



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Carley Walker



Christmas Traditions

Amidst this holiday season we have been able to get back to some of our old traditions! One of which is our Ornament Fundraiser to support camp scholarships. We sold 100 ornaments which were made and donated by the Everson family who own Custom Den. Because of your generous support, we raised \$845 for scholarships. We were also finally able to bring back the beloved Christmas UnPageant ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Christmas Eve Services | Friday, December 24



5 pm - Family Friendly

Please join us Christmas Eve for a family friendly service in the Sanctuary and online. Come early for music, hot cocoa and fun.

7 pm - Candlelight Communion

A beautiful service with carols, communion, and candles. In the Sanctuary.

International Gospel Missions
December Mission Team Update

Togo is a small West African coastal country made up of just over 22,000 square miles. It is one of Africa's smallest countries, with a population of an estimated 8



million people. A primarily French speaking country and a former French colony, Togo's religion consists of indigenous beliefs along with Christianity and Islam.

1st Pres supports Pastor Edoh Paul Assignon in Togo through International Gospel Missions. Their mission is to create cooperative relationships where local churches, organizations, and individuals prayerfully, financially, and physically support workers and ministries in addition to spreading the Word. Pastor Paul has enormous energy and enthusiasm for bringing people to Christ. He sends 1st Pres periodic letters about progress in his area, and the churches he is planting there. Many young people have been saved through his inspirational work and he asks for prayers for the new Christians who have found God through his ministry.

Pastor Paul and his family recently contracted malaria and continue to struggle with health issues as they recover. They ask for our prayers for recovery and healing.

Thank You 1st Pres ... for your amazing support of and contributions to the 2021 Christmas Family Project!



We were able to be the hands of Christ and bless six wonderful families. There was great joy and gratitude among everyone (families and volunteers) as the families worked their way through the festive decorations and wonderful gifts. Even the kids were able to enjoy working on a Christmas craft, picking out and wrapping a gift for their parents, and drinking hot chocolate with cookies. Each

family left with big smiles and trunks loaded with wrapped gifts to put under their tree and stockings to hang in their homes. Deacons could not have done this without you, the congregation, the Outreach Committee and the Reception Committee. We appreciate your backing of this new twist on an old way of honoring the Christmas families.

Family Promise

1st Pres has long supported Family Promise of North Idaho, an organization dedicated to helping families in crisis build new lives. We host families several

Sunday Ride Sharing Needs

Your Session is exploring how we might provide rides to church on Sunday



times each year providing a safe, warm environment including meals and a bed for one week.

Our most important need is help with set-up and overnight hosts. Can you help? Please contact Judy Flieger or Teri Burch.

mornings to those without transportation. Do you know of anyone who needs a ride or anyone willing to provide transportation? Please call the office if you can offer some insight.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Sadly, we had technical difficulties with the sound this past Sunday. If you're patient or fast forward to about 25:45 the sound begins. The Un-Pageant is delightful, as usual, and we did manage to record sound for most of it! [Watch for the first time or watch it again!](#)



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

Discovery Process Final Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in this important process. Eighty-seven people participated in the Saturday event and we received follow-up surveys from a total of 90. This information is going to help our new strategic planning committee, our elders, and our Pastor Nominating Committee. [Read the full Report to Session](#)

2022 Stewardship Campaign

Bridging to the Future

Don't forget to submit your pledge card for 2022 giving. It can be found on our website on the [giving](#) page or you can pick up a copy from the office.



Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

December Schedule

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study - Lakeside Conference Room

Wednesdays

Downtown Youth - Check

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online.
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary.

with Kierstie for details

We encourage social distancing with
masks highly recommended.

DOXA 11 am

Thursdays
Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

The family friendly Christmas Eve service is this Friday at 5:00 pm. We're looking forward to the surprises Pastor Neal has in store for us on Christmas Eve. Plan to come early on Friday and enjoy music, hot chocolate, and possibly a visit with Frosty the Snowman! Happy Christmas to all!



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I hope you all have a blessed week, Carley

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.

Sunday Morning Youth Study Cafe

Come as you are and
join us in the Youth
Room for hot chocolate
and treats while you

work. We will enjoy praise music in the
background of our cafe atmosphere and
listen to the livestreamed sermon.



Groups & Gatherings

Saturday Men's Breakfast @ Calypso Coffee Roasters

On the 2nd and 4th Saturday, September through May, the men of 1st Pres are invited
to come together for fellowship and a bite to eat. We meet at 7:30 am at Calypso

Sunday Morning Bible Study

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Our Sunday morning bible study, led by Chris and Eric Fehr meets at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room off of Krueger Hall. Join in person or with this [Zoom link](#).



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time

Fridays from 10-11:30 am in the Fireside Room. Please note we will be off for the rest of the month. We will resume on Jan 7, 2022. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

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. Spend time peacefully 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

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.

