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### Blog of the Week Matthew Harrison

#### Happiest Year

The last year has been the happiest of my life! Nine months ago, God gave my wife and I our amazing little Holden. Every

single day, my perfect son has brought so much joy to me--even when he has decided for the moment to not be so perfect with his endless antics.

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## This Week

**Jennie Barber**

Preaching this Sunday - Listen Online

We are celebrating communion virtually this Sunday, June 7th!

Please gather your communion elements, bread and juice, and join us as we partake in holy communion together.



## We Need Your Help!

### Serving Ecumenical Kitchen June 4

1st Pres is hosting lunch for our guests this week, June 4th. We will be serving sack lunches distributed from the west side of the church (gravel lot side). Please call or [email Bev Rasor](mailto:Bev.Rasor) for details.



## Remember the Spirit at Work

Come by the lawn by the church office by Thursday and grab a pinwheel. Put it somewhere gentle breezes or blustery winds will turn it. Watch it spin and remember the Spirit is moving, even in a world that looks very different from 3 months ago. Bring it inside and use your own breath to spin it. Remember the Spirit is as close to you as your breath. The Spirit dwells in you and gives you power to declare God's love and dream in the ways of God's kingdom.



## Blessing of the Bikes Tentatively Re-scheduled

The Community

Outreach Committee is working diligently to re-schedule Blessing of the Bikes. The new and **VERY** tentative date is **June 28**. Keep checking back for confirmation.

## Sunday's Service

### Watch Again or For The 1st Time!

Our praise team, joined by Pastor Jennie, celebrated in the sanctuary on May 31st. It was good to be back - almost!

In addition to Ray and our other musicians, we welcomed our new Music Director, Kent Kimball. The rest of the technical team (Connor, Charlie &

## Congratulation Graduates!

We recognized our 2020 graduates on May 31 during our 9 am live-streamed service. Each will receive this beautiful, embossed notebook. Please contact the office to arrange a time to pick-up your



gift! Congratulations! We are so proud.



## Meeting Remotely 1 More Sunday

We live-streaming services from the sanctuary this Sunday, with only worship leaders and needed staff in the sanctuary. Be sure to tune into our YouTube channel on Sundays at 9:00 am for church.

Victoria) were in attendance as they brought you our beautiful service.

We will continue to worship remotely one more week. We'll provide information about in-sanctuary worship next week.

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

## Church News

### Visiting the Church Office

It's important to remember we're limiting visits to the office. As we slowly move toward our new normal, the office staff will continue to mainly 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.

### Task Force Recommendations

- Any groups of people meeting within the church will follow the recommendations set forth by the CDC and local health professionals, to help protect our community.
- Continue streaming services through June 7th. The Task Force will present to Session a detailed plan for the possibility of in person services to resume at the church on June 14th.
- Ministry groups of 10 or less, may

### CDAIDE How You Can Help



Our partners at CDAIDE have let us know they need ongoing help in specific areas. They have not reached out during the crisis, but the needs are greater than ever right now!

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

**Legal Advisor** - attorney willing to donate a few hours/month

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

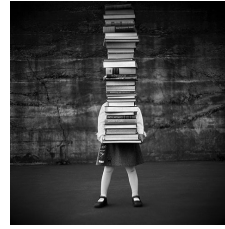
Please email [serving@cdaide.org](mailto:serving@cdaide.org) if you

meet within the church building, maintaining social distancing and wearing masks is highly recommended. Groups will schedule with the church administrator who will monitor facility capacity and ensure sanitation can be completed between groups.

- Clear communication encouraging people who, within the last 2 weeks, have felt ill or experienced any COVID-19 symptoms or had contact with any person who tested positive for COVID-19, to please stay home. Friendly reminders of good health practices: wash your hands.

The document, finalized on May 26, is available [here for viewing](#).

can help or forward to someone you think might be interested in helping.



## 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.](#)

## In Memoriam

May 2020

1st Pres member, **Laurie Lyons**, passed into eternal life Sunday, May 10. Laurie was a bookkeeper for 1st Pres and a member of the choir and bell choir. Prayers of comfort for the family during this difficult time.

**Duane Stensrud**, a member of our 1st Pres family, peacefully entered eternal life on May 27th. Prayers of comfort and peace to Cheryl, family and friends of Duane's.

## Youth Update

### Notes from Steve Director of Youth Ministries

"Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

- Mark 9:50



I hope you are all doing well - despite all the turmoil the world is going through! I am so excited about our camping trip, because I think it will be so refreshing to get away from it all, and focus on what is important in our lives. If you haven't signed up yet there is still a little space, but we need to know asap for food purchases. If you can't come on the camping trip then be assured we are working hard on planning a great summer experience for everyone.

Love, Peace & Joy!

Steve

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## Tomorrow

### Camping Trip Meeting

Wednesday @ 6pm

We will meet briefly on Wednesday before youth group at the church to discuss the camping trip. Attendance is not mandatory, this is informational only. If you have not yet received a release form from me and you are going on the camping trip, please let me know asap.

### Youth Group - NO DINNER

Wednesday @ 6:30pm

We will be meeting at the church at 6:30 Wednesday evening to hang out, play games, learn about our wonderful savior - and we will rejoice! This is for everyone. We will be done at 8 pm. Please bring a jacket!

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## Schedule

### Sunday, June 7

This is the first Sunday of the month so it is family worship week. All youth are encouraged to watch church with their parents.

### Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm

June 3 - All together at the church

June 10 - Camping trip, no youth group at the church

June 17 - All together at the church

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

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### Send-Off Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug 9. Our high-school graduates will be delivering the message that day. And



### Free At Last - the Camping Trip

#### Registration Extended

We have had enough registrations to make the trip practical. Thank you to



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.

everyone who registered by the deadline and made this possible. We can now leave registration open for a little bit longer - space permitting.

**Where:** Priest Lake, Lionhead campground, group site

**When:** June 8 - June 11 (assuming we are opened back up by then)

**Cost:** \$50/child (with discounts for siblings and scholarships available)

**Registration:** [Link Here](#)

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### 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.

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

Steve  
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## Children's Ministry

Hello Families,

A few families have requested we change the dates for our “I Am His Masterpiece” art camp to coincide with the normally scheduled VBS dates. Unfortunately, July 27-31 is the only week available to us. I wish we could accommodate everyone, and rest assured that we will miss having all of our 1st Pres kiddos attend, but this pandemic has disrupted everything and everyone. We just pray that next summer we return to normalcy. Thanks for your understanding.





## 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 remains 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 1/3 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

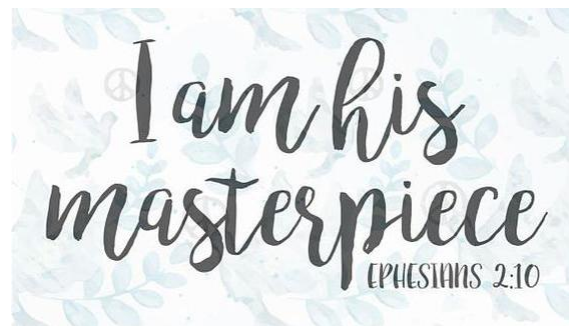
We will begin the day at Hands to Art pottery studio where the campers will complete a different art projects each day.

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.

\*Attendances 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](mailto:Carley@1stpresdowntown.org) for information.

[Register Now](#)





## LutherHaven Update

Last week we shared the 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

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.

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/>

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## Parents and Pottery for Preschool through 1st-Graders

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles (basically any adult) are invited to bring their special preschoolers through 1st-graders for pottery painting at [Hands to Art](#) followed by storytime and picnic in the park (location TBD).



**Date:** Friday, June 12th  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Cost:** \$20 to cover the cost of supplies

We will meet at Hands to Art to paint adorable cross-shaped boxes with lids (littles always love places to hide their "treasures"! ). Following the pottery painting, we will meet at the park for a storytime and picnic lunch (location TBD). We ask that you bring your own sack lunch. There are a limited number of spots to ensure that social distancing protocols can be upheld.

Hands to Art is taking extra precautions to comply with the CDC and State of Idaho recommendations by:

- Disinfecting and regular cleaning of all surfaces
- Soap and sanitizer will be readily available and used by staff
- Staff will be wearing protective masks
- Requiring social distancing

Registration is now closed. Please contact Carley if you have questions.

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## Zoom Connect and Learn

**6/10 meeting are cancelled due to the youth camping trip**

The Zoom meetings have been so fun! Is this something you would like to see continued after we are gathering together again on June 14th? Please let me know if your child would like them to continue through the summer.

**Preschool - 1st Grade**  
This week we are learning about the

**2nd through 5th-grade Challenge:**  
This week we are learning about the



Armor of God. Last week we asked the kids to dress up as their favorite superhero OR to share who their favorite superhero is on our Zoom meeting.

**Time:** June 3, 2020 01:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: [Link Here](#)

Meeting ID: 958 8594 3965

Password: 6V4RGa

Armor of God, challenge your child to dress up as their favorite superhero as we learn that God gives us our own superhero costume along with superpowers!

**Time:** June 3, 2020 02:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: [Link Here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 0414 1571

Password: 6V4RGa

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## 5th Grade Transition

Incoming 6th-graders are invited to join the middle schoolers tomorrow night for youth group. 6:30 pm at the church, snacks will be provided. **Wednesday June 10th, youth group will be canceled due to the camping trip.** The incoming middle schoolers are invited to attend youth group and youth activities going forward.

**June 3, 6:30 pm**

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## Save the Date

- Every Wednesday for all ages: Zoom Meetings
- Incoming middle schoolers: Youth Group **June 3, 6:30 pm.**
- Youth Camping Trip (incoming middle schoolers and family) **June 8th - June 11th**
- Mommy, Daddy, Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie, Uncle (any adult), and me Pottery Painting for preschoolers through 1st grader. Followed by storytime and a picnic. **June 12th, 9:00 am -12:00 pm.**
- Summer Kick off BBQ, Yard Games, and Volunteer Appreciation. **June 20th, 4:00 pm**
- Blessing of the Bikes - tentatively rescheduled for June 28 (watch for updates)
- I Am HIS Masterpiece Art Day-Camp. **July 27th - July 31st 9:30 am-4:30 pm.** Details and registration to come next week.

Stay well

Carley

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## Groups & Gatherings

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

**Staying In Touch**

Remember that phone

Please contact the church office to reserve a room for your Ministry group. Emily and Chris, your amazing receptionists, will work with the Church Administrator to ensure spaces are available and cleaned properly.

The Session would like to remind each group of the following recommendation:

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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!



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## 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, please see above. The Session asked the COVID-19 Task Force to provide Session with a detailed plan for services to possibly resume on June 14th. [Plan Approved on May 26, 2020.](#)