



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan

Peaceful Highway

I have moved a lot in my life. Highways, freeways, and interstates make up a lot of my childhood memories. Seeing the arch on I70 in St. Louis was exciting because it meant that we were heading west. Seeing the cactus and endless desert from I40 would fill me with wonder. Listening to all the radio stations change to country as we headed south on I95 made us laugh at the lyrics. Seeing tumbleweeds roll across the ... [Read More](#)

This Week

We want to tell you some exciting, positive, and faith-building news.

Carley, our wonderful Director of Children and Families, has let us know she has accepted an amazing job with Chester Elementary school where she will serve in the STRIVE program for students who have behaviors that do not allow them access to the general education setting.

Our long time children's workers, Naomi White and Kyler O'Connor have stepped up to lead our programs while we seek to fill this important position. We have every bit of faith in Naomi and Kyler and their

prepared them to step in and lead our Children and Family programs. Carley's last day will be this Sunday, January 13th. She will return on January 27th for a much deserved celebration and reception.

We are happy to see God's provision for Carley. She has such a gift and love for children. To see this opportunity open up for her to pour out her gifts with kids that really need a loving adult is a blessing. While we will miss working with Carley, we see this as a great opportunity and

ability to lead this program with love, integrity, and creativity! Carley has

answer to prayer for Carley and her family.

[Carley's Letter to Staff](#)

CDAIDE Care Affair

This Thursday, February 10th
5:00pm - 8:00pm

[Purchase Tickets and Details Here](#)

CDAIDE is thrilled to bring back this heart-warming night to come together in service to the low-income hospitality workers who so consistently serve us.



It's not too late to participate!

Men's Saturday Fellowship New Location!

Our Saturday Men's Fellowship time continues but the location has been moved to [Bakery by the Lake](#)

(delicious as well as convenient!). We are still meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, bright and early at 7:30 am.



We are currently discussing how to read the Bible and welcome any to join us. Contact [Dan Brown](#) if you have any questions.

Souper Bowl of Caring Month of February

Thus Sunday, **Feb 13th**, is Super Bowl Sunday and a perfect time to think of the football team you are rooting for **AND** help tackle hunger in our community. This month we are holding a **"Souper Bowl of Caring"** food drive to tackle hunger using the energy of the Big Game to get you excited to make a collective impact on hunger.



Tackling hunger in our community is a big deal. Starting this Sunday, February 6 and for all of February, Community Partnership bins will be placed in Krueger Hall and near the office to collect food donations.

Additionally, this Sunday, we'll have bags available to fill and return on *Souper Bowl Sunday*. Let's show our community how much we care. Everyone can participate.

Venture
1stPresDowntown

This Month
February 16th
6 pm

Lutherhaven Summer Camp It's time to register | July 17-22

1st Pres is excited to partner with Lutherhaven Ministries & Summer Camp programs for a week of fun this summer for students 1st -12th grade. By sending our kids together we encourage them to continue to build friendships and



memories during a week of growth and fellowship. In addition to the offerings for students 1st-12th grade, students 10th grade and older have an opportunity to serve in the SALT leadership program.

Please register ASAP to guarantee your student's spot. We're looking forward to a great week at camp! [Register NOW](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

It seems easier to live with a Them and Us mindset, to identify what makes us different from other groups. Ultimately, we're all in this together. This week's focus is Nehemiah 5.

Tune in to this past Sunday's service for the whole story.

[Watch the service for the first time or watch it again!](#)



Many thanks to our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

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Men's Bible Study

Thursdays | 11 am - 12 pm



Please consider joining the weekly Men's Bible Study right here at 1st Pres! Men of all ages are welcome to join us on Thursdays from 11am-12pm. Please contact Buzz Hays if you have any questions.

Per Capita is \$36 This Year

Our church pays \$36 for each member to the Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).

If you are a member, you can send in your per capita to the church office, donate online, or drop it in the Sunday offering. Please feel free to call the church office if you have any questions.

Bell Choir Rehearsal

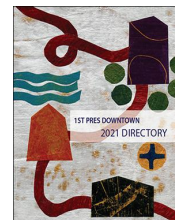


The bell choir is once again rehearsing on Sunday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30

upstairs in the the Hunter Building. If you have any questions, please contact [Kent Kimball](#).

Reminder

Have you picked up your new church directory? Do you know someone who might be homebound and could use a visit?



If you can help deliver directories over the

next few weeks, please contact the office so we can coordinate! Thank you!

Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

February Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

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

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

We encourage social distancing with
masks highly recommended.

DOXA 11 am

Wednesdays

Downtown Youth - check
with Kierstie for details

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Reminder: we are splitting our Sunday school into two groups: 3-years-old through Kindergarten and 1st through 5th graders. We will once again be using the upstairs classrooms on Sunday mornings. Please check your child in downstairs before church. Your child will attend worship with you until they are called up for the children's time with Pastor Neal. After church, please pickup your child(ren) in the upper Hunter wing. Take the stairs by the coffee bar as we will be using classrooms on that end of the building.



Adventure Kids' Club Registration

Adventure Kids' Club is back for our spring session! The club will be on the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group (kid-free evening anyone?!). The Club will be a social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. The focus of our spring session will be all about the evidence that

we can trust God with our lives and what that looks like for a young person. Any children kindergarten through 5th grade would be invited to attend.

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Dates: Feb 16, Mar 2 & 16, Apr 6 & 20 & May 4.

[Register Now](#)

Save the Date

Annual Art Camp with Hands to Art
June 27th - July 1st

1st Pres at Camp Lutherhaven
July 17th - July 22nd

I hope you all have a blessed week, Carley

Youth Ministry



Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter! Email [Kierstie](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

Reaching Students in New Ways!

Student and family feedback is extremely valuable to our Youth Team as we discern the best way to support our students and encourage their spiritual growth.

If you are a family with middle or high schoolers, please take a moment to let us know ways your student might be interested in participating this year.

[Family Connection Survey](#)

Sunday Morning Youth Study Cafe

Come as you are and join us in the



Youth Room for hot chocolate and treats while you work. We will enjoy praise music in the background of our cafe atmosphere and listen to the livestreamed sermon.

Groups & Gatherings

Saturday Men's Breakfast

@ Bakery by the Lake

On the 2nd and 4th Saturday, September through May, the men of 1st Pres are invited to come together for fellowship and a bite to eat. We meet at 7:30 am at Bakery by the Lake. Email [Dan Brown](#) or call 208.755.9087 for details.

Contemplative Worship Service

A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. Spend time peacefully worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

Contemplative Service Leads

Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship

[Donna Brundage](#): Greeting



and a little creative time
Fridays from 10-11:30 am in the
Fireside Room. Please call
Carolyn Peterson or the office

Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary
Design

Matt Broadway: Music

Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer

if you have any questions.



Staying In Touch

Life becomes a celebration when we keep in touch, so let's celebrate
by keeping in touch with each other. Phone a friend!