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## 1st Pres eNews

March 28, 2023

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### Blog of the Week

Susan Yarbrough

#### Presbyterian Women - Uniting & Strengthening

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I look back on the many organizations that I have joined over the years. I continue to reap much joy and inspiration from my quilt groups, but I don't think I have ... [Read More](#)



## This Week



### Communion This Sunday, April 2

Please be sure to gather your elements before the service begins if you are worshipping from home.

### Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday | April 2  
9 am Classic  
10:30 Contemplative

Maundy Thursday | April 6  
Noon Prayer & Communion

Good Friday | April 7  
7 pm

Easter Sunday | April 9  
9 am Classic  
10:30 Contemplative



### Staff of Hope

#### March Mission Team Update

Staff of Hope has a three-prong mission



in Southeast Kenya, Africa, consisting of a year-round water well-drilling program, an adult ministry to area pastors, and the Oloile Secondary Boarding School all within view of Mount Kilimanjaro to the south. It's an area of poor, semi-arid farmland that has been hit hard by COVID

### We Are Serving Ecumenical Lunch

Thursday, April 6

Please sign-up in Krueger Hall to help with this wonderful community outreach. We

and recent droughts, shutting down all Staff of Hope activities in 2019. The Oloile School reopened in 2021 with a student population of 120, 50% boys and 50% girls. Our gifting to this mission partner helps pay for school capital programs and a portion of those students who can't pay for their tuition.

The adult pastor ministry is just now restarting its meeting program.

Unfortunately, the deep well-water drilling rig and associated equipment suffered a major mechanical failure in 2019, putting this part of the Staff of Hope program on indefinite hold. Estimates to repair the drilling rig are in excess of \$75,000, with needed parts requiring long lead times of many months before delivery.

Rev. Jeff Spainhour of Durham, NC, is the co-founder of Staff of Hope, and has been graciously sharing how Staff of Hope has been working to meet God's calling.



need help in the kitchen serving as well as providing the lunch items we'll be serving.



## Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 16

There will be a brief Congregational meeting immediately following the 9 am service to nominate new Deacons & Elders.

## Membership Class

April 29 | 9 am - Noon

We are excited to be offering a membership class on Saturday, April 29th from 9 am-Noon!

- We will serve a continental breakfast, and you will be able meet the current Session members.
- You'll also learn about our church history and what it means to be part of the Presbyterian Church and more.

You can register on Sunday or call the church office to sign-up. Your registration will help us prepare materials and food for everyone. Finally, let us know if you will need child care.

We'll have more information over the coming weeks. This will be a fun and informative morning, please join us!

## Family Promise Graduates!

Family Promise is excited to announce that a family of four is graduating from the program this week! There are a few things they need for their new home. If you have any of these items, please let us know: sofa, end tables, coffee table, high chair, queen box spring, baking or cooking items. Thank you for always supporting our families! If you know of or can donate any of these items, please contact Teri Burch or the office.

## Orchard Ridge Senior Living Annual Afternoon Tea

Saturday, April 15th | 2:00 -3:30 pm  
702 W Walnut, Coeur d'Alene



You are invited to attend the Orchard Ridge annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser complete with refreshments, entertainment, and silent auction baskets!

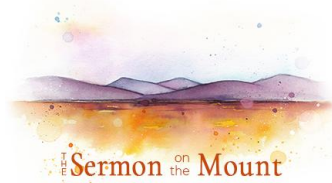
Tickets: \$35 per person or \$60 for two.

RSVP: [Holly Johnson](#) (email) or call 208.664.8119

All proceeds help sustain Orchard Ridge and their compassionate care for residents who have exhausted their resources.

## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



**The Sermon on the Mount | A Strong Foundation.** Jesus warns us about catastrophic failure, but should we also be concerned about slow deterioration? This Sunday we considered what is required to follow Jesus for the long haul. **Due to technical issues - no recording this week.**

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

### Church Directory Update



Our update project continues! Please stop by the tables in Krueger Hall to make sure your information is correct. Make any changes and if the information is correct, please check the box to indicate you have approved the content. Additionally, If you have a picture in the directory, we can use it or update it! Submit your own picture (head shots please) OR we can take one for you. Look for Janet either before the 9 am service or between the the 9 am and 10:30 am services. The tables will be in Krueger Hall through the end of April.

### 2023 Lenten Devotion

#### Inward Work for Outward Living

Lent concludes on Thursday, April 6. May God bless you and keep you as you journey through this Lenten season.

#### Download Booklet

[Inward Work for Outward Living Booklet](#)

You too can be a prayer warrior! 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](mailto:office@1stpreshdowntown.org)





Waking up to bacon, eggs, pancakes, coffee and juice on a Saturday morning – doesn't that sound lovely? This has been the traditional breakfast served to our Family Promise guests for the past 14 years that 1st Pres has hosted Family Promise, prepared by Bill Burch these days. Our goal is to make our guests feel welcome, supporting them on their current journey.

As you can imagine, Saturday mornings can be busy and our family's experience is nothing different. Some had to leave early for work and sadly missed Bill's breakfast. Others hustled to get the day started but were able to enjoy breakfast before they were out the door – showering, taking meds, finding shoes, finishing homework.

There was some drama. One child fell at an afternoon skate party which resulted in a trip to the ER. There was also unbridled joy – hearing a baby's laugh.

There was also the stress of everyday life – rising early to get the family ready and out the door by 7 am, late nights with a coughing child, managing schedules, following the rules and high standards of Family Promise.

These families are not so different from ours and we love serving them and wish them success as they find their way.

Finally, thank you to the 27+ volunteers who made this past week possible!

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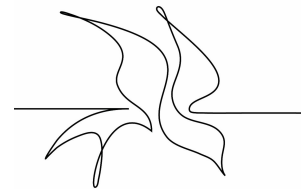
## Presbytery of the Inland NW Capital Campaign

The Presbytery leadership team has launched a capital campaign to raise funds for 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](#)

## 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](#)

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## Register for Summer Camp

Camp Spalding offers great camps for students of all ages throughout the



## Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

to someone who could use a lift

Would you like to gift a prayer shawl or blanket

summer! Keep in mind spots fill up fast, so register as soon as possible! If your student or family is interested in receiving a scholarship for camp, please contact Kierstie BEFORE you register.



to someone who could use a cozy boost? You can find them in the Fireside Room. Please be sure

to fill-in the sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.

## 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

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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

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 April and May dates.

#### Volunteer Dates Needed:

Palm Sunday 4/2- All available

Easter Sunday 4/9- All available

4/16- All available



### Offering Update

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 now met the first 3, hooray! They are doing amazing, and it is great to see their heart to bless people they do not know. This last week, they fed a family in the US!

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

[1stpreschildren@gmail.com](mailto: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



### Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

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#### Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!  
Email [Kierstie](#) to receive the newsletters.

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#### 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!

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.

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### 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!