



FAITH

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

CALVARY CHAPEL SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Calvary Chapel, Cottage Grove announces a change in its weekly service times on Wednesdays and Sundays. Beginning Jan. 21, the Wednesday night service begins at 6:45 and Sunday services are at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The church is located on the corner of N. Sixth Street and Whiteaker Avenue.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN INQUIRERS CLASS BEGINS – Sunday, Jan. 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Bruce Cameron leads this class for those who are curious about the Presbyterian Church. It is for people who are interested in becoming members and for members who have questions about it. There will be an introduction on Jan. 25 at 11:30 a.m. and then the class will start on Feb. 8.

FAITH CENTER BEGINS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSE – Wednesday, Jan 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The Cottage Grove Faith Center offers a nine-week course in financial management on Wednesday night from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. starting January 28. Learn God's way of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. The average turnaround is \$8,000 – in just the first 3-months. Register at www.cg4.tv on the FPU page. The cost is \$93 per family. The course also offers age appropriate money teaching for kids. Childcare is provided. All are welcome. For additional information call 541-942-4851. The church is located at 33761 Row River Rd.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-ALONG – Friday, Feb 13 from 7 – 8 p.m.

The Old Time Gospel Fellowship Church hosts a monthly gospel sing-along on the second Friday night each month. It includes group singing and music specials. If you have an instrument to play or you want to sing a special, call Berneda McDonald at 541-942-3773 or Sandra Brown at 541-942-9129.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PANCAKE LUNCH – Sunday, Feb 15 at 11:30 a.m.

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the day before the season of Lent begins, local Presbyterians will serve a pancake meal following the 10 a.m. worship service. The church is located on the corner of Adams Avenue and South Third Street.

“AN INVITATION” MONTHLY SERVICE BEGINS – Monday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to participate in a new inter-faith group that meets at 819 E. Main St. (next to Buster's Café) to provide an opportunity to refresh the soul. A theme is selected for each monthly gathering.

ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 5-7 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church hosts this annual benefit with all proceeds donated to support Community Sharing. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. The event is co-sponsored by St. Andrews Episcopal Church and OLPH Catholic Church. The church is located on the corner of Harvey Road and N. 19th Street.

FPC ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP POTLUCK & SERVICE – Wednesday, Feb. 18 begins at 6 p.m.

The community is invited to enjoy First Presbyterian Church's Soup Potluck at 6 p.m. The 7 p.m. worship service features the "Imposition of Ashes." (The ashes are made by burning the dried palm leaves from the previous Palm Sunday.)

Music Minister steps down after more than a decade of service

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

The last note of December's "Festival of Lights" program at Cottage Grove's First Presbyterian Church [FPC] ended another chapter of Linda Dorsey's multi-faceted, musical life. The school and church music educator was born in Redwood City, Calif. At the age of two, her family moved to the Ragged Range of Colorado's rugged Rocky Mountains and then to the small, western slope town of Paonia to start school. Her family lived in poverty, yet she is thankful for the sacrifices her parents made to encourage her musical gifts.

In the third grade, a traveling National School Assembly visited small rural schools to add culture to students' lives.

"Hearing a virtuoso pianist for the first time, I felt it calling me. I went home and told my Mom 'I want a piano,'" Dorsey said. "With the challenge of raising a family of five on a subsistence lifestyle (in a tiny three-room house my Daddy traded for doing our landlord's chores), it seemed an unreachable goal."

She started piano lessons in the fourth grade. For six months she practiced at a neighbor's house, with a dog that howled throughout her lesson.

"Mom searched for and finally found a piano for \$50, which at the time was equivalent to \$5000 for those living in the Ragged Mountains," Dorsey recalled. "Daddy built a lean-to addition to the cabin to make room for the piano. It fell off the trailer when they arrived. When they put the works back inside, surprisingly, it still played!"

She learned quickly and progressed through the entire Schaum Piano Course, without the benefit of advanced teachers. She began playing for her church and even taught herself to play the Hammond organ. She accompanied all the musical groups, soloists and choirs in her school, church, and community – including most of Paonia's funerals.

She was valedictorian of her PHS graduating class in 1959. She turned down all the full-ride scholarships of-



photo by Cindy Weeldreyer

Linda Dorsey planned and played Sunday services at First Presbyterian for 10 years.

ferred by Colorado colleges; choosing instead to follow her pastor's recommendation to attend Northwest Christian College [NCC] in Eugene.

"I didn't know anyone in Oregon. At the end of my 34-hour bus ride I reached Eugene and my music helped me make friends quickly!"

She met her husband, Wally Peterson, at NCC; they married in June, 1962. They have two children, Mark and Joy. Her family now has three generations of musicians: both her children and her grandchildren developed her love of music. In 1984, the family moved to Pleasant Hill, allowing Mark and Joy to benefit from the high school's legendary jazz program. After her two kids graduated and began college in 1987, Dorsey and her husband moved to Prague, Czechoslovakia to begin a new chapter in her life – teaching internationally.

Divorced in 1990, she continued teaching in Czechoslovakia, Oman, Israel and Tunisia, before returning to Eugene in 2001.

"During the 14 years I lived and worked abroad, I loved being immersed in the music and culture of Europe and the Middle East," Dorsey said.

Her gift of playing the piano, organ and teaching music gave her the opportunity to play in a wide variety of venues. In 2002, a long-time friend, fellow musician, and Cottage Grove FPC member, Chris Heritage, invited her to fill at FPC.

Dorsey was impressed with Cottage Grove's Presbyterians. She appreciated their acts of loving kindness, their culture of inclusivity, their commitment to a strong, vital music program and their investment in the broader community. She loved the beautiful Moeller organ pipes reverberating within the sanctuary's legendary architecture. Growing up in rural Colorado, she gets her "small town fix" here in Cottage Grove.

After retiring from teaching in 2004, she became FPC's Minister of Music. A decade later, she's worked with six ministers helping to prepare each week's Sunday worship service. On Christmas Eve she officially retired as FPC's Music Minister. She loved working with individuals of all ages in the preparation and performance of the 10 Fall Festivals, Christmas programs and Tenebrae pageants she directed.

Her life-changing decision to retire from FPC was a difficult one. She cherishes her memories from all over the world, including Cottage Grove.

"I'm grateful for the many ways God blessed me with a wide variety of opportunities in my life," Dorsey said. "I am planning some travels, including a visit with my son's family in Paraguay, where he teaches music. Looking back on my life experience I realize I owe a lot to my mother, who sacrificed much to get me my first piano. Now I want to travel, write, and be a grandma. It's been a great ride!"

WEEKLY EVENTS

CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMUNITY DINNERS
Mondays – United Methodist Church at 5 p.m.
Tuesdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.
Wednesdays – Covered Bridge Church of The Nazarene at 6 p.m.
Thursdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

BAHA'I FAITH TEA AND PRAYERS
Local gatherings are hosted by members of the Baha'i Faith in selected Cottage Grove sites and neighborhood homes. For additional information about the Baha'i Community call Jacqueline at 541-556-1286 or Brenda at 541-514-9607. To hear a daily recorded uplifting Baha'i verse call 541-531-8449.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (SIXTH AND GIBBS) YOUTH GROUP MEETING – Sundays 6-8 p.m.
Middle and High School students meet on Sunday evenings to have fun while growing their faith and deepening their relationship with Christ. For more information call 541-942-3822.

WEEKDAY MORNING COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY – Monday-Tuesday at 8:15 a.m.

The Cottage Grove United Methodist Church offers a community Bible study two days a week. On Monday mornings enjoy coffee or tea for a 90-minute time of devotional Bible study and discussion. On Tuesday mornings Pastor Jerry Steele shows a video and leads a "Faith Talk." For more information call 541-942-3033.

AWANA CLUB MEETINGS – Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
AWANA is a weekly Christian

education program for ages three through high school. Hosted by the Cottage Grove Bible Church, the group meets weekly during the school year. The cost includes the purchase of handbooks and uniforms and dues are \$.75 per week. Children enjoy memorizing Scripture verses, games, Bible lessons and dressing up for special theme nights. More information can be found on the church website: www.cgibible.org.

MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS [MOPS] – Second and fourth Thursday mornings
Calling all Moms... MOPS and MOPSNEXT meets twice a month at First Baptist Church from 9-11:15 a.m. to support moms with children from infancy to school age students. Child care is provided. More information is available on Facebook under Cottage Grove MOPS or call 541-942-8242.

Worship Directory

WORSHIP WITH US

6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
522 E Whitaker • 541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Wednesday Service 6:45 pm
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
Youth Group Bible Study:
Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Info: 541-767-0182 (Mrs. "T")

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 8:30am, 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
Youth Group Mondays 6:30pm
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgibible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4.tv
Sunday Service: 9am and 11am
Full Children's Ministry available

Delight Valley Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Baptist Church
301 S 6th St 541-942-8242
Pastor: Steve Johnson
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship: 11:00am
Come Worship with us

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Rev. Bruce Cameron
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
www.hopefellowshipupc.com
"FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE"

Living Faith Assembly
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Pastor Rulon Combs
Sunday School All Ages 9am
Worship & Children's Church 10:30 am
"The Bridge" Saturday Evening Service 6:00pm
Youth ABLAZE: Wednesday 6:30pm
Children's Breakout Class: Wednesday 6:30pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Pennoyer Ave * 541-767-0447
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravecoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th Street • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Herb Carson
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Sunday Bible Study: 6:00pm
We sing the old time hymns.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 10:30am
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:
552 Holbrock Lane • 541-895-8686
Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
"Church with the flags."
Worship: Sunday 10:30am
All Welcome

Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 6:45 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups
trinitylutherancottagegrove.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Jerry Steele
Worship: 10:00am
Adult & Sunday School: 9:00am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$3, Kids Free)
Mon. 5-6:30pm
cottagegroveumc.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
Community Center Shepherd Room
700 East Gibbs • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: 11:00am
"WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

Our Worship Directory is a weekly feature in the newspaper. If your congregation would like to be a part of this directory, please contact the Cottage Grove Sentinel at 541-942-3325.