. Please plan on joining us in September for the final cleanup of the year.

Gerry Pennington, Loren & Becky Jaff, Rick Glass, Gregg Lawrence, Kathy Spurger, Addie, Susan Lawrence, Emmie and Jan Connelley.



The following items serve as “little guideposts on the footpath to peace,” according to author and pastor Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933):

- to be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars;
- to be satisfied with your possessions but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them;
- to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;
- to covet nothing of your neighbor’s except [their] kindness of heart and gentleness of manners;
- to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ;
- to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit in God’s out-of-doors.

Christ still calls us

The rugged hills of Galilee drop down to meet the sea
Where burly men still mend their nets, still fish there
eagerly.

The sea’s the same place where Christ said, “Lay
down your nets and heed
My call to love all people, and serve them in their
need.”

“I’ll help you fish for humankind,” he told them long
ago.

His call’s still heard, His help’s still real today, as we
well know.

Yes, people still are leaving “nets” wherever they might
be,
And as disciples still go forth to serve Christ willingly.

—Peggy Ferrell

Ingredients for true success

How far you go in life depends on your being tender
with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympa-
thetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and
strong. Because someday in your life you will have
been all of these.

—George Washington Carver

August

God in his own right hand doth take each day —
each sun-filled day — each rare and radiant night,
and drop it softly on the earth and say:

“Touch earth with heaven’s own beauty and delight.”

—Jean Blewett (1862-1934)

“Make the world a better place one person at a time.
Start with yourself.”

— Linda Poindexter

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“Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is
not putting it in a fruit salad.”

— Miles Kington

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“Great things are done by a series of small things
brought together.”

— attributed to Vincent van Gogh

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“Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradu-
ally, without noticing it, live along some distant day
into the answer.”

— Rainer Maria Rilke



Going to school with Jesus

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain “learners under the instruction of Christ.” He notes, “Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus’] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him.”

Blessed with work

In the movie *Return to Me*, Grace works for her grandfather, Marty, in his restaurant, and the two live upstairs. After closing time one night, Grace looks through the apartment window and sees Marty cleaning tables. She yells down to ask if he wants help, and he replies, “No, dear, that’s okay. I’m blessed with work.”

Here’s a man well past retirement age laboring extra hours after his staff has clocked out. Marty simply continues to delight in his work, despite the late hour.

Although this snippet had little to do with the movie’s plot, I’ve always remembered Marty’s words. But I don’t think I’ve ever claimed to be “blessed with work.” By contrast, I often sigh as I’m dealing with messes or long to-do lists. I can get so caught up in tasks that I overlook the incredible people around me. I miss out on the blessing — the joy — of work.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT) says, “To enjoy your work ... is indeed a gift from God.” In what ways are you “blessed with work”?

—Janna Firestone

Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there’s lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S’mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don’t forget to celebrate God’s precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God’s love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

God is watching


In the cafeteria line one day, a seminary dean noticed a bowl of big, juicy oranges. A sign by it read, “Take only one. God is watching you!” At the other end of the lunch line sat a large plate of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Beside it was a hastily scrawled note, likely from a hungry student: “Take as many cookies as you want. God is back there watching the oranges.”

The message behind that good-natured irreverence? If you believe that God’s sight is limited to one place, then your idea of God is too small!

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

August 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6 Rick G.	7  Purple Heart Day	8	9 Allyson & Joe (A)	10 Rylan Barrone (B)	11	12
13 Joel J. Allen & Kathy (A)	14 Kathy Spurger (B)	15	16	17	18 Dorothy & Kevin (A)	19
20 Allen S. Canyon Ser-vice Potluck	21	22	23	24	25	26 Brittany Sar-man (B)
27 Tom Finch	28 Sandy & Charlie (A)	29	30 Suzann Carson (B)	31		

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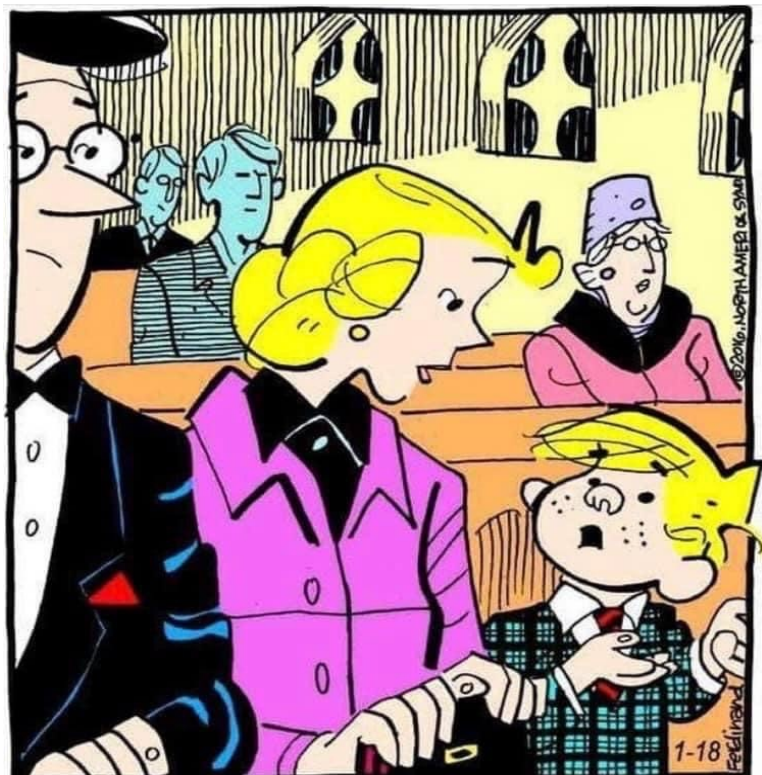
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Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind.

This quote belongs to **John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy**
(1917 - 1963).

No one wins in war one against the other. Most people think of war as physical combat, involving trained military personnel maneuvering to outwit the others through air, sea and land attacks. But there is one war you can win, and it is not with another person. Think of all your internal, individual conflicts as the source of all wars. Your inner personal battles can be won without harming anyone else. If you can win the war within, there is no need to go to war with one another. Therein lies the start of world peace!



"HOW COME WE ASK FOR 'DAILY BREAD'... WHEN WE COULD BE ASKIN' FOR 'DAILY DONUTS'?"