



# FAITH

## Special events

### LOCAL HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES** – March 24 Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian Joint Service – Soup Supper at 6 p.m. Service at 6:45 p.m. Hosted at the Cottage Grove United Methodist Church at 334 Washington Ave. Service includes Holy Communion served by the clergy from the three churches. CG Bible Church Messianic Seder Potluck at 6:30 p.m. 1200 E. Quincy Ave. Bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert (no yeast, baking soda, pork or shellfish) RSVP at 541-942-4771 and leave a message. Trinity Lutheran Church, Sixth and Quincy at 7 p.m. “Judas: The Betrayer” First Baptist Church, 301 S. Sixth St. at 7 p.m. Traditional Last Supper Observance

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES** – March 25 Church of Christ, Sixth and Gibbs at 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Sixth and Quincy at 7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness: “John - The Apostle of Love”

**HOLY SATURDAY EVENT** – March 26 First Presbyterian Church Open Organ Rehearsal, 3-6 p.m. Third and Adams. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Service at 5:30 p.m. 1025 N. 19th Street Living Faith Assembly at 6 p.m. 467 S. 10th St.

“What on earth is God doing?”

**EASTER SUNDAY EVENTS** – March 27 Community Sunrise Service at Fir Grove Cemetery at 7 a.m. Sponsored by Smith-Lund-Mills and local churches. Trinity Lutheran Church Resurrection Sunday Service at 7:01 a.m. at Sixth and Quincy. First Presbyterian Church Easter Breakfast from 7:45-9:40 a.m. Third and Adams. Trinity Lutheran Church Easter Breakfast from 8:15 – 9 a.m. Sixth and Quincy. CG Faith Center Easter Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. 33761 Row River Rd. Church of Christ Sixth and Gibbs Easter Services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Breakfast served both services. CG Bible Church Easter Breakfast at 9 a.m. 1200 E. Quincy Ave. Delight Valley Church of Christ Easter Breakfast from 9-10:30 a.m. 33087 Saginaw Rd East. First Baptist Church Easter Brunch begins at 9:30 a.m. 301 S. Sixth St. First Presbyterian Church Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. Third and Adams. Includes the flowering of The Cross. CG United Methodist Church Easter Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. 334 Washington Ave. Includes flowering The Cross. St. Andrews Episcopal Church Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 a.m. CG Bible Church Easter Worship in Scripture and

song at 10:30 a.m. 1200 E. Quincy Ave. Delight Valley Church of Christ Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. 33087 Saginaw Rd East (Special Children’s Program) Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Service at 10:30 a.m. 1025 N. 19th Street Trinity Lutheran Church Festival Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Sixth and Quincy. “Peter – The Witness of the Resurrection” Living Faith Assembly at 10:30 a.m. 467 S. 10th St. First Baptist Church Resurrection Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. 301 S. Sixth St. Delight Valley Church of Christ Easter Egg Hunt at Noon (following service) features 6,000 candy or toy-filled eggs. Church of Christ Sixth & Gibbs Easter Egg-stravaganza for Kids follows the 10:30 a.m. service (about Noon). **MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-A-LONG** – Friday, April 14 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.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST SIXTH and GIBBS 2016 WOMEN’S RETREAT** – April 15-17 “Be the Light” is the theme of the annual retreat at Grove Christian Camp, 37028 Shoreview Dr. in Dorena. Cost \$60. Register at [www.grovechristian-camp.com](http://www.grovechristian-camp.com) or call 541-946-1662.

## Churches unite to reduce child abuse, neglect

BY CINDY WEELDREYER  
For The Sentinel

A single dad is laid off and his three-year-old daughter needs child care he can’t pay for while he looks for a new job to support her. A desperate mother delays an important surgery because she has no one to care for her twin toddlers while she recovers. A court orders a mother into an addiction treatment program and she needs a safe place for her child while she gets clean and sober and learns strategies to stay that way. These are circumstances in life that threaten the health and safety of families every day.

Statistics show there were 40,000 calls to Oregon Child Protective Services (CPS) in 2000. In 2011, that number jumped to 74,000. In Lane County, of the approximately 5,000 calls per year reporting suspected abuse or neglect, roughly 1,000 cases are opened. Safe Families for Children (SFFC) works to assist the other 4,000 families who are in crisis and need extra help to bring balance back into their lives.

SFFC began in Chicago, Illinois in 2003 and is now in 78 locations, including five in Oregon. SFFC provides temporary respite care for families in crisis by activating a network of volunteers within faith communities.

Eight Cottage Grove churches have initially signed up for the program designed to reduce child abuse and neglect and the number of children in state care by supporting families through a rough time. Participating church representatives, program staff, Mayor Tom Munroe and County Commissioner Faye Stewart gathered at the Armory for the March 5 ribbon ceremony to commemorate and celebrate the launch of Safe Families for Children in South Lane County.

Safe Families is a program of Christians as Family Advocates (CAFA), a Eugene-based group of mental health therapists who offer services and support to adults, children and families.



photo by Bruce Kelsch

**Elected officials and participating church representatives gathered on March 5 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Cottage Grove Armory to launch the Safe Families for Children program to reduce child abuse in South Lane County. L-to-R: Amanda Hinkle of Calvary Chapel, CG Mayor Tom Munroe, Lane County Commissioner Faye Stewart and Emily Johnson of Safe Families for Children.**

Safe Families is a partnership of the volunteers, churches and community members, and CAFA provides infrastructure and training and oversees the applications, background checks and home studies.

Emily Johnson, CAFA’s Community Program Coordinator, described CAFA’s history and the services it provides.

“CAFA has the goal of making a safer place for children,” Johnson said. “It’s been meeting the mental health needs of Lane County since 1994. Safe Families for Children was introduced to us in early 2014 and we knew almost immediately we needed to help bring this program to Lane County.”

At the kickoff ceremony SFFC Lane County Director Angela Ard said the Safe Families movement is successful only when entire communities come

together to support both the volunteer host family and the biological family they are helping. “Protecting at-risk children is a collective effort and we are very grateful for everyone who has stepped up to help,” Ard said. “We are excited about the way Cottage Grove is working to provide a safe place for kids. There is a role for everyone in Safe Families.”

She added, “Host families are always needed, as well as support volunteers to help with childcare, transportation, meals, and supplies. Anyone interested in joining the movement can request a presentation for their congregation or small group or give us a call. And for those who know of a family going through a crisis who may not have a safe support system, give them our number so we can help.”

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## CHURCH BRIEFS - 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.

### 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 ad-

ditional information call Pastor Jairus Sathianathan at 541-391-3901 or Dan Holt at 541-946-1445.

### WEEKDAY MORNING COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

– Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. The Cottage Grove United Methodist Church offers a weekly community Bible study two. 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.

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

### 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 APRIL FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, April 21 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to [weeldreyer@aol.com](mailto: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](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  
Youth Group Bible Study  
Child Care 10:45am Service Only  
[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 Markov & 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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