



This Week's eNews

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Blog of the Week

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When you think of the Christmas season, what traditions and memories come to mind? Candlelight services, Christmas carols, time with family and friends? Many of us have wonderful traditions and memories that bring smiles to our faces. But, at times, the holidays



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This Week

Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff | A rousing success!

The Deacons Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff was a fun evening with over 100 in attendance. Our hard working Deacons deserve a round of applause for this special evening!

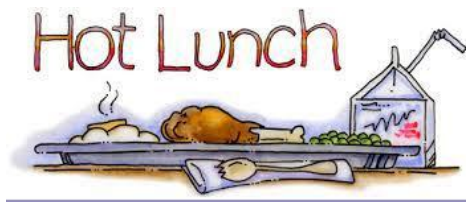
There were crafts and cookie decorating for the kiddos plus gifts for all of the youngsters. Santa paid us a visit a la Pastor McLane.



Rachel Hazard took home the title of chili champion with her prize winning recipe in this year's chili contest.



Volunteer Opportunity
Serving Ecumenical Lunch
 December 7 | 11 am - 1 pm



We have the pleasure of serving our Ecumenical Lunch guests this Thursday. We are in need of lunch contributions. Please call Bev Rasor, Karen Sines or the office to help.

Family Ministries
The Celebrated Unpageant
 December 17 | 9 am service



Please join us for this fun retelling of the Christmas Story. The actors are all children, unrehearsed, who's job it is to dress up, follow some simple instructions and have fun. We'll be singing carols and reading the Christmas Story.

Community Outreach
Homegrown Christmas
 December 16 | 3 pm | Krueger Hall

As a way of thanking the congregation for it's support this year, the Community Outreach team is hosting a festive celebration in Krueger Hall. There will be live acoustic music performed by our very own Matt Broadway, Dan Brown, Dana Hallin and Tom Richards.



If you're not already in the Christmas spirit, this is sure to move you in that direction.

Advent at 1st Pres



December 16 | Homegrown Christmas | 3 pm | Krueger Hall

December 17 | Unpageant

December 24 | Morning - one contemplative service at 9 am. Nursery & combined Sunday School classes for a Christmas craft.

Christmas Eve Schedule
 December 24 | 5 pm & 7 pm

Now Hiring Office Assistant / Receptionist

The Office Assistant/Church Receptionist (OA/R) is the initial contact for members of the congregation, volunteers, guests, visitors, and other who call or enter the Church during business hours. This is a part-time, non-exempt hourly position.

[Full Description](#) on Indeed.

Please join us for a beautiful traditional candlelight service at both 5 pm and 7 pm. Childcare will be provided for children 0-5. We'll provide an activity bag for kids in service.



Sunday's Service

Where is your hope? Join us as we look forward to a hope that does not disappoint.

[Watch Now](#)

General News

Getting Connected Small Groups

Learn about how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the [Grow page](#) on our website for a full list or use the links below.



Small Group Links

[Men's Fellowship](#)

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[Sunday Morning Bible Study](#)

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Providing Comfort Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets

Do you know someone who could use a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? You'll find a lovely selection in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

Amazon Wishlist

1st Pres Neighbor Closet

You can help anytime by going [here!](#)

Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

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

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Family Ministries

Please join our team of volunteers who serve in Family Ministry! All volunteers are background-checked and receive additional training. If you have not volunteered before and would like to learn more about next steps, please [email Kierstie](#). If you have already received your background check and training, please use the link below to serve with our Sunday ministry offerings.

Seeking Volunteers for:

- Nursery Assistants
- Pre-K-1st & 2nd-5th Grade Sunday School to Assist Teachers with Prepared Lessons
- Middle-School Youth Group Assistants

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