



FAITH

Upcoming events

MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-ALONG – Friday, Oct. 9 from 6:30 – 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAPPENINGS

After serving 15 months as interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Bruce Cameron retired and last Sunday they welcomed their new permanent pastor, Reverend Karen Hill. FPC Worship service begins at 10 a.m. followed by a coffee time in the Friendship Hall. The church is located at 216 S. Third St. Oct. 4: World Communion Sunday - A worldwide celebration of unity among multiple denominations. Oct. 19: Taize Service resumes in the church chapel from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Use the west entrance on Third St.) Oct. 25: Reformation Sunday – A celebration of Protestantism starting with Martin Luther's publishing the 95 theses as a protest against the Catholic Church and the beginnings of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland. Many churchgoers wear plaid and local bagpiper Barry Johnson will play.

METHODIST HARVEST PARTY AT SHADY OAKS – Sunday, Oct. 18 from 3-5 p.m.

Those interested in meeting local Methodists in a fun, informal setting are invited to join them for the church's annual Harvest Party at Shady Oaks on Hwy 99. Sit around the campfire to roast hot dogs and marshmallows and join in a sing-along time, take a hay ride out to the pumpkin patch and enjoy this family-friendly event. For more information call Pastor Lura at 541-942-3033.

BIG CHANGES HAPPENING AT FAMILY PRAISE CENTER/CITY LIFE CHURCH

A message from Co-Pastors Bill and Leisa Clark: "We're so excited about all the awesome changes here at City Life Church; God has truly blessed us! The remodel is coming along but has grown bigger than expected. This is a good problem to have, but will require a change in our re-launch date. We are happy to announce that Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. will be our ReLaunch Sunday. Save the date and we'll see you there!" More information is available on Facebook at City Life Church or by calling 541-942-7222. The church is located at 33133 Row River Rd.

New Methodist pastor pleased with new church and community

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

In her freshman year of college, Lura Kidner-Miesen knew she wanted to spend the rest of her life in Christian ministry. Born in Rapid City, SD, she was a baby when her family moved to Idaho. Growing up in small towns, Kidner-Miesen felt comfortable serving rural United Methodist churches, first in Idaho and then in Oregon.

A 1975 graduate of Shoshone High School in Southern Idaho, she attended Boise State University and graduated four years later with a degree in history and english. There she met Neal Miesen, and in 1980 they married. Neal joined the U.S. Army and Lura followed him to Fort Carson, Colo. While there she attended Iliff School of Theology in Denver and graduated in 1983 to become a United Methodist minister. The couple has two adult children now, a daughter in Corvallis and a son in Boise.

For 15 years she served several small town churches in Idaho before moving to Oregon. She spent five years in Eastern Oregon in Baker City and then 12 years in Stayton (east of Salem).

"As a teen, I felt called to do something in the church after participating in a workshop that highlighted church job opportunities," Kidner-Miesen said. "As a freshman in college I felt God's call to be a pastor and began the long process of confirming that call within the United Methodist Church (UMC). It's been a wonderful life for me and my family."

A self-described extrovert who loves people, she enjoys serving others and reminding them of how much Christ loves them and how God has a purpose for each life. She sees her purpose in life to provide hope to those who need it and to encourage people to grow in their love of God and others. In her Bible study class she encourages people to share their experiences with others who are at different stages on their spiritual journey.

After 32 years in ministry, Kidner-Miesen described the highlights and challenges she has



photo by Cindy Weeldreyer

Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen served with churches in Idaho and eastern Oregon before coming to Cottage Grove this summer.

experienced. She enjoys making a positive difference in the lives of those who seek her counsel and watching how they grow spiritually.

"I have a very supportive husband and together we've raised two terrific kids," she said. "My work has never been just a job; I've always appreciated the good fit between my professional life and my family life. I've been blessed that my family and my work complement each other, which creates wholeness in my life."

Kidner-Miesen's challenges have been similar to all Christian pastors seeking to make ancient scriptures relevant in the growing secular culture of America.

"My ongoing challenge is how do I success-

fully adapt to bring the Good News of Christ and the love of God to a church that is aging? In Western culture, Christians generally show their faith in actions; and when I first began my ministry that was enough. I did many good things in a loving way so others would know I'm a Christian by my actions. Today, I'm learning to verbalize how my actions reflect my spirituality. It is also important to listen for the needs within the local congregation and community and work together to address them."

After serving the UMC church in Stayton for a dozen years, Kidner-Miesen is happy she has the opportunity to enjoy another new beginning in her newest small town. She has spent the past two-and-a-half months getting to know the local Methodists and the Cottage Grove community. Her first impression of "The Grove" came as a surprise. She says she is amazed by how much has been accomplished thanks to many dedicated and hard-working volunteers: "It surprises me, for a town this size, how many activities and programs it has to help people."

"I'm not coming in with a pre-planned vision," she said. "In my short time here I've learned this church is a welcoming church for people of varied backgrounds and experiences. I see a real opportunity to reach out to empty-nesters and retired individuals. As a newcomer to this community, I look forward to finding friends, discovering ways to make a positive difference and continuing to grow spiritually."

Church Council Chair Marlene Leith said members are pleased with the new pastor both personally and professionally and with how willing she is to get involved in her new town.

"Lura's sermons are well-thought out and based in Scripture. She is a friendly and caring person who is a good fit for our church," Leith said. "We are delighted with how she is reaching out to our community by attending events, meeting with city officials and making herself at home both within our church and in Cottage Grove."

WEEKLY EVENTS

CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMUNITY DINNERS

Mondays – United Methodist Church (second and third Mondays only) 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.

WEEKDAY MORNING COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY – Monday-Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

The Cottage Grove United Methodist Church offers a community Bible study two days a week. Drop in and enjoy coffee or tea for a 90-minute time of devotional Bible study and discussion. 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.

CAMPUS LIFE CLUB – Mondays 4:30-9 p.m.

This Lane County Youth for Christ non-denominational youth outreach program meets during the school year. Campus Life's weekly club meet-

ings blend food, music, games and a short Bible-based "talk" that ends with a prayer. The "clubhouse" is located in the game room above Domino's Pizza [next to the post office]. Additional information is available online at www.lcycf.org/grove or by calling Director Tim Sinclair at 541-285-4812.

MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS [MOPS] – Begins Monday, Sept. 21 from 6-8 p.m.

Calling all Moms... MOPS support mothers with children from infancy to school age students at its new location at Calvary Chapel in the Village Shopping Center. Child care is provided. Please note new

evening meeting time. More information is available on Facebook under Cottage Grove MOPS or call 541-942-6842.

SUNDAY MORNING LIGHT RADIO PROGRAM

Each Sunday morning from 7-10 a.m. KNND 1400-AM provides three hours of inspirational programming with a Christian world-view. All genres of Christian music are interspersed with community information, local church news, and devotional readings. Host Cindy Weeldreyer invites you to tune in and become part of KNND's Sunday Morning Light family. Listener line: 541-942-5548.

WEEKLY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

The Sentinel prints a weekly worship directory to provide greater awareness of the diversity of our local faith community. If you want your specific information available to Sentinel readers each week, please call 942-3325 for more information. [If you have a listing please verify the weekly information is current.]

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, Oct. 22 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to weeldreyer@aol.com.

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

1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
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
YouthGroup 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
2 Sunday Services: 9am & 11am
Full Children's Ministry available

Covered Bridge Nazarene Church

152 S. M St.
541-942-4422
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

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

Grove Community Church

77820 Mosby Creek Rd.
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
541-942-0123
Pastor: Bryan Parsons
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery: Infant - Pre-K
Kid's Church: K to 5th grade

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" Sat Evening Service 6:00pm
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm
Children's Breakout Class: Wed. 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.pennoyeravvecoc.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, 1:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

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.