



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Mikal Johnson

My Own Personal Narnia

I know it started after we moved to Federal Way, because I remember the exact spot I was in.



My mother gave me a copy of *The Hobbit* a few years earlier, when we were still in Rohnert ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Getting Connected: Small Groups



Are you interested in deepening your relationships at 1st Pres? We believe that the best

way to get connected with your church is to shrink it. How? Join a Sermon Based Small Group! The goal of these new small groups is to encourage personal growth in our church family.

Composed of 8-12 adults, these groups will meet one to two times a month, with discussions based on the current sermon series. Discussion questions will be provided each week in a format that helps lead to deeper conversations about the current sermon topic.

Watch for more information in this coming

It's Our Turn!

Ecumenical Kitchen | August 3



It is once again our turn to serve our guests at the Ecumenical Kitchen, taking place in our very own gym!

We'll be needing food donations as well as helpers to serve on August 3rd. Be sure to look for the sign-up sheet in Krueger Hall. If you have any question, please reach out to Bev Rasor or Karen Sines.

**Orchard Ridge Senior Living
Annual Butterfly Event**
Tuesday, August 1

month.



Summer Choir

Cancelled This Sunday

Kent has had to cancel our final week of the Summer choir as he will be attending the funeral of a dear friend. Please say a prayer of comfort for Kent, Norilee and their friend's family.

We are all invited to Orchard Ridge's annual event to raise funds to support charitable care for residents who have

exhausted their financial resources.



This year the event is being hosted at a private residence on Lake Coeur d'Alene with a dinner cruise boarding at 5 pm and returning at 8:30 pm.

Pickleball Location Change

All Pickleball players!

We're changing the location from our church gym to the Schwandt's home until the weather changes. Contact John Schwandt if you have questions.

RSVP and buy tickets by calling Holly at 208.664.8119

For more information:

[Click Annual Butterfly Event Link](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Walking with Abraham | An Unbelievable Promise.

How do we learn to trust God in the midst of disappointment? Join us Sunday as we stand with Sarah in the midst of an unbelievable promise. [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

Staff of Hope Transitioning

July Missions Team Important Update

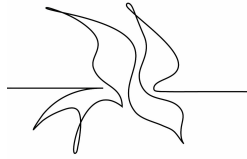
Our Mission Team has prayerfully considered our long-time partner, Staff of Hope. Due to many factors, the decision was made to no longer fund this once thriving and vital program.

The text of the letter posted in last week's eNews is available here in its entirety, including future plans to find a new partner.

[Read the full text here](#)

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

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry



ARE YOU WILLING TO ASSIST?

A new signup board has been hung outside the Adventure Zone in Krueger Hall. If you feel led to serve now or in the future, please sign up to assist our Sunday School teachers. We must have two adults in every classroom, so your help is invaluable! You may go directly to the link provided below or you may

contact the office at 208-667-8446 or office@1stpresdowntown.org.

We thank you ahead of time for your service.

Sunday School Assistant
Signup

Background Check Form

Youth Ministry

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
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!



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](#) 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!