



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Ellen Taylor



My Road to Thankfulness

You know, sometimes I just feel like God needs to get my attention. I get so busy doing “things.” I make endless to-do lists, and I congratulate myself when I am able to check completed items off. I attend church meetings, I exercise, read the paper, and do the ... [Read More](#)

This Week



Happy Thanksgiving!

A few facts you may or not know ...

- While the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621, turkey wasn't on the menu OR pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce! Seriously?
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863 after Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote “Mary Had A Little Lamb,” convinced him to make it a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years!
- The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey - and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving celebration. The office will be closed both Thursday and

Stewardship 2023



As we enter this season of stewardship, we invite you to experience the joy of generosity. God's faithfulness has blessed our congregation with opportunities to participate in His work in our city and beyond. As we look toward the future that God is leading us into, we are excited for all that He has planned for us. Indeed, this is a joyful time at 1st Pres.

[Download your 2023 Abundant Joy | Extravagant Generosity Pledge Card](#)

Annual Turkey Fund Drive

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 are the beneficiaries of these generous gifts.



The certificates 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.

Donate on our church website, during

Presbyterian Woman Quilt Auction Drawing this Sunday

The quilt auction is winding down! The last tickets will be sold this Sunday with the drawing between services - 10:15-ish.



Purchase one ticket for \$2 (or 6 for \$10). Please (and you are encouraged to) purchase as many tickets as possible! This would make a wonderful gift. All proceeds benefit scholarships supported by the Presbyterian Women.

Christmas Families Dinner December 9th



The Deacons have re-imagined Christmas Families! We have invited 11 families, including 34 kids, from Coeur d'Alene elementary and middle schools to join us on December 9th for an all-church Festive Family Dinner.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our church families to spread some cheer and 1st Pres love, share a meal, and join in some fun activities with our guest families.

Activities: Christmas crafts, cookie decorating, a musical "prize walk," photo opportunity, and a special gift for each child attending.

Sign-ups to attend and bring a dish will be in Krueger Hall on Nov 27 and Dec 4. Where is God calling 1st Pres to excel? It

Sunday offering, or in Krueger Hall (look for the Turkey boxes) throughout November and part of December. Your generosity is appreciated.

just might be in welcoming these families and blessing them during this very special time of year. You can also [RSVP online here!](#)



November Mission Team Update

CDAIDE is a mission partner that is very near and dear to our hearts here at 1st Pres. Their mission is to provide support services to our community's vulnerable and underserved hospitality workers, including those employed in restaurants, hotels, coffee shops and other local establishments. The concept emerged from a strategic planning process that 1st Pres undertook in 2014. Since its inception, CDAIDE has been an important resource to our hospitality industry and in 2018 became a legally recognized nonprofit with seed money from 1st Pres.

Board Director Bev Moss, in a recent interview, shared that the organization transitioned from a small- to mid-sized nonprofit during COVID. That was when restaurants shut down and tourism came to a halt resulting in an 800% jump in referrals of hospitality workers needing support. To meet this challenge, CDAIDE had to grow the program with more volunteers, more grants, and more donors almost overnight. Bev stressed the importance of individual donors whose generosity fills the long gaps between grant and fundraising cycles and noted that our congregation has always been their most faithful and dedicated source of individual donors. She further emphasized that CDAIDE "can't thank First Pres enough - you launched us and remain our first and best supporter in so many

ways." A much-appreciated, visible benefit of that support is the office space in the church that is offered to CDAIDE at a very reasonable rental rate.

How exactly does CDAIDE support hospitality workers? Here are two examples:

- Earlier this year, a couple working in hospitality was thrown into crisis when one of them was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. They went from two incomes to one and that single income was further cut with reduced hours to provide home care and transportation to and from doctor appointments. To keep them going and ensure they continued to receive medical treatment, CDAIDE paid for their rent and utilities, and assisted with their medical bill deductible.
- Another very different example was helping a family of five whose only car urgently needed repairs. Although both parents worked, they were living paycheck to paycheck and could not afford this additional expense. CDAIDE paid for the repairs and the family weathered this unexpected cost.

CDAIDE is a true blessing to our community's hospitality workers and we are proud to have been a part of their beginnings.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



fear that there is not enough: not enough time, resources, grace. Join us Sunday as we explore God's invitation to abundant living in a world of not enough. [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

Creating a Happy Christmas for Orchard Ridge Senior Living Guests



Each year, Orchard Ridge Senior

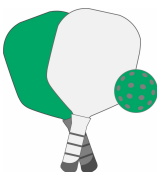
Living collects items to be included in Christmas gift baskets for its special residents. Remember someone you *don't* know at Christmas! [Full Gift Idea List & details here.](#)

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.



1st Pres Pickleball

Please join us for one of the following classes:

Pickleball for Beginners
Tuesdays - 1:00 - 2:15
No equipment necessary
(wear good sneakers).

Loved and Remembered

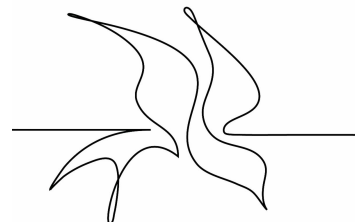
Long-time member, Margaret Campbell, joined our Father



in heaven on Nov 7, 2022, after fighting a courageous fight with cancer and chose to "Laugh and Live" rather than "Cry and Die."

Margaret and Don Campbell were both very active members of 1st Pres. Margaret was a Deacon, and Don served as an Elder and Clerk of Session. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 which led them to move to Anacortes, Washington to be near their sons and the medical treatment she required. She leaves behind her husband Don and sons Rod and Alex.

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](#)

Pickleball for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays 2:30- 4:00

Fridays 10-11:30

• [Women's Circles](#)

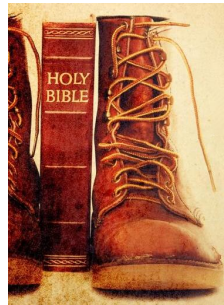
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Mission Trip Planning Underway

The Missions
Committee is looking
to send a mission team

Family Promise in the News!

1st Pres knows Family Promise because we regularly host families at the church. Read this CDA Press story about a family who was blessed by Family Promise. [Kindness in Motion](#)

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.

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 encouraged if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen

ARMS Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth: Nov 18 was
the last meeting until January

Children & Family Ministry

Thank You, Volunteers

There is now only one Sunday School date that need to be filled-in for the rest of this year, wow! Thank you all so much for your dedication to the kids!

Dates needed:

12/11- Helper for Elementary



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:

12/9 Christmas Families Dinner

12/18 Unpageant

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

1stpreshildren@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.

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!

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!