

1st Pres eNews

February 21, 2023

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Blog of the Week

Pastor McLane Stone



God of the In-between Spaces

Generally speaking, I share a healthy optimism for life and its peculiarities. I enjoy my work and am grateful for the opportunity to walk with our church family as we seek to follow the Lord. I cherish the moments I share with my family, ... [Read More](#)

This Week



Volunteer Training

For current & new volunteers

This Wednesday | Feb 22

10:30 - 12:00 | Krueger Hall

This training is for new and current individuals interested in volunteering in any capacity with the closet! We have learned so much in our first 6 months. This led us to revise some of our procedures!

Come check it out!

Contact Suzy Jolley to sign-up
skjolley47@gmail.com

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 this Sunday.

2023 Lenten Devotion

We look forward to meeting with you all!

Inward Work for Outward Living

Fair Trade Festival & Missions Celebration

This Sunday!

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 this Sunday, Feb 26 from 8:30 - 11:00 am 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.

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 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.

Each daily reflection will combine personal reflection with meditation, visualization and short prayers. The prayers can be used as mantras or breath prayers: breathe in praying the first phrase, breathe out praying the last.

May God bless you and keep you as you journey through this Lenten season.

Download Weekly Devotion

[Week 2 Devotion](#)

Download Booklet

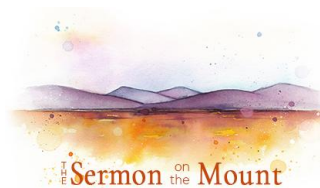
[Inward Work for Outward Living Booklet](#)

Sunday Bible Study - New Time

10:30 | Lakeside Room | Krueger Hall

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



The Sermon on the Mount | Master of the Heart. Who or what do you serve? This past Sunday we explored our devotions and how they order our everyday lives.

[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

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent.

Ash Wednesday takes place 40

days before Easter Sunday, and is observed by many Christians around the world. 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.



2022 Annual Report Available!



Our newly published 2022 Annual Report was distributed at the Congregational Annual 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](#)

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 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.

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

to someone who could use a lift

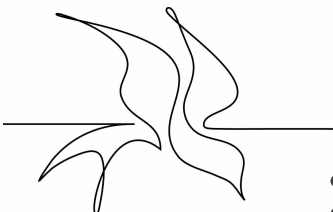


Our wonderful knitters meet every week to keep our supply of prayer

shawls ready to gift to someone who could use a cozy boost.

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](#)

February Weekly Events

Sundays

Thursdays

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal

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

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

10:30 am Bible Study

Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

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 - Both assistants

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

Background Check Form

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!

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

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!

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!