

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



2024

The gift of work

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot considered work a gift and a blessing. Ponder the following quotes of hers as you celebrate Labor Day. How do they mesh with your own views of work?



“This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness.”

“Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and he gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures.”

The extraordinary amid the ordinary

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about \$30 by the time he concluded.

Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world's best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth \$3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged \$100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don't notice. You're offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it's not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life's calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as “nothing special,” just an “ordinary” person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than ... God's Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



The end-of-summer church picnic was a great success, bringing everyone together for one last celebration before the season changes. The laughter, shared meal, and community spirit made it a memorable event. Marking a perfect close to the summer. Thank you Kim Upton for organizing it.



The Bolding, Powell families enjoying the church picnic!



Young at heart

I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their steps are short like mine.
They don't say, "Now hurry up."
They always take their time.

I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their eyes see things like mine do ...
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,
Half-hidden drops of dew.

Most people have to hurry,
They do not stop and see.
I'm glad that God made Grandpa and Grandma
Unrushed and young like me.

—Author unknown

10 WAYS TO BE EFFECTIVE TODAY:

1. Pray as you go about your day. Constant conversation.
2. Surround yourself with people wiser than you.
3. Receive feedback + remove offense.
4. Expect opposition. Anchor your perspective in joy.
5. Remain a perpetual student. Ask questions.
6. Know your tendencies. Create parameters for success.
7. Set small goals that are realistic + measurable.
8. Keep your mission in mind at all times.
9. Rest frequently. Reserve your energy for what matters.
10. Voice gratitude along the way. Progress is progress.

Second fiddle

A fan once asked conductor Leonard Bernstein what instrument is hardest to play. "Second fiddle," he quickly replied. "I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm ... now that's a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony."

The church certainly needs both leaders and followers. And everyone should be flexible and ready to pivot quickly.

It's also important to have other arrows in our quiver — something biblical figures often demonstrated, according to Pastor Frank Ramirez. Although Amos was a high-profile prophet, he probably intended to return to being a shepherd and tending sycamore trees. Nehemiah, the emperor's cupbearer, had a second chapter helping to restore Jerusalem's walls and greatness. The apostles also had multiple roles, with careers in fishing and tax collecting before they left to follow Jesus.

What might your next life-chapter look like? How can you use it to bring glory to God?

Bible Quiz



Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli

Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10.)

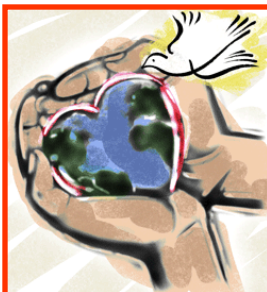
A Hymn'

O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
Our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
The walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
Take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.

—G.K. Chesterton



Goals for



Pastor and professor Howard Clinebell Jr. described the ideal local church as one that strives to become “a healing, growth-stimulating, redemptive organism.” Each congregation, he wrote, should work to develop “a dynamic climate of mutual concern which gradually seeps into and saturates the whole

fellowship.”

How can your church body meet those goals? For starters, compare your mission, ministry, outreach and attitudes to the early church.

The New Testament reveals that a fellowship of believers should engage in these activities together: worshiping (Acts 2:46-47), studying (Acts 2:42), witnessing (Acts 2:44-47; 3:9), serving (Acts 6:1-6; 20:35), loving (Hebrews 10:24), praying (Acts 1:14; 12:12), cooperating (Acts 1:11-14; 2:1; 4:23) and suffering for the sake of the gospel (Hebrews 10:32-34; Philippians 1:29).

In addition, Jesus calls New Testament believers to live joyfully (Acts 2:46; 5:40-41; 13:50-52; 16:25), courageously (Acts 4:13; 4:29; 15:26), powerfully (1 Corinthians 4:20), enthusiastically (Acts 2:43-47) and generously (Acts 2:45; 2 Corinthians 9:10-12). May the Holy Spirit equip us to heal, grow and mutually edify one another!



Christ is enough

Though never ordained, H.A. Ironside (1876-1951) was a prolific Bible teacher and preacher. Inspired by Dwight L. Moody, he began delivering sermons at age 16. While still a teenager, he worked his way up to captain in the Salvation Army. But he soon had a breakdown from preaching more than 500 messages per year — and from feeling burdened by sin.

After Ironside recovered, his ministry blossomed. He pastored Moody Church in Chicago for 18 years while continuing his evangelistic travels. Most importantly, he learned to rely on Christ alone, not on his own merit.

“Christ *and* ... is a perverted gospel, which is not the gospel,” wrote Ironside. “Christ without the *and* is the sinner’s hope and the saint’s confidence.” He concluded, “For salvation itself, Jesus is not only necessary, but he is enough.”



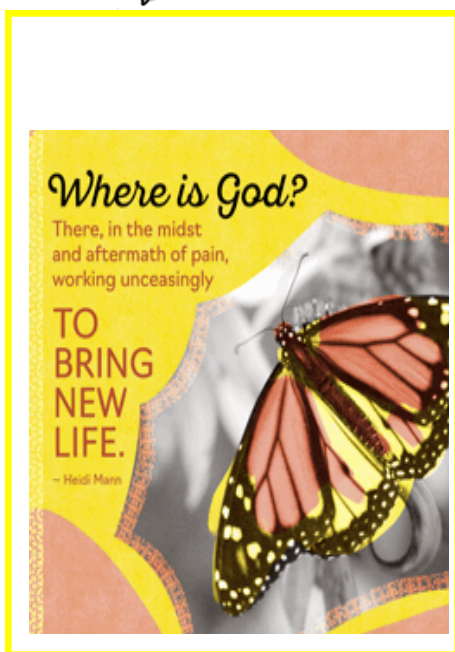
In December 2023, a tanker truck carrying 9,000 gallons of gasoline tipped on its side in Totona, Liberia. For two hours, a party atmosphere ensued as people living in poverty rushed to gather gas dripping from the vehicle. But then, the tanker suddenly exploded. Dozens of people died instantly or were severely burned. Thousands have endured deep trauma and grief. How could life go on? Where was God?

Yet, life did go on — not easily, but in this way: Medical staff and others rallied to care for all who were suffering physically and emotionally. A nearby church held comforting worship services, and its choir went to homes to sing messages of hope. Parishes and disaster-response ministries sent teams from near and far to support people through post-traumatic stress, income loss due to disability, the birth of babies whose young fathers had died in the blast, children’s transition back to school and more.

These Christian caregivers and comforters couldn’t bring instant, perfect healing. But by connecting with people who were grieving and struggling, they have become the presence of Christ.

Where is God? There, in the midst and aftermath of pain, working unceasingly to bring new life.

—Heidi Hyland Mann (source: *Living Lutheran*, May 13, 2024)





September 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Rick Glass	2 	3	4 Jamie Kendek (B)	5	6	7 Deb Norton (B)
8 Joel Jund Happy Grandparents Day!	9 	10	11 	12	13	14
15 Kein D.	16 Jill Phillips (B)	17	18 Susan & Mike Nordwig (A)	19 Dena Kleck (B)	20	21
22 Tom Finch Brandin & Rus-selle Smith (A)	23	24	25 Pat Plaster (B)	26	27	28
29 Allen S. Jennifer Bolding (B)	30					

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"We turn not older with years, but newer every day."
—Emily Dickinson

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."
—Anthony J. D'Angelo

"The only thing of importance, when we depart, will be the traces of love we have left behind."
—Albert Schweitzer

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."
—Lao Tzu

Back-to-school laughs

These education-themed riddles will make the return to classrooms more fun!

Why was the arithmetic book so sad?
It had too many problems.

What school supply is in charge of the classroom?
The ruler

What does the English teacher make for breakfast?
Synonym rolls

Why doesn't the school library have a clock?
It tocks too much.

What is the blackboard's favorite drink?
Hot chalk-olate

