

## 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



### Prepare to be empowered



Contrary to common perception, Jesus' disciples weren't frightened and hiding during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Instead, they were actively preparing for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They "all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14, NIV) and took steps to replace Judas. After that inward focus, the disciples were ready to boldly burst forth on Pentecost, empowered and "enabled" (Acts 2:4) by the Spirit. They proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection, leading 3,000 people to faith that day, now known as the church's birthday.

"A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community," writes Suzanne de Dietrich in *Free Men*. "These Christians could not keep silent. Their joyful liberty had broken down all the walls behind which people would like to keep them; no prison could silence them."

### The power of (God's) light

Do most people truly feel happier in spring? Is the light brighter, the sky bluer? Meteorologists say yes. The shorter, blue wavelengths of sunlight scatter more efficiently than long, red ones; as the sun rises higher in spring, the light passes through less atmosphere, making the sky appear bluer. Outdoor levels of light have proven as effective as Prozac to combat depression — and May is the sunniest month!

The Bible frequently uses light as a metaphor for God: "The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1); "Let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5); "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world" (John 1:9). Darkness isn't bad; seeds sprout in dark soil, life begins in the dark womb, and darkness protected the Hebrews fleeing Pharaoh and the holy family fleeing Herod.

But light is one apt image for God because most of us know the joy, health and energy light brings. Both in spring and through faith in the God who enlightens all, may we "live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

—Heidi Hyland Mann

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



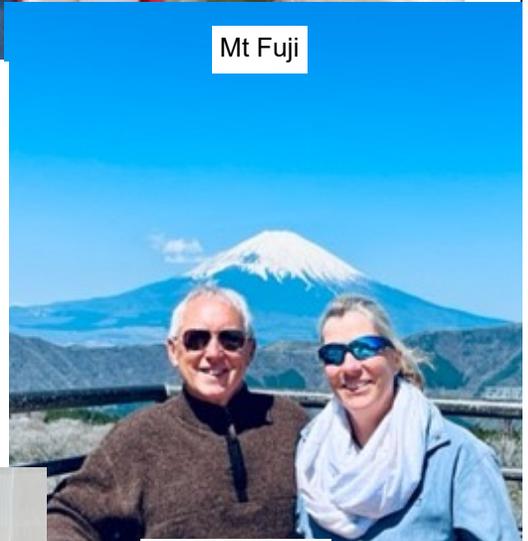
*Welcome Kleck family...  
From Left to Right:  
Kane, Adam, Haven, Dena & Cambria*



Mt Fuji

Our travelers this past month.  
Dorothy & Kevin traveled to Tokyo  
Mark & Jennifer traveled to Washington DC area.

Mt. Fuji &  
Snow Monkey



Snow Monkey



## Life immortal

At the end of May, Americans honor those who've died for our country — and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul."

To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Breath of the Spirit

The breathing I did yesterday will not keep me alive today. I must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or my life will cease. In like manner, yesterday's grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on my soul from moment to moment in order that I may continue to enjoy him and to work the works he has assigned me.

—Augustus Toplady

## Our proper role

"We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges." This quip may bring a chuckle, but it's also a good reminder as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord (May 18 this year). Jesus directed his disciples to spread the good news he had taught them: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses ..." (Acts 1:8, NRSV). While professional lawyers and judges certainly have their place in society and can serve God by working for genuine justice for all, we are not called in daily life to judge others' morality or relationship with God. "Do not judge," Jesus says, "and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV). And what is one of the most powerful forms of witness to Christ? Forgiveness.

## Come as you are

As a young pastor, Stan Purdum de-husked black walnuts one Saturday, not realizing his hands would be badly stained. They looked filthy, he recalls, and the marks would not wash off; they'd have to wear off. Then Purdum realized he'd be serving Holy Communion the next day.

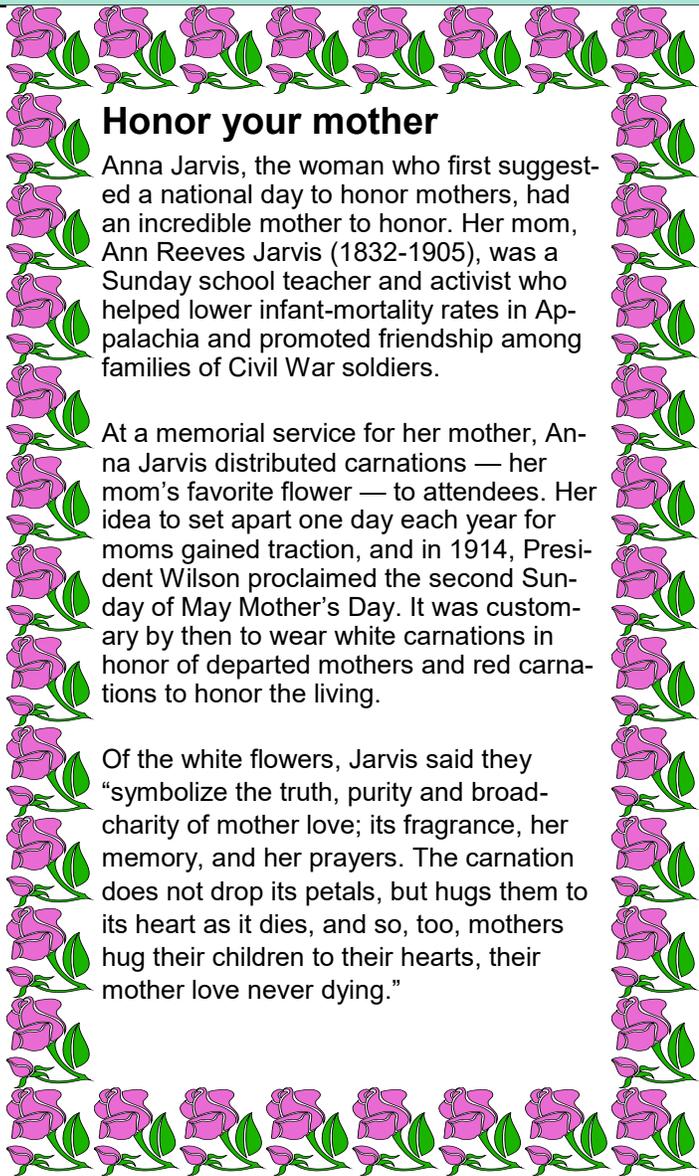
Before distributing the elements, the pastor apologized to congregants, explaining that his hands were washed but just stained. Years later, Purdum reflected: "Now that I have a fuller grasp of theology under my belt, I think a better thing for me to say would have been, 'Nobody comes to Communion with clean hands.'"

We're all unworthy to receive Jesus' body and blood, but that's exactly why he offers it. Thanks be to God for redeeming and forgiving us — wiping away the stain of our sins!

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

## Psalm 23: Line by Line Meaning

The LORD is my shepherd = **RELATIONSHIP**  
 I shall not be in want = **SUPPLY**  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures = **REST**  
 He leads me beside quiet waters = **REFRESHMENT**  
 He restores my soul = **HEALING**  
 He guides me in paths of righteousness = **GUIDANCE**  
 For his name's sake = **PURPOSE**  
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = **TESTING**  
 I will fear no evil = **PROTECTION**  
 For you are with me = **FAITHFULNESS**  
 Your rod and your staff they comfort me = **DISCIPLINE**  
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies = **HOPE**  
 You anoint my head with oil = **CONSECRATION**  
 My cup overflows = **ABUNDANCE**  
 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life = **BLESSING**  
 And I will dwell in the house of the LORD = **SECURITY**  
 Forever = **ETERNITY**



### Honor your mother

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom’s favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother’s Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.”



*Jim & Jan, display the Beautiful New Banner that was donated.*

HOW CAN WE  
*pray*  
FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request, we have a fantastic prayer warriors. Please contact Barbara LeBret at [barbwill@uidaho.edu](mailto:barbwill@uidaho.edu) or text Barb @ 208-310-1273 or text Jeanice Jensen @ 775-777-5678.

**PENTECOST**

To each is given  
the manifestation  
of the Spirit for  
the common good.

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:7, ESV**

# May 2023

Hiway Clean-Up  
8:30 Canyon Road

Last Day of Adult Sunday School will be on the 28th of May

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Layla L (B)	National Day of Prayer		
7 Rick/John	8	9 Shonna Hodgkiss (B)	10	11	12	13
14 Joel/Gregg HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!	15	16	17	18 Debbie Harmer ASCENSION DAY	19 Dorothy Hull (B) Suzann & Bruce (A)	20 ARMED FORCES DAY
21 Kevin/Matt	22	23 Jason Land (B)	24	25	26	27 Barbara LeBret (B)
28 Tom/Sandy PENTECOST SUNDAY	29 Memorial Day Sandy West (B)	30	31			

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**Jokes only a mother could love**

Why is a computer so smart?  
*It listens to its motherboard.*

Why did you chop the joke book in half?  
*Mom said to cut the comedy.*

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?  
*Because their kids have to play inside!*

What did the mother rope say to her child?  
*"Don't be knotty."*

