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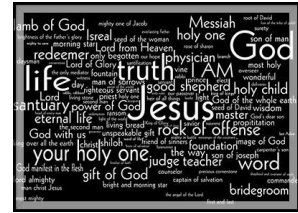
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Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan

I like my name. Bonnie is not a common name, and it means beautiful. My mom said she named me after her best friend when she was young. From my point of view, my name is pretty nice. But the name Bonnie does not really tell you much about who I am; there is no definition of my personhood, history, or future. For that you need to use some other words like wife, mom, friend, believer, planner, decision-maker, explorer, or my current favorite, nana.

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This Week



Mindy Smith

Guest Speaker May 17th

Rev. Mindy Smith graduated from Whitworth in 1998. She was a theology major there and went on to Princeton Theological Seminary where she earned her M.Div. in 2006. In July 2018, Mindy transitioned to serve as the associate director in the Whitworth Office of Church Engagement. Her role includes serving as the director of the Whitworth Ministry Conference as well as coordinating and contributing to the development of the Office of Church Engagement's Learning Communities.

These communities are distinct groups within the network of partner churches, each focused on different areas in which their church is committed to grow and learn. The communities include worship, intergenerational youth ministry, hospitality, reconciliation, church planting, creation care and preaching.

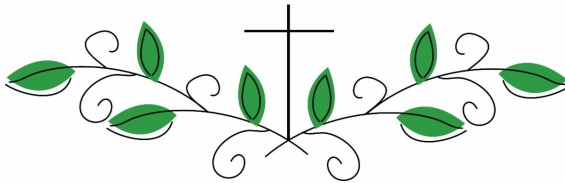
We welcome Mindy and look forward to hearing her message this coming Sunday.

We'd like to honor our 2020 graduates. If you or someone you know is graduating from high school or collage, please call the church office and give their name and information to our amazing receptionists!



Session appointed a COVID-19 Task Force to help navigate the many details of safely reopening the church. The Task Force needs your help with a simple 5 question survey. Please take a few minutes to answer the survey and assist the Task Force and Session to navigate the challenges of reopening the church.

Please [Take the Survey Now!](#)



Meeting Remotely

We will continue with our pre-recorded service on our YouTube channel for this Sunday, May 17th. The Session appointed a COVID-19 Task Force which will continue to provide guidance as to when we can transition back to live stream services from the church Sanctuary.

... Listen to Sunday's Service

This past Sunday we heard from Terry McGonigal, Directory of Whitworth University's Office of Church Engagement.



The service began with a special treat of an outdoor prelude from Ray and Craig, followed by our opening hymn. Tom Richards led us in praise worship . Yvette Wyatt led us in prayers and church news. We concluded with an update and prayers from Tyson Malo of Ninos Con Valor, Bolivia.

All brought to you by our wonderful team, again artfully compiled into a final production by Tech Director Connor Harris.

[Watch this service or any of our past services.](#)

Church News

Visiting the Church Office ... for now

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.

Pastor Sumey's Summer Reading List

Craig has a huge reading list to start getting through during the first part of his Sabbatical. If you want to read



Serving Those Who Serve

Help Us Find Those
in Need

CDAIDE is providing resources and emergency financial assistance to those who live or work (currently or within the last three months) in restaurants and hotels in the Coeur d'Alene/Hayden/Post Falls area and have been affected by COVID-19.

If you know of someone in this situation, please let them know that an owner or manager can refer them to CDAIDE resources at <https://www.cdaide.org/refer-care>.

Session Update - Reminder

Decision though May 31

Our Session met Tuesday, May 5th to discuss the 1st Pres position on social distancing in compliance with the State of Idaho's response to the COVID-19 virus. With guidance from the Presbytery:

Plan

- Meet remotely with pre-recorded online streaming for Sunday, May 10th and 17th.
- Transition to livestream services from the sanctuary, with only worship leaders and needed staff in the sanctuary.
- Session approved the formation of a COVID-19 Task Force to navigate the many details of reopening the church.
- Ongoing Session re-evaluation every 2 weeks.

along, he's put together a reading 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.](#)

Also, watch your inbox for a weekly video blog from him, where he takes 10 minutes to share with you what he's learning, the questions he's asking, and things he's thinking.



2020 College Scholarship Application - New Due Date!

Due Sunday, May 31st



All scholarship applications need to be received no later than May 31st . Please email your application to **Stephanie Rogge** (bookkeeperfirstprescda@gmail.com). You can also mail applications directly to the church.

If you don't have the application, it can be found here: [Scholarship Application](#)

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office: 208.667.8446

Youth Update

Notes from Steve

Director of Youth Ministries

"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy!"

- Psalms 126:5



Let's Zoom!

I have sooo much fun playing our new invention - Pictionary/Charades. We let whoever's turn it was choose what they wanted to do. We laugh 'til it hurts!

Join Zoom Meeting: [Link Here](#)

Meeting ID: 523 636 452

Password: 1234567

Free At Last - the Camping Trip - Register Now!

Let's celebrate our freedom together! We will be having tons of fun but we will also be learning cool tools for navigating our way to God through all of life's obstacles - even unexpected uproars like COVID-19. What a great way to kick-off summer - *please plan on coming if you can!!!*

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](#)

Registration deadline: May 17 (we need commitments asap!)

Scavenger Swag

Your young ones have proven themselves adept at hauling in the loot! I have Amazon gift cards to give out. I can give these via email, but with this round of rewards I wanted to deliver them in person. If your child has been attending Zoom meetings and you'd rather they received their reward via email just let me know, otherwise I will text first, then drive by and leave your gift on the doorstep, then wait in my car for a second. If you want to chat for a minute come out - otherwise I will drive off and you can start spending the loot!

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.

Camp Spalding

We have discount codes available for Camp Spalding. If you are interested in attending camp this summer let me know.

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

Steve

steve@1stpresdowntown.org or 208.816.8122

Children's Ministry

Hi Families,

Zoom Connect and Learn

Preschool - 1st Grade Challenge: Find something that God created and bring it on our Zoom to "show and tell."

Preschool - 1st Grade Connect and Learn

Time: May 13, 2020 01:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: [Link Here](#)

Meeting ID: 958 8594 3965

Password: 6V4RGa

2nd through 5th-grade Challenge: On May 13th, during our Zoom meetings, we will be talking about how we are all unique, gifted, and special. I would encourage your child to think about one thing they consider a talent or unusual thing about themselves to share with the group.



2nd and 3rd Grade Connect and Learn

Time: May 13, 2020 02:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: [Link Here](#)

Meeting ID: 987 7184 9097

Password: 6V4RGa

4th and 5th Grade Connect and Learn

Time: May 13, 2020 02:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: [Link Here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 0414 1571

Password: 6V4RGa

5th Grade Transition

5th Grade Transition Zoom Meeting for parents and students

Time: May 13, 2020 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: [Link Here](#)

Meeting ID: 919 0024 9650

Password: 6hPWYS

It is hard to believe it is already the time to begin talking about the transition from 5th grade to middle school within the church! We have eight 5th graders that will be moving

Camping Trip Details and Registration for Incoming 5th Graders and their Families

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onto the youth group. Steve, the summer interns, and I have come up with a plan for a (hopefully) seamless transition.

Transition Plan:

- **Wednesday, May 20th**, from 5:30-6:15 just the 5th graders to join us on Zoom
- **Wednesday in May, 27th** the incoming 6th graders will be invited to either join the youth group in-person (if Idaho guidelines permit) or on the regularly scheduled youth group zoom meeting

The idea behind the Zoom meetings is to build a sense of community within the 5th-grade cohort. We will talk about fears and expectations as well as just getting to know each other better. Beyond this introduction to youth group, Steve is setting up a camping trip for the youth group (depending on state guidelines). All incoming 5th graders and their families would be invited to attend, so tentatively mark June 8th - June 11th on your calendars!

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding our plans to transition the 5th graders into the youth group.

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

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

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Save the Date

- Every Wednesday for all ages: Zoom Meetings
- Incoming middle schoolers: Zoom Meetings May 13, May 20, May 27th
- Blessing of the Bikes June 7th, 2:30 pm
- Youth Camping Trip (incoming middle schoolers and family) June 8th - June 11th
- Summer Kick off BBQ, Yard Games, and Volunteer Appreciation. June 20th, 4:00 pm

Stay well,

Carley

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

How We're Responding to COVID-19 : Update

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 will meet on May 19th to reevaluate our response based on insight from the COVID-19 Task Force. Until then, we will continue with current social distancing behaviors. We hope and pray that group meetings will return to normal soon.

Remember that phone 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!

