

## 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**



### Commencing a Lifetime of Learning



What would you tell a young man or woman about to graduate? One of the most common messages commencement speakers share is that graduates are indeed commencing. They are only just beginning to learn.

While they may rightly feel proud of finishing school, a few months in the working world often reveal how much they still do not know.

Christians who love God with their minds understand that truth frees us from ignorance and superstition. They also know that the joy of learning brings deep satisfaction and, in time, wisdom. That wisdom helps us evaluate what we have learned and use it well, so that knowledge becomes a tool for growth and faithful living.

### When the Spirit Turned Fear Into Courage

When Jesus was arrested, his apostles fled in fear. Peter, shaken and afraid, found himself denying that he even knew Christ. Christ’s followers hid in confusion and grief, feeling brokenhearted and hopeless.

Then, on the Jewish Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon them. Suddenly, they were empowered. Immediately they were galvanized. Right then and there, they were filled with enormous courage. Boldly, forthrightly, not far from the site of the crucifixion, they began to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead and that he was most certainly the long-awaited Messiah.

The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story of Christ as best he could. Then Peter offered his hearers the opportunity of becoming Christ’s followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded to the offer at that very minute (Acts 2:41). We call that event the birthday of the Church.

Suzanne de Dietrich writes this about Pentecost in *Free Men*: “A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community. People gave their hearts to God and shared their possessions with their brothers and sisters in Christ. These believers could not keep silent. Their joyful freedom broke down every wall others tried to place around them, and no prison could silence their witness.”

The power of God upon them and within them was truly astounding.

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Several from our church had a wonderful time at the Souper Bowl party benefiting Horizon Hospice! It was an evening filled with great food, lots of laughter, and plenty of excitement as everyone gathered together for a good cause. More importantly, it was a meaningful opportunity to support the incredible work Horizon Hospice does in our community. Great reminder of how coming together can make a difference.



We had the joy of celebrating Gerry's 86th birthday at church recently! Reaching 86 years is such a wonderful milestone, and Gerry continues to be a cherished part of our church family. His presence, kindness, and spirit mean so much to all of us. We're grateful for many years he's shared with us. Happy 86th Birthday Gerry!



*Easter Sunday was a beautiful and joy-filled celebration at our church! We were blessed with a packed house, and it was especially wonderful to see so many children filling the sanctuary with energy and excitement. The service was truly uplifting and meaningful, reminding us all of the hope and new life that Easter brings. It was a special day of worship, fellowship, and celebration. Christ has Risen*



## Grateful for Those Who Gave All



We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer for Open Hearts and Minds

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is the fullness of light and wisdom. We ask that you enlighten our minds through the work of your Holy Spirit. Clear away distraction and doubt, and help us turn our full attention to you.

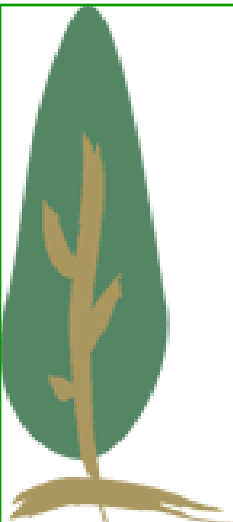
Give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility. Shape our hearts so we may listen not only with our ears, but with willing spirits, ready to be taught and transformed. Remind us that true understanding does not come from our own insight or effort, but from your truth revealed to us in love.

As we hear and reflect on Scripture today, draw us closer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust and guide us in the way we should go. May your Word take root within us and bear fruit in our lives, bringing honor to your name.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all wisdom and grace are given. Amen.

## Christian symbol

**CEDAR TREE** — A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.



## Stirring Up a Life With Meaning

When Winston Churchill once dined at a prestigious London restaurant, he tasted his soup and promptly sent it back to the kitchen. "It has no theme," he complained.

A good soup, he insisted, should have a theme. The same can be said of many things that matter: a good book, a meaningful concert, a memorable film, a powerful sermon, a beautiful work of art.

It is also true of a good life.

Joan of Arc, the French martyr, declared, "God must be served first." That was her theme. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he desired to know nothing among them except Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2). That was his theme. Again and again, we see that every truly devoted Christian lives with a central, guiding focus — an overriding theme.

That realization invites a personal question: What is ours?

Pastor and psychologist Dr. Curtis Nigh offers this challenge: "If the heart does not have a noble or goodly theme, then it develops an anti-theme." In other words, if we do not intentionally shape our lives around what is good and holy, something lesser will quietly take its place.

To be a Christian is to embrace a compelling, Christ-centered theme. It shapes our priorities, our decisions, our relationships and our hope. It is not simply an idea we admire — it is the heartbeat of a life lived for God.

## The Taste of Our Words

I try to watch the words I say,  
And keep them soft and sweet;  
For I don't know from day to day,  
Which ones I'll have to eat.



## VBS Is Coming!

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Join us on **June 8-11th** from 9am-noon at *church*, for a week filled with faith, fun and friendship. Children will enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts and activities as they grow in God's love. Registration forms are in the fellowship room and volunteer opportunities are coming soon, so be sure to watch for updates. Please check the fellowship hall for a list of needed items and see how you can help make it a great success.

## An Unusual Answer to a Mother's Prayer

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, felt her "worry button" get pushed when her daughter, Esther, called from college with an unexpected plan. Esther explained she wanted to go camping alone in a park in southern Illinois. She needed quiet time to think and asked her mother for Bible verses to read as she prayed about her future.

Linda knew Esther felt strongly about going, even if it made her uneasy. After the call ended, Linda dropped to her knees and began what she later called "a dialogue with God." She closed her prayer with a simple surrender: "I guess you want me on my knees that weekend."

And that is exactly where she stayed.

The morning after Esther's first night at camp, she called home. She was safe, she said, and no one had come near her tent. All night long, however, a skunk had wandered nearby, circling the campsite.

Later, Linda reflected on the moment with quiet confidence. "There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther's tent," she wrote, "while the power of prayer, in the form of a black-and-white critter, was circling it."

## An A-Plus Answer

Twelve-year-old Daniel was doing his best to test the patience of his mother, the Rev. Ann Lewis. He pushed back on every request, and the tension in the room kept rising as he refused to cooperate.

Finally, his mother reached her limit. Looking at him firmly, she said, "Daniel, you have tested me to my limits."

Without missing a beat, Daniel grinned and replied, "Yes! And you get an A-plus."

## Graduation Sunday

Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning. As we celebrate students stepping into new seasons, we give thanks for the growth, perseverance and calling God has placed in their lives. May we surround our graduates with prayer, reminding them that God goes before them and walks with them wherever the journey leads.

Join us on Sunday, May 31, as we recognize our graduates and pray for God's guidance in the seasons ahead. We are excited to celebrate a special milestone for two of our own-Caleb Jensen and Kayden Smith as they graduate this year! Their hard work, dedication, and growth have been a joy to witness, and we are so proud of the young men they have become.

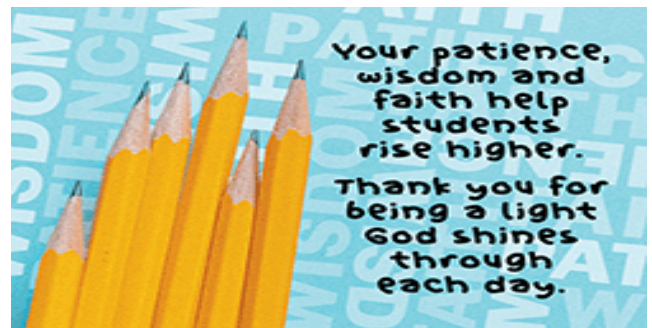
## Mother's Day: A Legacy of Love

Mother's Day invites us to honor the women who have nurtured, guided and loved us. We celebrate not perfection, but faithfulness shown in countless quiet moments. May we give thanks for the love that shapes hearts and points us toward God's grace.



## Teacher Appreciation: Planting Seeds of Wisdom

Teachers invest daily in shaping minds and hearts. This season gives us a chance to thank those who lead, encourage and inspire with patience and care. Let us express gratitude for the seeds they plant and trust God to bring growth.



## End of School: Rest, Reflection and Renewal

As the school year comes to a close, we pause to reflect on lessons learned and challenges overcome. May this transition bring rest, gratitude and renewed strength for what lies ahead, grounded in God's steady guidance.

## Serve With a Grateful Heart

May offers many reasons to celebrate, but also opportunities to serve. Look for simple ways to encourage others through kindness, prayer and generosity. Together, let us live out our faith with thankful hearts and open hands.

# May 2026

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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3 Rick Glass Layla Land (B)	4	5	6 Sherrie Mims (B)	7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	8	9 Shonna Hodgkiss (B)
10 Joel Jund Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 Ascension of the Lord	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY
17 Tom Finch	18	19 Dorothy Hull (B)	20	21 Suzann & Bruce C (A)	22	23 Jason Land (B)
24 Kevin D.	25 MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE	26	27 Barbara LeBret (B)	28	29 Sandy Wilmot (B) Katy Smith (B)	30
31 Allen S. Graduates Celebration		Let your heart give you JOY in the days of your life May 24th Day of Pentecost				CHURCH FAMILY BBQ Sun JUNE 7 to honor Pastor Rick's 30 years of service to us!

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## Everyday Wisdom for the Journey

A real friend is one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out.  
—Walter Winchell

The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.

The secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered that I was not God.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Doing the tough things today prepares us for the big things tomorrow.  
—Zig Ziglar

Don't keep God in a box; include him at the table.  
—Focus on the Family

Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.



Sermon on the Mound