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### Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan



#### Broken Fences

On January 13, 2021 we were hit with a destructive windstorm in our area. All over the city there were trees on houses, trees blocking roads, broken power lines, and much of the city was without power for a few days. Thankfully the damage at my house consisted of a yard full of branches, and some broken fence panels... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Support our Children & Family Program

Order Your Mother's Day Flower Baskets Today!

The flower basket program is a major fundraiser for the Children & Family program and these beautiful baskets are worth every penny! They make a perfect gift for a mother, a friend, or yourself. As usual, we are offering a gorgeous variety of mixed floral baskets, as well as geraniums in orange, pink, and red. The baskets cost \$36 each with 100% of the proceeds going to camp scholarships for our very own 1st Pres kids!

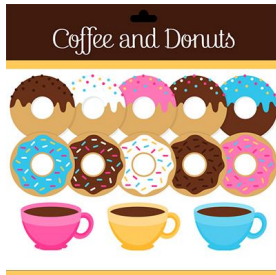


**To Order:** Either call the office, email [Carley](#) or call her at 208.215.5337, or call Jeannie Logozzo at 425.359.6307.

## We ran out last year, so get your orders in soon!

**Pick-up:** Baskets will be available for pick up at the church on Tuesday, May 4th from 10 am to 4 pm. If the weather is nice, we will be on the grass outside of the gym, if the weather is rainy, we will be inside. We will be following county-mandated safety requirements.

**Payment:** You can prepay for your flower baskets by sending a check to the church or paying through our secure online payment portal located [here](#) . Prepaying will ensure a quick checkout process on pickup day, however, you can absolutely pay when you pick your basket up if that works best for you!



### Serving Coffee & Donuts in Kruger Hall

We are pleased to announce that starting Sunday, April 11 we will once again be serving coffee and donuts before and after the 9 am service. We're looking forward to this time of community and encourage everyone to continue to observe reasonable precautions.

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

Recently, a "wealth" of study guides, commentaries, DVD's, song books etc. purchased over the years specifically for individual and small group study were found "hiding" in the basement!

They are FREE 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 charitable organizations.

### Knitting for Warmth is Back!



We are so VERY excited that the our amazing knitters and crocheters are meeting once again in person.

Starting this Friday, April 9th, our wonderful knitters will once again be meeting at the church! Stand by for more details or contact Carolyn Peterson directly at 208.818.0323.

### The Seven Last Words of Christ

If you missed the Good Friday online choral presentation of you can watch again by clicking here: [The Seven Last Words of Christ](#).

### Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

What a wonder are the spirituals and great songs of Jesus. When you sing a song of Jesus you are joining a choir and there is power in a choir! Think about that! So ... ARISE! Arise and sing your song! [Great Songs of Jesus](#).



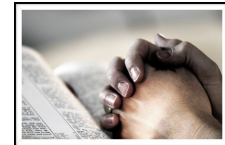
Carley tells the story that led up to our celebration of Easter concluding with the miracle of that day! Listen now: [Carley's Children's message](#).

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](#)

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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](#)

## Church News



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

August 2021

**The *Just Between Friends* Spring Sale** at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds starts this Friday, April 9 through Sunday April, 11. This is a great source for purchasing items for our clothing giveaway! Contact Diane Wakkinen or Barb Prober for details.

Please remember, we're focusing 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.

## April 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

## Adventure Kids' Club

Adventure Kids' Club begins tomorrow evening (Wednesday, April 7th)! There are still several open spots, please sign up by midnight tonight if your child would like to join us. You will find all the details here:

[Register Now!](#)



## 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. Please reach out if you did not receive a letter and would like further information.

## 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. [Children's Messages](#)

## Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- [Register today](#) for the Adventure Kids' Club spring session. The spring session begins on April 7th and will be held every other Wednesday until June 7th (with a celebration on the 16th).
- VBS July 12th through the 16th
- 1st Pres Lutherhaven Camp Week August 8th through the 16th.



March 28, 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](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

## 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!