



1st Pres eNews

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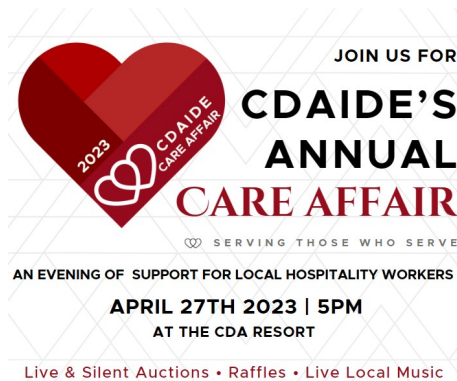
Blog of the Week

Tyler Renninger

Happy Little Trees

These days when you scroll through social media you are bound to see “memes”, which are pictures with various captions that are meant to be funny, make a point, or share a quote. Some of them even seem to know what you watched on TV last, or what you ... [Read More](#)

This Week



The event, held this **Thursday, April 27th** at the CDA Resort, starting at 5 pm, raises funds to help support local hospitality workers through financial crises. Enjoy appetizers from award-winning chefs, a wonderful buffet dinner, dessert, and live music. Raffles and silent and live auctions will help raise funds. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased [here](#) for \$75 each.

If you are interested in donating items for

Coffee House Conversations

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.

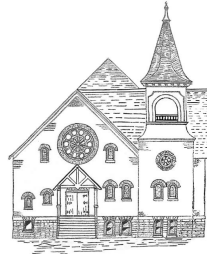
Our very first event will happen **Monday**,

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

Membership Class

Saturday, April 29 | 9 am - Noon

Come to the membership class this **Saturday, April 29** from 9 am until noon. Enjoy a continental breakfast, beverages and fellowship as you learn about what it means to be a member of 1st Pres.



Call the church office if you'd like to attend. And, please let us know if you need child care.

Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale 2023



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).

Order through May 7th. Pick-up, Wednesday, May 10 between 9 and 3 pm.

Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, May 6 | 9 am - 1 pm

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.

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, 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

You can be part of providing shelter and food for families experiencing homelessness, as well as assisting them to attain employment and permanent housing.



Join us on Friday, 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

In just over two weeks we'll be holding our Spring Grounds clean-up day. Coffee & donuts will be provided. We're hoping the weather will be perfect!



We will be focusing on outside clean up of the church property. We could use a few extra blowers and metal tine rakes and be sure to bring work gloves. Please reach out to Scott Fischer with any questions.

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

Mother's Day Salad Luncheon

Hosted by Presbyterian Women
May 13 | Noon - 2 pm

Please join us on Saturday, May 13th for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and good food!

Mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces, friends, in other words all are invited!

Kukhany'okusha Cares (KC), Eswatini

April Mission Team Update

Our mission partner's name, Kukhany'okusha, translates to "New Light". Located in Eswatini (previously Swaziland), South Africa, where the faith tradition is predominantly Christian, followed by Muslim. A team set out from Indiana in 2004 to Swaziland (now Eswatini) for a fact-finding mission and to determine to what extent HIV was ravaging the country. This group included Janice Wilson, niece of long-time members Dick and Marilyn Bruce. They found hungry children and people dying from HIV, leaving behind many orphans. Schools were needed, particularly preschools, for further education. Without parents, protecting children was a priority as child predators were a problem.

The team asked, "If we give you money, what can you do?" Heart-sick from listening to their children's hungry cry, mothers needed food. To encourage the people of Swaziland to trust this newly founded program, Bishop Mkhonta of Kukhany'Oshuka Zion Church formed an advisory board. In 2011 the first truckload of food arrived. Churches and the community did the best they could to help. Water, available by a few working wells, was also brought in by truck.

Over the ensuing years, six preschools and two community centers where kids can get a hot meal were created. For some, this was their only access to food. Teachers are Christian. Once registered for school, kids can then go to public school for free as well as university. Farms at the centers help to create sustainability with good community support. 1st Pres Church provided money for one of the buildings in 2019.

Today, HIV medication is keeping parents alive. COVID has receded. Clinics are available in the bush and the city has a hospital, pharmacy and some support is available as well from some of the more affluent locals.

Bishop Mkhonta has passed away and has not been replaced yet. Janice hopes to return in 2024 and has been there many times prior to the outbreak of COVID. She states 100% of the money we give goes to the needs of the mission.



Global Ministries

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Ephesians | Our Way of Life. Why is it so hard to treat others as we want to be treated? Listen to this past Sunday's service as we discovered a path that few take.

[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

Church Directory Update

Last chance to review your directory information or let us know that you'd like to be added! You do not need to be a member to be included. Pictures are being updated and we're happy to take one for you this Sunday, April 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.



Spring into Action Food Drive

One more week!

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!



New Staff Position Open

~ 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 feels 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,

Be a Prayer Warrior



Larry Penney passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Thursday, April 13. Please keep Jane and the family in your thoughts and prayers as Larry is laid to rest in Holdrege Nebraska.

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

Sunday Morning Early Risers!

If you are an early riser and can help serve 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.

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](#)

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

For someone who could use a lift



Prayer shawls or lap blankets are a 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.

Small Groups

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.

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

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 Both Pre-k/K needed

5/21 Both assistants 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:

Sunday School and Event Volunteer
Signup

Background Check Form

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!

Middle Schoolers are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for

Don't forget to turn on notifications.
Click [here](#) to join!

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!