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Blog of the Week

Carley Walker

Everyday Disciples

I had a conversation with a friend today about a couple of local Christian schools. She was asserting that there is a difference in intake philosophy between the different systems. I was curious to hear more about this so we continued to talk about how one school allowed almost anyone to enroll, taking on a posture towards reaching the community for Christ, whereas the other school only allowed the best-behaved children and had a ... Read More

This Week

We Have Found Our Interim Pastor!

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Neal Nybo has accepted the position of Interim Pastor at 1st Pres. He begins his journey with us September 1st and we look forward to telling you more about him soon. In the meantime you can check out his website: Neal Neal Nybo. Dr. 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 church office.



Welcome Katie Stark Our Guest Speaker, August 1





Katie Stark back in person! She was a guest speaker last summer and we are very pleased that she'll be with us once again. She is

the Missional Expeditor for the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest, a fancy title meaning she's essentially a coach and creative consultant for existing churches as they seek to transform themselves into missional, community focused gatherings with a bright future.

Ecumenical Kitchen Thursday, August 5th

We are serving a traditional hot dog luncheon with all the fixings next 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.

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.

Interested in a Little Golf?

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

2021 Elementary Age School Clothing Giveaway UPDATE

We are once again asking for your much needed help! Sign-up sheets will be in Kruger Hall every Sunday until the Giveaway.

Daily Set-up Times

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

Giveaway Day August 21st

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

We are so grateful for all your help in previous years that have made our Giveaway successful in giving clothing to children in need!

Spokane Indians Family Night

We have another fun opportunity to fellowship with one another over the summer! Our tradition of going to a Spokane



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

Noisy Offering a Great Success Thank you!



Collection of our yearly noisy offerings to benefit our Children's Sunday

Links golf course in Post Falls. <u>Click here</u> for all the details!

School program was a grand success. Drum roll please ... the offering netted \$571.59 with a matching Deacon donation of \$500! Your generosity, as always, is a blessing.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Our Executive Presbyter, Sheryl Kinder-Pyle charged us to be strong and bold! Like the Israelites, we have suffered a form of exile due to this past year of COVID. She asks us to remember that the Lord will not abandon us but rather lead us. Listen for the first time or once again. Read Deuteronomy 31:1-8 then listen to <u>Sunday's Service</u>

Carley was at Lutherhaven this past week at Family Camp. She'll be back next week with her next installment of the Israelites 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

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. For more information, contact:

Contemplative Service Leads

Donna Brundage: Greeting

Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design

Matt Broadway: Music

Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer

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.

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

This Week's Focus: Jeans

 Boys jeans 5-14 slim, regular and plus sizes





- Girls leggings (XS, X, M, L, XL)
- Girls jeans 5-14 both slim, regular and plus sizes

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.

July 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

Adventures in Caring Scholarships

If your child is participating in the Adventures in Caring program to earn their camp scholarship, the forms are due August 1st! If you need more business cards or an additional form, please reach out to me directly. Additionally, if you need ideas for service projects please contact me, we can support you in making this happen.



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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.

Other Summer Dates to Save!

August 8th -13th: Summer camp at Lutherhaven

I hope each of you is having an amazing summer so far. I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

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

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 <u>Kierstie</u> 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.