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Blog of the Week

Blake Miller



Fasting to Hear & Receive a Word from the Lord

I was recently given a book by my Aunt Michelle, or aunt Miki as we've all called her since we were young. I was flipping through the pages when I saw something that really got me thinking and understanding the usefulness of fasting. I began to think about giving up things that we want, need, or desire and replacing them with prayer and meditation on the... [Read More](#)

This Week

Congregational Meeting

May 23



Congregational Meeting

Please plan to stay after the 9 am service on May 23 for a Congregational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to vote for and approve new Deacons.

2021 College Scholarships

Do you know a college-bound student who is graduating this year? The church is pleased to award a limited number of scholarships each year to deserving students. It's time to start the application process! [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

Please email your application to our bookkeeper, Stephanie Rogge (bookkeeperfirstprescda@gmail.com). You can also mail applications directly to



CDAIDE Summer Activities Scholarships Available

Do you know of a local hospitality worker's child who might benefit from a summer activity scholarship? This program is available to any restaurant or hospitality worker who lives or works in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls or Hayden and needs financial assistance to afford extra-curricular programs and/or camp for their child.

[Learn more and apply HERE](#)

the church office.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office: 208.667.8446

Contemplative Service to Begin

We are happy to report that our Contemplative Service will once again commence on Sunday, June 13. This will be the same service format we followed in early 2020. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Do You Know a 2021 Graduate?

We would like to recognize our 2021 graduates and are asking you to provide a few details. Do you have a graduate or know of anyone graduating from the 2020/2021 school year? Please let us know by emailing the following information to the church office by MAY 28th. Thanks!

- Name of Graduate
- Relationship to You & Your Name
- School Name
- Degree



Calling ALL Families with Youth!

As the Youth Ministry team moves forward with planning for our youth program, we invite you to provide valuable insights and feedback. Your input will help us build our 1st Pres Youth activities as we move forward with this ministry at 1st Pres. Please take a few minutes this week to complete the survey. Thank you! [1st Pres Family Survey](#)

Support the 38TH Annual Clothing Giveaway

Keep the Clothing Donations Coming!



August 21st will be here before you know it and we still need donations and volunteers to support

this wonderful program to help clothe our local elementary school age children.

Summer Reading?



We have had so many generous donations to our church library that it's time to share the wealth and let some of these gems go to new homes.

Every week a new selection will be

You can find the list of clothing needed in the **CHURCH NEWS** section below.

Please contact Diane Wakkinen or Barb Proper if you'd like to volunteer or have questions about clothing donations.

All donations should be cleaned and in good shape. Drop them in a bag with a dryer sheet so they'll stay fresh-smelling and please label the bag "clean". You can also let the Deacons do your shopping by making a direct donation through our [Giving Portal](#), select Deacons and specify clothing drive in the comment box.

Flower Basket Sale Thank You!

On behalf of the Children and Family Team, we want to sincerely thank you all for your support.

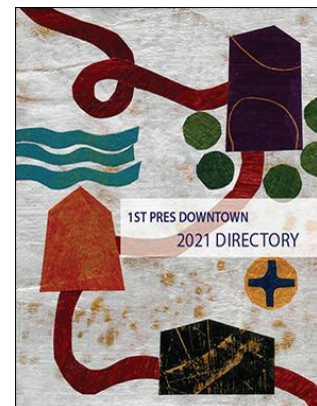


The generosity of our congregation continues to support our Love First mission, blessing the children of our church and our community!

Church Directory 2021

Have you checked to make sure your contact information is up-to-date? Our goal is to publish the new directory by July but we need your help. We'd also like to add pictures so we need you to provide a favorite picture. It's best if you can provide it digitally but if all you have is a print, we can do our best to scan it for inclusion.

Please contact the church office either by [email](#) or call (please leave a message if no one picks up) 208.667.8446. You do **NOT** need to be a member to be included in the directory!



Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Why is the Bible such a key part of what we do daily? Pastor Craig spoke about how the Bible can help us navigate relationships. There was so much packed into the message that you may want to

available in the Fireside Room on specially marked shelves. Please feel free to stop by during the week or before church on Sundays to check out the latest free titles.

SPECIAL PUSH TO SUPPORT 2021 CLOTHING DRIVE!

The Faith, Fun & Friendship Christ Care Group wants to ensure the



Deacon's clothing drive collects sufficient Tops, Bottoms, and Toes. These important clothing items are needed so that our local children can start the school year with new underwear and socks.

Collection boxes will be at the church during the week and in Kruger Hall on Sundays during the month of May.



listen again - it will be worth your time!

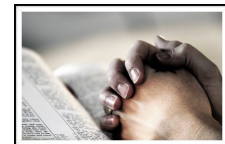
This week's reading assignment: read Philemon. Watch the service for the first time or once again: [Watch Useful](#).

Carley took a detour from her current lesson series to tell us about the origins of Mother's Day, or Mothering Day as it was known in its early days. Tune in and you can hear about Anna Jarvis and how the Bible teaches us to honor our mothers. [Listen Here](#)

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

Church News

Support the 38TH Annual Clothing Giveaway This is what we need!

Elementary school age children's clothing only

- Very gently used, no stains, discoloration, tears or holes, and working zippers
- Prefer name brands when possible
- Sweatshirts/Hoodies
- Seasonal winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots) are welcome
- Sizes 5-14 in girls and boys, encourage slim and plus sizes in both boys and girls
- Girls shoe sizes 3-4, and 5-7 in women's
- Boys Shoe sizes 3-9
- Discourage short-shorts, tank tops, camisoles (not appropriate to meet school dress codes)



Most in need of...

- Packages of socks S, M, L
- Packages of underwear 5-14 or S, M, L, XL
- Boys jeans 5-14 slim, regular and plus sizes
- Girls leggings (XS, X, M, L, XL)
- Girls jeans 5-14 both slim, regular and plus sizes
- Boys/girls long sleeved t-shirts
- Shoes: girls 3-4 and 5-7 (women's); boys 3-9
- Boots - see above sizes
- Sweaters - especially girls

Daily Devotionals Available

REMINDER: Daily Devotionals - The Upper Room and Daily Bread - are always available for pickup at the Welcome Desk in Krueger Hall or during the week in the office.

May Schedule

Sundays

9 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & online.
Social distancing with masks optional.

DOXA 11 am

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Children & Family Ministry



Whether or not you are participating in our Adventures in Caring scholarship program, we have an excellent opportunity to help your children share the love of Christ with other children in our community!

Our Deacons are collecting donations for our annual clothing giveaway and WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are seeing a dramatic decrease in the clothing that has been donated for this amazing community event. We are in need of lightly used clothes in all youth sizes from 4T to size 14. We are also looking for donations of new socks and underwear. Help your child go through their closets and donate the clothing they have grown out of or no longer wear. This is a great opportunity to talk to them about serving others and generosity.

We have a special donation box located outside of The Adventure Zone. You can drop off donations during the week or on Sunday morning.

This activity would count as one of your missional activities for the camp scholarship program.

I hope you are all having an amazing week. I am praying for you and your children as we near the end of the school year and begin to look forward to summer, hooray!

Summer Stuff

2nd Annual Mommy (or anyone!) & Me Pottery Painting 'n Storytime @ Hands to Art

June 23rd, from 10:00-11:00 AM followed by a picnic at the park!

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles (basically any adult) are invited to bring their 3-year old through 6-year old for pottery painting and storytime at Hands to Art! We will follow our art time with a

lids (littles always love places to hide their "treasures"!)). We ask that you bring your own sack lunch. The cost will be \$20.

We will be following city/county COVID

picnic and playtime at North Pines Park (1015 E. Lunceford). Please bring a blanket and sack lunch for you and your kiddo(s).

We will meet at Hands to Art at 10:00 AM to paint adorable cross-shaped boxes with

safety protocols. Currently, that means that masks are optional, but recommended. Staff and volunteers will be wearing masks for this event.

Link to register : [Register Now](#)

2nd Annual 1st Pres Art Camp

July 6th - 9th, 9:30 am - 11:45 am

We are partnering with Hands to Art again this year to provide your child the opportunity to attend art camp with their church family! We will be creating five amazing masterpieces throughout the 4-day camp. Throughout the week we will be exploring what it means to be God's child, and how God views us. We will be focusing on figuring out what characteristics make us different from each other and celebrating our uniqueness through the eyes of Christ!

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 stay on-site to eat a sack lunch (provided by you) and discuss our topic for the day.

This camp experience is open to incoming 1st graders through current 5th graders. The total cost will be \$120, we ask that you provide your child's sack lunch daily. Drop off at 9:20 am and pick up at 11:45 am. Scholarships are available, please email Carley@1stpresdowntown for information.

We will be accepting up to 25 children for this event. We will follow city/county and school district guidelines for COVID safety protocols during this event. Currently, that would mean masks would be optional but strongly recommended for participants. All adult staff and volunteers will be wearing masks.

If transportation is a barrier to attendance, please reach out, and let's collaborate to make sure your child can attend! [Register Here](#)

Save the Dates

May 19th, 5:30 PM: Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (located in the Fireside Room). We will be making cards for the Deacons to use for our elderly members who cannot currently make it to church. Please plan on picking your children up (or you can stay and help too!) by 6:00 pm as we have Adventure Kids' Club that evening.

June 6th, 8:30 AM (before church): Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (Krueger Hall). During church we will be holding a food drive. Your children can help gather the supplies before the church service. Please arrive by 8:30 am to participate in this volunteer opportunity.

June 16th, 5:30 pm: Downtown Church Alliance Summer Kick-Off Block Party! We are

partnering with Trinity Lutheran and St. Luke's Episcopal Church over the summer to bring you and your family some really exciting events and opportunities. We are going to kick off the summer with a block party! Each church will provide activities. You'll begin at 1st Pres, where we will have a bouncy house and an obstacle course, once you've had your fill of bouncing, you'll head a few blocks north to St. Lukes where you will be able to eat a hotdog and enjoy some yard games. Finally, you'll head down to Trinity Lutheran where there will be more games and a yummy treat to finish off the night! Think of it as a progressive dinner but it's all about having fun and you can walk!

June 23rd, 10:00 AM: Mommy and Me Pottery Painting

June 27th, during and after church: Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (the Adventure Zone). Immediately following the church service, we will be handing out water and cheering on Ironman racers! During the service, we will make signs to use while cheering on the racers reflecting our Love 1st mission.

July 6th-9th: 2nd Annual Summer Art Camp

July 23-25th: Lutherhaven Family Camp

August 8th - 13th: Summer camp at Lutherhaven

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](https://www.1stpresdowntown.org) on [1stPresdowntown.org](https://www.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!