



# FAITH

## Lent brings local churches together

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Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10) was the beginning of the Lenten Season, the period preceding Easter Sunday where many Christians are devoted to fasting, abstinence and penitence. In the Western Church it runs 40 weekdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.

In liturgical faiths, such as Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian, the Lenten season commemorates two Biblical events of spiritual testing. In the Old Testament, it is the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites. In the New Testament, it is the account of Christ's fasting for 40 days in the wilderness.

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ: His suffering, sacrifice, life, death, burial and resurrection. During the six-weeks of self-examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast or to give up something — a habit, such as smoking, watching TV, swearing, a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate or coffee.

Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, such as reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God. Strict observers do not eat meat on Fridays, having fish instead. The goal is to strengthen the faith and spiritual disciplines of the observer, and develop a closer relationship

with God.

This year several local churches have partnered to enrich this season for their congregations. On Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday), St. Andrews Episcopal Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church sponsored their annual community Pancake Supper with proceeds donated to Community Sharing. On Ash Wednesday, the First Presbyterian Church hosted a soup supper for local Methodists and Episcopalians followed by a joint worship service. The three churches will join together again and sponsor a Maundy Thursday joint service on March 24 hosted at the Cottage Grove United Methodist Church.

Methodist Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen was appointed last July. Presbyterian Pastor Karen Hill was installed last September. Rev. Lawrence Crumb, the Episcopal Vicar, who has served here for more than seven years, wanted to meet the two new pastors. Over lunch the trio had the idea of organizing a joint service.

Crumb said his church members reacted positively to the Ash Wednesday service and are open to further possibilities of joint services.

"A joint service with Holy Communion is possible because of an official agreement between the Episcopal and United Methodist Churches."

Hill said the Ash Wednesday supper and worship service was a nice gathering of 69 people among the three churches. "Our folks loved hosting and were very happy to see so many friends. Lura gave a wonderful meditation, which still has



photo by Bruce Kelsch

**Methodist Pastor Lura-Kidner Miesen, Presbyterian Pastor Karen Hill and Episcopal Vicar Lawrence Crumb look forward to serving Holy Communion at the upcoming Maundy Thursday joint service on March 24.**

us thinking how we'll give, pray and fast in Lent. I'm accustomed to sharing worship and ministry with others. Everyone has something of value to share and we all have much to learn about life with God from one another."

Kidner-Miesen agreed and said United Methodists work with Presbyterians, Episcopalians and many other faiths at the regional and national level. "Our Cottage Grove churches have done things together and supported each other in the past," she said. "Cottage Grove churches often work together to express our love for God and people. While disagreements and disputes make the news, much of the good in the world happens through collaboration," she added. "Our unity in Christ is greater and more important than our differences. Collaboration between churches provides one way to live out Jesus' call to love God and neighbor. My relationships with other pastors and Christians are very important to my spiritual journey — and it's fun!

Hill expressed a similar sentiment. "I think it is really important for Christians to unite around our common faith, to support and encourage one another and to get to know one another. There is too much that divides people in the United States and faith should not be one of those things. How can we model Christ's love for all humanity if we don't love one another? I have really enjoyed opportunities to meet other clergy since coming to Cottage Grove; and I'm grateful for all the good people serving God and God's people in this town."

The next joint service is Maundy Thursday, March 24 at the United Methodist Church, 334 Washington Ave. The public is invited to enjoy a free soup supper at 6 p.m. with the worship service beginning at 6:45 p.m. The worship service includes Holy Communion served by the clergy from the three churches. The events of Jesus' final night will be experienced through Bible readings, short messages, hymns and the extinguishing of candles.

## Special events

### HOPE AFTER ABORTION BIBLE STUDY

– Thursday, March 3 from 6-8 p.m.  
Surrendering the Secret is an 8-week Bible study designed to bring God's forgiveness and healing to women who have abortion in their past. Contact Laurel Hay 541-232-1273 or [hay8there@msn.com](mailto:hay8there@msn.com) for materials and directions to her home.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCES LENTEN SERVICES – Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Theme: Learning Discipleship from the Disciples  
What was it like to follow Jesus? To be one of his first disciples? To hear his teaching and witness his miracles? Each week focuses on one of the twelve disciples and what it means to follow Jesus today. All are invited to a Soup Supper at 6 p.m. on Feb 24 and March 2, 9 and 16.

Feb. 24: Nathaniel and Thomas – The Sceptics turned Believers

March 2: Matthew – The Unlikely Disciple

March 9: Simon – The Zealot

March 16: James – The Martyr

March 24: Maundy Thursday – Judas – The Betrayer

The church is located on the corner of Sixth and Quincy. For more information call 541-942-2373.

### MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-A-LONG – Friday, Feb. 12 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Hosted at the Old Time Gospel Fellowship Church, 103 S. Fifth St. The monthly event features group singing and music specials. If you have an instrument to play or you want to sing a special, call Berneda at 541-942-3773 or Sandra at 541-942-9129.

### JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – March 24 at Soup Supper at 6 p.m. Service at 6:45 p.m.

Sponsored by Cottage Grove's Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and United Methodists and hosted at the Cottage Grove United Methodist Church at 334 Washington Ave. The public is invited to enjoy a free soup supper at 6 p.m. with the worship service beginning at 6:45 p.m. The service includes Holy Communion served by the clergy from the three churches. The events of Jesus' final night will be experienced through Bible readings, short messages, hymns and the extinguishing of candles.

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

### 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.

### SHALOM EVENING LIGHT MINISTRIES SERVICE CHANGES – Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

After a year of meeting in different locations in Cottage Grove and Roseburg, the attendees will meet every other Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Cottage Grove City Hall, 400 East Main Street. On the other Sundays, the meetings are held in the South Roseburg area. For additional information call Pastor Jairus Sathianathan at 541-391-3901 or Dan Holt at 541-946-1445.

### 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.

### CAMPUS LIFE CLUB – Mondays and Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Campus Life's weekly club meetings blend food, music, games and a short Bible-based "talk" that ends with a prayer. Middle School students meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Riverside Community Church, 1255 S. River Rd. High School students meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the game room above Domino's Pizza (next to the post office). More information available on Facebook at Cottage Grove Campus Life or by calling Director Tim Sinclair at 541-285-4812.

### MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS [MOPS]

– Mondays from 6-8 p.m.  
An outreach ministry designed to support mothers and help them be the best moms they can be. MOPS is for mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. MomsNext is for mothers with school age children. Both groups meet at Calvary Chapel in the Village Shopping Center, 1447 Hwy 99. For more information visit [www.cottagegrovemops.org](http://www.cottagegrovemops.org) or call 541-942-6842.

### 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 cents 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.cgpbible.org](http://www.cgpbible.org).

### SUNDAY MORNING LIGHT WEEKLY 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 MARCH FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, March 17 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to [weeldreyer@aol.com](mailto:weeldreyer@aol.com).

# Worship Directory



#### 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](http://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](http://www.cgcalvary.org)

#### Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove

700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)  
Rev. Bobby Lee  
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
(907) 230-5070  
[www.facebook.com/CSLCottageGrove](http://www.facebook.com/CSLCottageGrove)

#### 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 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,  
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
[www.cgbible.org](http://www.cgbible.org)

#### Cottage Grove Faith Center

33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet  
[www.cg4.tv](http://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: Karen Hill  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
[www.cgpresbynews.com](http://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](http://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](http://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  
[tlccg.com](http://tlccg.com)

#### United Methodist Church

334 Washington • 541-942-3033  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Worship: 10:30am  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30am  
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)  
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm  
[cottagegroveumc.org](http://cottagegroveumc.org)

#### "VICTORY" Country Church

913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913  
Pastor: Barbara Dockery  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
Message: 11:00am  
"WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

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