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Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge



A Time to Celebrate

The year 2020 has been an eye-opening year so far with the world pandemic and civil unrest all around us. It is easy to become disheartened, which is where I have been occasionally in the recent months. It's times like these that we need to remember the good things that God has done in our lives, because as His children, He is ever-present in our lives.

[Read More](#)

Important Announcement

1st Pres Family

For weeks we have looked forward to gathering for worship in the sanctuary. Church leadership and staff have dedicated significant time to allow us to return in ways that honor our Love1st mission.

Unfortunately, due to an unforeseen computer failure, **we will not be able to return to the building for worship this Sunday, June 14th.**

We are working hard to resolve this tech issue and are confident we will be able to return on June 21st.



Please join us for worship this Sunday, June 14th at 9 AM via live stream on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Thank you for your prayers, patience, and commitment to Love1st as we follow Jesus together!

This Week

Geoff Rinehart Preaching this Sunday

Geoff Rinehart is a multi-talented, old friend of 1stPres, playing an instrumental role in helping us develop our 5 Big Moves. He is a church planter of Chi Rho community in Coeur d'Alene, and a President of **Communitas International**, a global church planting network. We welcome him this Sunday and look forward to hearing his message.



Blessing of the Bikes

The Community
Outreach

Committee has confirmed that the Blessing of the Bikes will take place on Sunday, June 28th!

When: June 28th, 2 pm

Blessing: City Park Bandstand, CdA

Destination: Riverstone Park Gazebo

Treat: Ice cream bars & popsicles!

Sunday Morning YouTube Viewing

If you join services online early on Sunday morning, you may need to refresh your screen to start viewing the beginning of the live-stream. It's a thing.

Attending worship services in the sanctuary starting June 21st

Please note date change

If you would like to get an idea how this season of care might look, we have made this fun video highlighting the new measures we are asking the congregation to support. Watch it now!

Open Sanctuary Update



We are evaluating when we can once again offer our Sanctuary for a time of quiet, peace and meditation.

The COVID Taskforce and our Session are carefully considering when we can begin again. Stay tuned.



If you'd like to read the document that details our re-opening guidance, you'll find it linked here:

[Read Now](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch Again or For The 1st Time!



Pastor Jennie delivered an inspiring message on June 7th and led us in the celebration of communion.

Next week, June 21st, we'll be back in the sanctuary if you choose to gather together!

Be assured that while you many join us in the Sanctuary, we will continue to live-stream our services, 9 and 10:30 am, every Sunday on our YouTube channel.

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

Church News

What We're Working On ...



Our website is getting a facelift! We've been working behinds the scenes to update our website and hope to launch it very soon! The new site has been reorganized a bit and still includes the important information you've come to know and love.

Visiting the Church Office

It's important to remember we're limiting visits to the office. As we slowly move toward our new normal, the office staff will continue to mainly work from home. If you need to stop by the church, please call the office to schedule an appointment so we can make sure whomever you need to visit is available.

**Pastor Sumey's
Summer**

Congratulation Graduates!

We recognized our 2020 graduates on May 31 during our 9 am live-streamed service. Each

graduate will receive this beautiful, embossed notebook. Please contact the office to arrange a time to pick-up your gift! Congratulations! We are so proud.



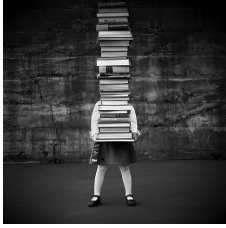
CDAIDE How You Can Help



Our partners at CDAIDE have let us know they need ongoing help in specific areas. They have not reached out during the crisis, but the needs are greater than ever right now!

Care Partners - businesses that will donate/discount services (dentists, doctors, car repair shops, daycare, etc.)

Legal Advisor - attorney willing to



Reading List

Craig is reading during the first part of his Sabbatical. A

lot! If you want to read along, he's put together a list of books and articles for you (don't worry, it's much, much shorter than his) so you can read and think alongside Craig. [Download the reading list.](#)

donate a few hours/month

Technical Advisor - help with website and online care referral updates and problems.

Please email serving@cdaide.org if you can help or forward to someone you think might be interested in helping.

Youth Update

Notes from Steve

Director of Youth Ministries

"Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

- Mark 9:50



I hope you are all doing well - despite all the turmoil the world is going through! I am so excited about our camping trip, because I think it will be refreshing to get away from it all, and focus on what is important in our lives. Be assured we are working hard on planning a great summer experience for everyone.

Love, Peace & Joy!

Steve

Schedule

Sunday, June 14

Join us online!

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm

June 10 - Camping trip, no youth group at the church

June 17 - All together at the church

June 24 - Youth Video game night - 6 pm -8 pm everybody - 8-9 pm high school only

Digging Deeper - for high schoolers!

Send-Off Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug 9. Our

Is your child interested in learning more about God - in a more focused and mature manner? Youth group is a lot of fun, and there are a variety of interest levels amongst the kids. I want to create an avenue for any who want to really get into the things of God at a higher level. This would be an at-your-own-pace mentored study for those who want to take this step in their Christian growth. Let me know if you think this is your child.

high-school graduates will be delivering the message that day. And as their church family, we will be sending them off into the world with our love, prayers, and gifts in the form of a Life-Survival basket for each of them. We will be getting each of them a basket and a beautiful life-time Bible that you will have the opportunity to sign or add to it a word of encouragement, and you are welcome to put anything else in their baskets you'd like.



As always, I am available with any questions, concerns or prayer requests!

Steve
steve@1stpresdowntown.org or 208.816.8122

Children's Ministry

Hello Families,

We are heading out into the wild for the youth camping trip this week. We have nearly 30 people participating in the trip, we would appreciate your prayers for safety, sunshine, and that the Spirit will be working in all of our lives as we grow in our relationships with Him and each other. This week the Zoom meetings will be canceled. On a more exciting note, soon we will be opening the church for worship together! We will have safety protocols in place.



Check out the fun video our COVID Task Force created to explain how we'll once again start to worship in the Sanctuary. [Attending Worship in the Sanctuary](#)

Pottery and Parents:

This Friday

There are still a handful of spots available

at this Friday's event if you have not yet



We will be there for about an hour while you and your child paint an adorable cross figure.

After the art studio, we will head to North Pines Park (1015 E. Lunceford) for a short storytime and plenty of playtime! Should the weather be cool or rainy, we will move the story and play portion to the

registered. Please reach out to Carley and let her know if you would like to attend so Hands to Art can adequately prepare. We will meet at Hands to Art (3115 N. Government Way) at 9:00 am.

new indoor play area inside the church. Plan on bringing a sack lunch for a picnic. I am really looking forward to seeing many of you and your little ones!

Summer Kick off BBQ, Yard Games, and Volunteer Appreciation June 20th, 4:00 pm

We are excited to get the summer started with our second annual "Summer Kick-Off BBQ." This year we have a yard game championship in the works. There is even a trophy at stake. Families, youth, and anyone who volunteers with children or youth are invited to attend the BBQ. The event will be held at my home in Post Falls. We will spend our time outdoors and ask that everyone remain socially distanced.

Bring your lawn chairs and a snack to share.

Sign up for the event here so we know how much food to prepare:



[Summer BBQ Kick Off Sign-Up](#)



"I Am HIS Masterpiece" Art-themed Day Camp

We are 1/2 full - sign up soon!

This year our day camp will be art themed. We are partnering with Hands to Art to create five amazing masterpieces including a mosaic, two pottery projects, painting, and batik. Throughout the week we will be exploring what it means to be God's masterpiece and how we can all live that out in our daily lives.

We will begin the day at Hands to Art pottery studio where the campers will complete a different art project each day.

Following that, we will head back to the church for a lesson and a sack-lunch. The afternoons will be filled with fun adventures like hiking and trips to the beach. We will invite families to join us for an adventure in the Silver Valley on Wednesday to explore the Crystal Gold Mines and Pulaski Tunnel Trail.

*Attendance is limited to ensure the safety of the volunteers and the campers. We will be adhering to state and CDC guidelines.

**Scholarships are available, please email Carley@1stpresdowntown.org for information.

[Register Now](#)

Dates and Schedule

Date: July 27th through July 31st

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Who: 1st graders through current 5th graders

Limit*: 25 (including volunteers)

Cost:** \$100 (does NOT include lunch)

Bring: Sack lunch



LutherHaven Update

Last week we shared the news that Lutherhaven is canceling their traditional summer camps. We are actively working with Lutherhaven to find a way for our families to still enjoy a summer camp experience. We are coming up with some great solutions. Please continue to save August 3rd through August 7th for an event at Lutherhaven. Even if your child was not previously signed up, we will

likely have plenty of room for them to join in on the fun! As we have more details we will be sure to update you.

Kindercamp is currently open for registration, we already have a few families attending, this is a great way to introduce kiddos to the summer camp experience with you right by their side to enjoy every moment!

[https://www.lutherhaven.com/event/kin
dercamp-at-lutherhaven/](https://www.lutherhaven.com/event/kindercamp-at-lutherhaven/)

Zoom Connect and Learn

6/10 meeting are cancelled due to the youth camping trip

The Zoom meetings have been so fun! Is this something you would like to see continued after we are gathering together again? Please let me know if your child would like them to continue through the summer.

Save the Date

- Every Wednesday for all ages: Zoom Meetings
- Youth Camping Trip (incoming middle schoolers and family) **June 8th - June 11th**
- Mommy, Daddy, Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie, Uncle (any adult), and me Pottery Painting for preschoolers through 1st grader. Followed by story time and a picnic. **June 12th, 9:00 am -12:00 pm.**
- Summer Kick off BBQ, Yard Games, and Volunteer Appreciation. **June 20th, 4:00 pm**
- Blessing of the Bikes - scheduled for June 28
- I Am HIS Masterpiece Art Day-Camp. **July 27th - July 31st 9:30 am-4:30 pm.** Details and registration to come next week.

Stay well

Carley

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

Groups & Gatherings

Ministry Groups can now meet at the church!

Please contact the church office to reserve a room for your Ministry group. Emily and Chris, your amazing receptionists, will work with the Church Administrator to ensure spaces are available and cleaned properly.

The Session would like to remind each group of the following recommendation:

Ministry groups of 10 or less, may meet within the church building, maintaining social distancing and wearing masks is highly recommended. Groups will schedule with the church administrator who will monitor facility capacity and ensure sanitation can be completed between groups.

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!



How We're Responding to COVID-19 : Reminder

The Session appointed a special task force, COVID-19 Task Force, to provide research and guidance on how best to reopen the church. The Session met on May 19th to re-evaluate our response based on insight from the COVID-19 Task Force. The Session approved four immediate recommendations, please see above. The Session asked the COVID-19 Task Force to provide Session with a detailed plan for services to possibly resume on ~~June 14th~~ (sorry, extended to June 21st). [Plan Approved on May 26, 2020.](#)