



1st Pres eNews

December 13, 2022

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Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan

Oh, Christmas Tree

I love the Christmas Season! Spending time with loved ones, carols, special foods and traditions, and especially Christmas trees. All year long, I look forward to grabbing a cup of cocoa and sitting on my couch just ... [Read More](#)



This Week

Advent Schedule

December 18

The UnPageant

9 am service

The Story of the Other Wise Man, Pt 2

10:30 service

Christmas Eve | December 24

5 pm Candlelight Service

~ Childcare Available for ages 6 and under ~

7 pm Candlelight & Communion Service

~ Childcare Available for ages 4 and under ~

Christmas Day | December 25

Combined Service at 9 am

~ No Childcare ~

Youth Music Rehearsals

Christmas Ornaments on Sale



for the UnPageant!

Dress rehearsal:

This Saturday, December 17th

10 am in the sanctuary

The Unpageant

Sunday, December 18 | 9 am Service



You won't want to miss this 1st Pres tradition! Our children help tell the Christmas story with carols, shepherds, appropriate animals and the Holy family! This is a joyous retelling you won't soon forget.

Parents: please arrive between 8:30 - 8:45, so your kiddos can select their roles & costumes. It's going to be fun!!

Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering

Tuesday, December 20th



The Presbyterian Women would like to welcome all to their Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 20th at 1pm.

The program will begin in the Sanctuary and conclude in Krueger Hall for refreshments.

All are welcome!

The youth are selling this year's beautiful ornaments, designed and created by our very own Brent Everson of Custom



Den in Coeur d'Alene. Proceeds from the sale will help send students to camp this coming summer.

You'll definitely want to add this new design to your collection.

Ornaments for sale in Krueger Hall on Sundays or on our website.

\$10 each or 3 for \$25

Christmas for the Closet

Help Re-stock the Closet



The Deacons are excited to help stock our 1st Pres Neighborhood Closet! Follow these easy steps to be a part of showing love to our neighborhood:



- Look for the paper Christmas trees on the wall in Krueger Hall.
- Choose an ornament-tag or two or three!
- Drop-off items in the red bin underneath the wall-trees. No wrapping necessary!

Christmas Families Dinner 2022

A Rousing Success!

Hearts and tummies were filled at the first Deacons' Family Dinner! Twelve guest families were invited and eight arrived eagerly anticipating the evening (snowy roads may have been a factor for those unable to attend). Many of our congregation participated, also. We feasted on approximately 16 different and delicious crocks of chili and 9 dishes of amazing macaroni and cheese.



Congratulations to Bonnie Piovesan, winner of the chili contest with her "White Bean Chili!" Guests were met by Santa (aka Dexter Yates) at the door, enjoyed festive decorations and music plus cookie decorating, ornament crafts, a fun "prize walk" (think: cake walk) hosted by Kyler, plus each child left with a gift ...and a smile!



Many thanks to all who shared the vision, kept the faith and worked hard to make this special evening possible.

[Bonnie's Recipe for White Bean Chili](#)

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"

~ Mother Teresa ~

Ushers Needed

Christmas Eve | 5 pm service

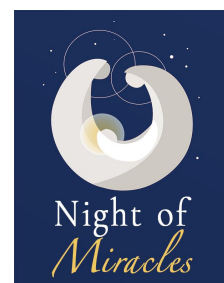
It is sometimes challenging to find ushers and greeters for our Christmas Eve services. This year, we could use a few more volunteers for the 5 pm service. Can you help?

If you are available, please contact the church office for more information: 208.667-8446

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Advent | Night of Miracles. Performed by our very own Chancel Choir, this retelling of the Christmas story, by John W. Peterson is unique and inspirational. [Watch this service for the first time or once again!](#)



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

Creating a Happy Christmas for Orchard Ridge Senior Living Guests Gifts due by Dec 16th



Each year, Orchard Ridge Senior Living collects items to be

included in Christmas gift baskets for its special residents. Remember someone you *don't* know at Christmas! [Full Gift Idea List & details here.](#)

Annual Turkey Fund Drive

Your generous donations helped provide local families with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Your continued donations will also help provide help with their upcoming Christmas meal this holiday season.



Donate on our church website or during Sunday offering the rest of December. Your generosity is appreciated.

Stewardship 2023



[Download your 2023 Pledge Card](#)

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

to someone who could use a lift

Our wonderful knitters meet every week to keep our supply of prayer shawls ready to gift to someone who could use a boost.



You can find their handiwork in the Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.

Small Groups



We are in the process of re-imagining our small-group opportunities. If you are interested, please stay tuned. 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](#)

Mission Trip Planning Underway

The Missions Committee is looking to send a mission team out in the Spring or Summer of 2024. Exactly where and when are yet to be determined. If you might be interested in being a team leader, please contact Richard Morrow through the church office.



December Weekly Events

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary

Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth: on break
until January 2023

Children & Family Ministry



Thank You, Volunteers

We are all good on volunteers until next year, whoopie!
Thank you all so much for your dedication and care towards the kids! Be sure to get on the list for 2023. We look forward to giving you a wonderful Un-Pageant next week.

Dates needed:

1/1
1/8

UnPageant

The UnPageant has a different arrival time to get costumed, please see my Newsletter for details.

PLEASE NOTE The UnPageant will be live-streamed like our normal service this year.

Ring the Bell

Sign-up on the sheet outside of the downstairs kids rooms to ring the bell. The weekly kids newsletter will detail what dates are available.

Special Events:

12/18 UnPageant

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

1stpreshildren@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



Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service. Contact [Kierstie](#) for details.

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

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

Searching for Volunteers

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! We are still seeking additional volunteers to help ensure that each event runs smoothly. There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email Kierstie if you would like to get involved!

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!