

LIMEY PASTOR

A deep midwinter



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Faith

I am sorry that I have not written to y'all for the past two weeks. My imagination seemed to suffer a famine, and all I could think of were immoral politicians and a corruption at the heart of the body politic. There is a kind of pervasive belief that pastors should not criticize politicians, which, of course, is an idea put about by politicians who want to reroute money to their own interests.

Jesus condemned hypocrites, but ultimately came to the cross because of his condemnation. But, be warned, there are those in high places whose actions are keenly observed by the most high, and there is a long lasting fire that is waiting for them. Jesus used the image of Gehenna, the trash dump outside of Jerusalem where the garbage was burned. The garbage will be burned.

I do believe that it might be that we might swap out some of these humans, and put in place instead their own long suffering spouses, who try their best to represent that which is kind and good — and whose own hearts are pierced with sorrow by the behavior of the one that they chose to be bonded to. They shall be rescued by the Lord.

This week, the kind President 41 triumphed as he was embraced in the arms of his Lord, and we mourned the loss of an essential man, who treated everyone equally, who loved everyone equally. He loved all of us, because

he made his life an imitation of his Lord's life. God has taken him to his own house.

I recently helped a mother and daughter, people from Alaska, return to Alaska, suffering from a kind of homesickness. They briefly stayed with a friend of mine, a taxi driver in Anchorage, Will, who keeps an eye on them. They found a house to live in a couple of weeks ago. Then the earthquake hit. My friend Will had been in the colossal 9.0 earthquake in 1962, and survived. This time, his house was shaken, but all around him houses were destroyed. I give thanks that he made it through. Mother and daughter were OK too, their house shook but they were safe. But the daughter was shaken, and I assisted in arranging a flight back to Portland for Christmas. Her Presbyterian Church friends in Salem are taking her in for Christmas. They are good people and I bless them.

Please pray for the people in Alaska. I pray for the people of Oregon. I pray for the people of California too, whose towns and lives were immolated. I pray for all of you in Eastern Oregon, and hope that your lives and churches are happy places too. May God bless you all and protect you from harm. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Living Nativity scenes share biblical story of Christmas

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
East Oregonian

The biblical story depicting the birth of Jesus is featured in a pair of Living Nativity events next weekend in Pendleton and Hermiston.

Coordinated by Pendleton Faith Center Church for more than two dozen years, the Living Nativity is Sunday, Dec. 16 from 6-9 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave. The first hour offers a chance for people to walk through the display, while the last two hours people can choose to walk or drive through.

The presentation features a dozen scenes with props and reader-boards with biblical references describing what is being portrayed. Additional lighting illuminates the scenes and music will fill the air. The event includes members of the Faith Center as well as other churches — approximately 150 assist in the production to help provide insight into the biblical story of Christmas.

For more information, call the church at 541-276-9569 or search Facebook for "Pendleton Faith Center."

In Hermiston, the First United Methodist Church is presenting its 26th annual Living Nativity. The presentation is available Saturday, Dec. 15 from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16 from 4-6 p.m. The church is located at 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. After



File photo

Area families make their way through the stations during a past Living Nativity at the Hermiston First United Methodist Church in Hermiston. This year's event is Dec. 15-16.

Church service features carols

HERMISTON — People are invited to join their friends for a time of singing old Christmas carols.

The free song service is Sunday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St., Hermiston. The event also features food, fun and fellowship.

For more information, contact Chris Finley at johnchris_1@msn.com or 541-571-2516.

viewing the scenes, people are invited inside the church's fellowship hall for warm drinks and cookies.

Becky Hunt, who has helped coordinate the effort for more than 10 years, said about 50 people are involved in the production between the

two nights. It features a handful of scenes, including those representing the angels and shepherds, the wise men and camels, Joseph and Mary at the inn and a manger scene. Live animals featured are sheep, chickens and a donkey. Portraying charac-

ters from the biblical story include children as young as 5 all the way up to octogenarians, Hunt said.

"I have people that return to do this each year that don't attend our church," she said. "It is a tradition for them."

Hunt invites people who want to help with moving straw bales and other tasks to a set-up event. That is planned for Saturday at 9 a.m. at the church. For more information, call Hunt at 541-314-5797.

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AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump are joined by Holocaust survivors, as they attend a Hanukkah reception on Thursday at the White House in Washington.

Trump celebrates Hanukkah with eight Holocaust survivors

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is celebrating Hanukkah in the company of eight Holocaust survivors, telling each they had endured "evil beyond description"

The president also referenced the fatal October shooting of 11 Jews at a Pittsburgh synagogue.

He says in the aftermath of that "sinis-

ter" killing, "we reaffirmed our solemn duty to confront anti-Semitism everywhere." Trump added that we "must stamp out this vile hatred from the world."

Trump's daughter Ivanka converted to Judaism to marry Jared Kushner. Through the couple, Trump has three Jewish grandchildren.

The president described

Hanukkah as an "everlasting symbol of Jewish perseverance."

He says his administration "will always stand" with Israel.

The audience erupted into cheers when Trump mentioned his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and relocate the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv.

For a complete listing of regional events, visit easternoregonevents.com

Destiny Theatres Fri - Wed, Dec. 7 - Dec. 12, 2018
Subject to change. Check times daily.

Hermiston Stadium 8
Hwy 395 & Theatre Ln - 567-1556
MoviesInHermiston.com

RALPH BREAKS INTERNET (PG)

ROBIN HOOD (PG-13)

CREED II (PG-13)

FANTASTIC BEASTS 2 (PG-13)

INSTANT FAMILY (PG-13)

POSSESSION OF HANNAH (R-17)

THE GRINCH (PG)

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (PG-13)

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PENDLETON FIRST
SUNDAYS
Morning Celebration - 10am
Morning Kids Place - 10am
Evening - 6pm
Adult - Study
Youth - Small Group
Kids - Rangers & Girl's Ministries

THURSDAYS
Celebrate Recovery - 6pm
Celebration Place - Kids - 6pm
The Landing - Teens - 6pm

WEEKLY
Groups For All Ages

AN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
1911 SE Court Ave.
541.276.6417 • pendletonfirst.com

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
LCMC
Sunday worship at 11:00 AM
Pastor Michael Smith
420 Locust St. • Boardman, OR
541-481-6132

Peace Lutheran Church
210 NW 9th, Pendleton ELCA
Join us Sundays

10:00 am Sunday Worship
11am Fellowship & Adult Class
9am Sunday School

~Come and be at Peace~
on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday

WORSHIP COMMUNITY

CALVARY CHAPEL OF PENDLETON
1909 SW Athens Ave., Pendleton

Come join us for Worship at 10:45am on Sunday

541-966-8912

To share your worship times call 541-278-2678

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

Open Hearted... Open Minded

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"

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
in Mission for Christ LCMC

Sunday Worship.....9:00 AM
Bible Study.....10:00 AM

Red Lion Hotel (Oregon Trail Room)
www.faithpendleton.org

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
PH: 567-6672
We are an all inclusive Church who welcomes all.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Saturday Services
Pendleton
1401 SW Goodwin Place 276-0882
Sabbath School 9:20 am
Worship Service 10:45 am

First United Methodist Church Pendleton
352 SE 2nd Street, Pendleton OR
Sunday Worship 9am • 541-276-2616
Worship Broadcast on KUMA 1290 @ 11am
Worship Livestream at www.facebook.com/FUMCPendleton/
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
Rev. Dr. Jim Pierce, pastor

Living Word Christian Center
401 Northgate, Pendleton

Celebration of Worship
Sundays 10:00 am
Youth: 0-6th grade

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

Redeemer Episcopal Church
241 SE Second St. Pendleton (541)276-3809
www.pendletonepiscopal.org

Sunday Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Holy Communion Noon
Weekly Adults Spiritual Life Group
All Are Welcome

GRACE AND MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOOR
www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org

Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
Fellowship, Refreshments & Sunday School
Check out our Facebook Page or Website for More Information

541-289-4535
Tom Inch, Pastor
Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church, ELCA (First United Methodist Church)
191 E. Gladys Ave. / P.O. Box 1108
Hermiston, Oregon 97838

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

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

Midweek Service
Wednesdays 6:00 pm
Youth: 0-6th grade
Jr./Sr. High

Pastor Sharon Miller
541-278-8082
www.livingwordcc.com

Faith Center Church
Worshipping God Loving People

108 S. Main • 541-276-9569
Pastor Jeff Geesey
Worship Service: 10:30am
pendletonfaithcenter.church

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship: 10:40am

Office 541-276-5358 M-Thr, 8:30-12:30
www.fcpendleton.org

Community Presbyterian Church
14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR 922-3250
Worship: 10 AM
Sunday School at 11:30