



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge



Getting Rid of Clutter

It's that time of year again. Time to take down the decorations and clear out clutter. It seems like every year after we put away the Christmas decorations, I get the "bug" to get organized again. I guess it comes from having to pack up the totes and trying to find space in the shed until we need them again. When everything is put away and I look at our living space, it seems almost lonely from the lack of bright and shiny decorations. I find the ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 6th



Please plan on attending our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 6th at 10 am. The 9 am service will be a combined classic and contemplative service. The annual meeting will begin immediately following the 9 am service. There will **NOT** be a separate contemplative service that Sunday.

Serving Lunch Ecumenical Food Kitchen February 3rd

1st Pres is serving sack lunches on February 3rd to our guests who are looking for a welcoming community and a bite to eat! Can you help with providing food or help serve?



There is a sign-up sheet in Krueger Hall or contact Bev Rasor or the office if you can help or have any questions.

Venture

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There is still time to sign-up for the Venture series beginning February 2nd and continues through May 4th. There are programs for the kiddos, youth and one adult class taught by Pastor Neal. There will be a Zoom option for the Kindness class if you cannot attend in-person.

- [Adventure Kids Registration](#)
- [Greater Positivity & Kindness Registration](#)

You can also register for Pastor Neal's class on Sunday in Krueger Hall.

Reaching Students in New Ways!



As we enter the new year, Kierstie hopes to reach students and families 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](#)

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.

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.



Sunday School Is Back!



We are still looking for a few volunteers to teach our preschoolers and kindergartners on

rotation, teaching or co-teaching every other week. Carley will provide the lesson plans and all activities. Please email Carley carley@1stpreshdowntown.org or call/text 208-215-5337 to learn more about this opportunity to serve the children and families of 1st Pres. You can sign-up here: [Sunday School Sign-Up](#)

Help Support CDAIDE!



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.

The Coeur d'Alene Resort
Thursday, February 10th
5:00pm - 8:00pm

[Purchase Tickets and Details Here](#)

Please feel free to call the church office if you have any questions.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

There are many Scriptures that speak to God's love for us ... as individuals. Individuals matter. What we do matters. What we do counts. And then there's **The 3 Minute Theory**. You'll need to tune in to learn about that! Read Nehemiah 3 then [watch this 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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Sunday Morning Bible Study is Taking a January Break!

We'll be back in February, same time, same place. Contact Eric Fehr for more information.



Kukhany' Okusha Cares

January Mission Team Update

Kukhany 'Okusha Cares is a care group in Eswatini Africa overseen by the Kukhany 'Okusha Zion Church. Eswatini has the largest HIV-Aids concentration in Africa. Kukhany 'Okusha supplies food, health supplies, and spiritual support to vulnerable children. This help is provided through eight neighborhood centers and schools.

Kukhany 'Okusha also builds and repairs schools, churches, and community buildings. They also help teach how to plant and care for crops. [Learn more about this wonderful program.](#)



Global Ministries

Bell Choir Rehearsal

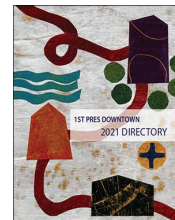


The bell choir is once again rehearsing on Sunday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30

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.

January Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:55 am Bible Study - Taking a January break
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

Children & Family Ministry

Hello families!

We have begun planning for our summer! Please see the save the date section below for a couple of important dates. We will have the rest of the summer outlined in the next two weeks with details to come!

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. The timeframe will be from 6:00-7:30 pm



Carley Walker

Sunday School Needs You!

As more families attend church regularly, we have decided to return to our traditional Sunday school on Sunday mornings. To make that happen, we need four to five dedicated volunteers to teach

beginning on Wednesday, February 2nd.
All Adventure Kids' Club dates:
February 2 & 16, March 2 & 16, April 6 &
20 and May 4.

[Register Now](#)

Save the Date

Annual Art Camp with Hands to Art
June 27th - July 1st: 3rd

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

our preschoolers and kindergartners.
Rotating, you would teach or co-teach
every other week. I would provide the
lesson plans and all activities. If you'd be
interested in working with our youngest
group of children please email Carley
at carley@1stpresdowntown.org or
call/text 208-215-5337 to learn more
about this opportunity to serve the
children and families of 1st Pres. A
background check will be required, free of
charge. You can sign-up here: [Sunday
School Sign-Up](#)

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.

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 @ Calypso Coffee Roasters

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 Calypso
Coffee. Email [Dan Brown](#) or call 208.755.9087 for details.

Sunday Morning Bible Study ON HOLD FOR JANUARY

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Our Sunday morning Bible study, led by Chris
and Eric Fehr meets at 7:55 am in the Lakeside

Contemplative Worship Service

A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where
your soul can find some room to

Room off of Krueger Hall. Join in person or with this [Zoom link](#).



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time Fridays from 10-11:30 am in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. Spend time peacefully worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

Contemplative Service Leads

Donna Brundage: Greeting
Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design
Matt Broadway: Music
Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer



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!