



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week
Janet Starkey

Mom's the Word

My thoughts are wandering, as they often do, and now that Mother's day is approaching they have drifted to those women who have taken on that role for me in my life. I'm happy to report there have been many.

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This Week

Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale 2023

We still have 26 baskets available for sale!

You still have time to order one of these beautiful baskets, call the office or stop by on Wednesday! Choose from geraniums (red, pink, or orange) OR mixed flowers (generally petunias and a combination of other colorful lovelies). Gift or keep these are high quality, longlasting blooms. All proceeds benefit our camp scholarship fund.

Pick-up is this Wednesday, May 10th between 9 am and 3 pm.

Mother's Day Salad Luncheon

Hosted by Presbyterian Women
May 13 | Noon - 2 pm

Please join us this Saturday, May 13th for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and good food! Please bring a salad to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided.



Mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces, friends, in other words all are invited!

Poverty Simulation May 23 | 9 am - 12:30 pm

'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

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.

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.

Jeannie Soufer Memorial May 18 | 11 am

We will be celebrating Jeannie Soufer's life on Thursday, May 18th in the Sanctuary followed by a cookie reception.



We are celebrating graduates of all levels on June 4th. If you know a graduate and would like them to be recognized 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.

Now Accepting 2023 Scholarship Applications!



If you are a student entering college, trade or technical school this Fall or continuing your education, our

church offers potential scholarships to applicants. Applicant must be directly related to the church or a member of the church.

If you are interested, the scholarship application for educational advancement 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. Please submit your application to the church office. Late applications will not be considered.

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

Ephesians | **The Depth of God's Love** Do you know how much you are loved? Join us Sunday as we explore the depth of God's love for us.



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

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Pastor Neal and Carolyn Are Visiting Tomorrow!

Pastor Neal and Carolyn Nybo will be in town for a special pastor's meeting next

week! We are so very happy for this opportunity for a short visit. We will have an open house on Wednesday, May 10th from 5:30 - 8 pm in Krueger Hall. Beverages and light appetizers will be served.

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!



Family Promise Week This Week | May 7 - 14

Our Family Promise guests joined us yesterday, May 7th. The signup board is in Krueger Hall if you can lend a hand in any way.

Please reach out to Teri Burch, Judy Flieger or Ann Smart if you have questions.

New Staff Position Open

~ Director of Worship ~

The job description and details have been posted to <u>Indeed</u>. 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

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



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.

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

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

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 May dates.

Volunteer Dates Needed: 5/28 Both assistants needed 6/4 Elementary 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

Book a babysitter and join the Children & Families Committee for a

*PARENTS NIGHT OUT *

This July our very own Jenny Shotwell and Kent & Norilee Kimball are performing in the CDA Summer Theater's production of

The Sound of Music !!

Let's go and support our fellow First Pres-ers!

When: Thursday, July 6th @ 7:30pm Where: Schuler Performing Arts Center, NIC Group Discounted Price: \$56.67/person

If you are interested please contact
Kathryn White via email at
mkwhite523@gmail.com by Sunday, May 7th.

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 <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 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 <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!