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Blog of the Week

Emily Rogers

Honoring Those Who Have Passed

I love to read obituaries in our Coeur d'Alene Press! They're like reading short-story biographies about people you may not even know. You often learn so much about the people, their family connections, their hobbies, and a bit more about their ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Family Promise Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Dinner Auction This Friday!



You can be part of providing shelter and food for families experiencing homelessness,

as well as assisting them to attain employment and permanent housing.

Join us on Friday, May 5
5:30 - 9:00 pm

Best Western Inn

506 W. Appleway, Coeur d'Alene

Purchase Tickets Here: [Family Promise](#)

Or contact Teri Burch

\$75.00 Individual

\$600.00 for a table of 8



Celebrating Communion Sunday, May 7

If you are worshipping remotely, please be sure to gather your elements before the service begins.

Family Promise Week May 7 - 14

We'll be welcoming our Family Promise guests on Sunday, May 7th. The sign-up board is in Krueger Hall if you can lend a hand in any way.

Please reach out to Teri Burch, Judy Flieger or Ann Smart if you have questions.

Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, May 6 | 9 am - Noon

This Saturday we'll be holding our Spring Grounds Clean-



up day. Please be enticed by coffee & donuts as we tidy our property. Prayers for good weather are always appreciated! Be sure to bring work gloves.

Please reach out to Scott Fischer with any questions and to check to see if we need any extra blowers and/or metal tined rakes.

Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale 2023



You still have time to order one of these beautiful baskets! Choose between baskets of geraniums (red, pink, or orange)

OR mixed flowers (generally petunias and a combination of other colorful lovelies). These are high quality, long-lasting blooms that you will want to gift or keep for your own garden. All proceeds benefit our camp scholarship fund.

Order through Sunday, May 7th. Pick-up, Wednesday, May 10 between 9 and 3 pm.

Mother's Day Salad Luncheon

Hosted by Presbyterian Women

May 13 | Noon - 2 pm

Please join us on Saturday, May 13th for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and good food! Please bring a salad to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided.



Mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces, friends, in other words all are invited!

Now Accepting 2023 Scholarship Applications!

If you are a student entering college, trade or technical school this Fall or continuing your education, our church offers potential scholarships to applicants. Applicant must be directly related to the church or a member of the church.



If you are interested, the scholarship application for educational advancement is available in the church office or [download here](#). If you have questions as to eligibility, please call the office.

The application deadline is May 30, 2023. Please submit your application to the church office. Late applications will not be considered.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Ephesians | One Body. In a world marked by division, how do we become agents of Christ's peace? Listen as we explore our call to unity in Christ. [Watch Now](#)



Many thanks to our team of volunteers who make broadcasting the service possible!

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

Church News

Kukhany'okusha Cares

(KC), Eswatini

April Mission Team Update

Our mission partner's name, Kukhany'okusha, translates to "New Light". Located in Eswatini (previously Swaziland), South Africa, where the faith tradition is predominantly Christian, followed by Muslim. A team set out from Indiana in 2004 to Swaziland (now Eswatini) for a fact-finding mission and to determine to what extent HIV was ravaging the country. This group included Janice Wilson, niece of long-time members Dick and Marilyn Bruce. They found hungry children and people dying from HIV, leaving behind many orphans. Schools were needed, particularly preschools, for further education. Without parents, protecting children was a priority as child predators were a problem.

The team asked, "If we give you money, what can you do?" Heart-sick from listening to their children's hungry cry, mothers needed food. To encourage the people of Swaziland to trust this newly founded program, Bishop Mkhonta of Kukhany'Oshuka Zion Church formed an advisory board. In 2011 the first truckload of food arrived. Churches and the community did the best they could to help. Water, available by a few working wells, was also brought in by truck.

Over the ensuing years, six preschools and two community centers where kids can get a hot meal were created. For some, this was their only access to food. Teachers are Christian. Once registered for school, kids can then go to public school for free

Sunday Morning Early Risers!

Can you help serve donuts around 7:00 am on the occasional Sunday, we'd love to have your help!



The church pays for the donuts. We pick them up and serve them. If you're interested in helping out please contact Carolyn Keefer or the church office.

New Staff Position Open

~ Director of Worship ~

The job description and details have been posted to [Indeed](#). Please take some time to review the position. If you or someone you know has a heart and talent for music and worship and feels led by God to this position, you can apply through Indeed. You will need to submit a cover letter and resume. Please pray for God to bring the right person to our church family.

Be a Prayer Warrior

You too can be a prayer warrior! We are a praying church and you can be a part of this important ministry. Contact the office if you'd like to be added to the iPray team. office@1stpresdowntown.org



Small Groups

If you are interested, please stay tuned - we're re-imagining our Small Groups. In the meantime,



as well as university. Farms at the centers help to create sustainability with good community support. 1st Pres Church provided money for one of the buildings in 2019.

Today, HIV medication is keeping parents alive. COVID has receded. Clinics are available in the bush and the city has a hospital, pharmacy and some support is available as well from some of the more affluent locals.

Bishop Mkhonta has passed away and has not been replaced yet. Janice hopes to return in 2024 and has been there many times prior to the outbreak of COVID. She states 100% of the money we give goes to the needs of the mission.

you can find information on our website. If you can't find what you're looking for, please call the office.

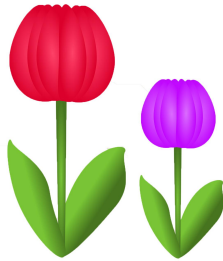
- [Men's Fellowship](#)
- [Sunday Bible Study](#)
- [Women's Circles](#)

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket For someone who could use a lift



Prayer shawls or lap blankets are a cozy boost for a loved one!

You can find them in the Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.



Pastor Neal and Carolyn Are Visiting Coeur d'Alene!

Pastor Neal and Carolyn Nybo will be in town for a special pastor's meeting next week! We are so very happy for this opportunity for a short visit. We will have an open house on Wednesday, May 10th from 5:30 - 8 pm in Krueger Hall. Beverages and light appetizers will be served.

May Weekly Events

Sundays

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary
10:30 am Bible Study

Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Volunteers

Look below for the volunteer sign-up link! The

sign-up sheet is also available on the wall in its usual place outside of the Adventure Kids Zone, and has been updated with May dates.

Volunteer Dates Needed:

5/21 Both assistants needed

5/28 Both assistants needed

6/4 Elementary assistant needed



Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer:

1stpreschildren@gmail.com. You can also check the volunteer sign-up sheet to sign-up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:

Sunday School and Event Volunteer
Signup

Background Check Form

Book a babysitter and join the
Children & Families Committee for a

✦PARENTS NIGHT OUT✦

This July our very own Jenny Shotwell and
Kent & Norilee Kimball are performing in the
CDA Summer Theater's production of

♪♪ The Sound of Music ♪♪

Let's go and support our fellow First Pres-ers!

When: Thursday, July 6th @ 7:30pm

Where: Schuler Performing Arts Center, NIC

Group Discounted Price: \$56.67/person

If you are interested please contact
Kathryn White via email at
mkwhite523@gmail.com by Sunday, May 7th.

Youth Ministry

Register for Summer Camp



CAMP SPALDING

Camp Spalding offers great camps for students of all ages throughout the summer! Please contact Kierstie if you're interested in registering.

Sign-up for the Youth Family
Newsletter

Sunday Morning Youth Group
Join us in the Youth Room!

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Email [Kierstie](#) to receive the newsletters.

Check Out Our Schedule

Join our group on the Band App to see our schedule, upcoming events, and more! Don't forget to turn on notifications. Click [here](#) to join!



The 1st Sunday of every month, all youth will stay in the Sanctuary to participate in Holy Communion.

Middle Schoolers are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service.

High Schoolers will meet at 11:30 for lunch and connection. Contact [Kierstie](#) for details.

Volunteers Needed!

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email [Kierstie](#) to get involved!