

Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



2025

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.

The Lenten desert



During the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year), Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition.

In an 1873 hymn, Claudia Hernaman wrote, “O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.”

The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than depleting us. “This is what Lent is meant to be,” writes theologian Ron Rolheiser. “Time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us and to let God do battle with them through us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other.”

Amid life's storms

The hurricanes that battered the East Coast in fall 2024 also battered my soul. I was over the rain and humidity. I was tired of lugging my two preschoolers through the downpours and driving through flash floods at night. Yet I had no reason to complain. Our house was still standing, with no damage.

The news around us was worrying and heartbreaking. “What if that was us?” I wondered. “Would I be strong enough?”

Then the kids asked to play outside. Even though I knew they'd get wet and muddy, I gave in. When a rainbow appeared, I'd never been more humbled as I remembered: I don't need to be anxious. I don't need to be strong enough. God watches over us all. He knows the hurt and sorrow. And he promises to be “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1, ESV).

Lord, forgive my unbelief. “Hear my cry, O God ... when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I” (Psalm 61:1-2, ESV).

—Kristen Greene



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



MY BAPTISM

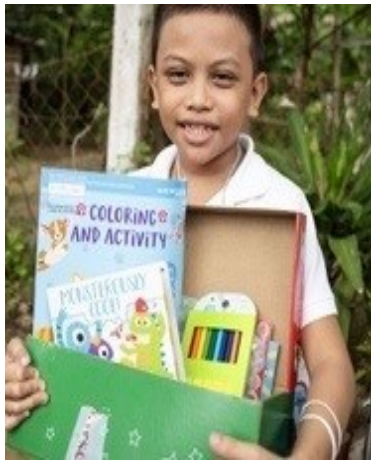


Baptisms
IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



What a beautiful day at our church as we celebrated the baptism of five wonderful children from one amazing family. It was truly a joyous occasion, filled with love, faith, and a sense of community.





The Biggest Year Ever!

We praise God that Samaritan's Purse collected a record-breaking number of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes last year, and it all started with you! Due to your faithful partnership

and encouragement, churches, groups, families, and individuals, in the US packed 10,574,805 of the 11,927,439 shoeboxes collected internationally.

We invite you to celebrate this work and remember God's blessings and provisions. God continues to transform boys and girls, families, and communities through prayerfully packed shoeboxes gifts and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ministry priorities

In John 12:1-8, Jesus' friend Mary used a pound of costly perfume to anoint his feet. Then, in an extravagant act of worship, she wiped them with her hair. Judas was outraged by what he considered a waste of resources.

During a meeting at a church I once pastored, a woman vehemently stated that she understood the point Judas was making. Ever thrifty, this council member wanted to pare back spending on worship supplies and instead use the money for our food pantry ministry.

On one hand, her concerns — and Judas' — were sensible. Indeed, they were in line with God's Word: "I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ... Take away from me the noise of your songs. ... But let justice roll down like water" (Amos 5:21, 23-24, NRSV). Although John paints Judas in a negative light, I'm confident the woman in my congregation had every good intention as we looked ahead to the next year's budget.

But then there's Mary. As she fills the house with fragrant worship, Jesus praises her forethought regarding his burial. I'll admit this story leaves me puzzled. Perhaps social ministry is worship, and worship can be expressed through social ministry.

—Heidi Hyland M

Resting in Jesus

An old hymn declares:



I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest. Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad. I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad. (Horatius Bonar, 1846) Many people these days feel exhausted by division, the news, hatred that seems

louder than love. More than ever, we who are "weary, worn, and sad" need to hear Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest."

Jesus wants to be our resting place — but not so we can hide forever from reality. Instead, he offers a place of refreshment where we can relax long enough to remember that not everything is bad; there is gospel to share. Not everything is hatred; God's love is stronger. Resting in Jesus, we focus on God's goodness. We are reminded of love shown by kind people to those in trouble, bold voices speaking for justice, warm friendships that brighten our days. Gladdened by rest, we rise again. Jesus walks with us, as always. We can lean on him every step of the way.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

As we gear up for our St. Paddy's Day Dinner and Auction, we invite you to share in the spirit of giving! The deacons would greatly appreciate donations of homemade goodies, baked goods, craft items, or anything special you'd like to contribute. Your generosity makes a difference, every item helps support local charities and those in need. Thank you for being a blessing to our community.

Two-way benefits

"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless," observed Connecticut politician Pauline Keezer. "But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better." Indeed, it's impossible to shine light in someone else's life without lighting up your own.

We might think being generous toward another with our time or possessions leaves us with less. But as Jesus said, "Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39, NIV). How common it is that when we minister to others in Christ's name, we find we have also — or perhaps even more so — received ministry. This is the miracle of God's love at work.

Living water

In the mountains, my mom and I have a favorite river-side picnic spot. Inevitably, we end up removing our socks and shoes, dunking our feet in the icy water. While seeing who can keep both feet submerged the longest, we distract ourselves by admiring the rushing water. Hundreds of gallons from melting snow cascade over rocks and around fallen trees.

Although we're in the same spot visit after visit, the water is always fresh. The same is true about God's presence and his Word. We can revisit the same beloved Scripture and experience the same truths in fresh ways, as "rivers of living water" flow within us (John 7:38).

In *The Attentive Life*, Leighton Ford describes enjoying solitude by a river. "I remembered that the ancient philosopher Heraclitus said it was impossible to step into the same river twice, for a river is always in flux," he writes.

Ford continues: "Yet Heraclitus left out an important truth. A river is more than a succession of millions of disparate drops of water. I can step into a river in this living moment and know it has never changed. For each moment of time, each part of creation, each aspect of my life is also lived under the eye of God and is gathered and held in his eternal hand."

—Janna Firestone

Tell your story

In his *Confessio*, St. Patrick shares his fascinating biography, placing Jesus at the center. Believers should follow suit, especially in a culture that is "ignoring and forgetting the Christian story," states Father Billy Swan. At WordOnFire.org, the Irish Catholic priest writes:

"Our calling is to retell the greatest story ever told and to help people find their place within the drama in which God has created them to participate. Like St. Patrick, we retell that story not as detached bystanders but as witnesses whose lives have been changed by being drawn deeper into the dynamics of the great love story of God and his people."

Patty Breen, a lay minister in Michigan, also finds inspiration from the fifth-century saint. "The journey and life story of St. Patrick invite us to wrestle with and consider these questions," she writes. "Who is God for me? How do I contribute to the coming of the kingdom of God? What is God's plan for my life? Where am I invited to serve?"

Jesus, the model of salt and light

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, "You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world." Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means.

"The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person," writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*. "He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets."

Bible Quiz



Complete this sentence which introduces a well-known Bible story: "The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of _____."

A. flowers

- B. sheep
- C. rocks
- D. bones

Answer: D (See Ezekiel 37:1, NIV.)



There is no wrong way to pray!

Do it in church. Do it at home. Do it kneeling or standing. Do it out loud or in silence. Do it alone. Do it with others. Do it however you want. Just do it.

Amen!



March 2025

Mark your calendars for the upcoming St Patrick's Day Dinner & Auction on the 15th. Suggested donation for the dinner is \$5 per person/\$10 per family.

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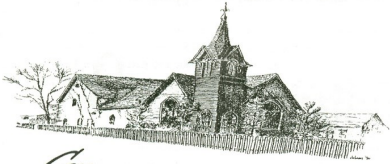
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