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Blog of the Week

Janet Starkey



Learning to Live Without Worry

I've decided that worrying is a terrible thing and it really does no good, and this past Saturday night was a good example of it's futility.

Last week I finished a new design for our church badges - something that will be used by staff, Deacons, ushers, greeters and volunteers. Bonnie, Chris and Emily all reviewed the design and it was approved.
... [Read More](#)

This Week

2021 Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway



Deacons are already gearing up for the 38th annual children's clothing giveaway in August 2021. In 1983, 2nd grade teacher and deacon, Barb McPoland saw a need to get back-to-school clothes in the hands of children. This year, deacons will continue

Deb Roope Memorial Service

Deb's memorial service will be held in the 1st Pres Sanctuary on Saturday, February 27th at 2:00 pm.



While there will not be a reception following service there will be a table in Krueger Hall displaying mementos and some of Deb's artwork. The family will also be bringing some 5x7 prints of Deb's

to focus on elementary-aged children (K-5th) and their clothing needs. Perhaps you or someone you know has some gently used children's clothes to pass on. If you are a yard-sale person or a thrift-store shopper, please consider purchasing children's items for our clothing giveaway. If you would rather donate funds and let a deacon do the shopping, that is an option as well. Deacons ask that all items be cleaned and in good shape. Drop them in a bag with a dryer sheet and they'll stay fresh-smelling and please label the bag "clean".

Thank you in advance for your continued support and for donations already received!

Family Promise Needs You!

We are excited to report that Family Promise is going strong! Our turn to support this wonderful program is the week of March 7th. Teri Burch has asked for 10 volunteers. We'll be providing and delivering meals for two families during that week. Please call the office or Teri if you can help.

The Children's Center Can Use Our Help

From the Director, Jolie Wenglikowski

Pastor Craig reached out to Jolie to see if there was anything additional we could do to help the Children's Center and their families. This was her response:



We have a few needs that the church could possibly help with! The first one (as wonky as it sounds) are full-size crib sheets. They don't need to be new, we need them for our new nap mats. We currently have about 16 sheets and need a total of 50. We also need sporting equipment, such as balls, foam bats, hula hoops, cones, etc. to use in the gym and then outside when the weather improves. We are going to submit a grant to United Way to help with those materials since each class needs their own sets (due to COVID). In the meantime, we would be grateful for any donations!

Please reach out to [Jolie](#) if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off at the

poetry and artwork that guests are encouraged take after the service.

Celebrating 73 Years Together!



February 28, 1948 Ray and Vickie Johnson were married in the 1st Pres Sanctuary! We lift them in prayer and joy as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. We encourage you to reach out to them and wish them happiness on their special day.



Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Jesus Loves Me This I Know began in 1860 as a poem written by Anna B Warner. William Bradbury added the melody in 1862 and the rest is history - one of the best loved hymns of all time. That is the message - we are loved. Love isn't what God does ... it's what God is!

[Great Songs of Jesus.](#)



Carley's theme from Jeremiah, God has plans, is reinforced by the next chapter in Joseph's story. She tells how Joseph becomes a part of the wealthy Egyptian, Potiphar household. Listen to Carley's [Children's message](#).

Many thanks to Blake Miller, our tech coordinator, and our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

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

Post Worship Zoom

Pastor Craig hosts a prayer session each Sunday at the conclusion of our regular 9 am service. You can find the link on our website home page, in Pastor Craig's weekly Digital Check-in, and right here ... [Zoom Prayer Service](#)



Church News

Orchard Ridge Spring Auction March 22-26

2021 Lent Devotional Praying with Scripture During Lent



To access your Lent Devotional please click this link [2021 Lent Devotional](#) provided by The Presbyterian Outlook.

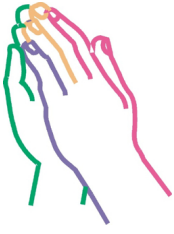
In place of the Orchard Ridge Annual Spring Tea

they will be hosting an online auction from Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26th. All proceeds go to help residents on Medicaid.



You can find a link to the Silent Auction hosted on Facebook here: [Spring into Action](#) to assist Orchard Ridge Medicare residents.

iPray and You



Would you like to be a part of our prayer community? When prayer requests are sent to Pastor Craig, submitted during our Sunday service or

submitted on our website, our church receptionists collect them and add them to our iPray list. This list is sent to our prayer warriors who keep these requests in their prayers and offer them collectively. That is the power of prayer! Contact the office or submit your request to be added as a prayer warrior on our [iPray page](#).

Our Committees Calling for Volunteers



Your church committees are hard at work and could use your help. Can you serve on one of our Ministry teams as a volunteer?

If you'd like to volunteer to serve on any committee take a look at our [Elders & Deacons](#) page - scroll to the bottom and you'll find the [team lead for each committee](#). There are opportunities for you to serve in many ways!

Job Posting

Custodian / Groundskeeper



We are once again searching for a new Custodian/Groundskeeper. This is a full-time, hourly position which reports directly to the Church Administrator and is accountable to the Building and Grounds Team and to the Session of the church. If you know of someone interested in this position, check out the full details on Indeed: [Custodian/Groundskeeper](#).

Connections of Care

Stay connected with your [Connections of Care Group](#).



Please call the office if you have any questions about your group or how to get started with a new Connection of Care Group.

Family Promise Of North Idaho

Request from Chris & Eric Fehr

We continue our search for a couple or several singles to take on the job of this fulfilling role. Please contact either Eric & Chris Fehr or the church office if interested. Chris & Eric Fehr 208-929-2099

February Schedule

Sundays

9 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & online. Social distancing with masks required at all times.

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Children & Family Ministry



Adventures in Caring

The Children and Family team is excited to offer you and your child/children an exciting way to receive a scholarship for camp this summer. In keeping with our “Love First” message, we would like to provide a way for your child/children to share the love of Christ with others in the community. This project is called Adventures in Caring. Check with Carley for details.

Children and Family Committee

The Children and Family Committee is seeking new members to round out our team for 2021. The commitment is a meeting once per month with a special event thrown in a few times a year. You would have the opportunity to support the children of 1st Pres directly. If you are interested or would like to know more simply contact Carley.

Sunday School and Nursery Care on Sunday Mornings at 1st Pres

We are back worshipping together at 1st Pres! Masks are required for anyone over three years old. We would love to see you and your family. We have nursery care for the littlest congregants and Sunday school for the older children. The Sunday school messages are linked to the YouTube videos, so make sure your child is catching up on our current series if you do not feel comfortable coming to the church in person just yet. [Link to YouTube Channel](#)

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

It is hard to believe Palm Sunday and Easter are right around the corner! We want to be conscientious about providing both at-home and in-person Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday experiences. This will take a little planning on our part! We will be having our normal palm parade during the 9 am service on March 28th. For families who do not feel comfortable coming to the in-person service, we would still like you to participate!

We will be creating Palm and Easter Sunday Worship Kits for your family. They will contain palms for you to wave right with us on Sunday morning. They will also contain a family Easter study and supplies for the wonderful project we will be doing at church on Easter Sunday. What we need is to know who would like a kit to be sent to their home. This is only for families who will not be attending on Palm or Easter Sunday. If you do receive a kit we would LOVE it if you would make a short recording of your children waving their palms for us to display on the big screen while the Palm Parade is taking place on Palm Sunday. Please contact Carley if you would like a kit sent to your family.

Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- Adventures in Caring informational letter being sent via mail today (2/22)! Make sure to read all about this exciting new opportunity to help your children learn about sharing LOVE 1st with the community!
- Registration for Adventure Kids' Club spring session opens on March 1st.

- Adventure Kids' Club spring session begins on April 7th and will be held every other Wednesday until June 16th.
- VBS July 12th through the 16th
- 1st Pres Lutherhaven Camp Week August 8th through the 16th.



February 21, 2021
[Children's Devotion with Carley](#)

I hope you all have an amazing week. I am praying for you and your children. Please reach out with specific prayer requests, questions, or concerns.

Carley

Carley@1stpresdowntown.org or 208-215-5337

Youth Ministry

Confirmation

Bi-Weekly Confirmation Details

- **Expect an email from Pastor Craig with updates, expectations and assignments.**
- Both in-person (as allowed by local health guidance and Session decisions) in Youth Room at 1stPres and/or on Zoom.
- If coming in-person, please wear a mask and enter through Lakeside entrance of church.
- If joining via Zoom, come in at 6:00 pm, have your handout downloaded and ready. Zoom meeting information was sent in a separate email from Pastor Craig.

We are excited to journey towards confirmation with any interested middle or high schooler! Please reach out to Pastor Craig, or Tyler & Kierstie Renninger if you have any questions!

Learn more about our Youth Program on [Youth](#) on 1stPresdowntown.org

Groups & Gatherings



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. Thank you for staying positive, and please test negative!