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Blog of the Week

Emily Rogers



Again and Again and Again

I still remember the hurt and pain in the girl's face as she finally turned around in her bus seat to look at us, telling us to leave her alone. I was an obnoxious middle-school student, trying to make a new friend with my seatmate on the bus. She began teasing the Chinese student seated in front of us, so I joined in, thinking that perhaps I'd win the ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Holy Communion This Sunday



We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday, August 6th. If you are worshipping from home, please gather your elements before the service begins.

Orchard Ridge Senior Living Annual Butterfly Event Today, August 1st

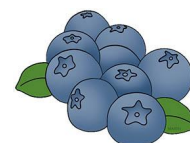
This year, the annual fundraiser is being hosted at a private residence on Lake Coeur d'Alene with a dinner cruise which boards at 5 pm and returns at 8:30 pm.



Office Closed

August 7th

Our hard-working staff will be taking a floating holiday on Monday, August 7th. Fondly referred to as our Huckleberry Holiday, named by Bonnie, (the best huckleberry picker we know) the staff will have a chance to rest and prepare for the busy Fall season that is just around the corner. We'll be back in the office bright and early Tuesday. Please leave a message on the office voicemail if you have any needs and we'll get back to you ASAP!



Coffee House Conversation

August 14th | 5:30 pm

RSVP and buy tickets by calling Holly at 208.664.8119

It's Our Turn!

Ecumenical Kitchen | August 3rd



It is once again our turn to serve our guests at the Ecumenical Kitchen, taking place in our very own gym!

We'll be needing picnic food donations as well as helpers to serve on August 3rd, 10:30-1:30. Hot dogs, potato salad, chips, dessert are on the menu. If you have any questions, please reach out to Bev Rasor or Karen Sines.

Middle 'n High School Movie Night

August 9th | 6 - 9 pm

This is sure to be a fun evening for our youth - a movie under the stars!

If this isn't already on your calendar and you need details, reach out to [Kierstie](#).



Please join us on Monday, August 14th in Krueger Hall as we explore what it means to be homeless in the U.S. Meet people with

lived experience, St. Vincent's Social Services Director, and Pastor William Muck, who lived for two weeks as homeless in Reno to better reach this population in his ministry. This is certain to be an eye-opening evening.

Getting Connected: Small Groups

Sign-ups Begin This Sunday

Are you interested in deepening your relationships at 1st Pres? We believe that the best



way to get connected with your church is to shrink it. How? Join a Sermon-based Small Group! The goal of these new small groups is to encourage personal growth in our church family.

Composed of 8-12 adults, these groups will meet one to two times a month, with discussions based on the current sermon series. Discussion questions will be provided each week in a format that helps lead to deeper conversations about the current sermon topic.

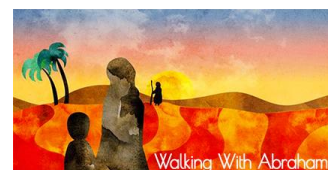
Sign-ups begin this Sunday in Krueger Hall.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Walking with Abraham | Don't Look Back.

Often our present is controlled by our past. Join us as we hear God's command, "Don't look back!" [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

Pickleball Location Change

All Pickleball Players!

Since the weather has been so nice and the Schwandts have built their own pickleball court, we're changing the location from our church gym to the Schwandt's home so we can enjoy playing outside. Once the weather turns and that location becomes challenging, we'll go back to the gym. Contact John Schwandt if you have questions.

Staff of Hope Transitioning

Missions Team Important Update

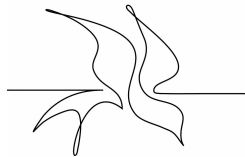
Our Mission Team has prayerfully considered our long-time partner, Staff of Hope. Due to many factors, the decision was made to no longer fund this once thriving and vital program.

The text of the letter posted in last week's eNews is available here in its entirety, including future plans to find a new partner.

[Read the full text here](#)

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](#)



Prayer Shawls Available

Who in your life could use some support and a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? Our knitters and crocheters have been busy, and our inventory is high. Please visit the Fireside Room to pick out a shawl for someone special. Please be sure to fill out the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

Sundays

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary
10:30 am Bible Study

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Are You Willing to Assist?



A new sign-up board has been hung outside the Adventure Zone in Krueger Hall. If you feel led to serve now or in the future, please sign-up to assist our Sunday School teachers. We must have two adults in every classroom, so your help is invaluable! You may go directly to the link provided below or you may contact the office at 208-667-8446 or

office@1stpresdowntown.org.

We thank you ahead of time for your service.

Sunday School Assistant
Signup

Background Check Form

Youth Ministry

Welcome 1st Pres Youth

Welcome middle- and high schoolers! Whether your student joins us for Sunday mornings in worship or special events, they will have opportunities to connect with peers, grow in their faith, and serve together. Friends are always welcome!

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Learn about the latest Youth news.
Email Kierstie to get started.

Get Connected with the Band App

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!
