



### 1st Pres eNews

July 4, 2023

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**Blog of the Week** Ellen Taylor

#### **Freedom**

As we are nearing the 4th of July holiday, I always reflect upon its significance. It is, of course, the day our country declared its independence. It is freedom from foreign rule. It has special meaning to me because I grew up in a political family. My mother was active in the League of Women Voters, and she ... Read More

## This Week



Office Closed
July 3 & 4

## Nancy Decker

Memorial Service Wednesday, July 5th

Memorial services will be held for Nancy Decker on Wednesday, **July 5th.** She will be interred in Coeur d'Alene Memorial Gardens



at 1pm, followed by memorial service in the sanctuary at 2pm. A cookie reception will occur after that service. Pray for comfort for her son, John, and daughter, Sherry, and other family and friends.

# Our Deacons The Caring Arm of the Church

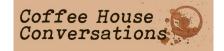






Our deacons are the caregivers of our congregation. We at 1st Pres have all kinds of needs — recovering from surgery, grieving, loneliness, illness, or otherwise in a time where the ministry of care from our congregation is welcome. Deacons are asked to share their gifts of compassion and empathy, good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

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



July 6 | 5:30 pm | Krueger Hall

Sherri Boelter from the Independent Living Advocate, Disability Action Center will share her inspiring story and talk about the history of disability rights, community resources and an eye-opening chance to experience what life is like for those with disabilities.

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 as a loving group, ready to help.

#### Baseball Family Feast Night Wednesday, July 19th

We have a block of tickets available so don't wait to purchase yours today! The gates open at 5:35. The game starts at 6:35.

**Purchase Your Tickets Here** 



## Sunday's Service Watch again or for the 1st time!

Walking with Abraham | Covenant.

God has made promises to his people. Listen as we learn to celebrate them through lives of gratitude and joy.

**Watch Now** 



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

<u>Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel</u>

## **Church News**



#### **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!

#### **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

#### **Prayer Shawls Available**

Who in your life could use some support and 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

Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

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 <a href="mailto:office@1stpresdowntown.org">office@1stpresdowntown.org</a> 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 <u>Kierstie</u> 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> 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 <u>Kierstie</u> 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 <u>Kierstie</u> to get involved!