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Blog of the Week

Brandie Edwards

God Makes Me Laugh

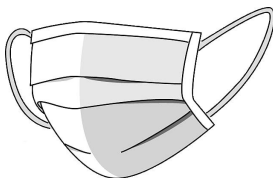
Just the title alone could be considered blasphemy; however, I assure you that it is not. In this blog, I will show you that since we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), humor must be one of those traits.



Does God have a sense of humor? ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Please Note - Masks Recommended Once Again



Due to the increase of the COVID variant cases, Session highly recommends that masks be worn. This is also in consideration of our vulnerable population and for the safety of our children who are ineligible to be vaccinated.

Welcome Pastor Neal Nybo! This Sunday



The day has arrived and we are so pleased to welcome our Interim Pastor, Neal Nybo this week. He has found a lovely home close to the



Labor Day
Monday, September 6th
Office Closed

church in Coeur d'Alene and will preach his first sermon this Sunday at the classic service at 9 am and the 10:30 contemplative service.

Feeding the Five Thousand

Back to School Food Drive



Back to school can be a very expensive time for families and there are times when the food budget runs low. The Community Outreach team is sponsoring a drive for the food bank the during the month of September. Starting on Sept 5 through Sept 26th there will be bins in the church to drop off your donations. Suggested items that the food bank can use are: canned meats like tuna, chicken, and ham. Simple boxed meals that you add hamburger to, mac 'n cheese, rice, rice a roni, top ramen, canned vegetables and fruit.

Naturally Inspiring the Future

NIC Children's Center Open House

Friday, September 17



1st Pres is cordially invited the NIC Children's Center for a celebration on Sept 17th from 3:30 - 5 pm (formal remarks at 4).

The generous support of the community has helped create an outdoor environment that allows children to learn and explore in a natural setting. Light refreshments served.

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Thank You Worship Leaders!

For the past eight weeks various members have graciously acted as our worship leaders and we could not be more grateful for their service. Please thank them!

Yvette Wyatt | Dan Brown
Teri Burch | Kierstie Renninger
Steve Morman | Jeannie Logozzo
Matt Broadway | Karen Huber

Back to School Celebration, Open House, & Fundraiser

Sunday, Sept 12 After the 9 am Service

Grab 'n Go

Back to school is right around the corner and we are excited to share Carley's beautiful upstairs classrooms, our new upstairs conference rooms with the congregation. We will also be praying for our students and sending them with a blessing for the upcoming school year! Youth will also host a free-will donation, grab-and-go breakfast as a fundraiser for camp scholarships.

We invite you to join us
Sunday, September 12 for this wonderful time of fellowship!

Students & Families, if you would like to volunteer to serve at the grab-and-go, please contact [Kierstie](#).



Open to anyone interested in finding out more about 1stPres, our mission, history,

Choir is On Hold ... for now

Due to a local increase in COVID cases, choir has been paused until it's been determined that rehearsals and Sunday singing is safe. If you have questions, please contact Kent Kimball.

and vision for the future - and how you can become a part of it! This is a great way to become more engaged with the life of the church, and is a must if you're seeking membership. Led by our Interim Pastor Neal Nybo.

This class is part of the Venture series and will be held over six evenings starting **Sept 15th and concluding Dec 1**. Please call the office if you'd like to attend.

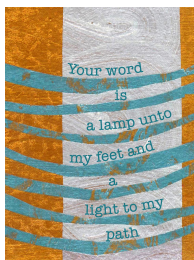
Venture

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We are so happy to announce that Venture is starting anew. It's a little different than the past and we think that's a good thing. Beginning Wednesday, September 15th, classes will include a New Membership series, The Good & Beautiful Community book discussion, and Love Like That, a RightNow Media series. In addition there will be children's and youth programming. A complete family experience. Mark your calendars and [register NOW!](#) Adult classes are from 6:30 - 7:40 with a short fellowship time following from 7:40 - 8. The kiddos and youth programs run from 6:30 - 8 pm. You can find more details on our website : [Venture](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



ANYONE is welcome! That is what Jesus said and demonstrated with his actions. Dan Kohler delivered a message based on Acts 10:25-48. Jesus' love and forgiveness is available to all! Listen to [the entire message](#) on our YouTube Channel.

Carley's focus for the next four weeks is John the Baptist and Jesus. John's job was to prepare the world for Jesus ... the Word and the

Light. How can you shine your light? Listen to her entire message [here](#).

This month's verse: 1 John 4:10

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](#)

Church News

Bless China International Missions Committee August Report

Bless China International, a long-term 1st Pres Mission Partner, offers faith and humanitarian services in China. The small

Province where they serve. Their applications have been



humanitarian project started by Rob and Noelani Cheeley has grown to a much larger organization that witnesses on many fronts touching many, many lives. Rob and Noelani returned to Maui, HI during COVID and are now having trouble making their way back to China, made difficult by the Chinese government. There is now a complicated visa application process accompanied by extensive required quarantine stays before they may return to the Kunming

updated and they hope to return to those they serve in October.

In the interim, their team in China (comprised mostly of Chinese citizens) continues to develop Christian leaders, run scholarship programs, elder health & wellness sessions and youth programs for autistic and disabled children mostly in the poorer provinces. Please pray for Rob and Noelani's safe return to Kunming to continue their work "live & in person".



Meals On Wheels Needs Drivers

Once again, Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers. Relief or full-time slots are available with a 2 hours max commitment once a week. Please contact [Cindi O'Leary](#) at the Lake City Senior Center if interested.

Tech Coordinator Needed!

We are once again looking for a Technical Coordinator. This position leads the A/V needs of the church on Sunday mornings and for some church events. Do you know anyone who might be interested in this position? All of the details can be found on our InDeed post.

[Tech Coordinator/Sound Specialist](#)

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.



Golfing for Family Promise

Family Promise is hosting a Charity Best Ball Scramble on **September 17th** at the Links golf course in Post Falls. [Click here for all the details!](#)

Orchard Ridge Moving Services Offered!

In an effort to raise funds for charitable care at Orchard Ridge Senior Living, volunteers will provide the service of organizing, managing, and facilitating your estate sale for the cost of a suggested donation.

Please contact [Orchard Ridge](#) for details.

August Schedule

Sundays

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

DOXA 11 am

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

Adventure Kids' Club is back for our fall session

Kids Adventure Club will be on the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group (kid-free evening anyone?!). The Club is a social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. The focus of our fall/winter session will be about what we can learn about Jesus and ourselves through a look at the Parables in the New Testament. Any children kindergarten through 5th grade would be invited to attend. The timeframe will be from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning on Wednesday, September 15th. All Adventure Kids' Club dates: September 15th, October 6th, October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th, and December 1st. We will operate within the same color zones and safety standards as CDA School District, utilizing their guidelines.



[Register here](#)

Fall Schedule

September

- Open House: September 12th after 9 am service. Bouncy house, breakfast fundraiser and the dedication of the upper classrooms.
- 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 worshipping 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.

