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More than 200 Cottage Grove area residents spent last Saturday evening praying for their community, upcoming elections and the nation.

Hundreds gather locally to pray for nation

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Many americans are on edge and bitterly divided. The isolation and fear of a global pandemic, combined with social unrest erupting in cities across the country, devastating natural disasters and conflicting political ideologies clashing as election day approaches.

For those reasons, a national day of prayer and repentance was declared for Saturday, Sept. 26.

Tens of thousands of Christians packed the National Mall in Washington, D.C., from the Lincoln Memorial to Capitol Hill to “pray for God’s intervention to heal all that is broken in America.”

Saturday evening in Cottage Grove included a bright orange setting sun to the west, illuminating the darker clouds overhead as approximately 200 people gathered in Bohemia Park at 6:30 p.m. for a local observance of the na-

tional call to prayer.

Organized by several local churches, the non-denominational prayer gathering began and ended with worship music led by musicians from several area churches.

Some chose to walk around the park and pray; others remained in the amphitheater. Topics included prayers for wisdom for local, state and national leaders and for God’s will to be done in the Nov. 3 election; for divine solutions to difficult social issues and an end to the violence happening around the country; and for protection for first responders and healthcare workers by ending the coronavirus pandemic.

Other prayers were for the people of God to humble themselves and turn away from unholy attitudes, appetites, ambitions, bitterness, unforgiveness and judgmental attitudes.

Participants also prayed for unity among churches and all

Christ-followers so that the “Church of Jesus Christ in Cottage Grove” would be sensitive to the community’s needs.

Living Faith Assembly Pastor Rulon Combs joined with other local pastors to organize the event. He said he was very pleased with the success of the event. He especially liked how the church members came together to simply pray for themselves, their state and their country.

“I was extremely pleased this was a non-denominational event that united us as the Body of Christ,” Combs said. “The worship team selected very appropriate songs and included musicians from four churches, with the oldest one just 27-years-old.”

Combs added, “I was honored and grateful that more than 200 people of all ages showed up to pray — and I know God heard our united prayer for divine help in these troubled times.”

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- Lorane Christian Church held both indoor and drive-in services last Sunday at 10 a.m.
- Indoor was with masks and at least six-foot dis-

tance. There were at least seven cars outside for service.

Thank you to Lorane Church for its innovative services during these COVID-19 times. Same for next Sunday at 10 a.m.

- Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District started on Sept. 22 with all distance learning due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Lane County taking us over the metric for any in person classes. The high school held

an assembly on zoom for its students. All students and staff worked hard in this new learning environment.

They will keep students and parents updated on how everything is working.

For more information, call Applegate Elementary at 541-935-2100 or Crow Middle/High School at 541-935-2227.

- Lorane Grange meets Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. — still with masks and distancing.

They’ll be discussing plans for the fall.

No word at this time about when RAC Movie night will resume at the Grange.

- Please, everyone be careful on Stoney Point. Last week someone almost ran into the back of a flagger’s truck and over the weekend a car went over the side of the construction site.

Just slow down in either direction and be prepared to stop.



Pet Tips ‘n’ Tales

By Mary Ellen
“Angel Scribe”

Borrow my Doggy



Charlotte, Annie and Beezus went from strangers to family.

(This was first published in The Sentinel on. Oct. 2, 2019)

It is amazing who you can meet at Costco! I have no idea how Annie and I began our conversation, but before we knew it we were new best friends as she shared her dog, Beezus’s, English tale.

Annie moved from the USA to Bristol, UK, in 2014 with her female Bernese Mountain Dog, Beezus, for work.

The university town of Bristol has students who miss their own dogs. So, on BorrowMyDoggy.com, they sign up to spend quality time with other people’s best Fido friends. It is a great concept, and with Annie’s busy lifestyle she knew it would be perfect to register Beezus.

At this time, Charlotte was a Zoology student completing her undergraduate degree with plans of continuing on to veterinary school. She loves dogs and knew that borrowing a dog would be a stress reliever and force her to get outside and exercise.

During her final term, while completing her senior thesis, she would borrow Beezus several times a week. They walked to cafes where she was writing, or to her home to hang out with her flatmates.

“Beezus was a Godsend,” said Charlotte. “During my last year at university and final exams, Beezus’s happy spirit lifted my spirits,” said Charlotte.

Charlotte graduated in June 2016 and moved back home to London to start her veterinary studies. At the same time, miraculously, Annie relocated to London for a new job.

“Charlotte continued borrowing Beezus for weekends when I was traveling,” said Annie. Two years later, Beezus and I said goodbye to Charlotte and relocated to Vancouver, Canada.

But their story does not end there!

The ladies kept in touch, and that summer Charlotte flew to Vancouver to visit her “borrowed family.”

“It was her first visit to Vancouver and she fell in love with it,” said Annie. “While here, she reached out to several veterinarian clinics. The good news is that Charlotte will be returning this winter to stay with Beezus and me as she completes a placement for her veterinary degree.”

Some more “Borrow Beezus” experiences:

- A young college student’s girlfriend loves Bernese Mountain Dogs. So, for her birthday, he borrowed Beezus and surprised her with a picnic at a park.
- That same girlfriend was organizing a fashion show for the university and borrowed Beezus to walk the catwalk with the lead model.
- Beezus was loaned to a 10-year-old girl for her birthday slumber party and along with her three friends, who had a picnic at the park.
- Annie confesses that she was jealous of her dog when Beezus — and not her — was invited for a weekend at a country estate!

The minute that Annie learned about BorrowMyDog, she knew the idea was a winner and it has proven so on so many levels.

“Not only has Beezus met wonderful people who care for her, so have I,” said Annie. “She has had so many wonderful adventures and always came home happy, instead of sitting around bored all day in my flat. She was exercised, socialized and had a full life. I did not have to worry about her and we discovered the connection was a way to meet family we did not know we had!”

Note: Beezus’s name is from Beverly Cleary’s childrens’ books about Ramona and Beezus Quimby. Beverly’s books were the first Annie read as a child and when she moved to Portland, Ore., she lived in the neighborhood where the books took place.

Tips:

Video of Beezus, Annie and Charlotte are available at: <https://www.borrowmydoggy.com/testimonials/bee-zus-annie-charlotte>

Write us about your fun pet at angelscribe@msn.com

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Yards will be selected each week by nominations. To nominate a yard you can call City Hall (942-5501) or Chamber of Commerce (942-2411)