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Blog of the Week

Chris Gray

Some Assembly Required

“Some assembly required”, these three words on the box of a new toy can cause a Dad to turn pale and a Mom to gasp in horror. What usually follows are several late night hours squeezing “A” into “B”, bolting “D” into “F” and hoping no one notices if steps 4, 5 and 6 are skipped altogether. All these parents wanted was a gift for their child. What they got was a project...sometimes a project for life.

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This Week

Family Promise Hosting Begins
September 27th
Sept 27 - Oct 3



Our week of 'hosting' begins this Sunday! The Family Promise team has let us know they have specific requests : cash donations to purchase gifts cards to supplement meals, as well as breakfast and lunch food donations. Bill and Teri Burch will have a better idea of specific needs this Thursday, Sept 24, and will start to reach out to see who can help.

If you can help, please contact Teri or Bill, or call the church office. Many hands make light work and in this case that means, delivering meals to families trying to make a new start. Learn about how we support [Family Promise of North Idaho here](#).



Ecumenical Kitchen Volunteers Needed!

Thursday, Oct 1 - *next week!*

For the first time since the COVID shutdown, we have the opportunity to serve lunch inside! Bev Rasor, our Ecumenical Kitchen Coordinator will let you know when we shift over to hot lunches. We are hosting our local guests for lunch on Thursday, October 1st. Questions - please call the office.



Volunteers Wanted - Needed!

Carley is ready to start this year's Sunday School program and needs your help.

Preschool / Kindergarten : volunteer teams of two to teach and shepherd the kiddos. We'd like to have a few teams who could rotate.

1st grade through 5th grade : volunteers willing to work with our 1st grade - 5th grade students, both in large group and small group formats.

Prayer Team : We are seeking a team to commit themselves to praying for our children and families on a regular basis.

Please email [Carley Walker](#) or call her at 208-215-5337. You can also sign-up here: [Volunteer Sign-up](#)

We Need to Find a Nursery Care Attendant For Sundays

We have a problem ... but it's a good problem. Our Sunday attendance number are going up, and as a result, we need help in



the nursery so parents can attend the service. This is a paid position and begins immediately. The best candidate would be over the age of 18 and have a love for infants and toddlers. The hours are Sunday mornings between 8:30 and 10:30. Those interested should send resumes to [Carley Walker](#) or call her at 208-215-5337 for details.

Connections of Care Update



As believers, we know that prayer is powerful. Often prayer will connect

us to those around us in ways we could not have imagined. The Session has approved a plan that will help us at 1st Pres stay connected with one another through prayer.

A Connections of Care Group is not another place to be or another thing to do. It is simply a list of people from your church that you can pray for.

Our Staff is fine-tuning the plan so watch for information coming in the next week or two, on how you can be a part of this exciting new adventure.

Calling All Singers & Bell Ringers

We are practicing and

Are You a Crafter?

We are about to



preparing to make joyful music this fall. Join the choir in the sanctuary for safe, socially-distanced rehearsals on Thursday

evenings at 7 pm. Contact [Kent Kimball](#) for details about Bell Choir rehearsals. Would you like to be a part of the Praise Team? Contact [Ray Weaver](#).

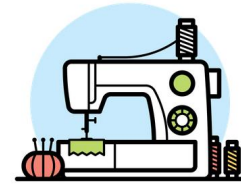
Choir rehearsals: Thursdays at 7 pm Meeting in the sanctuary

Bell Choir rehearsals: on hold due to not enough ringers for now.

begin an exciting project upstairs in the children's classrooms. We can't tell you what it is just yet because we don't want to

ruin the surprise! We are in need of someone who can sew curtains and a few other things for our project. Would you be willing to serve the children's ministry in this way? As a bonus, you would get all of the exciting details relating to our project!

Please call Carley if you are willing to help! 208-215-5337



Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Communication is a critical aspect of our Christian faith. We gather around a God who speaks to us directly and personally. Our God speaks to us not just in history but in our daily life. Words of life! We are saved and safe. This past week's sermon was powerful - you won't want to miss it - or perhaps watch it again.

Tin foil - can you imagine how Carley used tin foil to teach a lesson? You can find her video on our YouTube channel. Be sure to tune in with your family for a special time of devotion together. [View HERE](#)

As always, many thanks to the team that made broadcasting the service possible!

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

Church News



Food insecurity - that is what Meals on Wheels addresses. Meals on Wheels is a proven public-private partnership that effectively addresses the challenges of aging by promoting health and improving quality of life for at-risk senior citizens. Seniors in **OUR** community who need our help.

Cathy South, 1st Pres member and Director of the Meals on Wheels program at Lake City

Center, has an *immediate and urgent* need for drivers to deliver hot meals on a Friday route. The time commitment is about two hours each week. There is also a need for substitute drivers.

Please contact Cathy South at Lake City Center at 208-667-4628 if you can help.

Job Posting

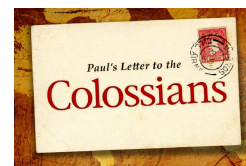
Custodian / Groundskeeper

We continue to search for our 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](#).

Colossians Bible Study

September 2020
through April 2021



Please join our Colossians Bible Study from 4 - 5:30 pm on Tuesday's in the Fireside Room. This is for those new to Bible study as well as veterans.

Those interested in joining this study should contact Carolyn Fish directly at ckfish3474@gmail.com or call her at 562-201-3474 to sign up. Workbooks (\$10) will be distributed to participants at the study session.

Visiting the Church Office

Our New Normal

Please call the office to schedule any appointments so we can make sure whomever you need to visit is available.
208.667.8446



Children & Family Ministry



Hello First Pres Families!

IMPORTANT NOTE: As you begin to come back to church you will find we have limited seating in the sanctuary. Because of this, we are inviting children to join us in the *Adventure Zone* before church

your family. Simply bring them into the Adventure Zone during announcements. This is a temporary solution to our capacity issue while social distancing. Many have expressed a love of having their

begins. If you love having your kids sing with you in the sanctuary, you are more than welcome to make that choice for

children present during the beginning of worship and we do not intend to change this in the long term.

Adventure Kids Club



We want to explore the idea of a Kids' Club with you. The idea is that the club would be every other Wednesday in conjunction with the middle and high school confirmation classes (kid-free evening anyone?!). The Club would be a social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. The focus of our fall/winter session would be The Fruits of the Spirit. We would begin with seven sessions starting September 30th. We will have prizes and incentives along the way, including a big prize at the end for anyone with perfect attendance!

Who: Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Time : 6 - 7:30 pm

[Register Here](#)

Dates:

Wednesday, Sept 30

Wednesday, Oct 14, 28

Wednesday, Nov 11, 25

Wednesday, Dec 9, 23

Guidance

- For safety, our group would need to be between 3 and 15 children
- We will operate within the same color zones as CDA School District, utilizing their guidelines.
- Masks required and a temperature check for all children before entering the building in accordance with the current color zone (this is subject to change as the District changes).
- We will heavily promote social distancing, but with the nature of children, we can not guarantee children will stay socially distanced.
- We will offer at-home activities and challenges for the subsequent Wednesday when we do not gather in person.

Register Here : [Adventure Kids Club Registration](#)

Weekly Children's Devotion

Each week we will be providing a pre-recorded devotional for children's time. We have created a playlist on YouTube so you can easily access the devotion to share with your child. Here is a link to the devotion for this week: [Devotional for 9/20.](#)



I have had several parents request at-home materials for their children so I will be sending those as an attachment in my

September 20, 2020

weekly newsletter. I will offer the same lesson and take home sheet we are utilizing at the church each week.

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.

Have a blessed week,
Carley

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School Ministry for Fall 2020-Spring 2021



We are excited to begin the journey of confirmation with any interested middle or high schooler! This will be an incredible season! Please reach out to Craig, or Tyler & Kierstie Renninger if you have any questions!

Are you interested in ways you can be involved in supporting our awesome youth? We have many volunteer opportunities available to match your interests, and we would love to get you connected! Please contact Kierstie Renninger for more information! Thanks!

The Details

Pastor Craig has joined forces with the Youth Team to come up with a plan to offer all Middle School and High School students an in-depth walk through what Christians say, do, and believe; which our tradition calls Confirmation. Bi-weekly Wednesday gatherings will be led by Pastor Craig and other adult volunteers. There will also be a schedule of just-for-fun hangout times. Each student will be surrounded by direct support from adult church members and mentors as well as have direct access to Pastor Craig and the

with. Parents will be supported as well so they feel equipped to reinforce at home what's learned at church. There will be some fun incentives to keep students checked in and up to date. The end of this experience will be a weekend Spring Retreat, an all-expense paid Summer weekend at Silverwood, and a 'rite of passage' faith experience in the Spring that is modeled after a 'prayer walk' experience.



volunteers for whatever they're dealing



Schedule

Sundays

Sunday services are once again in the sanctuary and online. We'd love to see you!

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!



Ministry Groups can meet at the church!

Please contact the church office to reserve a room for your Ministry group. Please remember that maintaining social distance and wearing masks is highly recommended. Emily and Chris, your amazing receptionists, will work with the Church Administrator to ensure spaces are available and cleaned properly.