



## This Week's eNews

October 17, 2023

### Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge

I love living in the Pacific Northwest because God has blessed us with a beautiful place to live. We have a beautiful lake and are surrounded with mountains filled with trees. He also gave us four seasons that are like a beautiful portrait that God continues to change. If I had to choose, I love Spring and Fall the best.



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### Important Links

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## This Week



Youth Clothing Drive

**1st Pres Neighborhood Closet**

All October

For the entire month of October, our youth are collecting new clothing – focused on middle-school students – to benefit our very own 1st Pres Neighborhood closet.

Our students recently worked with our 'Closeteers' to brainstorm about items needed to specifically bless middle-school-aged kids when they come to the closet with their families. Join us in supporting the

Fun For the Whole Family

**Fall Harvest Festival**

Oct 28 | 10 am - 3 pm



We need your help to make this day successful! This is the second year we've participated in the Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association's Apple Palooza. Our church activities will be in our gravel parking lot with a petting zoo, crafts for the kids, a selfie booth, hot chocolate and cider. Doesn't that sound like fun?

Volunteers are needed. You can sign-up at the Welcome Desk or call the office to find a time that works for you.

[Sign-up to Volunteer Today!](#)

Neighborhood Closet through donations of new clothing and accessories for the month of October. Thank you!

[Shop Our Amazon Wishlist](#)

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## Memorial Services

### John Hart

October 19 | 11 am

John Hart, Susie Fischer's brother, passed away suddenly on October 7th in Post Falls. Memorial services will be held this Thursday, October 19, in our sanctuary. The service will start at 11 am, followed by a reception in Krueger Hall. Please pray for peace and comfort for all of his family and friends.

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### Bonnie Kay Wargi

October 21 | 1 pm

On August 24, Bonnie Wargi passed away peacefully. Pray for comfort for her loving husband, Jack, and other family and friends. They attended 1stPres with parents Roy & Vivian Wargi for years. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 1 pm, followed by a cookie reception in Krueger Hall.

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## 1st Pres Gear

**Special Orders Have Arrived!**

### Pick-up Sunday

You can pick-up your gear on Sunday or contact Kierstie.



## Membership Class

### Being Presbyterian

November 4 | 9 am - noon



Do you want to know about your church history?

Do you want to know more about how our church is organized and the roles of Elders and Deacons?

Do you want to know more about what it means to be part of the Presbyterian Church?

Come to the membership class on Saturday, November 4th from 9 am until noon. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

**Sign-up for the class at the welcome desk or call the church office.** And, please let us know if you need childcare.

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## Building & Grounds

### Fall Work Day

Saturday, Nov 4 | 9 am - noon



Please join us for our Fall Clean-up Day. This is a day to prepare for the winter ahead. Bring a pair of gloves, and we'll take care of the rest! Coffee and snacks provided. Contact Scott Fischer or Bonnie Piovesan if you have questions.

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**2023 Turkey Drive Starts Sunday, October 22nd. Details next week!**

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## Sunday's Service

Giving our time, resources, and energy to one



another often feels like a chore. On Sunday, we explored giving as joyous gratitude.

[Watch Now](#)

## General News

We know you love your donuts!



### DONUT DILEMMA

We know how much you all love your donuts and to keep the tradition going, we need more volunteers on Sunday mornings. If you are available around 7:15 am on Sundays, we would appreciate your help. If you could commit to 1 or 2 Sundays a month on a regular basis, that would be great! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact **Carolyn Keefer** at [208-691-9914](tel:208-691-9914).



### Providing Comfort Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets

Do you know someone who could use a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? You'll find a lovely selection in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

### Getting Connected

#### Small Groups

Adult Discipleship is still organizing the Sermon-based Small groups, while some have already begun. We do have a page on our website that is still in development, but it is live with minimal content. Please check back frequently for updates. Contact Dan Brown for details or if you have questions.

#### Small Group Links

[Sermon-Based Small Groups](#)

[Men's Fellowship](#)

### Parenting Workshop

#### Nurturing a Faith Your Child Doesn't Have to Heal from

October 21 | 10 am - noon



and the Whitworth Office  
of Church Engagement

#### PRESENT

A Parenting Workshop  
with Meredith Miller

You are invited to join other 1st Pres folks at this parenting workshop designed for parents, grandparents and

ministry leaders led by Meredith Miller, a pastor, parent and writer with over 20 years of experience in children's ministry and curriculum. Childcare will be provided and an optional lunch will be served post event.

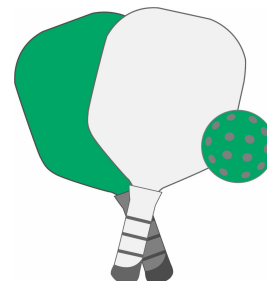
**Whitworth Church | 312 W Hawthorne Rd  
Spokane, WA 99218**

[Register Here Today](#)

### Pickleball Update

#### Things are Changing!

The Beginners and Intermediate Wednesday pickleball group will not be meeting this week, Oct 18th. The following week, they move to Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Call John if you have questions.



Intermediate and Advanced pickleball

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## Weekly @ 1stPres

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### Sundays

7:15 am 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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DOXA Service 11 am in gym

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch  
ARMS Meeting  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

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## Family Ministries

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Please join our team of volunteers who serve in Family Ministry! All volunteers are background-checked and receive additional training. If you have not volunteered before and would like to learn more about next steps, please [email Kierstie](#). If you have already received your background check and training, please use the link below to serve with our Sunday ministry offerings.

### Seeking Volunteers for:

- Nursery Assistants
- Pre-K-1st & 2nd-5th Grade Sunday School to Assist Teachers with Prepared Lessons
- Middle-School Youth Group Assistants

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