



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge



The Privilege of Prayer

I count it a privilege when someone asks me to pray for them. If the person in need is a Christian, they already know that God answers prayers and need someone to come beside them to help them shoulder the burden.

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This Week

Welcome Dan Kohler

Our Guest Speaker, August 29



As we move towards the end of our summer guest speaker series, we welcome back our very own Dan Kohler this coming Sunday.

Downtown Scavenger Hunt Family Event

August 25th @ 6:00

Children, youth, and families are invited to join us Wednesday, August 25th for a



downtown scavenger hunt! This end of summer event will also celebrate a transition for our incoming 6th graders! We will have fun for all ages, so gather your team, add a friend, and mark your calendar! Contact Kierstie or Carley for details.

Fall Festival In Krueger Hall

Sunday, August 29th | 8:15 - 10:30 am



Plan to stop by Krueger Hall this Sunday where we'll have display tables setup presenting the variety of activities you can get involved with at 1st Pres. Whether your interests are small groups, music, or serving, come check out the possibilities. There are lots of ways to become involved at 1st Pres!

38th Annual Clothing Giveaway



The Deacons would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who made this year's

Elementary Age Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway a success! 1st Pres displayed it's Love 1st mission in action once again!

Our giveaway attracted 75 shoppers this year, many of whom were shopping for up to nine kiddos! All who attended were very grateful to have such a nice selection of quality clothing for their family!

Our volunteers included church members and Deacons who worked together last week and Saturday to make this a special event. Clean-up was swift at the end of the day ensuring the gym was ready for DOXA's Sunday morning worship.

Feeding the Five Thousand

September Food Drive



Open to anyone interested in finding out more about 1stPres, our mission, history and vision for the future - and how you can become a part of it! This is a great way to become more engaged with the life of the church, and is a must if you're seeking membership. Led by our Interim Pastor Neal Nybo.

This class is part of the Venture series and will be held over six evenings starting Sept 15th and concluding Dec 1. Please call the office if you'd like to attend.

Venture

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We are so happy to announce that Venture is starting anew. It's a little different than the past and we think that's a good thing. Beginning September 15th, classes include a New Membership series, The Good & Beautiful Community book discussion, and Love Like That, a RightNow Media series. There will be more information available at the Fall Festival. In addition there will be children's and youth programming. A complete family experience. Mark your calendars and [register NOW!](#)

September 15

October 6 & 20

November 3 & 17

December 1

Bless China International
Missions Committee August Report



Bless China International

Bless China International, a long-term



As we head into Fall, the Community Outreach team is once again sponsoring a **non-perishable** food drive during the month of September. Bins will be in Krueger Hall starting September 5th.



Meals On Wheels Needs Drivers

Once again, Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers. Relief or full-time slots are available with a 2 hours max commitment once a week. Please contact [Cindi O'Leary](#) at the Lake City Senior Center if interested.

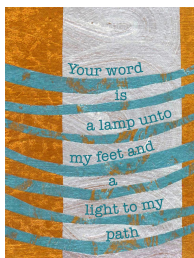


1st Pres Mission Partner, offers faith and humanitarian services in China. The small humanitarian project started by Rob and Noelani Cheeley has grown to a much larger organization that witnesses on many fronts touching many, many lives. Rob and Noelani returned to Maui, HI during COVID and are now having trouble making their way back to China, made difficult by the Chinese government. There is now a complicated visa application process accompanied by extensive required quarantine stays before they may return to the Kunming Province where they serve. Their applications have been updated and they hope to return to those they serve in October.

In the interim, their team in China (comprised mostly of Chinese citizens) continues to develop Christian leaders, run scholarship programs, elder health & wellness sessions and youth programs for autistic and disabled children mostly in the poorer provinces. Please pray for Rob and Noelani's safe return to Kunming to continue their work "live & in person".

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Seeing Jesus. Pastor Forrest based his message on John 1:29-51. John testified that he saw and identified Jesus as the Son of God. He saw Jesus and confirmed his calling. Listen to this [powerful message](#) on our YouTube Channel.

Carley's Message: After 40 years of travel the Israelites have entered the Promise Land and God has put Joshua in charge but there's more!

Listen to her entire message [here](#). This month's verse: Joshua 1:9 - Be Strong and Courageous!

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

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

Church News

Prayer Shawls Available



Our knitters and crocheters have been working their magic and have completed 11 shawls and lap robes.

These are available to gift to those who would benefit from one of these prayerfully made shawls. They can be found in the **Fireside Room**. Please be sure to complete the Prayer Shawl Ministry sheet so we can track who's been gifted and that prayers for them continue.



Golfing for Family Promise

Family Promise is hosting a Charity Best Ball Scramble on **September 17th** at the Links golf course in Post Falls. [Click here for all the details!](#)

Orchard Ridge Moving Services Offered!

In an effort to raise funds for charitable care at Orchard Ridge Senior Living, volunteers will provide the service of organizing, managing, and facilitating your estate sale for the cost of a suggested donation.

Please contact [Orchard Ridge](#) for details.

Tech Coordinator Needed!

We are once again looking for a Technical Coordinator. This position leads the A/V needs of the church on Sunday mornings and for some church events. Do you know anyone who might be interested in this position? All of the details can be found on our InDeed post.

[Tech Coordinator/Sound Specialist](#)

August Schedule

Sundays

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online.

10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary.

We encourage social distancing with masks optional.

DOXA 11 am

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!



Adventure Kids' Club is back for our fall session (details below)! I also wanted to remind you of the family scavenger hunt this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the church in Krueger Hall. If you have an incoming 6th grader, this event will be their opportunity to be integrated and dedicated into the youth group. We have a gift for each of these students and would like to pray for the school year and new experiences as they enter the youth group with Kierstie. After the scavenger hunt, we will meet back at the church for an ice cream sundae bar!

Kids Adventure Club will be on the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group (kid-free evening anyone?!). The Club is a social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. The focus of our fall/winter session will be about what we can learn about Jesus and ourselves through a look at the Parables in the New Testament. Any children kindergarten through 5th grade would be invited to attend. The timeframe will be from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning on Wednesday, September 15th. All Adventure Kids' Club dates: September 15th, October 6th, October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th, and December 1st. We will operate within the same color zones and safety standards as CDA School District, utilizing their guidelines.

[Register here](#)

Late Summer / Fall Schedule

August

- Downtown Family Scavenger Hunt: August 25th, 6:00 p.m. Followed by fellowship and an Ice cream sundae bar!

September

- Open House: September 12th after church. Bouncy house and breakfast fundraiser. Dedication of upper classrooms (Caroline's Donation).
- Venture/Adventure Kids' Club Kick Off! September 15th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. First and third Wednesdays from September 15th through December 1st.
- Family Day at Green Bluff: September 24th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Picnic lunch and apple picking?

October

- Harvest Festival: October 31st after church. Carnival games in the gym after the service BYOP for carving.

November

- Family Game Night and Gingerbread House Contest: November 17th, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

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Youth Ministry



Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter! Email [Kierstie](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

Groups & Gatherings

Contemplative Worship Service A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. This service format is one where you can peacefully spend time worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

Contemplative Service Leads

Donna Brundage: Greeting

Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design

Matt Broadway: Music

Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time every Friday from 10-11:30 in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other. We'll keep you up-to-date in the eNews, on the church calendar, or you can call the office.

