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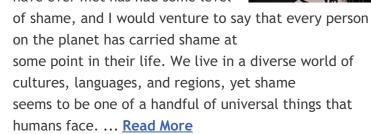
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Blog of the Week

Carley Walker

Shameful Coverings

Shame is such an awful thing for the human soul. Every person I have ever met has had some level



This Week

Ecumenical Kitchen This Week

Thursday, August 5th



We are serving a traditional hot dog luncheon with all the fixings this week. Yum!

Items needed: hot dogs & buns (about 40), baked beans, potato salad, chips, etc. Can you help?

Please call Bev Rasor or the office if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Welcome Kurt Heineman

Our Guest Speaker, August 8

The Rev. Kurt Heineman lives in Spokane with his wife Katie and two children, Annika (3) and Axel (1). For the previous seven years he served as both Associate



and Co-Pastor to Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos, CA. Kurt recently left that call to move to Spokane to be closer to family here in the Inland Northwest. Kurt is now a small business owner in Spokane and still looks forward to sharing his pastoral gifts with the

Congratulations Kierstie!



We are pleased to announce that Kiestie Renninger has been offered and accepted the position of Director of Student Ministries.

"I am honored, humbled, and so excited to continue serving students and families at 1st Pres! Thank you for your support!"

If you have a middle or high schooler that would like to get connected, contact <u>Kierstie!</u>



Clothing Giveaway

Help needed on Monday, Aug 16th

Starting at 9 am on Monday, Aug. 16 we will need all hands on deck to help carry donations upstairs from the Deacon's clothing closet to the church gym and begin the sorting and staging process. Many hands make light work and we can certainly use all the help we can get! Items are packed in manageable sized boxes or on hangers. We're also in need of some strong arms to help carry the clothing racks. Thanks for all you do to support the Deacons in this very important mission!

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in Kruger Hall every Sunday until the Giveaway.

Daily Set-up Times Aug 16-20

Morning: 9:00 am - 11:30 am Afternoon: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Giveaway Day August 21st presbytery by preaching on occasion and serving on committees. When not working Kurt enjoys mountain biking and watching the Seahawks.

Spokane Indians Family Night

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Indians game is back on this year! This is a family feast night, so hotdogs and beverages are only \$1 each at the stadium!

Date: Friday, August 20th

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Avista Stadium, Spokane Valley

Cost: \$12 per seat
Order tickets: HERE

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

Welcome Dr. Nybo Our Interim Pastor

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Neal Nybo has accepted the position of Interim Pastor at 1st Pres. Pastor Neal begins his journey



with us September 1st and we look

(Includes clean-up after closing at 11) 7:30 am -1:00 pm

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!

forward to telling you more about him soon. In the meantime you can check out his website: <u>Neal Nybo</u>.

Pastor Neal will be seeking temporary housing while he serves with us for the next year. If you know of a housing situation that might be a good fit please contact the Jackie Velez or the Church 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 you offering at the rail, the Joash chest will remain.

God is Doing Amazing & Existing 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 **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. <u>This link</u> takes you to the detailed letter explaining the background and timeline. Please contact Yvette Wyatt if you have any questions.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Katie Stark, Missional Expeditor for the presbytery of the Inland Northwest, was our guest speaker this past Sunday. She reminded us of the story of the Israelites rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem and their expectations for what was to come. Read Haggai 2:1-9 and Ezra 3:10-13 for a foretaste of her message. Listen for the first time or once again to **Sunday's Service**.

Carley's Children's message started with posing the question 'how can God help us to be brave?' Did the Israelites believe that God

could help them be brave? Listen to the rest of her story.

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

<u>Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel</u>

Church News

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.

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

Contemplative Service Leads

Donna Brundage: Greeting

Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design

Matt Broadway: Music

style. For more information, contact:

Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer

Golfing for Family Promise

Family Promise is hosting a Charity Best Ball Scramble on **September 17th** at the Links golf course in Post Falls. <u>Click here for all the details!</u>

Welcome CDAIDE

CDAIDE has taken a new step in their journey as an organization.

For the next 6 months CDAIDE will be renting the conference room as their new office space. This gives CDAIDE time to grow and make the leap into dedicated office space so they can better serve the hospitality workers in our area.

1st Pres has long been a supporter of CDAIDE and we are thrilled to walk along side this much loved mission partner in the next steps of their journey.

There are several rooms still available to the church for meetings, please call the church office if you have any questions.

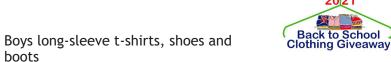
Daily Devotionals Available

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.

Support the 38th Annual Clothing Giveaway This is what we need!



This Week's Focus



- Girls long-sleeve t-shirts
- Re-usable cloth shopping bags (to hand out to shoppers)

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

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5th Grade Transition

We are working on the process of transitioning our 5th graders into the youth program. If you have a student who will be entering middle school this year, either reach out to me or Kierstie.

I hope each of you is having an amazing summer so far. 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



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.