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## 1st Pres eNews

May 30, 2023

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### Blog of the Week

Kierstie Renninger

#### Blooming in Perfect Time

Spring is such a beautiful illustration of change and growth. This past winter was particularly difficult on much of my garden ... partially my own doing, partially acts of nature. By all means, my thumbs are far from green, but I love to learn and I'm giving it my best effort. In the Fall, ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

**Due TODAY | May 30**  
2023 Scholarship Applications



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

**Summer Kickoff BBQ & Potluck**  
~ All Church ~  
Sunday, June 4th



Let's get this summer started!  
Join us for our All Church Summer

Kick-off BBQ & Potluck this Sunday, June 4th, following our combined service at 9 am. Burgers, hot dogs, and cake will be provided!

**Ecumenical Lunch**  
This Thursday, June 1

1st Pres has the pleasure of serving lunch to our Ecumenical Lunch guests this Thursday. We need help providing, serving and clean-up. Any



Join in the fun by serving food, bringing a side to share, or just come enjoy the fun and fellowship. If you have questions, email Kierstie Renninger or call the office.

**All are welcome. See you there!**

**Children & Families**

help you can provide is always appreciated. Please contact Bev Rasor or the office if you have questions.

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## Send off for Kyler

### Interim Directory of Children & Families

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Our Kyler is set to start her next adventure! Though saddened to say goodbye, we are excited for what her future may bring. Many of you

may not know that while serving as our interim director, Kyler has also been completing coursework for a degree in Archaeology. As she nears the end of the requirements, she will be in Oregon for a “dig” at field school. Then she will soon be traveling to Korea for further field experience. You’ll need to ask Kyler for more detail about these events because our expertise on this subject is pretty limited. But we can assure you hers is not!

Kyler served as our nursery care provider prior to taking on the position of Interim Director of Children & Family Ministry in early 2022. We will be eternally grateful for her willingness to take on this critical role while our children’s program has continued to grow. Her dedication, enthusiasm, and love for sharing God’s Word with our young disciples has been appreciated by all of us at 1st Pres.

Kyler’s last day with us will be this Sunday, June 4th. Please take a moment to thank her and wish her well.

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Family Meeting, This Sunday 11 am

We invite our Children's Ministry parents to join Pastor McLane in the Sanctuary at 11 am for an introduction to our new Sunday School curriculum. Please reach out to Pastor McLane or the church office if you have any questions.

In addition, we will be discussing our summer plans for the ministry and introduce you to our amazing team of volunteers and teachers. During our time together in the sanctuary, childcare will be available in Kruger Hall.

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## Our Custodian Brandie Edwards

### Bittersweet News

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Our much loved Brandie recently interviewed with the Mullen School district for a job just a few miles from his home in Osburn.



He was offered and accepted the job which we believe is a real blessing for Brandie and his family as well as a blessing for the City of Mullen.

Brandie's last day as our custodian will be Sunday, June 4th. Thankfully, Brandie and his family intend to still attend 1st Pres, so they will continue to be part of our church family.

We have all been very grateful for the care Brandie has provided to the 1st Pres campus and to each of us over the past two years. We know he will be missed on staff. Please join us in wishing Brandie well as he starts his new journey.

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## Summer Fun is Coming

### Update Your Child's Participation!

Every year we updated our participation

our new waiver and return it to Kierstie or

waivers for students participating in youth group events, especially with a plethora of off campus events scheduled for the summer. Please take a moment to fill out

the church office. Copies are also available on Sunday mornings in the youth room. [Student Participant Waiver](#)

## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



**Ephesians | Stand Firm.** Our loving God is a place of rest and peace in a troubled world. Join us as we are invited to place ourselves in His care. [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

### Union Gospel Mission

#### May Mission Team Update

Since 1951, the Union Gospel Mission has partnered with the Inland Northwest to reach the poor and homeless with the love and the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our purpose is for them to become lifelong God-dependent, contributing members of society.

UGM offers long-term recovery programs for people dealing with overwhelming personal issues such as addiction, domestic violence, or a criminal record. Recognizing that permanent change takes place at the heart level, these programs address the underlying thoughts, feelings, and beliefs that drive destructive behaviors.

UGM opened the Center for Women and Children in Coeur d'Alene in September 2012. At the Center, women and their children find healing for their brokenness and the tools and direction they need to live in the freedom Jesus offers.

### New Staff Position Open

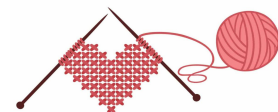
#### ~ Director of Worship ~

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.

**Be a Prayer Warrior**

**Your donation helps provide these services and more:**

- Three meals a day
- Basic medical care
- Case management
- Individual and group counseling
- Bible study and life skills classes
- Work therapy and job training/placement
- 18-months of shelter at the Recovery Center
- Ongoing support and accountability after moving out

### ***UGM Works - A Success Story!***

Megan is almost in phase 4 of our UGM LIFE Recovery program. She came to UGM from the Boise Correctional Center where she was doing time for a drug charge. She had recently lost her mom, which sent her further into her addiction. Megan struggled with drug addiction on and off for many years and when it came time to be released from jail, she decided to come to UGM.

Megan has thrived in the program. She has deepened her relationship with Jesus, addressed past hurts, found healing, began working at the UGM thrift store, and openly shares her story to help others and educate the community about the UGM Recovery Program. Megan plans to live next door at our UGM Aftercare Apartments when she reaches phase 5 (the last phase) of her program. Aftercare housing allows graduates to pay rent on a sliding scale according to their income and stay connected to support.

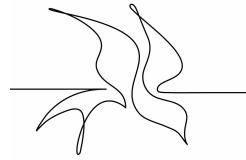


You too can be a prayer warrior! We are a praying church and you can be a part of this important ministry.

Contact the office if you'd like to be added to the iPray team.

[office@1stpresdowntown.org](mailto:office@1stpresdowntown.org)

## **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](#)

## **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

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Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

### **Thursdays**

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS Meeting  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Fridays**

## 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:

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](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

### 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](mailto: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!

Middle Schoolers are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for



Don't forget to turn on notifications.  
Click [here](#) to join!

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!