

## Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church

“Pursuing a faith that makes a difference”

# Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



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### 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



## Beautiful feet

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:15, NIV). Such beauty has nothing to do with the feet being clean, newly pedicured, elegantly clad. They may be the dusty feet of aid workers bringing food to drought-stricken areas, or the muddy shoes of those rushing disaster relief to flood zones. They may be the swollen feet of a dedicated nurse after a 12-hour hospital shift, or the tired feet of a parent pacing with a baby at 3 a.m.

In the upper room before Jesus' arrest, he declared his disciples' dirty feet beautiful by touching and washing them lovingly, preparing them to go out yet again with his good news for all. And on the cross, Jesus' own feet — nail-pierced — were beautiful.

After Pope Francis died on Easter Monday 2025, many mourners who paid their respects noticed his shoes. Instead of new, well-polished “dress shoes,” the scuffed items clearly had walked countless steps. They were the sturdy boots of a worker, a pilgrim, a travel companion on the road of life, the journey of faith. They were the shoes — the feet — of a disciple of Christ willing to go wherever needed to bring the good news of God's love. How beautiful!

—Heidi Hyland Mann

## Lifelong learners

“If you don't have wisdom that goes with knowledge, you are only a walking encyclopedia,” wrote Jack Wellman, a Kansas pastor. “A book of knowledge is useless without the wisdom to know how to apply that knowledge. ... Information without transformation leads only to frustration.”

Consider the many benefits of wisdom — and how you can use what you've acquired to serve God, your church and your community. To better fulfill your calling, what wisdom might you yet need to acquire?

As another school year begins, here's a prayer for students of all ages: All-wise, all-knowing God, make us willing learners and seekers of your wisdom, not for the gain of knowledge for its own sake, but that we might handle every situation we face with the wisdom of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

—adapted from The Wired Word



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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VBS, 2025 at Wonder Junction was a **HUGE Success!** Again, we were blessed with an incredible turnout, welcoming between 50-60 children each day.



Laughter, learning, and love for Jesus filled every moment. From the opening songs to the crafts, stories, and snacks, every part of the day was centered around sharing the Good News of Christ. It was heartwarming to see many young hearts and minds engaged and excited to grow in faith. A huge thank-you goes out to all the volunteers, parents, and church family who helped make Wonder Junction such a memorable experience. Your prayers energy, and support made all the difference. .





## Fixer-uppers



Summer is peak time for home renovations and remodeling projects. Those can be super stressful, starting with the selection of a contractor.

In a blog about her own family's construction plans, Laura Elliott explains the challenge: "It's not just any builder I want. I want one who has impeccable workmanship, is completely trustworthy and delivers our long-awaited [projects] early and under-budget." After sifting through bids and reviews, she discovered that most builders "look like they do pretty similar work for a pretty similar price."

For spiritual renovations, however, the choice is clear. "God is the builder of everything," says Hebrews 3:4 (NIV). Elliott writes, "Jesus is not only the *builder* of His Father's house, but He is the *buyer*, and the *heir* as well." And what he's building, she adds, is "a better Bride," his church.

Faith upgrades are an ongoing, lifelong process. "The renewal of our natures is a work of great importance," said 18th-century minister George Whitefield. "It is not to be done in a day. We have not only a new house to build up, but an old one to pull down." It's a good thing God oversees this project!

—Stephanie Martin



### Congratulations, Jackson!

We are so proud of Jackson, a fine young man from our church family, who recently graduated from the Great Lakes Navy boot camp in Illinois. He will be there a year in school for his turbine engine mechanics training, and then he will be deployed to a Navy destroyer.

Please keep Jackson in your prayers as he continues this new chapter of service. We're grateful for his dedication, and we send our love, support, and appreciation. May God watch over him and guide his every step.



Proud Grandmother,



Proud Mom,  
brother  
Rylan  
& Navy  
Guy,  
Jackson...



~Brothers~  
Rylan & Jackson

## A walking contradiction

A real Christian is an odd number. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen; talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see; expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another; empties himself in order to be full; admits he is wrong so he can be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passes knowledge.

The [person] who has met God is not looking for anything; he has found it. He is not searching for light, for upon him the light has already shined. ... He is not a copy, not a facsimile. He is an original from the hand of the Holy Spirit.

—A.W. Tozer

## Christian symbol



**ALTAR** — This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.

## "Summer"

'Tis summer, I know by the blue of the sky;  
By the trees' deeper green, as beneath them I lie;  
And more than all these, by the lovely wild rose  
That now in the woodland its pink blossom shows. ...

I feel the warm west wind fan gently my cheek  
As I sit on the grass, far too happy to speak;  
And then in the twilight I see the faint spark  
Of the fire-fly, flitting alone in the dark.

Oh! long happy days, when 'tis full of delight  
To roam in the meadows from morning till night!  
Oh! summer, sweet summer! glide slowly away,  
For I love in your warmth and your fragrance to stay.

—H.P. Nichols

## A path of persistence

Some Christian converts in an overseas village were diligent about daily prayer. In the thicket outside town, they each had a place where they prayed in solitude. Over time, these believers wore pathways through the brush to their special prayer areas. If someone neglected his or her prayer life, it was evident because fresh grass started growing on that footpath. Out of concern, fellow Christians offered this loving reminder: "Friend, there's grass growing on your path."

How worn is your own path to prayer? Are you persistent when answers don't seem to come? Do you trust that God will answer your prayers, according to his good and gracious will?

When you grow weary, remember this promise in Galatians 6:9 (NIV). "At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

## In Loving Memory of Rita Grant

Some of you might remember Rita Grant, who use to attend church at our church, along with her late husband, Roger, and her two sons, Matt and Mark, before moving to Utah.

Rita peacefully went to be with the Lord on March 19th, 2025, in her Millcreek, Utah home.

Rita, along with her family were beloved members of our church family before moving to Utah.

Music was a beautiful part of Rita's life. She sang in the choir with a heart full of joy and faith, and her sons followed in her footsteps with a shared love of music and worship. Together, they were strong leaders in our congregation and were even featured on the church CD recorded years ago-a lasting legacy that still brings a smile and a memory to those who hear it.

August 18th



# August 2025

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## **Inspiring Quotes for the Journey Ahead**

"Allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love."

—St. Teresa of Avila

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"Time spent in prayer is never wasted."

—François Fénelon

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"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

—William Arthur Ward

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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

—Nelson Mandela

