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Blog of the Week

Emily Rogers

Examining the Mirror's Reflection

It wasn't the Facebook post itself that bothered me, it was the extreme response to it that riled me. The post read:

"Amazing Calendar (2018): ... [Read More](#)



This Week

Remembering Woodie Pierce

July 16, 1931 - January 23, 2023



This Friday, March 17th at 11 am, long-time member, Woodie Pierce, will be remembered and laid to rest. The service will be held in the Sanctuary with a cookie reception following in Krueger Hall.

Youth Volunteers!

This Saturday, March 18th



Our youth will be working with the CdA Backpack Program. We'll be stuffing bags for Spring Break. We are meeting at their facility located at 5067 N Building Center Dr, CdA. Contact Kierstie if you have any questions!



Hosting This Week

1st Pres is hosting Family Promise guests March 12 through March 19th. If you have a heart to contribute in some way call the office and we'll get you connected!

Presbyterian Women

General Meeting | March 21st | 1 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME

All are welcome to our March General

Presbytery of the Inland NW Capital Campaign

Our Presbyter, Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, introduced this worthy Capital Campaign this past Sunday.

We are blessed with 6 original Nez Perce congregations. They are the oldest active congregations in our presbytery (and the state of Idaho). The Presbytery leadership team has launched a capital campaign to raise funds for the Nimiipuu church buildings. Funds will go to much needed repairs and renovation. Many of these congregations have limited resources and an aging population. We are excited about this project and look forward to working with our Nimiipuu siblings.

[Watch the Video](#)
[Campaign FAQ sheet](#)

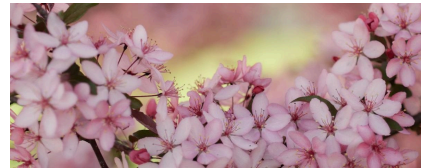


meeting at 1 pm on March 21st as we welcome Sue Bockelman also known as **“The Plant Pro”** as our guest

speaker.

Sue has owned and operated her own landscape design, installation and consultation business for the past 25 years in Colorado and for the last 8 years in North Idaho. She has taught horticultural seminars and gardening classes for over 30 years.

Please join us for what is sure to be a fun and informative afternoon!



Fair Trade Festival Thank You!



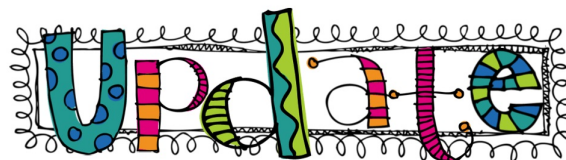
We at Concern America are extremely grateful to you for helping to organize and staff the Craft Sale

at First Presbyterian Church on February 26, 2023. The proceeds from the sale were \$1,489.00.

It is in those ordinary tasks of organizing and staffing a craft sale and the purchasing of gift items that we bring to life the Gospel mandate to care for the poor and to perform acts of justice on their behalf.

We, and the men and women working in the cooperatives that produce these beautifully handcrafted items, are so very grateful for the opportunity for a better life that these sales represent.

Church Directory Update We need your help!



Our Welcome/Membership team is updating our church directory! As you all know things change and the last time we updated the directory was in 2021. Clearly it's time for a refresh.

Over the next few weeks, copies of the previous directory will be in Krueger Hall for you to review and update your information. Once you've reviewed your information (*and made any necessary changes*) please check the box (right corner) to indicate you have reviewed the information and that it is correct.

Finally, if you have a picture in the directory, we can use it or update it. You can submit your own picture (head shots

With gratitude and in peace,
Sandra Dones

please) OR we can take one for your. The more pictures we have the more useful the directory is for everyone. Please help us with this project.

2023 Lenten Devotion

Inward Work for Outward Living

Teri McDowell Ott's inspiring Lenten devotion combines personal reflection with meditation, visualizations, and short prayer. The prayers can be used as mantras or breath prayers: breathe in praying the first phrase, breathe out praying the last.

May God bless you and keep you as you journey through this Lenten season.

Download Weekly Devotion

[Week 5 Devotion](#)

Download Booklet

[Inward Work for Outward Living Booklet](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



The Sermon on the Mount | The Pursuit of Grace. How do we cultivate a life of searching for God's Kingdom? Listen as we explore the pursuit of His 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



Do you have the heart to pray for those in need or celebrate those who praise? You too can be a prayer warrior!

Every week prayers and praises are collected and sent to a team of faithful prayer warriors who lift them up to God.

We are a praying church and you can be a part of this important ministry. Contact the office if you'd like to be added to the iPray team. office@1stpreshdowntown.org

Sunday Bible Study - New Time

10:30 | Lakeside Room | Krueger Hall

Gift a Prayer Shawl
or Lap Blanket

to someone who could use a lift

Summer 2023 at Camp Spalding

Registration opened March 6th



Spaces are limited and if you wait too long you may miss your opportunity to attend this year.

Please call Kierstie if you're thinking about Camp Spalding this summer. Registration opens on **March 6th** and spaces won't last.

Our wonderful knitters meet every week to keep our supply of prayer shawls ready to gift to someone who could use a cozy boost.



You can find their handiwork in the Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.

Join the Praise Team!



Drumming or singing ... we are always welcoming new members!

Please contact [Tom Richards](#) (208-651-4472) if you're interested! Or call the office at 208-667-8446.

Small Groups

We are in the process of re-imagining our small-group opportunities. If you are interested, please stay tuned. 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](#)

March Weekly Events

Sundays

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal
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
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Volunteers

Look below for the volunteer sign-up link! The sign-up sheet is

also available on the wall in its usual place outside of the Adventure Kids Zone, and has been updated with March dates.

Volunteer Dates Needed:

3/19- Elementary Assistant available

3/26- Both Pre-K & K available

4/2- All available

New Offering Goals

We have started our new goals for offerings that will go until the end of the school year! I am also excited to say that the kids have already met the first two, hooray! They are only a couple dollars from the third, so I think we will get it next week!

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer:

1stpreschildren@gmail.com. You can also check the volunteer sign-up sheet to sign-up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:



Sunday School and Event Volunteer
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!

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