

## 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.



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TO WORSHIP



2025

### He ascended into



During his earthly ministry, Jesus could be physically present in only one place at any given time. “Only those could speak to him who came to where he was,” explained Archbishop William Temple. “If he was in Galilee, people could not find him in Jerusalem; if he was in Jerusalem, they could not find him in Galilee” (from Readings in St. John’s Gospel).

Spiritually speaking, Christ’s Ascension means he is with us wherever we find ourselves. Christ desires to be present with us everywhere we go. His presence is universal. He is here now. “Believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — that is what the Ascension affirms.

### Reflecting on resurrection

In *Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig*, poet Joyce Rupp finds in spring flowers the proclamation of the gospel: “we who have died / are alive today.” In another poem in the same volume, she writes: “A green shoot grows / out of an old tree stump, / announcing to the world / that power lies within death.”

As you move about outdoors these springtime days in the northern hemisphere, where do you see nature testifying to resurrection? Where is evidence that what seemed dead — bare branches, dry grass, inactive seeds — was not in fact the final word? What encourages you to believe in renewal, second chances, life that blossoms from death? In what ways are you, who had died, alive today? Part of your life that felt like an old stump might be sprouting green shoots after all!



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

RJ Davis from the N. Carolina Tar Heels plays point guard...



We want to give a big "Thank You" to a very special little guy-Kane, who has been collecting cans for recycling and recently took in five full bags to our local animal shelter. Kane's generosity is an inspiration to all of us. Just goes to show that no one is too small to make a BIG difference.



The Land family had an exciting time at the NCAA playoffs in Texas, where they got to watch some of the top college basketball teams compete live. They even had the chance to see several college basketball players up close, making it a thrilling and memorable experience for everyone who loves the game!



David Robinson is a former professional basketball player who played for the San Antonio Spurs in the NBA from 1989 to 2003, and minority owner of the Spurs

On Good Friday, members of our church family gathered for the annual S-O-U-P-E-R BOWL TABLE!

### A Special Shout-Out to JACKSON

We want to take a moment to recognize Jackson, a young man who has been a part of our church family.. Like many young people, Jackson faced some challenges and found himself on a difficult path for a while. But we are so proud to share that he has turned things around in a big way-he's joined the Navy and is doing wonderfully! We're proud by his strength, determination, and courage to make a fresh start. As he embarks on his new chapter, we ask everyone to keep in your prayers. We're cheering him on and wishing him all the best as he serves our country and builds a bright future. Way to go Jackson!



## A prayer for Mother's Day



Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Death is not the end

Loren Eiseley, an anthropologist who died in 1977, requested this epitaph for his wife and himself: "We loved the earth but could not stay." No one can stay, of course. We're all moving toward that final day when "the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done" (*The Book of Common Prayer*).

On Memorial Day, we remember people who have perished in war, making the ultimate sacrifice to protect others. May God hasten the day when humans can solve disputes peacefully. We also remember loved ones whose stay on earth is over.

A memorial stone at Ohio's College of Wooster, placed by a class years ago, reads: "United in time / Divided in time / To be reunited / When time shall be no more." Christians believe that death does not end all. When our earthly life is over, we have the promise of eternal life — and joyful reunions — in heaven.

## Powered by God

God made us: invented us as a [person] invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on himself. He himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from himself, because it is not there.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

## You're going places!

Commencement marks the beginning of a new stage of life, with graduates heading off to discover opportunities and face challenges. *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* — a Dr. Seuss book that's now a popular graduation gift — whimsically explores life's ups and downs, twists and turns.

Young adults will face excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness. They'll feel a sense of purpose as well as confusion and even fear. "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on," writes Dr. Seuss.

In the storybook, the life-traveler's sheer determination propels him beyond difficulties. But God's children don't need to journey alone. Our heavenly Father walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NRSV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



## Loving my "enemies"

In polarized times, when people view huge concepts such as justice, government policy and care for neighbors differently, how do we follow Jesus' command to love our enemies? I prefer the word *opponents*, but our Lord's instructions still stand.

In the Bible, "love" doesn't mean liking someone; it means caring for them, treating them kindly. I find *The Message* paraphrase of Luke 6:27-36 helpful: "Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst." Jesus says about one's enemies. So, when I contact government leaders to express my opinions, I address them with respect, whether I agree with them or not. When I encounter a neighbor whose views oppose mine, I ask myself what I would want them to do for me, whether help with an errand or be friendly. Then, as *The Message* puts it, I "grab the initiative and do it for *them*."

And this, which might be the hardest: Amid tough times, Jesus says, "Respond with the supple moves of prayer." It's human nature to pray that God change our enemies' or opponents' minds. But it's more Christlike to pray for their health, their families and whatever *God* desires for them, not what *I* want. Can I do this? With God's help, yes.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



## Seizing holy opportunities

In *Holy Moments*, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. ... You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God," Kelly suggests.

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.

## The long-awaited ride home

In September 2024, NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams headed to space for what was supposed to be an eight-day mission. Due to technical problems, that expedition exceeded nine months. Despite the unexpected delay, Williams said the astronauts didn't feel stuck or abandoned. Instead, they viewed the extended voyage as an opportunity to do more research.

Almost 30 years ago, another astronaut also faced setbacks with her return trip to earth. Shannon Lucid had to stay at the Russian Mir space station six months because of hurricanes and various mechanical problems. Before catching a ride back home on the space shuttle *Atlantis*, Lucid said, "You can rest assured I am not going to be on the wrong side of the hatch when they close it."

Followers of Jesus need not worry about being on the "wrong side of the hatch" someday. Although the gate to heaven is narrow, Jesus himself is the way and leads us safely home.

—adapted from an illustration by Craig Brian Larson

## Rushing past the warning signs

Being in a hurry rarely ends well. Case in point: Up against a deadline to pay for my son's youth trip, I once paid hundreds of dollars to the wrong church! I went online, typed in our church's name and clicked on the first search result. The website colors were different, and I didn't recognize any faces. "That's odd," I thought. "They must have redesigned the website." Yet, I continued.

I clicked on the giving page and noticed the church accepted credit cards. This was different too, but I welcomed the change. After the large sum was processed, I received an emailed receipt. Only then did I realize the church had a similar name but was in another state. My heart sank. I was concerned about the hundreds of dollars but also troubled with my own foolishness. I had ignored and rushed past clear warning signs.

I immediately emailed the church office, alerting them about my mistake. When I called the next business day, the bookkeeper graciously refunded my payment.

The next time you're in a rush, remember this wisdom from Proverbs 19:2. "If you want to do something but you do not know how to do it, that is dangerous! If you hurry to do it, you will get into trouble" (*EasyEnglish Bible*).

—Janna Firestone

## Christian symbol



**ALPHA MU OMEGA** — The Greek letters that begin the words *yesterday*, *today* and *forever* remind us of Jesus' constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages also proclaim that the Lord's "steadfast love endures forever" (for example, Psalm 100:5, NRSV). What reassurance when life seems tough and fleeting!



### Bible Quiz




What was the name of the wealthy merchant of purple cloth who met Paul and his companions, was baptized and became a leader in the Philippian church?

- A. Priscilla
- B. Lydia
- C. Dorcas
- D. Joanna

Answer: B (See Acts 16:11-15, 40.)

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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."*

**Monday after Easter**

Some churches encourage members to return on the Monday after Easter. They have one purpose: to tell jokes, to laugh heartily, to share outrageous stories, especially those with surprise endings. What was the Resurrection but a surprise ending?

**Knowing the flock**

The pastor had just come to a new church. He was talking to one of the deacons and the deacon said, "Pastor, we have been talking among ourselves about what to call you."

The pastor said, "What did you call the last pastor?"  
The deacon replied, "We called him the 'Hog Caller.'" The pastor looked a little surprised and said, "At the last place, they called me the 'Shepherd of the Flock,' but of course you know your own people here better than I do."

—Tal Bonham  
in Treasury of Clean Church Jokes

