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Blog of the Week

Donna Brundage

Connecting with Those in Need

I graduated from college in 1980 with a degree in Communications. About halfway through my sophomore year, I said to myself that I would never do this for a living. But I stuck it out so I would not extend my years in school. When I was a senior, I found that tutoring an emotionally challenged high .. [Read More](#)

This Week

Jeannie Soufer Memorial

May 18 | 11 am

Jeannie, longtime choir member, passed into Jesus loving arms on March 16th and we are joyfully celebrating her life this Thursday, May 18th in the Sanctuary followed by a cookie reception in Krueger Hall. Please join us.



Do You Know Someone Who is Graduating?

If you know a graduate and would like them to be recognized Sunday, June 4th on our graduate slides, please email Kierstie or the church office no later than May 26th. **Please include:** name, where they are graduating from, and degree if applicable.



Summer Kickoff BBQ & Potluck Sunday, June 4th

Volunteers Needed!
Poverty Simulation
May 23 | 9 am - Noon pm



Over a few hours, you'll experience challenges faced by the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income

Constrained, Employed) in our community. You will not want to miss this life changing day.

'Did you see the announcement about the Poverty Simulation happening on Tuesday, May 23, and say, "Nope, I don't need to do that."? I thought the same thing, and I could not have been more wrong. As the Board President of CDAIDE, I signed up to do this last year because I thought my position demanded I try to understand the demographic CDAIDE serves, and it changed my life!!' Bev Moss

For the day to actually move forward, we need 30 participants to experience the simulation. If we do not have enough people we will have to cancel the event.

Please contact Donna Brundage or the church office to sign-up. There will be a sign-up sheet this and next Sunday in Krueger Hall.



Let's get this summer started! Join us for our All Church Summer Kick-off BBQ & Potluck on June 4th, following a combined service at 9 am. We'll provide burgers, hot dogs, and cake! There are many ways to join in the fun: volunteer to help serve food, bring a side to share, or just come enjoy the fun and fellowship. Sign ups for serving and sides will be available in Krueger Hall the next 2 Sundays, or you can email Kierstie Renninger. All are welcome. See you there!

Now Accepting 2023 Scholarship Applications!

Any students entering college, trade or technical school or those continuing their education may apply.



Applicant must be directly related to the church or a member of the church.

The application for is available in the church office or you can [download it here](#). If you have questions as to eligibility, please call the office.

The application deadline is **May 30, 2023**.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Ephesians | Renewed. How is God at work renewing your life? Join us as we explore God's call to new life. [Watch Now](#)



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

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New Staff Position Open

~ Director of Worship ~

The job description and details have been posted to [Indeed](#). Please take some time to review the position. If you or someone you know has a heart and talent for music and worship and feels led by God to this position, you can apply through Indeed. You will need to submit a cover letter and resume. Please pray for God to bring the right person to our church family.

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

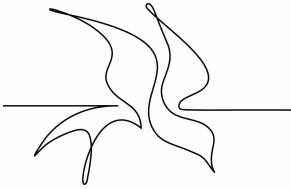
For someone who could use a lift

Prayer shawls or lap blankets are a cozy boost for a loved one!



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

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](#)

Be a Prayer Warrior



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@1stpresdowntown.org

Sunday Morning Early Risers!

Can you help serve donuts around 7:00 am on the occasional Sunday, we'd love to have your help!

The church pays for the donuts. We pick them up and serve them. If you're interested in helping out please contact Carolyn Keefer or the church office.



May 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

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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 May dates.

Volunteer Dates Needed:

5/28 Both assistants needed

6/11 Pre-k/K assistant needed

6/18 Pre-k/K assistant needed



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

Register for Summer Camp



Camp Spalding offers great camps for students of all ages throughout the summer! Please contact Kierstie if you're interested in registering.

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Email Kierstie to receive the newsletters.

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.

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!



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!