

LIMEY PASTOR  
Moving  
toward Easter

Greetings and blessing to you. I just wanted to send you a small note from my recovery zone. I want to say thank you for the support of many people in Boardman. I have emerged from a dark place. I give thanks to God for my life.

Over the next several weeks while I am coming back together from reconstructive heart surgery — a four-fold heart bypass that took seven grueling hours — I am enjoying a new heart/arterial system that is providing me a great deal of energy.

I want to thank the extraordinary young surgeon Julia Swanson who went above and beyond dealing with me (a long story which I will share shortly), the nurses and personnel of Providence Legacy in Portland, and also the Providence Benedictine Center in Mount Angel where I am being trained how to operate this different body.

My friend, Pastor Craig Johnson, came to visit me yesterday and reminded me that Lazarus is being preached of this weekend. I feel a strange connection with him now. As we move toward Easter, away from Lent, the notions of mortification and rebirth are solidly alive in my life. The burial cloths of Lazarus are hanging from my arms.

I want to also say thank you to Pastor Paul Berthelot who took over from me for this period. Please, dear friends, support my friend in the church and come to support that which God has brought into being.

I pray for all of us, you especially, to be visited by the Holy Spirit and gifted with a new heart transformed by Christ's unrelenting and, as I know now, fierce and magnificent love.

My deepest love and thanks to you all.

Colin Brown is the pastor for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boardman.



COLIN BROWN  
Faith

Area churches announce Holy Week services

East Oregonian

Referred to as Holy Week — which begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter — many area churches have special services planned. Information about special events that were sent to the *East Oregonian* include:

PENDLETON

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

Numerous services are planned throughout the week at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St.

•Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday at 7 p.m. It features The Lord's Supper, with optional foot washing, followed by Stripping of the Altar. Vigil at the Altar of Repose begins at 9 p.m.

•Good Friday Service is Friday, April 14 at noon, with the Communion from the Reserve Sacrament, and the 7 p.m. service includes Veneration of the Cross

•Holy Saturday Service is Saturday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. with the Holy Saturday Liturgy and the Great Cleaning. Also, at 7 p.m. is the Easter Vigil Service, which features the First Eucharist of Easter, with bells.

•Easter Sunday Service is Sunday, April 16 at 9 a.m. for the Holy Eucharist Rite II.

Everyone is invited to attend services. (541-276-3809).

Community Sunrise Service

Everyone is welcome to an

Easter morning service beginning at 6:30 a.m. at Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road. (541-276-7559).

HERMISTON

“Christ in the Passover”

A re-creation of a traditional Passover service will present the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

“Christ in the Passover” is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Hermiston First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave. There is no admission charge.

Presented by Yoel Ben David of Jews for Jesus, an explanation will be provided as he sets a table with items traditionally used at a Passover meal. David also will explain the connection between events of the first Passover in Egypt, the redemption that Jesus accomplished and the deep bond between the ancient feast and the present day Christian communion celebration.

For more information, call 541-567-3013. For more about Jews for Jesus, visit [www.jewsforjesus.org](http://www.jewsforjesus.org).

St. John's Episcopal Church

Several services are planned during the week at St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave.

•Blessing of the Palms and Eucharist, Sunday at 9 a.m.

•Evening prayer services, Tuesday at 7 p.m.

•Tenebrae service, Wednesday at 7 p.m. It features scriptural readings that recount the story of Holy Week.

•Maundy Thursday Service is April 13 at 7 p.m. It includes Eucharist and ceremonial stripping of the altar.

•On Good Friday, the church will be open April 14 from noon to 6:30 p.m. for reflections, followed by a service and celebration of the Eucharist at 7 p.m.

•Easter service is April 16 at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome at the services. (541-567-6674).

Faith Presbyterian Church

A Maundy Thursday Service is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1005 S.E. Ninth St.

Rev. Bruce Sexton will present a brief message, followed by communion and several musical selections performed by the choir. (541-567-1025).

Victory Baptist Church

People will gather to remember the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross during several services at Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St. The gatherings include:

•Good Friday, April 15 at 6 p.m. with a focus on remembering the cross

•Egg hunt and picnic at 11 a.m. at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St.

•Resurrection Sunday is April 16 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. It features worship services

Everyone is invited to attend events during Easter weekend. (541-303-3840).

Hermiston Church of the Nazarene

Several events are planned Easter weekend at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave.

•Experience Good Friday is April 14 from 6-8 p.m. People are invited to drop in and stay for a few minutes or the full two hours.

•Kids Easter Egg hunt Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. It's open to ages birth through fifth grade.

•Sunday, April 16, breakfast will be served from 9:30-10:15 a.m. followed by an Easter worship service at 10:30 a.m. (5451-567-3677).

ECHO

Easter Sunrise Service

The Easter sunrise service is Sunday, April 16 at 7 a.m. at the Echo Community Church picnic shelter, 21 N. Bonanza St. It will be followed by a breakfast in the church basement and the regular Easter service in the sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. (541-376-8108 or 541-376-8664).

IONE

Ione Community Church

The public is invited to worship on Easter at the Ione Community Church.

A breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. at the church, 470 E. Main St. A service follows at 11 a.m. (541-422-7530).

More births expected for Muslims than Christians worldwide

NEW YORK (AP) — In recent years, Christians have had more babies than any other religious group worldwide.

But by 2035, Muslims are projected to experience the higher birth rate, putting the world's two largest religions on track to have a near equal share of the global population by 2060, according to a demographic analysis released Wednesday.

With 2.3 billion adherents, Christians are the world's largest religious group and are expected to remain so for several decades, according to the Pew Research Center report “The Changing

Global Religious Landscape.” Muslims have 1.8 billion followers. But a Muslim baby boom is expected to narrow that gap. By 2060, Muslims are expected to comprise 31 percent of the world population, with nearly 3 billion people, while Christians will make up about 32 percent, or 3.1 billion people.

The new report builds on a Pew study two years ago that found Islam is the world's fastest-growing major faith and, if current demographic trends continue, Muslims could outnumber Christians by the end of the century. The analyses are based

on 2,500 censuses, surveys and population registers from around the world. Pew researchers took into account expected conversion rates, but said birth and death rates would have a far greater impact on religious populations.

According to the latest report, 223 million babies were born to Christians from 2010 to 2015, compared to 213 million babies born to Muslims in the same period.

By 2035, the number of babies born to Muslims is projected to exceed those for Christians, narrowly at first, then eventually by millions.

Other religious groups, including Hindus and Jews, will grow in total numbers by 2060, but will not keep pace with global population growth. A low birth rate for people who don't affiliate with any religion means that their share of the world population will also shrink.

Christianity is growing especially strongly in sub-Saharan Africa. By 2060, 4 in 10 Christians will live in Africa, according to Pew's projections. At the same time, in many European countries, such as Germany, the death rate for Christians is exceeding births, a trend that is expected to continue.

# Worship Community

## Peace Lutheran Church

210 NW 9th, Pendleton ELCA

Join us Sundays

9:30 am Sunday Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Class

~Come and be at Peace~

on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday

## Redeemer Episcopal Church

241 SE Second St. Pendleton (541)276-3809 [www.pendletonepiscopal.org](http://www.pendletonepiscopal.org)

Sunday Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Holy Communion Noon

Weekly Adults Spiritual Life Group

All Are Welcome

## The Salvation Army

Center for Worship & Service

Sunday Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

10:30 - Worship Service

Wednesday Bible Study

5:30 Family Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study

COME AS YOU ARE

150 SE EMIGRANT (541)276-3369

## St. Johns Episcopal Church

Join Us

On Our Journey With Jesus.

Scripture, Tradition and Reason

Family service 9am Sunday

N.E. Gladys Ave & 7th, Hermiston

Fr. Dan Lediard, Priest, PH: 567-6672

We are an all inclusive Church who welcomes all.

## PENDLETON LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

Sunday Service: 10am & 6pm

Tuesday Kingdom Seekers: 7pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

We offer: Sunday School • Sign Language Interpreters • Nursery • Transportation • & more!

Pastor Dan Satterwhite 541.377.4252

417 NW 21st St. • Pendleton, OR 97801

[www.facebook.com/PendletonLighthouseChurch](http://www.facebook.com/PendletonLighthouseChurch)

## Faith Center Church

Worshipping God Loving People

108 S. Main • 276-9569

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sr. Pastor, Ray O'Grady

[pendletonfaithcenter.org](http://pendletonfaithcenter.org)

## Grace Baptist Church

555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497

Nursery provided for all services

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm

Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM

"Proclaiming God's word, growing in God's grace"

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LCMC

Sunday worship at 11:00 AM

420 Locust St. • Boardman, OR

541-481-6132

Colin Brown, Pastor

## BAHA'I FAITH

"The Unity of All Mankind"

Pendleton Baha'i Center at 1015 SE Court Place

Devotions Sundays @ 11:00am; Everyone invited! (541) 276-9360 visit us at [www.pendletonbahais.org](http://www.pendletonbahais.org)

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

215 N Main • Pendleton, OR 97801

Behind These Stone Walls Beat the Hearts of Some of the Warmest Most Sincere, Most Caring People in Pendleton We Invite You to Come Get Acquainted!

Sunday Worship: 10:40am

Sunday School: 9:30am

Office 276-5358 M-F, 8:30-12:30

[www.fccpendleton.org](http://www.fccpendleton.org)

## Living Word Christian Center

Sunday Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Healing School 6:00pm

Youth Classes: Nursery - 6th grade Sun & Wed

Jr & Sr High Discipleship Program Wed

Overcomer's Outreach Tuesday at 6:00pm - Annex A Christ-centered, 12-Step Recovery Support Group

Pastor Sharon Miller

401 Northgate, Pendleton 541-278-8082 [www.livingwordcc.com](http://www.livingwordcc.com)

## Pendleton FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Mid-Week Children & Youth

Weekly Adult Life Groups

1711 SW 44th St. 541-276-6015 [www.pendfmc.org](http://www.pendfmc.org)

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

-Presbyterian Church (USA)-

201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton

Service of Worship - 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School - 10:20 am

Fellowship - 11:00 am

[www.pendletonpresbyterian.com](http://www.pendletonpresbyterian.com)

Open Hearted... Open Minded

To share your worship times call Terri Briggs 541-278-2678