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Blog of the Week

Chris Gray

Words of Wisdom - Take 3

The world today, at times, can seem like a cold place which can lead to a miserable attitude.

There will always be enough injustice and irritation to keep us in the wilderness. Especially if we choose to complain, criticize, doubt, and rebel.

However, life also offers plenty of people or situations to generate thankfulness, love, faith, ... [Read More](#)



This Week

Welcome Forrest Buckner

Our Guest Speaker, August 22

The Rev. Forrest Buckner has the impressive title of Storm Family Dean of Spiritual Life and Campus Pastor at Whitworth University.



After undergraduate degrees in civil and mechanical engineering at Colorado School of Mines, Forrest worked at First Presbyterian Church of Boulder for more than nine years. He earned his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. in theology from the University of St.



Clothing Giveaway Aug 21st

THIS WEEK!

Help us cross the finish line!

We have an amazing group of volunteers ... just sayin'. What has taken the better part of a week in the past is mostly complete! We can always use more help

Andrews in Scotland. He primarily enjoys spending his free time with his wife and three young, delightful children.

Welcome From Pastor Neal Our Interim Pastor

Listen to this video greeting from Pastor Neal! He will be arriving CDA on Sept 1.



Spokane Indians Family Night This Friday Night!

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for Family Night!



Date: Friday, August 20th

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Avista Stadium, Spokane Valley

Cost: \$12 per seat

Order tickets: [HERE](#)

Fall Festival In Krueger Hall Sunday, August 29th | 8:15 - 10:30 am



Coming to church to worship each Sunday is a wonderful way to start any week!

the day of ... especially with end-of-giveaway clean up. Not the fun part but SO necessary!

Giveaway Day August 21st

(Includes clean-up after closing at 11)

7:30 am - 1:00 pm

All volunteers will be contacted prior with shift information. Call Diane Wakkinen or Barb Proper if you have questions.

Thank you all for your support of the Deacons and this very important mission!

Downtown Scavenger Hunt Family Event August 25th @ 6:00



Children, youth, and families are invited to join us Wednesday, August 25th for a

downtown scavenger hunt! This end of summer event will also celebrate a transition for our incoming 6th graders! We will have fun for all ages, so gather your team, add a friend, and mark your calendar! Contact Kierstie or Carley for details.

FYI

Youth Group Cancelled

This Week

Please contact Kierstie if you have any questions.

Venture

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We are so happy to announce that Venture is starting anew. It's a little different than

However, do you ever wish for more fellowship than connecting with folks over coffee and donuts before or after the service? The Adult Discipleship Committee has just the solution to this conundrum!

On Sunday, August 29th, plan to stop by Krueger Hall where we'll have display tables setup presenting the variety of activities you can get involved with at 1st Pres. Whether your interests are small groups, music, or serving, come check out the possibilities. There are lots of ways to become involved at 1st Pres!

the past and we think that's a good thing. Beginning September 15th, classes include a New Membership series, The Good & Beautiful Community book discussion, and Love Like That, a RightNow Media series. There will be more information available at the Fall Festival. In addition there will be children's and youth programming. A complete family experience. Mark your calendars!

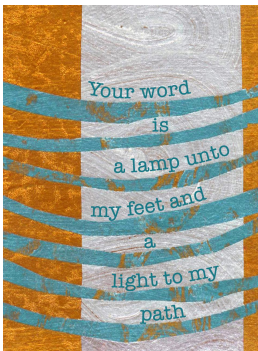
September 15
October 6 & 20
November 3 & 17
December 1

CDAIDE FUN!

CDAIDE has planned a fun end-of-summer event on Tuesday, August, 24th. You can find all of the details and register [HERE](#). It's going to be a great family event!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Do not fear, only believe. Pastor Kurt continued with lessons from Mark 5:21-43. These powerful verses spoke of unfailing faith. He asked us to experience God's grace, to slow down and be present! You won't want to miss this [Sunday's Service](#) on YouTube.

Carley continues with the Israelites story and this week they DO trust in God, His word and His plans. Listen to the entire message [here](#). This month's verse: Joshua 1:9 - Be Strong and Courageous!

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

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

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Your Gear is Here!

If you ordered a t-shirt or sweatshirt - it's

here! Please plan for pick-up this Sunday at the Youth Room garage door.



Golfing for Family Promise

Family Promise is hosting a Charity Best Ball Scramble on **September 17th** at the

God is Doing Amazing & Exciting Things at FPC

(at the Presbyterian pace)

As we move forward in our journey of visioning and planning for our future, there are two important steps. The first step is our [Strategic Planning](#). The Strategic Planning Team has been formed and commissioned by the Session and is ready to begin that process. The Pastoral Search Team will be formed and commissioned once the Strategic Planning phase is complete. [This link](#) takes you to the detailed letter explaining the background and timeline. Please contact Yvette Wyatt if you have any questions.

Prayer Shawls Available



Our knitters and crocheters have been working their magic and have completed 11 shawls and lap robes.

These are available to gift to those who would benefit from one of these prayerfully made shawls. They can be found in the **Fireside Room**. Please be sure to complete the Prayer Shawl Ministry sheet so we can track who's been gifted and that prayers for them continue.

Links golf course in Post Falls. [Click here for all the details!](#)

Daily Devotionals Available

REMINDER: Daily Devotionals - The Upper Room and Daily Bread - are always available for pickup at the Welcome Desk in Krueger Hall or during the week in the office.

Offering Plates are Back!

We are once again passing offering plates at the 9 am service during special music. If you prefer to present your offering using the Joash Chest, it will be available at the rail on the stage area.

Tech Coordinator Needed!

We ARE resilient and wish Will Johnson and his family well and send them with prayers as they begin this next journey.

Their life-changing event has led us to once again be looking for a Technical Coordinator. Do you know anyone who might be interested in this position? All the details can be found on the InDeed post. [Tech Coordinator/Sound Specialist](#)

August Schedule

Sundays

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online.
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary.
We encourage social distancing with masks optional.

DOXA 11 am

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

We are thrilled to provide you with our fall schedule! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via phone or email. I will be putting out the registration for Adventure Kids' Club later this week!



Late Summer / Fall Schedule

August

- Family Faith Night with the Spokane Indians. August 20th, 6:00 p.m.
- Downtown Family Scavenger Hunt: August 25th, 6:00 p.m. Followed by fellowship and an Ice cream sundae bar!

September

- Open House: September 12th after church. Bouncy house and breakfast fundraiser. Dedication of upper classrooms (Caroline's Donation).
- Venture/Adventure Kids' Club Kick Off! September 15th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. First and third Wednesdays from September 15th through December 1st.
- Family Day at Green Bluff: September 24th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Picnic lunch and apple picking?

October

- Harvest Festival: October 31st after church. Carnival games in the gym after the service BYOP for carving.

November

- Family Game Night and Gingerbread House Contest: November 17th, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

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Youth Ministry



Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter! Email Kierstie and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

Groups & Gatherings

Contemplative Worship Service A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. This service format is one where you can peacefully spend time worshiping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

Contemplative Service Leads

Donna Brundage: Greeting

Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design

Matt Broadway: Music

Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time every Friday from 10-11:30 in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other.

We'll keep you up-to-date in the eNews, on the church calendar, or you can call the office.

