



## 1st Pres eNews

July 11, 2023

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### Blog of the Week

Donna Brundage



### Be Devoted to One Another in Love

Why are we holding Coffeehouse Conversations? As stated in Romans 12:10, *"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."* The act of listening, the act of understanding those who have overcome challenges, the act of showing kindness – this is why ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Baseball Family Feast Night

It's for everyone!

Wednesday, July 19th



This is an event for our whole church family to enjoy a night at the baseball game, food and fun for all ages!

There are special

things like bounce houses and games for our kiddos, too. And, you don't want to miss the hot dogs!

We'll have a computer set up this Sunday in Krueger Hall if you'd like to sign-up then.

Purchase your tickets today! The gates open at 5:35. The game starts at 6:35.



### Welcome Desk News

Every Sunday morning you can find a lovely greeting, a name tag so we can get to know each other, and general information at our Welcome Desk. What you might not know is if we meet someone who is visiting or they have only attended a few times we like to gift them with a special bag. The bag holds our monthly

[Purchase Your Tickets Here](#)

From our Children & Family Ministry

## THANK YOU!

Our 'Send a Kid to Camp' campaign was a huge success and we owe it all to our generous and supportive First Pres congregants!! Your donations will provide opportunities for many of our children to attend summer camp this year and in the future. Thank you again.



activity sheet and a small book about prayer. If you see someone with that bag, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them. If you meet someone during church who is new and has not received a welcome bag, please have them come by the welcome desk.

Other things at the welcome desk are:

- "Love First" bracelet. There are different sizes so be sure to find one that fits.
- Coloring books and crayons for children to occupy them before they are dismissed for Sunday School.
- A sign-up clipboard for anyone interested in our next membership class, scheduled for Nov 4.

## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

**Walking with Abraham | Abram & Sarai Doubt.**

Fear and shame cause us to forget God's promises. Join us Sunday as we explore what it means to be rooted in God's grace. [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

### Our Deacons The Caring Arm of the Church



Our deacons are the caregivers of our congregation. We at 1st Pres have all kinds of needs — recovering from surgery, grieving, loneliness, illness, or otherwise in a time where the ministry of care from our congregation is welcome. Deacons are asked to share their gifts of compassion and empathy, good listening skills, prayer, a willingness to serve, and a love of

As part of our Care Campaign the Deacons invite you to reach out to us if you know of a need within our congregation. The Deacons would like to emphasize caring for one another and remind the congregation of this special ministry. Often when we are hurting or in need, we forget to reach out for help. This is where the beauty of the body comes alive. If you know of someone in need of care, please reach out to the Deacons on their behalf. If you have a need, consider the Deacons

people.

as a loving group, ready to help.



## Summer Choir

Calling All Singers | All July

**Rehearse:** 8:15-8:45

**Sing:** 9 am service

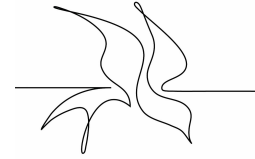
**Dress:** Come as you are

**Come for one or all five Sundays!**

Questions? Call Kent Kimball 509-993-6691

## Small Groups

If you are interested, please stay tuned - we're re-imagining our Small Groups. 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](#)



## Prayer Shawls Available

Who in your life could use some support and a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? Our knitters & crocheters have been busy, and our inventory is high. Please visit the Fireside Room to pick out a shawl for someone special. Please be sure to fill out the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

### Sundays

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online  
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary  
10:30 am Bible Study

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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

### Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Children & Family Ministry

### THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

We so appreciate the many volunteers who have signed up to assist in the PreK-K classroom through August! Thank you for your willingness to serve our children's program!

If you feel led to serve in the future, we will

always need assistants in the PreK-1st and 2nd-5th classrooms. Go directly to the link provided below if you are able to serve.

You may also contact the office at [office@1stpresdowntown.org](mailto:office@1stpresdowntown.org) or 208-667-8446.



Sunday School Assistant  
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!