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Blog of the Week

Kent Kimball



March 1, Happy First Day of Spring

Happy first day of spring, everybody!

Bulbs will be popping up, snowfalls and piles of snow are almost gone, dogwood trees are about to flower, and temperatures are on the rise. March 1, the first day of spring, has finally arrived. But many believe the first day of spring isn't until the vernal equinox occurs on March 20, the astronomical spring. March 1 is just the meteorological spring. So today's question is, can both be true? ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Communion Sunday

March 7th



We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday. Pre-packaged Communion elements will be distributed to

those in attendance in the sanctuary. If you plan to worship from home, please come prepared with your own elements.

We Are Hosting Family Promise!

March 7 - 13



Still going strong, Family Promise continues to host families in static locations in the greater Coeur d'Alene area, keeping all involved as safe as possible. Our turn to support this

38th Annual Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway

August 2021

This year, deacons will continue to focus on elementary-aged children (K-5th) and their clothing needs. Perhaps you or someone you know has some gently used children's clothing to pass on. If you are a yard-sale person or a thrift-store shopper, please consider purchasing children's items for our clothing giveaway. If you would rather donate funds and let a deacon do the shopping, that is an option as well. Deacons ask that all items 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".



Thank you in advance for your continued support and for donations already starting to come in!

Our Deacons At Work

The ministry of a deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.

Our Deacons have been hard at work doing all that by connecting our members and regular visitors 65 and older with the COVID vaccine! Close to 50 of those contacted were interested and all have received their first shot and some have received the second. Listen to this past Sunday's service for more details on this

wonderful program is next week, March 7th through March 13th. Teri Burch has asked for 10 volunteers. We'll be providing and delivering meals for two families during that week. Please call the office or Teri if you can help.

The Children's Center Can Use Our Help

From the Director, Jolie Wenglikowski



The Children's center has a few needs we can help with:

- full-size crib sheet to cover their nap mats.
- sporting equipment, such as balls, foam bats, hula hoops, cones, etc. for use in the gym and then outside when the weather improves.

They are submitting a grant to United Way to help with some materials since each class needs their own sets (due to COVID). In the meantime, they are grateful for any donations that will help fill an immediate need!

Please reach out to [Jolie](#) if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off at the church office, please call ahead of time to make sure someone is there to greet you.

2021 Lent Devotional

Praying with Scripture During Lent



To access your Lent Devotional please click this link [2021 Lent Devotional](#)

amazing effort.

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Five Nights . Five Experiences

CDAIDE Virtual Silent Auction & Fundraiser



This event is designed to create new memories while we're looking forward to when we can all get out, explore, and have fantastic experiences. Gathering in the comfort of your home, you'll have the opportunity to bid on some amazing experiences. The event is the week of March 8th. Each evening during the week an experience will be highlighted and there's more!

Visit the secure site, www.charityauction.bid/cdaide5n5e, to join the fun.

Sunday's Service

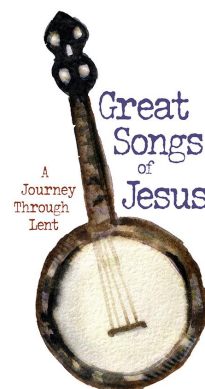
Watch again or for the 1st time!

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! Franny Crosby wrote those words in 1873. Her good friend, Phoebe Knapp penned the music. Listen to this past week's message and you'll hear their story!

[Great Songs of Jesus.](#)

Joseph's story, told in Genesis, is one of many ups and downs but as Carley reminds us, God has plans. This week we hear how Joseph, unjustly accused, is thrown into jail. Listen to the full story:

[Carley's Children's message.](#)

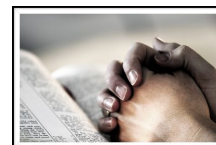


Many thanks to Blake Miller, our tech coordinator, and our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

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

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



Church News

Orchard Ridge Spring Auction

Supporting the Resident Relief Fund

This year, the
Orchard Ridge

Job Posting

Custodian / Groundskeeper

Annual Spring Tea is now an online auction. Jump online and support the Resident Relief Fund which helps residents who no longer have the means to pay for their care. The auction runs Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26th. All proceeds go to help residents on Medicaid.



You can find a link to the Silent Auction hosted on Facebook here: [Spring into Action](#) to assist Orchard Ridge Medicare residents.

We are once again searching for a 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](#).

Connections of Care

Stay connected with your [Connections of Care Group](#).



Please call the office if you have any questions about your group or how to get started with a new Connection of Care Group.

Our Committees Calling for Volunteers



Your church committees are hard at work and could use your help. Can you serve on one of our Ministry teams as a volunteer?

If you'd like to volunteer to serve on any committee take a look at our [Elders & Deacons](#) page - scroll to the bottom and you'll find the [team lead for each committee](#). There are opportunities for you to serve in many ways!

iPray and You



Would you like to be a part of our prayer community? When prayer requests are sent to Pastor Craig, submitted during our Sunday service or submitted on our website, our church receptionists collect them and add them to our iPray list. This list is sent to our prayer warriors who keep these requests in their prayers and offer them collectively. That is the power of prayer! Contact the office or submit your request to be added as a prayer warrior on our [iPray page](#).

Family Promise Of North Idaho Request from Chris & Eric Fehr

We continue our search for a couple or several singles to take on the job of this fulfilling role. Please contact either Eric & Chris Fehr or the church office if interested. Chris & Eric Fehr 208-929-2099

March Schedule

Sundays

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

Communion Sunday, March 7th

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Children & Family Ministry



Adventure Kids' Club Registration Open!

For information and to sign up for the spring session go here:

[Kid's Club Registration](#)

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](#)

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

It is hard to believe Palm Sunday and Easter are right around the corner! We want to be conscientious about providing both at-home and in-person Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday experiences. This will take a little planning on our part! We will be having our normal palm parade during the 9 am service on March 28th. For families who do not feel comfortable coming to the in-person service, we would still like you to participate!

We will be creating Palm and Easter Sunday Worship Kits for your family. They will contain palms for you to wave right with us on Sunday morning. They will also contain a family Easter study and supplies for the wonderful project we will be doing at church on Easter Sunday. What we need is to know who would like a kit to be sent to their home? This is only for families who will not be attending on Palm or Easter Sunday. If you do receive a kit we would LOVE it if you would take a short recording of your children

waving their palms for us to display on the big screen while the Palm Parade is taking place on Palm Sunday. Please reply to this email if you would like a kit sent to your family.

Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- Adventures in Caring informational letter being sent via mail today (2/22)! Make sure to read all about this exciting new opportunity to help your children learn about sharing LOVE 1st with the community!
- Registration for Adventure Kids' Club spring session opens on March 1st. 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.



February 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 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!