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 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 OF COEUR D'ALENE

1st Pres eNews

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**Blog of the Week**

Janet Starkey



**Multi-tasking Fail**

We take turns in providing the devotion for our weekly staff meeting. My turn was last week. I forgot. Until our meeting began and I was on the spot it was easy to blame my forgetfulness on being too busy, or to use one of my favorite excuses - that I was multi-tasking and it slipped my mind. Thankfully, Carley generously offered to switch places with me. ... [Read More](#)

**This Week**

**Flower Basket Sale Going Strong But ...**  
 We Need You To Order Today!



The sales are brisk but we still need you to help us reach our goal! We have 34 baskets left and we're hoping to sell those this week. If we reach our goal we will raise about \$1,800 towards sending the children of 1st Pres to camp this year and in years to come! Treat yourself, a neighbor, friend or maybe your mom! Order now!

**There will be a sign-up table in Krueger Hall this Sunday!**

**What:** Mixed floral baskets as well as orange, pink & red geraniums

**Cost:** \$36 each

**Why:** Proceeds fund our camp scholarships!

**Order:** Call the office, email [Carley](#) or call her at 208.215.5337, or call Jeannie Logozzo

at 425.359.6307.

**Payment:** Prepay by check or through our secure online payment portal located [here](#).

You can also pay at pick-up.

**Pick-up:** Tuesday, **May 4th** from 10 am to 4 pm at the church.

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## Union Gospel Mission Mission Committee In the News

The Union Gospel Mission facility, located in Coeur d'Alene, ID is for women and their children and offers a safe and healing environment for those experiencing the devastating impact of poverty, homelessness, abuse, addiction, and domestic violence. Assistance available includes legal, dental and medical. Additionally, there are educational opportunities such as the ability to complete a GED diploma, classes including cooking and finance with plans for classes in massage therapy, anatomy and kinesiology. This summer (July), a new thrift store is opening which will provide vocational training. Volunteers staff most of these endeavors.

Finding sobriety is challenging and the staff has developed a five-phase program based on truth and love. While Faith is not required, the administration and



volunteers model and express the love of God daily with the hope the residents will feel that love and find a new path that supports their recovery.

The women/children may stay in the program for two years with the option to move to nearby supportive housing for an additional two years. They must remain addiction free. A local minister has offered to work with any who have completed their four years and have expressed the need for ongoing support.

We are happy to report that 87% of donations go directly to services with 13% toward administrative and fundraising costs. We are so fortunate to have a place like this in CdA. It is clean, cheerful, and well run.

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## Updating Our Directory We need your help!

You may have noticed that our current directory isn't very current. Due to COVID restrictions we weren't able to create a new picture directory in 2020 but we want to assure you we are working on it now (no pictures this time).

We're asking for your help because things change and we don't know what we don't know! We are asking everyone to [email](#) or call the church office 208.667.8446 to confirm that your information have is correct. Thank you for helping us create a

## Youth Hike This Saturday!



Middle and high schoolers are invited to join Kierstie and Tyler to hike Tubbs Hill this Saturday morning! We'll meet at 10 am by the Muddy and Millie statue. Please RSVP to Kierstie & Tyler to let us know if you plan to join the fun!

[Email Tyler](#) so we know to expect you!

current directory.

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## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

This past week Pastor Craig explored how the Bible is useful for knowing ourselves. Last week he gave us an assignment - read one of the Gospels (did you?). This week, he assigned reading the book of Ecclesiastes AND the book of Romans! Watch the service for the first time or once again: Click here to [watch Useful](#).



Let the little children come unto me! Who said that? Carley has started a new series focused on how Jesus loves everyone! Listen to her [message here](#).

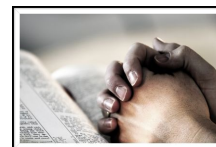
Many thanks to Blake Miller, our tech coordinator, and our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

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

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## 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 your website home page, in Pastor Craig's weekly Digital Check-in, and right here ... [Zoom Prayer Service](#)



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## Church News

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### Adventures in Caring



Thank you for letting me  
**LOVE1st**  
by letting me serve you with the  
love of Christ

Did you know that 1st Pres has always offered partial camp scholarships? These funds come from various fundraising activities and your generous contributions.

Yvette Wyatt and Sam Logozzo introduced the new program, Adventures in Caring, which helps our small members understand there is a missional connection to their scholarship by encouraging service. This is an exciting way to help our kiddos earn a scholarship for camp this

### DOXA

Starting Sunday, May 2, DOXA Church will be moving their worship time from 4 pm to 11 am. They will be using the Gym, the Fireside Room and the Conference Room. The timing is set to avoid as much interference with our normal operations as much as possible.

Parking should be plentiful (Doxa has about 40 members right now). And if 1stPres needs to use the Gym for a special, planned event, DOXA would make other arrangements for that Sunday.

summer.

In keeping with our “Love First” message, the children are encouraged to do something helpful or kind for a friend, family member, or neighbor. It could be something physical like gardening or something simple like writing a letter. Once completed they are asked to write or draw a picture about the experience on the Camp Scholarship Helping record sheet.

If you'd like to learn more about the program, please contact Yvette, Sam or Carley.

We pray that offering portions of our building to DOXA in this way will both bless them as they seek to build their church and reach people with the Good News of Jesus, and bless us by bringing new life and new approaches to ministry into our midst.

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### Christ Care Resource Books & Materials Available - **FREE!**

There are FREE materials for your use as individuals or as a group study! They are on specifically marked shelves in the Fireside Room and will remain there through the month of April. Anything remaining after April will be donated to our area's charitable organizations.



### Support our 38th Annual Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway

August 2021

Please remember our clothing drive on elementary-aged children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) and their clothing needs. New or gently used, we'll take it all.

All donations should 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”. You can also let the Deacons do your shopping by making a direct donation through our [Giving Portal](#), select Deacons and make your designation in the open field.

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## April Schedule

### Sundays

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

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

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## Children & Family Ministry

**Adventures in Caring Details!**



If your child would like to earn their scholarship, they will need to participate in the Adventures of Caring "Give Love, Get Love" program. I have a list started for the students who I know are going to be participating to get their scholarship. Please contact me to be added to the list if you have not already done so.

### Action items and key details

- Inform Carley that you would like your child(ren) to participate in the program by **MAY 1st**. They must complete the project in order to receive their scholarship! When registering your child on the Camp Lutherhaven website you will be prompted to enter your donating church and the amount. We will be contributing 50% of camp costs for children who attend camp during the week of August 8th through the 13th AND who complete the Adventures in Caring scholarship program.
  - During the first week of May, I will mail the participants a package with the record sheet and some business cards that they can give to the individuals they decide to show love to by volunteering for them in some way.
  - The Acts of Caring (three volunteer opportunities) need to be completed, and the very simple form (see attached) needs to be turned in to me or the church office by August 1st. We ask that the children fill out their own form using their best penmanship. If they are not writing yet, they can draw a picture of their volunteer activity. These record sheets will be displayed in Krueger Hall as part of our Missions Outreach because that is exactly what your children are doing, being missionaries for Jesus right here in our community!
  - We know you are busy and we don't want to add more to your plate, thus, we will be offering three volunteer opportunities for your children to use as their Acts of Caring. They can decide to help friends, family, or neighbors too!
1. May 19th at 5:30 pm in the gym. We will be making cards for the Deacons to use for our elderly members who cannot currently make it to church. Please plan on picking your children up (or you can stay and help too!) by 6:00 pm as we have Adventure Kids' Club that evening.
  2. June 6th during church we will be holding a food drive. Your children can help gather the supplies before the church service. Please arrive by 8:30 am to participate in this volunteer opportunity.
  3. June 27th immediately following the church service, we will be handing out water and cheering on Ironman racers! During the service, we will make signs to use while cheering on the racers reflecting our Love 1st mission.



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### Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- Join the Adventure Kids' Club spring session and [Register Now](#). The spring session began on April 7th and will be held every other Wednesday until June 7th (with a celebration on the 16th). Check in with Carley if you'd still like your kiddo to join.

The act doesn't have to be grand or take a full day. We just want the children to understand the missional aspect of being a Jesus follower. The act could be sending a card to a sick relative, drawing a picture for a neighbor, weeding a garden bed, or even helping a sibling! Here are the three opportunities we will be providing:

- VBS July 12th through the 16th
- 1st Pres Lutherhaven Camp Week August 8th through the 16th.

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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](mailto: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](http://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!