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Blog of the Week

Janet Starkey



My Fitbit died this week. Some of you might know that I wear a Fitbit (fancy pedometer) because I like to track the number of steps I take every day. It also tracks my sleep, which either confirms or denies the quality of my sleep—good and bad ☺. It's part of my self-imposed “healthy-as-I-can-be” lifestyle regime.

When it failed this week, I was at a loss. A little ...

[Read More](#)

This Week



Joel Parris Speaking this Sunday

Joel Parris is the pastor of one of CDA's newest church plants, [Doxa](#). A former large church pastor, Joel has a vision for building church around authentic relationships and community service.



Blessing of the Bikes

Join us on June 28th for the

Blessing of the Bikes! We'll gather at the City Park Bandstand and go from there.

Children & Family Volunteer, Staff & Committee BBQ!

Hello volunteers, staff, and committee members!

Call the office if you have questions.

When: June 28th, 2 pm

Blessing: City Park Bandstand, CdA

Destination: Riverstone Park Gazebo

Treat: Ice cream bars & popsicles!

Attending worship services in the sanctuary starting June 21st

Watch how we plan to make this season of care work. [Read the document that supports this plan.](#)



You are all invited to attend our 2nd Annual Summer Kick-Off BBQ and Volunteer



Appreciation. Anyone who provides support for the ministry is invited to be celebrated for all your hard work and dedication.

The event will be at Carley's home this Saturday at 4:00. Please sign up with the link below asap so we can prepare enough food. We will be having a yard game championship so be prepared to bring your a-game! The weather looks like it will be gorgeous, so we can socially distance outside. Please bring either yard chairs or a blanket to sit on.

[Sign-up Now!](#)

We hope to see many of you there!

Dates to Remember

Sunday, June 21 Father's Day

Friday, July 3 Office Closed

Sunday's Service

Watch Again or For The 1st Time!

This past Sunday we were blessed to hear from our friend, **Geoff Rinehart**. He spoke of unity, grace, mercy and forgiveness and how biblically, justice is not about punishment but rather opportunity. He's joined by Chi Rho member, Abigail Heath. You'll want to hear his message.



Next week, June 21st, we'll be back in the sanctuary if you choose to gather together! Be assured that while you many join us in the Sanctuary, we will continue to live-stream our services, 9 & 10:30 am, every Sunday on our YouTube channel.

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



Visiting the Church Office

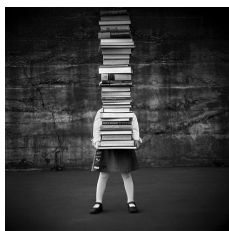
As we slowly move toward our new normal, the office

staff will continue to partly work from home. If you need to stop by the church, please call the office to schedule an appointment so we can make sure whomever you need to visit is available.

What We're Working On ...



Our website is getting a face lift! We've been working behind the scenes to update our website and hope to launch very soon! The new site has been reorganized a bit and still includes the important information you've come to know and love.



Pastor Sumey's Summer Reading List

Craig is reading during the first part of his Sabbatical. A lot! If you want to read along, he's put together a list of books and articles for you (don't worry, it's much, much shorter than his) so you can read and think alongside Craig. [Download the reading list.](#)

Congratulation Graduates!

We recognized our 2020 graduates on May 31 during our 9 am live-streamed service. Each

graduate will receive this beautiful, embossed notebook. Please contact the office to arrange a time to pick-up your gift! Congratulations! We are so proud.



CDAIDE: You Can Help Today!

NEW: There are several board and committee positions available for you to consider. The email address below can be used to contact the team.

Additionally, our partners at CDAIDE continue to need ongoing help in specific areas.

Care Partners - businesses that will donate/discount services (dentists, doctors, car repair shops, daycare, etc.)

Technical Advisor - help with website and online care referral updates and problems.

Please email serving@cdaide.org if you can help or forward to someone you think might be interested in helping.

Notes from Steve

Director of Youth Ministries

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! "
- Philippians 4:4



I had an amazing time on the camping trip! Thanks to everyone who stepped up and helped out. I have honestly never felt more part of a team. Everyone did their part - and they did it exceptionally well - so I was able to focus on the part I like best. We were all pouring into the kids - each in our own way - but with one common purpose. I feel certain that this was the Lord building His foundation for the group. I am so excited to see what He builds upon it in our hearts, and in the world we touch. Please enjoy the [epic video](#) of our trip and I hope to see you Wednesday!

Love, Peace & Joy!
Steve

The Epic Camping Trip

Thank you again to everyone who helped make the trip so amazing! I am looking forward to our next one, and I hope you are too.



Special thanks to Kim Wilson for answering the call and making the long drive to Priest Lake at the last minute - and spending the day towing young people (and me) around the lake in tubes. You saved the day!

Youth Group Tomorrow

Wednesday @ 6:30 pm - NO DINNER

We will be meeting at the church at 6:30 pm Wednesday to hang out, play games, learn about our wonderful Savior - and we

Schedule

Sundays

Youth will meet Sundays in person at the church. I am not sure what the turn-out will be, but I will be at both services.

will rejoice! This is for everyone. We will be done at 8 pm. Please bring a jacket!

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm

June 17 - All together at the church

June 24 - Youth Video game night - 6pm -8pm
everybody - 8-9 pm high school only

Send-Off Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug 9. Our high-school graduates will be delivering the message that day. And as their church family, we will be sending them off into the world with our love, prayers, and gifts in the form of a Life-Survival basket for each of them. We will be getting each of them a basket and a beautiful life-time Bible that you will have the opportunity to sign or add to it a word of encouragement, and you are welcome to put anything else in their baskets you'd like.



Digging Deeper - for high schoolers!

Is your child interested in learning more about God - in a more focused and mature manner? Youth group is a lot of fun, and there are a variety of interest levels amongst the kids. I want to create an avenue for any who want to really get into the things of God at a higher level. This would be an at-your-own-pace mentored study for those who want to take this step in their Christian growth. Let me know if you think this is your child.

As always, I am available with any questions, concerns or prayer requests!

Steve

steve@1stpresdowntown.org or 208.816.8122

Children's Ministry

Hello Families,

The Pottery with Parents was a big success. We had 12 children and their family members participate. It was so fun to see all the different designs they came up with!



The owner of Hands to Art read us a story about how special and unique God created each one of us to be. We rounded out our fun with a play-date and picnic at North Pines Park. Art work will be available to pick up at the children's check-in counter this Sunday OR at the office after that. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Summer Kick off BBQ, Yard Games, and Volunteer Appreciation
June 20th, 4:00 pm

We are excited to get the summer started with our second annual "Summer Kick-Off BBQ." This year we have a yard game championship in the works. There is even a trophy at stake. Families, youth, and anyone who volunteers with children or youth are invited to attend the BBQ. The event will be held at my home in Post Falls. We will spend our time outdoors and ask that everyone remain socially distanced.

Bring your lawn chairs and a snack to share.

Sign up for the event here so we know how much food to prepare:



[Summer BBQ Kick Off Sign-Up](#)



"I Am HIS Masterpiece" Art-themed Day Camp

We are almost full - sign up soon!

This year our day camp will be art themed. We are partnering with Hands to Art to create five amazing masterpieces including a mosaic, two pottery projects, painting, and batik. Throughout the week we will be exploring what it means to be God's masterpiece and how we can all live that out in our daily lives.

Dates and Schedule

Date: July 27th through July 31st

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Who: 1st graders through current 5th graders

Limit*: 25 (including volunteers)

Cost:** \$100 (does NOT include lunch)

Bring: Sack lunch

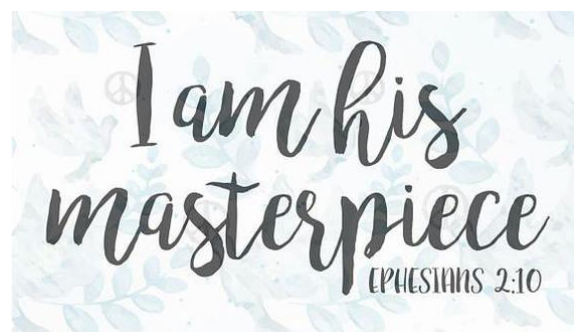
We will begin the day at Hands to Art pottery studio where the campers will complete a different art project each day.

Following that, we will head back to the church for a lesson and a sack-lunch. The afternoons will be filled with fun adventures like hiking and trips to the beach. We will invite families to join us for an adventure in the Silver Valley on Wednesday to explore the Crystal Gold Mines and Pulaski Tunnel Trail.

*Attendance is limited to ensure the safety of the volunteers and the campers. We will be adhering to state and CDC guidelines.

**Scholarships are available, please email Carley@1stpresdowntown.org for information.

[Register Now](#)



**LutherHaven
Update**

We have shared the

likely have plenty of room for them to join in on the fun! As we have more details we will be sure to update you.



news that Lutherhaven is canceling their traditional summer camps. We are actively working with

Lutherhaven to find a way for our families to still enjoy a summer camp experience. We are coming up with some great solutions. Please continue to save August 3rd through August 7th for an event at Lutherhaven. Even if your child was not previously signed up, we will

Kindercamp is currently open for registration, we already have a few families attending, this is a great way to introduce kiddos to the summer camp experience with you right by their side to enjoy every moment!

<https://www.lutherhaven.com/event/kindercamp-at-lutherhaven/>

Zoom Connect and Learn

The Zoom meetings have been so fun! Is this something you would like to see continued after we are gathering together again? Please let me know if your child would like them to continue through the summer.

Preschool - 1st Grade: We are continuing our Super Hero themed lessons about the Armor of God.

June 17, 2020 01:30 PM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 971 9629 1424
Password: 3xD9DF

2nd - 5th Grade: We will be doing a Harry Potter themed virtual escape room together!

June 17, 2020 02:00 PM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 944 1859 1583
Password: 9PQXg3

Save the Date

- Every Wednesday for all ages: Zoom Meetings
- Summer Kick off BBQ, Yard Games, and Volunteer Appreciation. **June 20th, 4:00 pm**
- Blessing of the Bikes - June 28
- I Am HIS Masterpiece Art Day-Camp. **July 27th - July 31st 9:30 am-4:30 pm.** Details and registration to come next week.
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Stay well

Carley

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

Groups & Gatherings

**Ministry Groups can now meet
at the church!**

Please contact the church office to

Staying In Touch

Remember that phone

reserve a room for your Ministry group of 10 or less. 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.

contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other as a way to show Love 1st. 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!



How We're Responding to COVID-19 : Reminder

The Session appointed a special task force, COVID-19 Task Force, to provide research and guidance on how best to reopen the church. The Session met on May 19th to re-evaluate our response based on insight from the COVID-19 Task Force. The Session approved four immediate recommendations. The Session asked the COVID-19 Task Force to provide Session with a detailed plan for services to now resume on June 21st. [Plan Approved on May 26, 2020.](#)