



This Week's eNews

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Blog of the Week

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Before there were Walmarts, Starbucks and Costcos, people worked the land and the Lord blessed them each year with a harvest that sustained and nourished them throughout the winter months. My memories of Fall take me back to my parents and the dairy farm I grew up on — Mom canning tomatoes, Dad driving the tractor and



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This Week



**Fun For the Whole Family
Fall Harvest Festival**
Oct 28 | 10 am - 3 pm

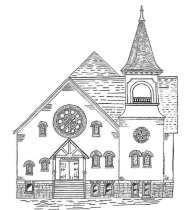
Thank you to all of the volunteers who have already signed up! This promises to be a fun day for kids of all ages. We'll be enjoying a petting zoo, crafts for the kids, a selfie booth, and hot chocolate and cider in our gravel lot on 5th Street.

More volunteers are needed. You can just show up, call the office or click on the link below. Thank you!

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

**Feeding Our Community
Turkey Drive 2023**

**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.

Wow! Where did the year go? Seems like we just took the winter tires off the car, yet they're going back on again - all too soon!



The Missions Committee, in conjunction with the Community Outreach Committee, remains focused on supporting those who find themselves in need of a little help. Which means it's time for our annual Turkey Fund Drive!

There's also a new way we are looking at this historic grocery certificate program for our neighbors in need. We have come to the realization that it's not just a holiday meal that our families need. They are hungry all year long! As a result, we have made the decision that moving forward we are going to focus our efforts on supporting the families that come to our own 1st Pres Neighborhood Closet. With funds raised during our annual Turkey Fund Drive, we will be able to offer these food resources year-round. We believe this is where they are best used: by families that we meet and support face-to-face. Thank you for your continued and generous support of this great ministry and by extending the love of Christ, displayed by caring hands and feet showing the goodness of God.

Building & Grounds

Fall Work Day

Saturday, Nov 4 | 9 am - noon



Mark your calendars - it's time 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.

Family Ministries

Fall Gathering Listening Session

Sunday, November 12 | 11:30 am - 1 pm

Our Family Ministry Team, in partnership with the Whitworth Office of Church



Engagement, is hosting a meal and conversation with other parents and caregivers. Together, we'll talk about the joys and challenges of parenting and sharing faith with our kids.

Register today so we can plan for lunch and childcare. [Register Now](#)



Sunday's Service

The Gospel is the foundation of Christian faith. Join us as we explore its depth and breadth.

[Watch Now](#)

General News

Youth Clothing Drive
1st Pres Neighborhood Closet
All October

We know you love your donuts!

DONUT DILEMMA

We have just a few more days of our October clothing drive to benefit our Neighborhood Closet. The youth are collecting new clothing focused on middle-school students. Thank you for fulfilling two full wishlists so far. This is our *third* list of items for our Closet. **THANK YOU!**

This link will take you to a shopping list that's easy to use and the clothes can be sent directly to the Closet. Easy peasy!

[Shop Our Amazon Wishlist](#)

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, including weekly questions for group discussion. Please check back for updates. Contact Dan Brown for details or if you have questions.

Small Group Links

[Men's Fellowship](#)

[Sermon-Based Small Groups](#)

[Sunday Morning Bible Study](#)

[Women's Circles](#)

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**.



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.

1st Pres Gear

Special Orders Have Arrived!

Pick-up Sunday

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



Weekly @ 1stPres

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

DOXA Service 11 am in gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch

ARMS Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Family Ministries

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

Sign Up Today

Access Code : Love1st

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