



1st Pres eNews

November 8, 2022

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Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan



My Father's Flag

My father passed away on April 1, 2022. Like many people these days, my father was absent during my life. I spent most of my childhood wondering where he was and longing to see him. Over the years, I tried to reach out, hoping that we could start ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Veterans Day
Honoring All Who Served



Celebrating Veterans Day

November 11th

Home of the free because of the brave.

Thank you to all who served!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 20th

We will be voting for our new slate of Elders, Deacons and Nominating



committee. Please plan on staying for a very brief meeting after the 9 am service on Nov. 20 or come a little early if you attend the 10:30 service.



Youth & Family Fall Fellowship!

Sunday, November 13

Families of middle- and high-schoolers join us at noon in Krueger Hall!

Annual Turkey Fund Drive



For many years, the Missions Committee has collected your very kind donations to buy



We Are Hosting This Week

We can always use volunteers! Please contact Teri Burch, Judy Flieger or Ann Smart if you can help in any way or if you have questions.



November 17th | 11 am to 1 pm
Silverlake Mall

St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho is holding a benefit on November 17th at the **Silver Lake Mall in Coeur d'Alene** where you'll have the opportunity to taste a wide array of winter delights! Does tasting 35 different soups sound enticing?

Chefs will be offering 2 oz samples of soup. Tasters will vote for their favorite, with prizes given for People's Choice, Judge's Choice, and Best Decorated Table.

Tickets: \$15 (includes a single wooden nickel token for voting purposes)

Additional Voting Tokens: 1/\$1 or 6/\$5

Purchase Pre-sales Tickets: [Here](#)

All proceeds benefit the St Vinnie's winter programming.

Presbyterian Woman Quilt Auction

gift certificates from local grocery stores. These gifts are offered to local families who could use a little extra love for the holidays and who otherwise would not be able to afford to prepare a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal to share with family.

The certificates we purchase are offered to individuals through our local schools, by affiliated Mission Partners, by the Deacons Christmas Families, and also through our new 1st Pres Neighborhood Ministry.

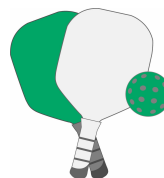
You can donate to the annual Turkey Fund on our church website, during Sunday offering, or in Krueger Hall (look for the Turkey boxes) throughout November and part of December. Your generosity is appreciated.

Creating a Happy Christmas for Orchard Ridge Senior Living Guests



Each year, Orchard Ridge Senior Living collects items to be included in Christmas gift baskets for its special residents. Remember someone you *don't* know at Christmas! [Full Gift Idea List & details here.](#)

1st Pres Pickleball



1st Pres Downtown is happy to announce the opening of our new indoor pickleball court in our church gym. If you're interested in the

latest sport to sweep the nation, please join us for one of the following classes:

Tuesdays - 1:00 - 2:15

Pickleball for Beginners

If you are just starting or want to learn



Did you see this gorgeous quilt this past Sunday? This quilt made by Joyce Liechti is a stunner and will be raffled-off at the end of November.

Raffle tickets sell for \$2 each (or 6 for \$10) and are available for purchase through November 27th. You may (and are encouraged to) purchase as many tickets as your budget will allow! Think about purchasing tickets for friends or for someone who might not be able to get to church.

All proceeds benefit scholarships supported by the Presbyterian Women.

The drawing will be held on Sunday, November 27th.

about this new fun game, join us to learn the basics. No equipment necessary (but wear good sneakers).

Tuesdays 2:30- 4:00

Pickleball for Intermediate Players

For those who have mastered the basics, want to improve on their game, and are ready for more of a challenge.

JUST ADDED:

Fridays 10:00-11:30

Fridays 11:45-1:30

Note: These are NOT Leagues and there are NO fees. For questions, comments or suggestions, please contact:

John Schwandt: jwschwandt@gmail.com
(208-660-3342)

Bruce Wallies: brucewallies@gmail.com
(208-704-2415)

Christmas Families Re-Imagined



Deacon activities will look a little different this Christmas and have a two-part focus. We are planning a festive family event that will bless several area school “Christmas Families” and are also planning a clothing drive to restock the Clothes Closet.

Festive Christmas Family Dinner

December 9th | 5:30 pm | Gym

Christmas for the Closet Clothing Drive:

All December

Watch for details next week and mark your calendars for the Family dinner!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Living Grace | Fellowship with the World. What is our relationship with the world? Many Christians distance themselves from people who do not share their beliefs, but is that the way of Christ? [Watch this service for the first time or once again!](#)

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

Fall Harvest Celebration Recap



Thank you to all who helped with the Harvest Festival. It was a great success supported by so many of our volunteers!

Our youth gave away over 200 cups of hot chocolate and 150 cups of hot cider. The photo booth more than 200 pictures, the kiddos made over 100 pumpkins crafts, and received over 150 very cute Fall tattoos. But by far, the animals were a big hit. It was a great way to reach out to our community and bring our Love 1st message to the whole community.

Snack Attack Food Drive ~ Completed ~

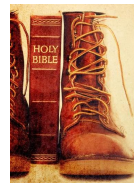


As usual our generous congregation came through! We delivered large bags filled with healthy snacks to 13 schools AND filled the shelves of our Neighborhood Closet. What a blessing!

Small Groups

We are in the process of reimagining 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](#)



Mission Trip Planning Underway

The Missions Committee is looking to send a mission team out in the Spring or Summer of 2024. Exactly where and when are yet to be determined. If you might be interested in being a team leader, please contact Richard Morrow through the church office.

Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets Available!



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

November Weekly Events

Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online

10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary

Masks are recommended 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 Needed This Weekend

There are a few Sunday School dates that need to be filled-in for the end of this month. We must have the specified amount of volunteers not only to keep the age groups separated, but as a legal best practice. We are also looking to add some volunteers to our team. I am happy to meet to show you what we go over. Your first Sunday will be as an assisting teacher (not the main teacher), so you have someone else to watch and learn from!

Dates needed:

This Sunday: Assistant for each class needed (Rebuilding Jerusalem)

11/27- Pre-k/K room Assistant needed (Prophets foretell Jesus)



Ring the Bell

Sign-up on the sheet outside of the downstairs kids rooms to ring the bell! The weekly kids newsletter will detail what dates are available.

Special Events:

12/18 Unpageant

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.

Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service. Contact [Kierstie](#) for details.

Searching for Volunteers

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! We are still seeking additional volunteers to help ensure that each event runs smoothly. There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email Kierstie if you would like to get involved!

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!