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Blog of the Week

Teri Burch

The Presence of Flowers

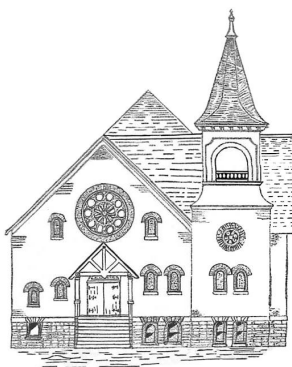
My mother loved having a flower garden. She had a rose garden and a mixed flower garden with dahlias, tulips, crocus, daffodils, bleeding hearts, daisies, snapdragons, geraniums, foxglove, gladiolas, zinnias, and iris. She also had lilac bushes, forsythias, and ... [Read More](#)



This Week

Membership Class

Saturday, April 29 | 9 am - Noon

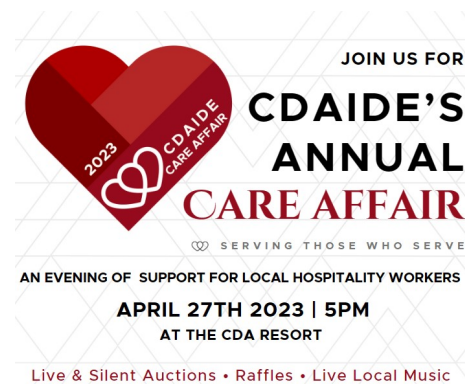


Do you want to know more about our church history?

Do you want to know more about how our church is organized and the rolls of Elders and Deacons?

Do you want to know more about what it means to be part of the Presbyterian church?

Come to the membership class on



Please join CDAIDE for a fun night of food, music, and giving at the Fifth Annual Care Affair! The event will be held on April 27th at the CDA Resort, starting at 5 pm. This event raises funds to help support local hospitality workers through financial crises. Delicious appetizers from local award-winning chefs, a unique and fun buffet dinner, dessert, and live music are all included with ticket purchase. We will also have raffles and silent and live auctions to help raise funds. It should be

Saturday, April 29 from 9 am until noon. We'll be serving light snacks and beverages.

Sign up for the class at the welcome desk or call the church office. And, please let us know if you need child care.

New Staff Position

~ Director of Worship ~

The HR Committee along with some of our praise band members and Pastor McLane have been visioning a new position for a Director of Worship. Thanks to the support of Finance and Session we are able to offer this opportunity.

The [Job Description](#) and details have been posted to [Indeed](#). Please take some time to review the position. If you or someone you know has a heart and talent for music and worship and feel led by God to this position, you can apply through Indeed. You will need to submit a cover letter and resume. Please pray for God to bring the right person to our church family.

Larry Penney

September 1, 1939 - April 13, 2023



Long-time member, Larry Penney passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Thursday, April 13. His memorial services will take place this **Friday, April 21st at 10 am in the Sanctuary**. There will be cookie reception following the service. Please keep Jane and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale 2023

an exciting evening! Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased [here](#) for \$75 each.

If you are interested in donating items for the auction, please reach out to jasonn@cdaide.org. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to tammys@cdaide.org.

Coffee House Conversations

As the 1st Pres Community Outreach Committee discussed the direction we wanted to head, Kay Mills perfectly summed up our intention - ***"To enhance our faith through understanding and reaching out to our neighbors with Love First"***.

The concept of our church having a more visible presence in our community as a body of Christians that truly Love First and welcome all is our goal. But there is a level of understanding that needs to be reached before we may be able to empathize with those who may face challenges in life that differ from ours.

Thus, the concept of *Coffee House Conversations* was born. A place to share coffee and stories, learn about other's struggles and gain understandings through human interactions.

Our very first event will happen Monday, May 1 in Krueger Hall at 5:30 pm. We'll have coffee, treats, and a guest speaker from the Executive Director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Idaho. Beth Markley, joining us from Boise, will talk about the stigma related to mental health, how to talk about mental health, where to find resources and best to offer support.

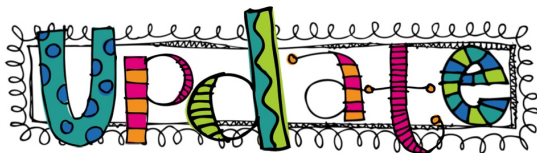
Orders are being taken for our annual 1st Pres Children & Family Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale continuing through May 7th.



Choose between baskets of geraniums (red, pink, or orange) OR mixed flowers (generally petunias and a combination of other colorful lovelies). These are high quality, long-lasting blooms that you will want to gift or keep for your own garden.

Proceeds from the sale benefit our Camp Scholarship fund so you can show love to those you love (including yourself) AND know you're pampering the mom's who's kiddo's are off at camp. They will be sipping iced tea and thinking of you and how blessed they are you gave them a quiet moment.

Church Directory Update



It's not too late to review and update your directory information. You do not need to be a member to be included. We're also updating pictures and are happy to take one for you on Sunday the 23rd or the 30th. Look for Janet either before the 9 am service or between the the 9 am and 10:30 am services. We hope to publish the new directory in May.

Beth's presentation will be followed by a brief panel discussion featuring Judge John Mitchell from Kootenai County Mental Health Court, Dean Piovesan, MS, LCPC of VIP Counseling (and Bonnie's husband), Kate Dolan, whose teenager tried to complete suicide, and a community member facing mental health issues.

Please join us and be ready to gain insight and understanding to a disease that impacts 1 in 5 of us. If you are interested in what else we are planning this year, or have a suggestion, please reach out to our committee - Donna Brundage - Chair, Karen Sines, Gina Dingman, Kay Mills, Carol Mitchell, Darlene Nason, Paula Lyon, Suzy Jolley, and Bev and Steve Moss.

Family Promise Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Dinner Auction

Join us for a fun evening of food and fundraising! You can be part of providing shelter



and food for families experiencing homelessness, as well as assisting them to attain employment and permanent housing.

May 5, 5:30 - 9:00 pm

Best Western Inn
506 W. Appleway, Coeur d'Alene

Purchase Tickets Here: [Family Promise](#)

Or contact Teri Burch

\$75.00 Individual
\$600.00 for a table of 8

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Ephesians | A Mystery Made Known. What is God's will for my life? This past Sunday as we explored God's self-revealing love for



us in Jesus Christ. Listen to this past Sunday's service.

[Watch Now](#)

Many thanks to our team of volunteers who make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

Church News

Spring into Action Food Drive

All April

Our Community Outreach team is sponsoring the first food drive of 2023. Our congregation is incredibly generous when it comes to supporting our community and our food drives always make an important impact.



Look for suggested donations and bags to place them in all month. Bins will be in Krueger Hall and near the office. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

Sunday Morning Early Risers!



Have you ever wondered where our Sunday donuts come from? Of course, they come from a bakery but who picks them up and prepares them for our enjoyment?

If you've been here long enough, you know that over the years our breakfast has morphed into the donuts treats, a long-standing mission and service of the Keefer Christ Care group.

These days this group is a little smaller in number and a little older, too.

If you are an early riser and can help serve these donuts around 7:00 am on the occasional Sunday, we'd love to have your help!

The church pays for the donuts. We pick them up and serve them. If you're interested in helping out please contact Carolyn Keefer or the church office.

Prayer Warriors Wanted

You too can be a prayer warrior! We are a praying church and you can be a part of this important ministry. Contact the office if you'd like to be added to the iPray team. office@1stpresdowntown.org



Presbytery of the Inland NW Capital Campaign

The Presbytery leadership team has launched a capital campaign to raise funds for Nimiipuu church buildings. We are excited about this project and look forward to working with our Nimiipuu siblings.

[Watch the Video](#)
[Campaign FAQ sheet](#)

Small Groups

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

For someone who could use a lift

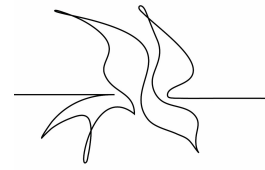


Prayer shawls or lap blankets are a wonderful and cozy boost for a loved

one!

You can find them in the Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.

If you are interested, please stay tuned - we're re-imagining our Small Groups. In the meantime, you can find information on our website. If you can't find what you're looking for, please call the office.



- [Men's Fellowship](#)
- [Sunday Bible Study](#)
- [Women's Circles](#)

April Weekly Events

Sundays

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary
10:30 am Bible Study

Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Volunteers

Look below for the volunteer sign-up link! The sign-up sheet is also available on the wall in its usual place outside of the Adventure Kids Zone, and has been updated with April and May dates.

Volunteer Dates Needed:

4/30 Pre-k/K lead needed

5/7 All needed

5/14 All needed



Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer:

1stpreschildren@gmail.com. You can also check the volunteer sign-up sheet to sign-up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:

Youth Ministry

Register for Summer Camp



Camp Spalding offers great camps for students of all ages throughout the summer! Please contact Kierstie if you're interested in registering.

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Email [Kierstie](#) to receive the newsletters.

Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

The 1st Sunday of every month, all youth will stay in the Sanctuary to participate in Holy Communion.

Check Out Our Schedule

Join our group on the Band App to see our schedule, upcoming events, and more! Don't forget to turn on notifications. Click [here](#) to join!

Middle Schoolers are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service.



High Schoolers will meet at 11:30 for lunch and connection. Contact [Kierstie](#) for details.

Volunteers Needed!

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email [Kierstie](#) to get involved!