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Blog of the Week

Wendy Wilson, Adult Discipleship Team



Staying Encouraged & Connected in a Disconnected Time

As a 60+ woman who knows my way around the computer technology I have to use every day at work, I'm not one who jumps at the idea of another "learning curve" every time that technology morphs or new platforms emerge that are going to "make things so much easier." Groan. But maybe like you, the Covid experience has catapulted me further ... [Read More](#)

This Week



What If You Threw a Party & Nobody Came? (well, not many)

In these unusual times, the best laid plans can go awry. Big time. Due to the pandemic, the audience for the clothing drive was shifted from school age in general to only elementary age kiddos. Schools were contacted, we promoted the event almost weekly and we expected the community to attend as they had in the past. Our Deacons and volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare and organize our yearly clothing giveaway.



Volunteers at the ready, we opened the doors at 8 am on August 22. Sadly,



fewer than 20 families attended the event. We feared over advertising which would lead to attracting far too many shoppers. It didn't occur to anyone that this year would be Messed Up. Hum, how silly of us! So, being the

flexible folks we are, we're going to try again this coming Saturday.

2020 Clothing Drive 2.0 - This Week!

There were 18 volunteers this past week including Pastor Craig and Derek (not pictured). Some are not able to volunteer again on Aug 29th. If you can help, please contact Barb Proper. We can use you!

The Day of the Event 8/29

8 am Volunteers Arrive
8:30 - 11 am Doors Open
11 am - 12 noon Clean-up

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Colossians 3:12

Colossians Bible Study September 2020 through April 2021

A Colossians Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 8 from 4 - 5:30 pm in the Fireside Room and you are invited to attend. This study is for those new to Bible study as well as veterans.

The study, led by Bob and Carolyn Fish, will apply Colossians' powerful, relevant wisdom to needs and issues you are currently working through while you acquire personal Bible study skills. Each study session is based on participant discussion designed to explore a deeper understanding and application of the material. The Colossians study is part of the Navpress study series and utilizes a workbook.

This study will practice social distancing and participants are welcome to wear masks, although they are not required. The study will run on the second and fourth Tuesdays of September, October, and November, and then resume in February, March and April. Workbooks are \$10.

Anyone interested in joining the Colossians study should contact Carolyn Fish directly at ckfish3474@gmail.com or call Carolyn at 562-201-3474 to sign up. Workbooks will be distributed to participants at the first study session on September 8th.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

This past Sunday, Pastor Craig spoke to us about how Society is Messed Up. He talked about the bonds that create a sense of community (goals, Identity, civility etc) and how these bonds are more fragile than we imagined. We might ask, why does God allow bad things happen (Theodicy). Another thoughtful message you'll want to listen to.



We had trouble showing the children's devotion that Carley lovingly recorded this past Sunday. We posted this to YouTube as a separate video. Be sure to tune in with your family for a special time of devotion together. [View HERE](#)

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](#)

Who's Watching on YouTube?

We don't know *who's* watching but we do have numbers and they're good. Of course, not all views are on Sunday but isn't it lovely that you can watch and re-watch our posted services at any time!

Since May 3, 2020
Weekly Average Views: 313
Just shy of 5000 total views since May

Is There Room in the Sanctuary? Worshiping Sunday Morning

If you're wondering if there is room in the Sanctuary to safely distance, the answer is yes! We believe we have room for up to 90 and so far we've been averaging about 40 including Praise Team and Staff. Additionally, there is overflow room in Krueger Hall. Please join us!

Church News

Ministry in Action

Ministries on 1stpresdowntown.org

The Ministries section of our website lists the various groups that center around activities and events that are open for general participation. Our [Serve](#), [Grow](#) and [Connect](#) areas are targeted mainly at the adults in our community and congregation. Many of these groups take the summer off but it's just about September and there are plans afoot! We plan to update you here and will get you the latest information as it develops in this ever changing time.

If you're having any trouble with the website,

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with links for HOME, WHO WE ARE, MINISTRIES, SUNDAYS, GIVING, and CALENDAR. The main heading is 'Ministries' over a background image of a forest. Below this is a quote: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV. The page lists several ministry categories with brief descriptions and 'Learn More' links:

- Children & Families:** We have a rich program for Children and Families. Our Adventure Kids program has something for our little ones through 5th grade. [Learn More](#)
- Downtown Youth:** Our Youth program is awesome. We meet Wednesdays and Sundays learn about God, have fun and make new friends! [Learn More](#)
- Venture:** Time for fellowship, worship and study! We generally meet twice yearly on Wednesday evenings for six-weeks session. [Learn More](#)
- Serve:** There are many opportunities to serve at 1st Pres. Join our faithful community and find where you can make a difference. [Learn More](#)
- Grow:** Learn through a variety of study groups and fellowship opportunities. We're sure you can find your niche. [Learn More](#)
- Connect:** We have fun at 1st Pres! These faith-based social groups bring together friends with common interests. [Learn More](#)

please [email Janet](#).

[Our 1st Pres Website](#)



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.](#)

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](#).



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

Youth Update



This Wednesday, August 26th

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.

Hi Families,

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.

Sunday, August 23, 2020 Children's Message

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

resources to aid in faith formation at home. This is an amazing resource that

worry about the content your child is viewing. There are Bible studies for all ages, some even come with workbooks or

has been paid for by the Adult Discipleship Team. I hope you will take the time to check it out! [Go NOW!](#)

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

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

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!

