



FAITH

Special events

MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-A-LONG – Friday, Sept. 9 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Hosted at the Old Time Gospel Fellowship Church, 103 S. 5th St. The monthly event features group singing and music specials. If you have an instrument to play or you want to sing a special song, call Berneda at 541-942-3773 or Sandra at 541-942-9129.

SDA MONTHLY PRODUCE AND MORE GIVE-AWAY – Monday, Sept. 19 from 1-3 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Community Services provides fresh fruits and vegetables as well as clothing and some household goods. The church is located at 820 S. 10th St. (Across from Harrison School)

FREE FOOD SANITATION and SAFETY CLASS – Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For South Lane County churches and benevolent organizations who serve food to the public. Presented by Zach Roberts, R.E.H.S. with Lane County Dept. of Environmental Health. Participants in the free class learn required procedures followed by a test and will receive a food handler's card. Pre-registration requested to ensure materials are available. Class location: Lane Community College at Cottage Grove, 1275 S. River Rd. Class offered with support from the City of Cottage Grove. Call Gloria at 541-912-7789 with questions or RSVP.

New school reboots Adventist role in education

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
Sentinel Faith Page Editor

Four days remained for Cottage Grove Christian School teacher Dianna Mohr to get everything organized and tidied up before the Aug. 23 Open House, which included an official ribbon cutting ceremony with the mayor. The rows of desks were neatly lined up. Colorful instructional wall decorations were in place and ready for her young students to learn the basics. Her husband of many years was on-duty to help her unpack the stacked boxes of books and teaching supplies that ringed the room awaiting a home in her newest classroom in the Cottage Grove Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

History repeats itself this month when students walk into Mrs. Mohr's classroom next Monday. According to the local history book, Golden Was the Past, Vol. 1, 129 years ago, in 1887, children of a group of pioneers from Minnesota (and a few other students from communities in Washington, Idaho and other parts of Oregon) walked into the small classroom of Cottage Grove's first Adventist teacher. That humble one-room school in Silk Creek, an area just west of town, evolved into the Royal Academy that educated local and international students here from 1905 to 1950.

The article author Edith Darnell wrote, "Education is with the Seventh-Day Adventists a form of religion. They have always believed in furnishing their children, and others if they wish to attend, with schools where fundamental Bible religion is the basis and the crown of learning."

Pastor Kevin Miller and his wife Carrie's son, Wyatt, thrived in the Oak Park and Trinity preschools. As they wondered what's next for him they began talking with church members and some parents of Wyatt's classmates.

"In the fall of 2014, we felt it was time to bring back an Adventist school here," Miller said. "As we began ex-



photo by Bruce Kelsch

Mayor Tom Munroe joins School Board Chairman Jim Gryte (left) and Pastor Kevin Miller (right) at the ribbon cutting and open house for Cottage Grove Christian School on Aug. 16.

ploring the idea with our members and education leaders within in the Oregon Adventist Conference, we knew it was a really big venture. We determined to take the journey together and allow God to make it clear what we were to do."

Currently there are 11 students enrolled in grades 1-4. The school has a capacity for 18 in the blended classroom that uses a nationally recognized accredited curriculum and provides individual instruction that allows students to progress at their own rate of learning.

School hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Thursday with a half day on Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Home-schooled students are invited to attend on Wednesday mornings for a Chapel worship assembly, hear guest speakers, play Bible games and participate in art, Spanish, choir and drama activities.

Miller said, "We are blessed to have such a successful and experienced

teacher helping us re-establish a faith-based school here. Dianna has a passion for teaching kids and a strong track record of starting new schools."

Mohr began teaching in California after graduating with an elementary education degree from La Sierra University in 1966. In her decades-long career as an educator, she has taught classes in grades K-12 in six states and became the first female principal in the Oregon SDA Region, while working in Gladstone. She stays connected to hundreds of her former students on Facebook.

"My favorite grade is the one I'm teaching," Mohr said. "I love being with kids and helping them learn. I have the joy and privilege of witnessing all their "aha" moments. I especially love teaching in Christian schools because Christ is integrated throughout the curriculum and I want my students to have a personal relationship with Jesus. It's fun to start a new school and watch how students grow from one school year to the

next."

The curriculum teaches basic education fundamentals and incorporates four anchor points of understanding: 1) God as Creator, 2) The reality of sin, 3) What Jesus did for all on The Cross, and 4) Jesus Christ is coming back again.

As part of the world's largest Protestant school system, Cottage Grove Christian School's mission is "To connect young people to Jesus Christ and to prepare them for a life of service to God and humanity." The school's vision is to provide high-quality, Bible-based Christian education as an alternative to secular education in the community. Their philosophy is students will excel as scholars, community leaders and servants of Christ if they have an affirming environment supported by a committed community and staff providing an educational experience that pursues whole child development.

Aleah Orton will be a first grader at the school this year. She completed kindergarten at a Springfield elementary school last year. Her Christ-centered family attends The Grove Community Church (on Mosby Creek Road). The Assistant Pastor, Bradly Shepherd, is a long-time family friend who helps care for Aleah when her mother and grandmother are at work.

"We discussed the opportunity and decided to enroll her after a conversation I had with her on the way to school last spring," Shepherd recalled. "I asked her why she wanted to go to a Christian school. When her response was 'Jesus isn't in my school,' that's when we knew we had to do this for her."

Miller noted the tuition is affordable and financial aid is available. Non-Adventist families that desire to be part of a Christian community, that can satisfy financial arrangements and can accept the school policies are invited to enroll their children in Mrs. Mohr's class.

"We have a renewed sense of excitement in offering a meaningful, impactful ministry to our community's families," Miller said.

CHURCH BRIEFS

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.
Saturdays – Church of Christ Sixth and Gibbs at 5 p.m.

WEEKLY FAITH-BASED PROGRAMS

Cottage Grove has the following weekly Christ-centered programs for that meet during the school year. Contact them for the date the program resumes.

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.cgbible.org or call 541-942-4771.

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

This Lane County Youth for Christ non-denominational youth outreach program meets during the school year. 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 or call 541-942-6842.

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 SEPTEMBER FAITH PAGE

There will be no Faith Page for July. The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, Sept. 22 at noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to weeldreyer@aol.com.

Worship Directory

WORSHIP WITH US

DRAIN:
Gateway Family Fellowship
Church of the Nazarene
337 "C" St. Drain, OR
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
Living Hope Free Lunch
Wed. at 12:30pm
541-836-7051 www.drainnaz.org

HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Bible Study: 10:45am
Potluck Lunch: Noon
Worship: 12:45pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
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
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcalvary.org

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

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4.tv
Summer Schedule: Sunday Service 10am
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 Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
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 10:00 am
Sat Evening Service 6:00pm
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

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 St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Join us in Traditional Christian Worship

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 Hollbrock 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
llccg.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
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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