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Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge



Spring is in the Air!

Spring is in the air! You can start to feel spring's imminent return with each passing day as the sun starts to peek through the clouds more and more with each passing day. Winter's gray skies, cold, wind, rain or snow, and short days are sometimes hard to endure because I start to feel dreary. On the other hand, when sunshine peaks through the clouds and the sun's rays penetrate my skin, my mood ... [Read More](#)

This Week

What's Happening @ Ninos con Valor

From Your Missions Team

This March marks a year since Ninos con Valor In Cochabamba, Bolivia closed its doors to the outside world due to COVID-19. With health and safety a first priority, strict protocols were taken to insure the children's care, schooling and programming. Just three months earlier, the boys and girls homes merged into one large suburban residence with expansive outdoor space.



What a blessing that proved to be! Grounded in Christian values, the mission to see hope, healing and dignity flourish in these young victims of neglect and/or abandonment has greatly matured. In addition to caring for the younger children, they have started a teens in-home transitional program to prepare 16-17 yr. olds for adulthood as well as a residential treatment center for teens facing emotional and behavior issues. The independent living program for those over 18 has encouraged several to continue schooling to prepare for self-sufficiency.

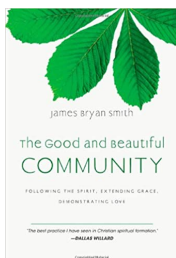
To kick off 2021, the creative minds at NCV have developed BITMOJI House, a fun, computer tool for all ages to learn more about our Bolivian culture, the residence . . . even some of the kid's favorite recipes. Simply click here [BITMOJI House](#) and you will magically find yourself in the "lobby" where you can read a welcome message then select from 5 different areas to explore. Each room has many different clickable items that will help you learn about life at Ninos con Valor.

Please check out their website, [Ninos con Valor](#), to find pictures of the children, learn how to sponsor a child, and maybe find it in your heart to be part of a 1st Pres Mission Team once we can travel again.

Pax and bendiciones a todos nuestros amigos en Coeur d Alene.

The Good & Beautiful Community

Starts March 24th - May 19th
7 pm Zoom



Katie and George Saylor will lead the discussion of this well-regarded book on Christian spiritual formation. This formation is both internal and in relationship to others: at home, church, in community and the world.

Dates: March 24, April 7, 21 and May 5, 19

Time: 7 pm

Where: Zoom meeting

Sign-up: Call the church office

You may buy the book yourself or order it through the church office. Hope to see you there!

Five Nights . Five Experiences
CDAIDE Virtual Silent Auction & Fundraiser
THIS WEEK!

**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





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 this week! 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.

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!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Great Songs of Jesus

A Journey Through Lent

Prayer is the confidence, that with God's help we can make it. And this is something we can always do ... pray. This Sunday, Pastor Craig introduced the story behind 'I Surrender All', written by Judson Van de Venter in 1896. This was a prayer he prayed. Hear the whole story here: [Great Songs of Jesus](#).

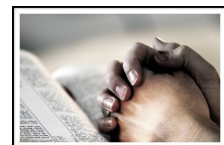
This week, we heard about how Joseph came to work for Pharaoh. And as always, God has plans. Listen to this week's installment of the story: [Carley's Children's message](#).

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 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 Medicare.

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

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.

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

Knitting for Warmth is Back!

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



Job Posting

Custodian / Groundskeeper

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](#).

2021 Lent Devotional Praying with Scripture During Lent



To access your Lent Devotional please click this link [2021 Lent Devotional](#) provided by The Presbyterian Outlook.

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

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.

March Schedule

Sundays

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

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch
Kitchen
ARMS

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 29, online & in Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

March 1, 7 pm
online & in Sanctuary

Good Friday

Online Only All Day

Easter Sunday

9 am & 11 am
online & in Sanctuary

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.



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!