

## Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



Lamoille Community Presby-  
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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



### The Joy of the Resurrection

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

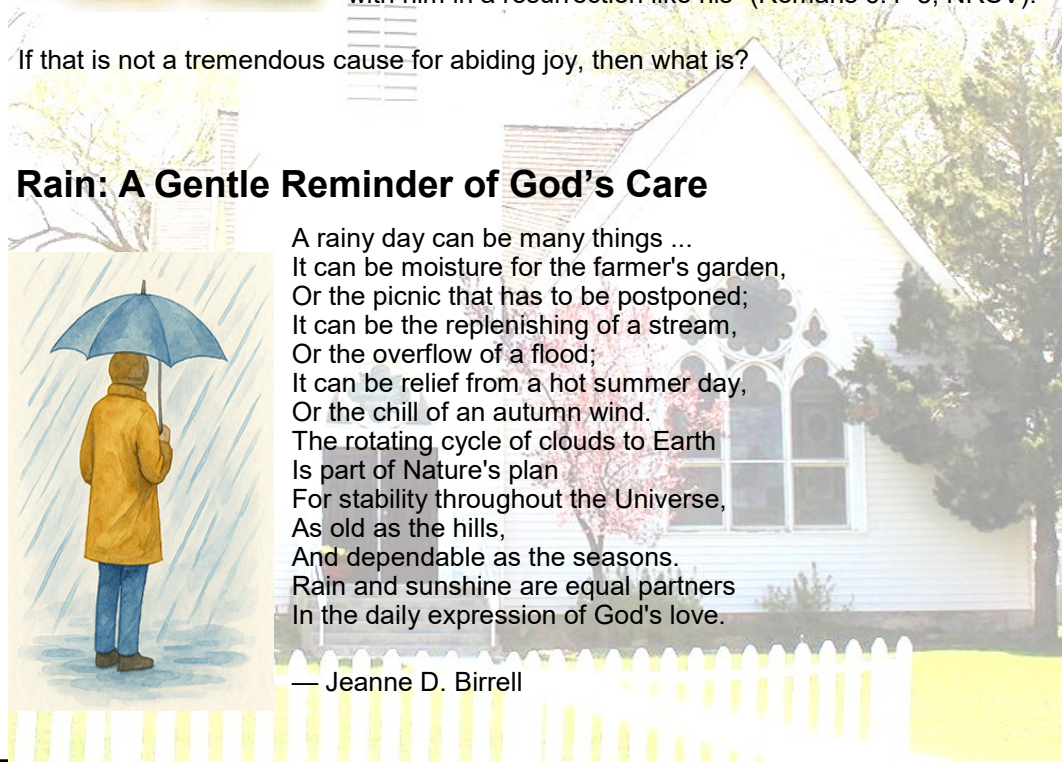
If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

### Rain: A Gentle Reminder of God's Care



A rainy day can be many things ...  
It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,  
Or the picnic that has to be postponed;  
It can be the replenishing of a stream,  
Or the overflow of a flood;  
It can be relief from a hot summer day,  
Or the chill of an autumn wind.  
The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth  
Is part of Nature's plan  
For stability throughout the Universe,  
As old as the hills,  
And dependable as the seasons.  
Rain and sunshine are equal partners  
In the daily expression of God's love.

— Jeanne D. Birrell



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



The Thiel's had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Guatemala this February, where they participated in a meaningful mission project. Through the invitation of Debbi's cousin and her husband, they were able to help deliver water filters to provide clean drinking water for villagers, along with school backpacks and reading glasses for children. What a blessing it is to serve others in such a hands-on way and make a difference in so many lives.



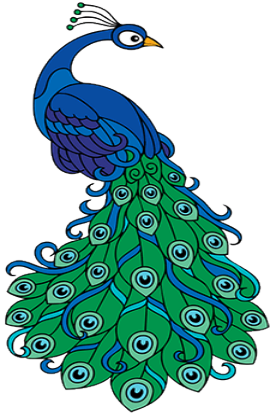
So grateful for another wonderful and successful Auction and St Patrick's Day Dinner at our church. It was a fun evening filled with great food, laughter, and fellowship as we came together as a church family. What a blessing it is to be a part of a church family that cares so deeply about others and finds ways to give back.



Because of the generosity and support of so many, the Deacons voted to donate \$500 to F.I.S.H. to help provide Easter baskets for families in need.



## Christian symbol



**PEACOCK** — The beautiful peacock is likely one of the lesser-known Christian symbols. Based on an ancient myth that its flesh doesn't decay after death, early Christians appropriated the bird as a symbol of immortality. The molting of its tail feathers each year to be replaced with supposedly more beautiful ones led to use of the peacock as a sign of resurrection and glorification.

Additionally, the eye-like pattern in the peacock's tail feathers made it a symbol of conscience and of God, who sees all. However, the peacock also represents arrogance as it struts to show off its plumage. During the Baroque period, the peacock was often part of artwork at the 10th Station of the Cross, depicting Jesus stripped of his clothing—atonement, according to some teachings, specifically for our sin of vanity.

Early Christians believed peacocks shriek when they catch sight of their feet, which they consider ugly. Christians took this as a reminder that we, too, should lament our spiritual imperfections that detract from the beauty of life lived in Christ.

## Following Christ's Example of Humble Service



On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus gathered with his friends to celebrate the Passover. During the supper, Jesus rose from the table, poured water into a basin, and went from man to man washing the disciples' feet and drying them with a towel. Peter protested, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." Peter relented and asked Christ to wash his hands and head as well (see John 13:1-16).

Afterward, Jesus said to his friends, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:14-15, NKJV).

On Maundy Thursday, let us remember Christ's command and his example of humility, service and love.

## Yes, I can!

I cannot end poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot stop war, but I can offer peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of someone who is dying.

These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change. Christ reminds us of their worth: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, NIV).

## There's Something Better Coming

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.

Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving. There's something better coming.

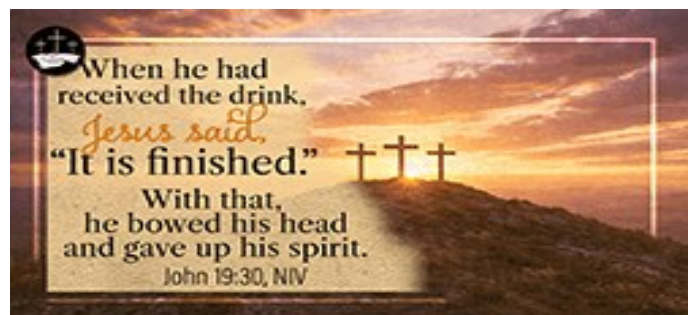
Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected. There's something better coming.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be! There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint." There's something better coming.



## A Hymn Mix-Up With a Message



C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn't have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled "Just As I Am, Without a Clue."

Whether it's "without a clue" or "without a plea," the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.



## Addressed to God

A letter written in a childish scrawl arrived at the post office addressed simply to "God." Unsure what to do, a postal employee opened it and read: "Dear God, my name is Jimmy. I am 6 years old. My father is dead, and my mother is having a hard time raising me and my sister. Would you please send us \$500?"

Moved by the boy's plea, the employee shared the letter with coworkers, and together they collected \$300 to send to the family.

A couple of weeks later, another letter arrived. Jimmy thanked God for the money and added one final request: "Next time would you please deliver the money directly to our home? If you send it through the post office, they deduct \$200."



## The Romans Sent a Message; God Sent One, Too

The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!

That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar" (John 19:12). Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified.

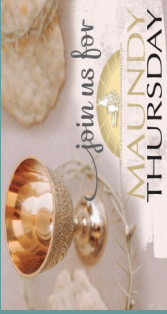
But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that God had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of his Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.

God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do — the assassination of the Holy.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always. It stands eternally "towering o'er the wrecks of time" (John Bowring).

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed ... But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it ... This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses .... Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:23-24; 32, 36). That is what Easter is all about. All praise to the living Lord!

# April 2026



Maundy Thursday, reenactment of the Last Supper will be in Elko at First Pres, April 2 @ 6:00 PM

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

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 <p><b>5 Rick Glass/ John K. Worship at 9 am</b> Mark B. (B)</p>	<p>Holy Week-March 29-April 5, 2026</p>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Kristi Glass (B) Nancy Pehrson (B)	<b>3</b> Betty V (B) Gregg & Susan Lawrence (A)	<b>4</b> Luke Armstrong (B)
<b>6</b> Rick Glass/ John K. Worship at 9 am Mark B. (B)	Jackson Chandler (B)	<b>7</b> Joel Jund (B)	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Matt Thiel (B)	<b>11</b> Henry Armstrong (B)
<b>12</b> Joel Jund/ Gregg L.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Gerry Pennington (B)	<b>15</b> Chance Armstrong (B)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Julie Mann (B)	
<b>19</b> Tom F/Steve Becky Jaff (B)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Haven Kleck (B)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> Kevin D. Susan L (B) Armstrong's (A)	<b>27</b> John Kendek (B)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Katy Smih Sandy Wilmot	<b>30</b>			

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- \*Christmas does come before Easter in one place—but where? The dictionary!
- \*What's the best way to make Easter easier? Put an "i" where the "t" is.
- \*How does Easter end? With an "R"!
- \*Where does Easter take place every year? Where eggs marks the spot!
- \*How can you make Easter preparations go faster? Use the eggs-press lane!
- \*What should you do to prepare for all the Easter treats? Eggs-ercise!
- \*What kind of jewelry is the best Easter gift? A 14-carrot gold necklace.
- \*What kind of bean can't grow in a garden? A jelly bean.
- \*What happens if you get married on Easter? You live happily ever after.
- \*What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny.
- \*What do you get when you pour hot water into a rabbit hole? Hot cross bunnies.
- \*What did the Easter Bunny say to the carrot? Nice gnawing you.

