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Blog of the Week

Emily Rogers



Autumn Ruminations

Argh! How did it happen? How can it already be Fall? Perhaps the fact that we usually refer to it as “Fall” brings about a different feeling than the beautiful word, “Autumn.” As in falling into the darker time of year, as in putting away all those suddenly dying plants and flowers. As in denning-up, pulling those

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This Week

Connections of Care at 1st Pres



As believers, we know that prayer is powerful. Often prayer will connect us to those around us in ways we could not have imagined.

- Letters were sent to all team Captains last week informing them of team set-up ideas and processes.
- Letters to the congregation will be going out this week. You should expect to hear from your team Captain in the next week to help get your group started.
- If you do NOT receive a packet, please call the office so we can get you connected!

Remember, 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.



~ Volunteers ~ Who Can Help?

Our Sunday School needs your help. We can't shift over to a classroom model until we have volunteers to help staff the classrooms.

- Preschool / Kindergarten
- 1st grade through 5th grade

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](#)



Cathy South, 1st Pres member and Director of the Meals on Wheels program at Lake City Center, would like to thank Judy and Buzz Hays for becoming the latest Meals on Wheels drivers! Now that she has that position filled **she still needs substitute drivers to fill in as needed.**

Give Cathy a call and she will fill you in on all the details such as how often you might be called. This could be a buddy project!

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

~ Position Open ~ Sunday Nursery Care Attendant

Do you know **ANYONE** who might be interested in a Sunday morning job?

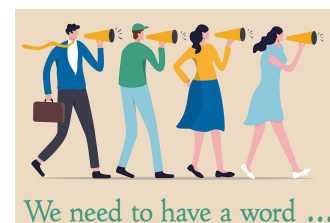
We need to hire a Nursery attendant to watch over the little ones during the Sunday service.



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 am and 10:30 am . Those interested should send resumes to [Carley Walker](#) or call her at 208-215-5337 for details.

Sunday's Service Watch again or for the 1st time!

Words that are true. Did you know that it's recorded that Jesus said 'Truly I say to you' 72 times? And in the Gospel of John, 'Truly, truly I say to you' was said 25 times? God's words can be trusted. If you tune into YouTube you'll hear the rest of the story ...it's worth your time!



We need to have a word ...

For this week's children's message you'll need a few supplies before you listen in - a mirror, an erasable marker, an eraser, and of course, a Bible! You can find Carley's 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



Calling All Singers & Bell Ringers

Join our 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

Bell Choir rehearsals: On hold for now

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

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

Adventure Kids Club
REGISTRATION CLOSSES TODAY
(Tuesday, September 29)



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](#)



If you haven't seen the pleas for help yet ... we need **Sunday School** volunteers to help staff the classrooms. We'd like to get back to whatever normal means this year and part of that means getting the kids back in the classroom. The details are in the **THIS WEEK** section above.

Sunday Morning Paid Position!

Do you know anyone who might be interested in a job that only requires a few hours on Sunday mornings? Carley is



looking for a Nursery Care Attendant to help care for our little ones whilst their parents attend the service in the sanctuary. Details above in the **THIS WEEK** section or call Carley.

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 9/27.](#)

I have had several parents request at-home materials for their children so I will be sending those as an attachment in my weekly newsletter. I will offer the same lesson and take home sheet we are utilizing at the church each week.



September 27, 2020
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



Fun Fall Stuff!

October 7

We've got a fun **Bowling Night** planned at Sunset Bowl from 6-7:30 pm, drop off and pick up at the bowling alley.

October 21

We're planning a **Harvest Party** at the Church but don't have all of the details ironed out yet. We do know it will be from 6-7:30 pm. More info coming soon.



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 volunteers for whatever they're dealing

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.



Schedule

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

We meet every other Wednesday, generally at the church for study with Pastor Craig or a fun evening with Kierstie and Tyler Renninger.

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.