

**Sundays: Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.**  
**WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.**

**May:**

**Song Leader:** Mandy Treanor

**Filling Communion:** Linda Minnich

**Flowers:** Linda Minnich

**Sanctuary pick-up:** Linda Minnich

**Fellowship Hour:** Staff Relations Committee

**Those who serve May 3:**

Elder – Hank Hudson

Greeters – Judy Lucius & Angie Bard

Diaconate – Pete Price, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Sharon Hohstadt

**Those who serve May 10: MOTHER'S DAY**

Elder – Sharon Hohstadt

Greeters – Phyllis Arnst & Leslie Hasse

Diaconate – Peter Rankin, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Kari Baybado

**Those who serve May 17:**

Elder – Stacy Webster

Greeters – Gail Hescocock & Ginger Webster

Diaconate – Larry Knape, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Cheryl Hudson

**Those who serve May 24: PENTECOST**

Elder – Larry Glaze

Greeters – Dennis & Lori Van Leuven

Diaconate – Pete Price, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Larry Glaze

**Those who serve May 31: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY**

Elder – Shirley Cook

Greeters – Delores Fisher & Carol Haddock

Diaconate – Peter Rankin, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Ladella Wood

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Thursday - 8:00 - Noon Closed in p.m.

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April 21, 2026



Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Here we are looking forward to the beauty May brings: the flowers and green grass, planting gardens and planning summer activities. In all this busyness we very easily could lose sight of our true calling, searching for and pursuing God's will. But we see Him brought to life in the sights and sounds of nature and all of creation, and when we enjoy His creation, we glorify Him.

Last Sunday I suggested we look at the concept of submission, what it looks like and ways to put it into action. The following scriptures reveal to us that submission is a good thing; it's not evil as the world teaches us. These verses are wonderful guidelines to accomplish being a servant to our Heavenly Father:

Luke 14:27

*27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.*

Carrying the persecution of the world for our faith in the Father is required by Jesus. Its burden is not meant to weigh us down, but instead to prove to the world we would rather be a slave to God than to the flesh.

Matthew 10:37-39

<sup>37</sup> “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for My sake will find it.

God is not asking us to give up our family and friends, but instead to serve them by serving God first. When we love as Jesus loves, we see them differently and eternally as He does. Our family prayer life changes. When we view our relationships with others through the eyes of the Creator, we find the inner beauty of each individual.

This world and all the good things in it are meant to bring us joy and glory to God. Only the good is of God. The bad, dark things of this world are not of God, and the enemy desires to drag us into this darkness. This is the life we are to give up. Who do we serve? The one whose passion is to destroy, or the One who died to bring us life? Either choice requires submission.

When we lose our life for the sake of Jesus, His cause, we are submitting to God’s will so that all mankind might be reconciled to God.

John 14:28

<sup>28</sup> “You heard Me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.”

Jesus continued to speak to His disciples of old and to us today, reminding us of a truth and a promise: He was going away and will be back. We celebrate Jesus’s resurrection and ascension to heaven and now we are waiting for His return. Waiting requires patience and faith. In our acts of submission, He provides all the spiritual gifts needed to obey Him and live our best life today.

Ephesians 5:21

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

To me this verse reminds me to love, but how?

Mark 12:30-31

<sup>30</sup> “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

If we love others as we love God—more than ourselves—this will be our ultimate gift of submission.

Your servant in Jesus,

Archie

Call to action:

What might submission to the Father, to Jesus and to the Holy Spirit look like? They are distinct and yet One.

For reflection on this, look up the following verses:

Ezekiel 34:30-31

Matthew 4:19

Galatians 5:16-17

**Little Red Wagon Sunday will be May 3. Please bring CANNED FRUIT & FRUIT CUPS for the food bank. Thank you so much!**





## Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF will meet on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Officers will be elected. It will be a regular meeting followed by a potluck.

Please note that an error was made in the April newsette concerning modified offices. Please note below the correct arrangement of offices and the slate of officers:

President: Shirley Cook  
Vice President: Barb Malone  
Secretary: Stacy Webster  
Treasurer: Carolynn Vaughan  
Worship: Sharon Hohstadt  
Christian Concern & Weddings:  
Vicqui Hook & Jan Matson  
Sunshine: Jeanette Tsiatsos  
Publicity: Kari Baybado

### Property Committee

Spring has arrived, and with it comes the start of our annual yard work around the church grounds. We're grateful for the faithful volunteers who have already rolled up their sleeves to help keep our property welcoming and cared for.

This past week, Dick Hohstadt got things started by spraying weeds around the church and parking areas, helping to prevent overgrowth before it takes hold. Larry Glaze followed up by pulling weeds in the flower beds and around the walkways—a steady, detailed job that makes a big difference in our curb appeal. Meanwhile, Dennis Van Leuven has officially begun his mowing and trimming duties for the season, ensuring our lawns stay neat and well-groomed throughout the summer months. Give them a big hand of thanks!

We appreciate each of these men for their time, effort, and dedication. Their quiet service helps create a beautiful and inviting space for everyone who comes onto our campus. If you'd like to lend a hand in the weeks ahead, there will be plenty of opportunities as the growing season continues—every bit of help makes a difference!



### ***NEW WEB PAGE FOR FCC!***

***We have a new web page that Brenda has been working on. It is designed for non-members to find out about us, but also for members to utilize. As part of the First Christian Church congregation, you will appreciate seeing upcoming events, the calendar, sermon videos, and even an easy way to give online. Brenda is still working on it as you will notice. If you have any suggestions for content or format, she will welcome your input! Please go to:***

***[lagrandefirstchristianchurch.snappages.site](http://lagrandefirstchristianchurch.snappages.site)***

### PENTECOST SINGERS NEEDED



Because Pentecost is such an important event in the early history of the church (Acts 2), I would like to augment our worship service May 24 with two choral anthems: "Pentecost Fire" (to serve as the prelude) and "A Mighty Rushing Wind" (special music later in the service).

I will direct the anthems; Vicki will accompany them. If you would like to sing, please check your calendars right away and confirm that you will be in church May 24, as it coincides with Memorial Day weekend. It would be helpful if you have sung these anthems before, so that they can be prepared with a minimum of rehearsal time.

If this is something you can commit to, please let Liz know by email ([elizabethcooper302@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcooper302@gmail.com)) or text (541-805-9853). Thank you for considering this way of participating in our worship service,

Liz Cooper

## COMING EVENTS

*Check out this information and get registered for the Regional Assembly and to get your kiddos registered for summer camp!*



### **Save The Date!**

Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho

Regional Assembly 2026

May 15—16, 2026

Red Rock Christian Church in Boise, Idaho

Theme: United in Covenant

Speaker: Dr. Stephen V. Sprinkle



Dr. Stephen V. Sprinkle is Emeritus Professor of Practical Theology, Brite Divinity School, and Theologian-in-Residence of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Dallas, Texas.

**Cove Christian Camp**  
2026 Camp Season

Registration opens  
April 1

		Earlybird
K - 2nd	July 16-18	\$110
3rd - 4th	June 23-27	\$180
5th - 6th	July 7-11	\$180
7th - 12th	June 16-20	\$180

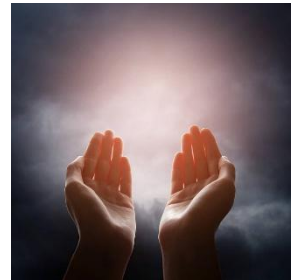
Our theme this season is:

NO Greater LOVE  
John 3:16

register online @  
[covechristiancamp.org](http://covechristiancamp.org)

*(If anyone wants to do a little work for scholarship, let the office know).*

May 7<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer. This year, our Christian community is gathering at Max Square in downtown La Grande from 3 to 8 p.m. to unite in worship and prayer! This is going to be an amazing event that you don't want to miss, plus there's going to be free food!



*The Membership Committee is bringing back the Mother/Daughter Tea! Ladies, grab a relation or friend and join us in the Fellowship Hall on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. Watch for more information about this in the bulletin or ask Linda Minnich!*



Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the care and concern shown for our cousin Cathy during her brave battle with pancreatic cancer. She passed away shortly before Easter in Portland.

Love,  
Liz Cooper and Carol Haddock

Dear First Christian Church,

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are truly grateful for the incredible support you have shown to C-Apio Ministries Uganda. Your gift of many Bibles is a blessing to Uganda.

The word of God is going a long way in touching many lives; we are now able to share God's message with communities who are hungry for Him. Many lives are changing by the love and truth of Scripture and this is because of your support.

Thank you also for the opportunity you gave to Mary to share our message with your women's group. It was a privilege to be able to speak about our ministry and share our story. Thank you so much for the warm welcome she received.

We are deeply grateful for your kindness, generosity, and commitment to spreading the Word of God! We thank God for your support!

May God bless you abundantly!

Sincerely,

Catherine Apio

Team Leader of C-Apio Ministries Uganda

**Submit therefore to God.  
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.  
James 4:7**

**Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;  
be courageous; be strong.  
Do everything in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:13**