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Blog of the Week

Carley Walker



It's not all sunshine, unicorns, and rainbows...

Whenever it is my turn to write the weekly blog, I always try to come up with some profound, interesting or uplifting topic or theme. This time has not been any different. However, instead of writing a blog full of sunshine, rainbows, and unicorns, I want to tell you the truth. I am tired. I bet you are too. [Read More](#)

This Week

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY



2020

This Week!

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with the clothing giveaway! We can still use help, so please contact Barb Proper for details. Workers are asked to wear their **church t-shirt** the day of the event so our guests know we're 1st Pres'ers and that we are there to serve!

Set-up & Final Sorting Schedule

August 19: Morning & Afternoon

The Day of the Event 8/22

7:30 - 8:30 am Set-up



Spiritual Power Lunch

Fellowship and a
re-set in the middle of the week!

Wednesday is our last meeting. Even if you never joined any other, you are welcome to this time of fellowship and conversation. Bring lunch to eat while we watch and discuss a short video - Going deeper with God and each other. **All are welcome at any time!** Questions? Contact Wendy Wilson

Date: Wednesday, Aug 19 (Last One)

Time: 12 noon - 12:45

Where: Krueger Hall

Colossians Bible Study

Starting September 8th, 4-5:30

We begin a new series studying Colossians led by Bob and Carolyn Fish on Sept 8th. We will be meeting in the Fireside Room and all are welcome. More details next week. Call or email Carolyn if you're interested in joining the group. Workbooks are \$10.

Office Upgrades



It's amazing what a bit of paint and a few very talented carpenters can do in a relatively short time period. Our very own Jerry Gee, Allen Miller and Bruce Wallies have been working hard to update the reception area of the office.

The update included painting the reception area, Bonnie's office and the copier workroom. The new paint has freshened up the area but, perhaps the biggest change is that the counter has been lowered and the large desk from Bonnie's office has been moved to the reception area. No more craning of necks and Chris and Emily have a more efficient workspace. Come take a look next time you visit the office at this work in progress!

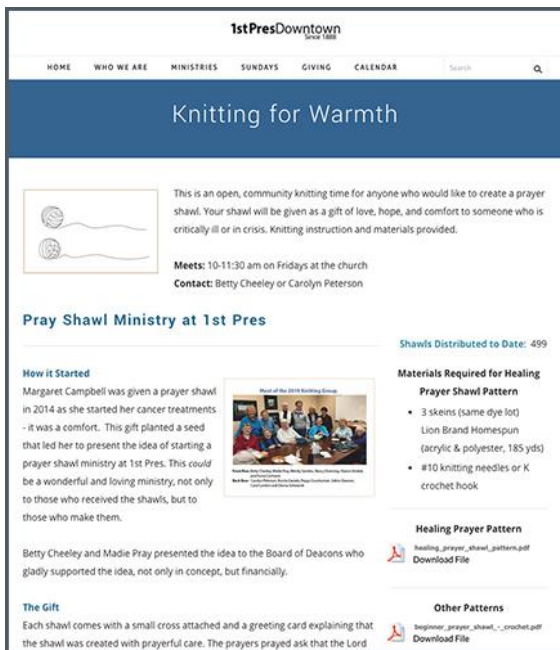
Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Pastor Craig preached a powerful sermon this past Sunday. He spoke of how the COVID pandemic has rocked our sense of security. He asked us "Do Christians have anything different to equip us to deal with, and through us, to equip the world?" You'll want to listen.



As always, many thanks to the team that made broadcasting the service possible! [Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)



Ministry in Action Knitting for Warmth Spotlight

The history of our [Knitting for Warmth](#) Ministry team is very personal and rooted in the original ministry that started 16 years earlier. You can read their story and find out how you can become involved.

If you're having any trouble with the website, please [email Janet](#).

[Our 1st Pres Website](#)

Job Posting Custodian / Groundskeeper

We continue our search for our 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](#).



ORCHARD RIDGE
Senior Living

Orchard Ridge Senior Ridge Now Hiring!

Do you know anyone looking for a job? There are career opportunities at Orchard Ridge!

Find fulfilling and meaningful work with competitive wages and benefits. Full details can be found on their website.

[Careers at Orchard Ridge Senior Living](#).



Visiting the Church Office

Our New Normal

Please call the office to schedule any appointments so we can make sure whomever you need to visit is available.

208.667.8446



This Wednesday, August 19th

Join us at the church from 6:30-8:00 for an evening of fellowship. Call Kierstie Renninger if you have questions about what we'll be doing!

Schedule

Sundays

Sunday services are once again in the sanctuary and online. Contact Pastor Craig to see if there will be any meetings at the church.

Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm

All youth are welcome to join us for outdoor activities through the month of August.

Children's Ministry

Hi Families,

How Can 1st Pres Support Your Family?

With the ever-changing environment and mandates, 1st Pres wants to support families. Please complete the following survey so that we can meet your needs during these challenging and unprecedented times. If you would like your answers to be linked to you so we can contact you directly with ideas or support, please add your name after each response.



We appreciate you taking the time to fill out the survey. This will help us determine how to best serve you this fall and beyond.

[Family Survey](#)

rightnow MEDIA

Reminder: You have FREE access to Right Now Media!

[Right Now Media](#) is like Netflix for Christ-followers. I love that you never have to worry about the content your child is viewing. There are Bible studies for all ages, some even come with workbooks or

resources to aid in faith formation at home. This is an amazing resource that has been paid for by the Adult Discipleship Team. I hope you will take the time to check it out! [Go NOW!](#)

Children's Message

We will be offering a children's time during our Sunday morning worship for those who cannot attend in-person. There will be a challenge for the children to complete during the week.



For the next three Sundays, we will be presenting back-to-school devotions. Snap a picture of your child doing their weekly challenge and either text or email it to me so we can show their hard work to the congregation the following Sunday, I hope this is a fun and easy way to feel more connected with your church family.

Know that I am praying for you each and every day. Please reach out with specific prayer requests or needs.

Have a blessed week,
Carley

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Groups & Gatherings

Ministry Groups can meet at the church!

Please contact the church office to reserve a room for your Ministry group. Please remember that maintaining social distance and wearing masks is highly recommended. Emily and Chris, your amazing receptionists, will work with the Church Administrator to ensure spaces are available and cleaned properly.

Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other as a way to show Love 1st. 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!

