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## 1st Pres eNews

April 4, 2023

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### Blog of the Week

Ellen Taylor



#### Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important week of the entire Christian year. It is a time to remember what Jesus went through during the last days of his life on Earth and a time for each of us to explore our relationship with Christ. From Palm Sunday through Christ's ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday | April 6  
Noon Prayer & Communion

Good Friday | April 7  
7 pm

Easter Sunday | April 9  
9 am Classic  
10:30 am Contemplative



### Spring into Action Food Drive

All April

Our Community Outreach team is sponsoring the first food drive of 2023.



Our congregation is incredibly generous when it comes to supporting our community and our food drives always make an important impact.

Look for suggested donations and bags to place them in all month. Bins will be in Krueger Hall and near the office. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

### Help Decorate our Easter Sunday Flower Cross



Do you have flowers already blooming in your garden? Would you be willing to bring them Easter Sunday morning to help decorate our

**Congregational**

flower cross?

Purchased flowers are also welcome!

The church will provide some flowers in case you forget or if your garden is a little sparse this early in the season! In any case, we'd love your help in making this Easter tradition special.

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### **We Are Serving Ecumenical Lunch This Week!** Thursday, April 6

We are happy to be serving in this wonderful



community outreach this week. We can always use help in the kitchen serving as well as providing the lunch items we'll be serving.

Call the office or Bev Rasor if you have any questions.

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### **Sunday Morning Early Risers!**



Have you ever wondered where our Sunday donuts come from? Of course, they

come from a bakery but who picks them up and prepares them for our enjoyment?

If you've been here long enough, you know that over the years our breakfast has morphed into the donuts treats, a long-standing mission and service of the Keefer Christ Care group.

These days this group is a little smaller in number and a little older, too.

If you are an early riser and can help serve these donuts around 7:00 am on the occasional Sunday, we'd love to have your help!

The church pays for the donuts. We pick them up and serve them. If you're



### **Meeting**

**Sunday, April 16**

There will be a brief Congregational meeting on Sunday April 16th immediately following the 9 am service to nominate new Deacons & Elders.

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### **New Staff Position ~ Sunday School Teacher ~ Pre-K to First Grade**

Great news! Session has approved a new staff position, Sunday School teacher for Pre-K to First Graders. If interested, please review this [Job Description](#).

If God is leading you to apply for this position, please send a cover letter and resume to the [Church Office](#) or [Jeannie Logozzo](#). Thank you for your consideration to work with our treasured children.

~ Your HR Committee

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### **Membership Class**

**Saturday, April 29 | 9 am - Noon**

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We are excited to be offering a membership class on Saturday, April 29th from 9 am-Noon!

- We will serve a continental breakfast, and you will be able meet the current Session members.
- You'll also learn about our church history and what it means to be part of the Presbyterian Church and more.

You can register on Sunday or call the church office to sign-up. Your registration will help us prepare materials and food for everyone.

Finally, please let us know if you will need child care that day.

We'll have more information over the coming weeks. This will be a fun and

interested in helping out please contact  
Carolyn Keefer or the office.

informative morning, please join us!

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## Office Closed

### Monday, April 10th

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## Orchard Ridge Senior Living Annual Afternoon Tea

Saturday, April 15th | 2:00 -3:30 pm  
702 W Walnut, Coeur d'Alene

You are invited to attend the Orchard Ridge annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser complete with refreshments, entertainment, and silent auction baskets!

Tickets: \$35 per person or \$60 for two.

RSVP: [Holly Johnson](#) (email) or call 208.664.8119

All proceeds help sustain Orchard Ridge and their compassionate care for residents who have exhausted their resources.



## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Palm Sunday | Go Ahead. Jesus sends the disciples ahead to prepare the way for the King. How will we prepare our own hearts? Listen to this past Sunday's service. [Watch Now](#)

Many thanks to our team of volunteers who make broadcasting the service possible!

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

## Church News

### Chamber Music Songful Classics

Saturday, April 8 | 7:30 pm | 1st Pres  
Sanctuary

Evgeny Grechko on cello and Nursulu Dyikanbaeva on piano will once again be performing at 1st Pres on Saturday, April 8th. All proceeds from this Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene concert will be donated to the Ukrainian relief effort.

[More information & tickets click HERE.](#)

### Are You a Prayer Warrior?

You too can be a prayer warrior! We are a praying church and you can be a part of this important ministry. Contact the office if you'd like to be added to the iPray team. [office@1stpreshowntown.org](mailto:office@1stpreshowntown.org)



### Family Promise Graduates!

Family Promise is excited to announce that a family of four is graduating from

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## Church Directory Update



Our update  
project continues!  
Please stop by the

tables in Krueger Hall to make sure your information is correct. Make any changes and if the information is correct, please check the box to indicate you have approved the content. Additionally, If you have a picture in the directory, we can use it or update it! Submit your own picture (head shots please) OR we can take one for you. Look for Janet either before the 9 am service or between the the 9 am and 10:30 am services. The tables will be in Krueger Hall through the end of April.

### Staff of Hope March Mission Team Update

Staff of Hope  
has a three-  
prong mission



in Southeast Kenya, Africa, consisting of a year-round water well-drilling program, an adult ministry to area pastors, and the Oloile Secondary Boarding School all within view of Mount Kilimanjaro to the south. It's an area of poor, semi-arid farmland that has been hit hard by COVID and recent droughts, shutting down all Staff of Hope activities in 2019. The Oloile School reopened in 2021 with a student population of 120, 50% boys and 50% girls. Our gifting to this mission partner helps pay for school capital programs and a portion of those students who can't pay for their tuition.

The adult pastor ministry is just now restarting its meeting program.

Unfortunately, the deep well-water drilling rig and associated equipment suffered a major mechanical failure in 2019, putting this part of the Staff of Hope program on indefinite hold. Estimates to repair the drilling rig are in excess of \$75,000, with needed parts requiring long

the program this week! There are a few things they need for their new home. If you have any of these items, please let us know: sofa, end tables, coffee table, queen box spring, baking or cooking items. Thank you for always supporting our families! If you know of or can donate any of these items, please contact Teri Burch or the office.

## Presbytery of the Inland NW Capital Campaign

The Presbytery leadership team has launched a capital campaign to raise funds for Nimiipuu church buildings. We are excited about this project and look forward to working with our Nimiipuu siblings.

[Watch the Video](#)  
[Campaign FAQ sheet](#)

## Small Groups

If you are interested, please stay tuned - we're re-imagining our Small Groups. In the meantime, you can find information on our website. If you can't find what you're looking for, please call the office.



- [Men's Fellowship](#)
- [Sunday Bible Study](#)
- [Women's Circles](#)

## Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket For someone who could use a lift



Prayer shawls or lap blankets are a wonderful a cozy boost for a loved one!

You can find them in the Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the sign-out sheet

lead times of many months before delivery.

when you choose your gift.

Rev. Jeff Spainhour of Durham, NC, is the co-founder of Staff of Hope, and has been graciously sharing how Staff of Hope has been working to meet God's calling.



## April Weekly Events

### Sundays

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal  
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online  
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary  
10:30 am Bible Study

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Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

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DOXA 11 am in Gym

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS Meeting  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Children & Family Ministry

### Volunteers

Look below for the volunteer sign-up link! The sign-up sheet is also available on the wall in its usual place outside of the Adventure Kids Zone, and has been updated with April and May dates.

#### Volunteer Dates Needed:

Easter Sunday 4/9- Assistants needed

4/16- All available

4/23 All available



### Flower Basket Sales Start Soon

Every year, the Children and Family Team sells flower baskets to raise scholarship money to send our kids to summer camp. They make fantastic Mother's Day gifts! This year, we will start selling them on the 16th, and they will be ready to pick up on May 10th, right before Mother's Day!

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer:



[1stpreschildren@gmail.com](mailto:1stpreschildren@gmail.com). You can also check the volunteer sign-up sheet to sign-up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:

Sunday School and Event Volunteer  
Signup

Background Check Form

## Youth Ministry

### Register for Summer Camp



Camp Spalding offers great camps for students of all ages throughout the summer! Please contact Kierstie if you're interested in registering.

### Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!  
Email [Kierstie](mailto:Kierstie) to receive the newsletters.

### Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

The 1st Sunday of every month, all youth will stay in the Sanctuary to participate in Holy Communion.

### Check Out Our Schedule

Join our group on the Band App to see our schedule, upcoming events, and more!  
Don't forget to turn on notifications.  
Click [here](#) to join!

Middle Schoolers are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service.



High Schoolers will meet at 11:30 for lunch and connection. Contact [Kierstie](mailto:Kierstie) for details.

### Volunteers Needed!

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email [Kierstie](mailto:Kierstie) to get involved!