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This Week's eNews

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Blog of the Week

Susie Olson

Being the new kid at the church, ok; old kid, is both exciting and challenging.

Meeting new people, learning new tasks, and trying to fit in has been as rewarding as it has been taxing.



Fitting in is the greatest barrier to ... Read More

Important Links

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1st Pres on YouTube

This Week

Your journey Lenten Devotional Resources

You can find Lenten resources on the Presbyterian Mission website. There are several ideas listed in



several ideas listed in the link below. One of particular interest might be Tread Lightly for Lent 2024 calendar.

2024 Lenten Resources

Family Ministry

Volunteer Training - Ministry Safe
Sunday, February 25 | Noon - 1 pm

All volunteers are encouraged to join this volunteer training session. It will equip you with tools, knowledge and resources to ensure best safety practices when serving in



Prayers for Comfort Friends Passing & Memorials

On February 12th beloved member of 1st Pres, **Maureen Mackesy**, passed into the loving arms of Jesus. Please pray for comfort for her husband John, their children, and their friends and family. Service details will be announced soon.

Longtime member, Ozzie Osborn, passed into heaven on Tuesday, February 13th. He has joined his wife, Kris, who passed away in August of 2021.

our ministry.

Register Today!

Believe it or not ... Summer Camp is Coming

There are GREAT camps for all age groups at Camp Spalding this summer! Check out their full schedule HERE.



Scholarships are available for all levels and we are passionate about making it possible for all students to have an opportunity to experience God through summer camps.

Official registration opens in March. Please help us prepare for the summer by filling out our **Intent to Register**.

*Camp Scholarship applications are due by February 28th.

Contact Kierstie if you have questions.

His memorial service will be held Thursday, February 29rd at 1 pm. The reception will take place in Krueger Hall following the service. Please pray for comfort and healing for his family and friends.

Memorial services will be held for **Lloyd Seibert** on Saturday, March 16th at 1:00pm in our sanctuary.

A reception in Krueger Hall will follow the service. Pray that this is a comforting and healing time for family and friends.

Family Promise Sign-ups Board in Krueger Hall

We are hosting our Family Promise guests the week of March 10 - 17th and it's not too early to sign-up! Reach out to Judy Flieger or Ann Smart if you have questions.





Fair Trade Festival & Missions Celebration Mark your Calendars!

March 3 | 8:30 - 11 am | Krueger Hall

The Missions Committee is happy to announce that we will once again be hosting our annual Fair Trade and Missions Celebration. Join us on Sunday, March 3 in Krueger Hall from 8:30 - 11 am. We have invited local Mission Partners, as well as several Fair Trade organizations, to host tables where they can meeting with members of the

congregation and talk about the miracles that Christ is doing in their mission field. There will be international items available for purchase, with proceeds helping to further missional efforts. If you are interested in volunteering to help set-up the event or have any questions, please reach out to Paul White.

Sunday's Service

Do we know what forgiveness means? Join us as we explore God's restoration of our lives.

Watch Now



General News

2023 Annual Report

Copies Available Online & at Church



If you didn't receive a copy of the 2023 Annual report this past Sunday, you can download a copy from our website HERE. We also have

extra copies at Church if you'd like a printed copy.



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.

Getting Connected

Small Groups

Learn about how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the <u>Grow page</u> on our website for a full list or use the links below.



Small Group Links

Men's Fellowship
Sermon-Based Small Groups
Sunday Morning Bible Study
Women's Circles

Amazon Wishlist

1st Pres Neighborhood 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

DOXA Service 11 am in gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch ARMS Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Family Ministries

Family Ministry
Calling All Volunteers

Calling all volunteers! There are many ways to get connected and



Family Ministry
Church Center
Download Now!

Family Ministry is officially launching Church Center for 1st Pres Families!

serve with Family Ministry. If anything caught your interest from our volunteers who shared Sunday, and you'd like to learn more, please reach out to Kierstie. Thanks!



Our team will consider all feedback given, and move forward with the option that fits with the majority of hopes of our families.

Share your thoughts!



Through Church Center, you will be able to update your household information, access

the full family calendar, register for special events, access mobile check-in for kids (coming soon), and more! The move to Church Center gives families more access to up-to-date information, gives our team easy ways to communicate with our families, and will serve as the center hub of information for our ministry.

Join Today

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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