

## 1st Pres eNews

February 7, 2023

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### Blog of the Week

Naomi White



#### The Do Do Passage

In my Bible, Romans is highlighted and underlined so much that it's practically a neon rainbow. One passage, however, often calls to me more than others. My dad calls it "The Do Do Passage" ... now that I think about it, maybe that's one of the reasons it sticks ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Pastor McLane's Installation



Old and new friends and family gathered on February 5th at 4 pm to witness and celebrate the installation of our new Pastor, McLane Stone.

The hour-long service was followed by a brief reception in Krueger Hall.



### 2022 Annual Report Available!

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](#)

### 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 set-up of the event or have any questions, please reach out to Matt Broadway at 208-699-6229.

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## 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.

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## Summer 2023 at Camp Spalding



### CAMP SPALDING

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

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## 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.



The Sermon on the Mount | Know Your Enemies. Jesus says, "Love your enemy." But who is my enemy, and how do I love them? Join us as we explored Jesus' call to an uncommon love. [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



With the new year comes new opportunity to be a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Neighborhood Closet ministry!

We currently have one volunteer position, **Closet Coordinator**, open to serve our community through the Closet. The Closet Coordinator tasks include:

- Approximately 10-12 hours per month (set your own schedule)
- Organize clothing closet facility, merchandise layout & inventory
- Inform Volunteer Coordinator when volunteers are needed
- Keep inventory of needs to round- out clothing selections
- Be aware of the purchasing / reimbursement policy
- Be aware of Google Docs used for referrals and inventory
- Attends bi-monthly meetings

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this Ministry. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Gina Dingman at [gkdingman58@gmail.com](mailto:gkdingman58@gmail.com) or at 208-819-8861.

Thank you  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Neighborhood Closet

### **Rolland 'Woody' Hurst** August 24, 1932 - January 16, 2023

Woody Hurst was released from his earthly mission after having been in hospice care since December 2022. Pray for comfort for his daughter,



**Gift a Prayer Shawl  
or Lap Blanket**  
to someone who could use a lift

Our wonderful  
knitters meet every  
week to keep our

Jeanne-Marie McPherson and the rest of Woody's family and friends.

Service details will be provided once they are finalized.



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.



## Woodie Pierce Passing

Longtime member, Woodie Pierce, passed into heaven on

January 23rd. He has joined his wife, Mary Ann, who passed away in 2016. Please pray for their family as they mourn his loss and celebrate his life. **There will be a private family service on Saturday, February 18th.**

In case you missed it:

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

## 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

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

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

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

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Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

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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

The new online list for volunteer sign-up is now available! The new sign-up sheet is also available on the wall in its usual place outside of the Adventure Kids Zone.

**Volunteer Dates Needed:**



2/12- Both assistant positions available

2/19- All available

2/26- 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](mailto: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



### Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!  
Email [Kierstie](mailto: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!

### Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

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](mailto: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](mailto:Kierstie) to get involved!