

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



A prayer for Epiphany



O Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly King, thank you for bringing both Jews and Gentiles to hear your voice. Enable us to follow your holy Word, as those from the East followed the leading of a star. Give us grace to confess your holy name. Rule us by your Spirit, so that the joys of your birth may increase in us. Hear our prayers and cries. Accept our offerings, which you yourself have given us: the gold of our faith, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our contrite hearts. Deliver us from the destructive ways of sin, and lead us in the ways of peace

and in the paths of righteousness. Grant us all, when this life is done, a participation in the joys of the Year of Jubilee in heaven, where we shall praise and serve you and the Father who live and reign in unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

—Wilhelm Loeh (adapted)

Lighting the way for others



When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (lggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn’t normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip’s lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents’ determination, but Nelson describes their effort as “normal” and “ordinary.”

What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus’ light in a world that needs him?

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Left:
The Sarmen family lighting the Advent Candle.

The Children's program. They played the bells to several Christmas songs & did a wonderful job!



Top Picture: The Sugar Plum tree at the County Library. The Deacons choose four names off the tree & shopped for the four elderly people from the manner. What a JOY that was. We would have liked to have seen their faces



The Carson & Land families lighting the Advent Candle.



Left: Spring Creek Select Choir came to sing. What a treat.



Right: The Bolding & Powell families lighting the Advent Candle Christmas Eve.



Biblical resolutions

- Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
- Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

- Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)
- Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
- Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
- Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
- Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

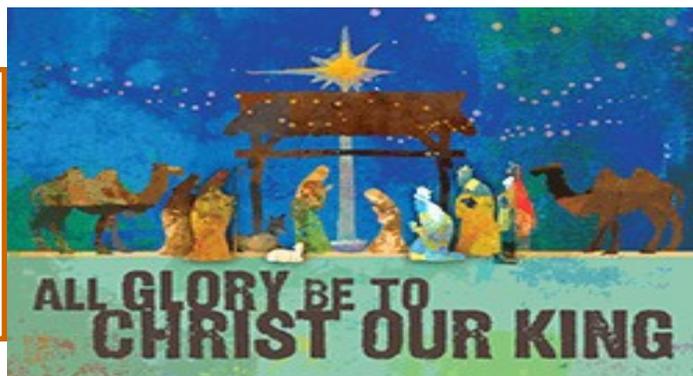
—Gus Nichols (adapted)



Aimee, Goofy, (I mean Kevin) & Dorthy...



The Hull's family spent Christmas at "The Happiest Place on Earth". Disneyland...



Sometimes it sounds like every time you turn around, people, the church, or something is asking for money, food, or donations of some sort. If we feel this way, one might stop to think about the things we ask GOD for. What does God provide us with? Do we give Him thanks as we should. Know that all donations are truly appreciated. God provides everything that we need. Trust in Him...

The Sarmen's hosted their 1st ever Polar Express party on December 3rd. The kids all enjoyed crafts, games, hot chocolate, and Santa made a surprise visit.



The Meaning of the Advent Candle

The Advent wreath began as a German and Scandinavian home devotional practice used to mark the four weeks of Advent. Families would light a candle for each past week and the current week at their dinner or evening time of prayer. The configuration of candles, whether in a line or a circle, did not matter. Neither did the color of the candles (all colors are used in homes in Europe). What mattered was the marking of time and the increase of light each week in the face of increasing darkness as the winter solstice approached.

As Advent wreaths began to be used by congregations on Sundays in some places in Europe and America beginning in the late 19th century, several adaptations were made to make them work better in public worship spaces. Candles needed to be larger and more uniform than the "daily candles" handmade or purchased for home use. They also needed to be more uniform in color to fit with other décor in the sanctuary. That is why candles used in the Advent wreath are usually purple or blue, to coordinate with color of the paraments used during this season.

This shift in context from home to public use also made it important in the eyes of some for the candles to be given a meaning more than simply marking time and increasing light. This led to special ceremonies being developed for lighting these special candles each week.

As this practice began to catch on by the mid-twentieth century, several church supply houses who sold Advent wreaths and candles for public worship also developed resources, banners, and bulletin covers assigning a theme to each week, and thus each candle, based on scriptures from the one-year lectionaries used at that time. Those themes were Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace, in that order.

Today, almost no one uses those one-year lectionaries, so those themes may not always fit the scriptures we hear in worship. The one exception is the Third Sunday of Advent, where the current lectionaries have continued to support the centuries old observance of "Gaudete" or "Joy Sunday." That is why church supply houses often offer rose or pink colored candles for the wreath for use on this day.

So how may we talk about the meaning of the Advent wreath today?

We can reclaim the original home use of marking time with the hope of increasing light as we await the return of Christ, that day when "The city no longer has need of the sun or the moon to shine upon it, because the glory of God illumines it, and its lamp is the lamb."

And we can develop meanings or themes for each week based on the focus of the scriptures themselves. After all, the candles and the wreath are an accessory, not an end in themselves. Their meaningfulness comes from how we use them to point toward Christ, the world's true light, who was, and is, and is to come.



Winter wonder

If you're tired of shoveling snow by now, just be glad you didn't live in what's now Keogh, Montana, in January 1887. Two years before that area became a U.S. state, personnel at an army fort saw a Frisbee-sized flake falling from the winter sky. Scientists say the flake, estimated at 15 inches wide, likely was the result of numerous smaller flakes merging before landing on the ground. That massive dose of winter still holds the title of largest snowflake, according to Guinness World Records.

Be of good cheer

Near the end of every January, stories circulate about "Blue Monday," supposedly the year's most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year's resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as "the best day to book a summer holiday," and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy. January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn't have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn't! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God's promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (KJV).



PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, 2022

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						
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23 Tom Finch Group #4	24	25	26 Garrett Powell (B)	27 Bob Norton (B)	28	29
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Making Pour Decisions

A priest is sitting on a park bench mumbling to himself, when a police officer walks over. He smells alcohol on the priest's breath & sees a wine bottle in a paper bag beside him. He says, "Father, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest. The officer replies, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle & says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

This morning my son said his ear hurt and I said on the inside or outside, so he walks out the front door, comes back in and says both. Moments like this got me wondering if I'm saving too much for college.

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way. ~Martin Luther King~

Spread love everywhere you go. ~Mother Teresa~

No matter what people tell you, words & ideas can change the world. ~Robin Williams~

You are enough just as you are. ~Magan Markle

