

1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Kierstie Renninger



Support of Love 1st

It is truly an exciting season of growth in the life of the church. This week, I want to share a little more about my heart for our youth and opportunities you have to jump in and serve with us.

[Read More](#)

This Week

It's Valentine's Day!



Did you know that Geoffrey Chaucer had a hand in how we observe Valentine's Day? He may have nothing to do with Roman martyrs, but he has a lot to do with English literature and that's how he created a connection between Saint Valentine and love celebrations. The first written connection between love and Valentine's Day appears in his poem, "Parlement of Foules," written in the late 14th century. He appears to have simply invented the correlation and chalked it up to poetic license, though it's also possible that he was drawing from older courtly traditions.

Summer 2023 at Camp Spalding

Summer is coming!
We are excited to be reconnecting with Camp Spalding to bring students



CAMP SPALDING

and families a fun and impactful summer camp experience. We will have information available on Sundays throughout February. We will also have the "Intent to Register" and Scholarship Forms, which are **DUE FEBRUARY 26th**. Camp Spalding fills-up quickly, and registration will open on March 6th. Families, be sure to stop by our Camp Spalding table! Let's get our campers excited for an awesome time at Spalding!

2022 Annual Report Available!

Fair Trade Festival & Missions Celebration

Mark Your Calendars!

February 26 | 8:30 - 11 am | Krueger Hall



The Missions Committee is excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual Fair

Trade Festival & Missions Celebration again on Sunday, Feb 26 from 8:30 - 11:00 in Krueger Hall. We have invited local Mission Partners, as well as several Fair Trade organizations, to host tables where they can meet with members of the congregation and talk about the miracles that Christ is doing in their mission field. There will also be some interesting international items available for purchase, with proceeds helping to further missional efforts. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the organization or to help set-up the event or have any questions, please reach out to Matt Broadway at 208-699-6229.



Our newly published 2022 Annual Report was distributed at the Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 5th. We have copies at the church if you were not

able to attend the meeting. You can also go directly to our website and view the PDF version.

[2022 Annual Report](#)
[Past Years' Annual Reports](#)

Office Closed Monday, Feb 20th for Presidents' Day

Ash Wednesday & Lent 2023

Begins Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday opens Lent, the 40 days leading up to the death of Jesus, a season of fasting and prayer for many. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is observed by many Christians. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head to symbolize the dust from which God made us.



1stPresDowntown
**Neighborhood
Closet**

Please Join us for our Neighborhood Closet training for current & new volunteers.
Wednesday, 2/22 from 10:00-12:30

2023 Lenten Devotion Inward Work for Outward Living

The Presbyterian Outlook has once again offered an inspiring daily devotion for Lent written by editor Teri McDowell Ott. *Inward Work for Outward Living*, explores

Each daily reflection will combine personal reflection with meditation, visualization and short prayers. The prayers can be used as mantras or breath prayers:

the ancient spiritual practice of examen that focuses on honest assessment and reflection. With a different theme for each week of Lent, readers are invited to explore the connection between internal contemplation and outward action.

Download Weekly Devotion
[Week 1 Devotion](#)

breathe in praying the first phrase, breathe out praying the last.

May God bless you and keep you on your Lenten journey.

Download Booklet
[Inward Work for Outward Living Booklet](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

The Sermon on the Mount | The Quiet Life of Faith. In a culture where attention is given to the most ostentatious display, how does one live a quiet life of faith? How do we faithfully witness to the Gospel without resorting to gimmicks?

[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

Pastor McLane's Installation

He's official! Friends and family gathered on February 5th at 4 pm to witness and celebrate the installation of our new Pastor, McLane Stone. We are so blessed by both McLane and his wife, Charley!



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 cozy boost.

Drummers Needed!

Do you have the heart to serve in a new way? Are your feet tapping during our Praise music? The Praise Team is looking to expand our band with additional drummers. This is a rotation



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-

job, so you'd be sharing it with others. Please contact [Tom Richards](#) (208-651-4472) if you're interested! Or call the office at 208-667-8446.

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.



In case you missed it:
[Bonnie's White Bean Chili Recipe](#)

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

February Weekly Events

Sundays

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal
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

Children & Family Ministry

Volunteers Needed Next Weekend

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 March dates.

Volunteer Dates Needed:

2/26- All available

3/5- Elementary assistant needed

3/12- All available



Ring the Bell

Sign-up on the sheet outside of the downstairs kids rooms to ring the bell. Please remember to check in by 8:45 when it is your turn! The weekly kids newsletter will detail what dates are available.

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

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

Youth Ministry



Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

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

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!

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

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](#) 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](#) to get involved!