



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan



One People, One Body

I can always count on people to disagree. We are so good at not agreeing, that we often enter into a conversation expecting some push-back on whatever idea we have. Even people unified behind a cause will disagree on how to best drive that cause forward. Unity is not often part of the human story.

In Genesis 11, we find an account of ... [Read More](#)

This Week



Harvest Carnival

Pumpkin Carving | Costume Parade

October 31 following 9 am Service

Come to church in costume? Yes!! We will begin with a costume parade for **all ages** during the 9 am service. Then starting at 10 am it's time for a pumpkin carving contest games, prizes, and time with your church family! Please bring your own

Gene & Wanda Ballou Memorial

Saturday, Oct 30 | 3 - 5 pm

Please join family and friends for a celebration of the lives of Gene & Wanda Ballou. The service will be held in the Sanctuary with a cookie reception following in Krueger Hall.

pumpkin for the carving time. Light refreshments will be provided. Be sure to join the fun!!



Sunday Nov 14th
8:30 - 11:00 am | Krueger Hall



Join us as we welcome our local Mission Partners, as well as several Fair Trade organizations and learn about the miracles Christ is doing in their Mission field. Proceeds from any items purchased will help further Mission efforts.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the organization or set up of the event, please reach out to Matt Broadway at 208-699-6229 with any questions.

Saturday Men's Breakfast **@ Calypso Coffee Roasters**

On the 2nd and 4th Saturday, September through May, the men of 1st Pres are invited to come together for fellowship and a bite to eat. We meet at 7:30 am at Calypso Coffee. Email [Dan Brown](#) or call 208.755.9087 for details .

Hosting our Guest Families **October 31 - November 6**

Our guests arrive this Sunday, October 31 and stay through November 4. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who have signed up to help make this a comfortable and welcomed stay! Please take a look at the sign-up board in Krueger Hall or call Teri Burch or Judy Fleiger if you can lend a hand. All help is most welcomed!

Calling CDAIDE Volunteers! **November 3 | 5:30 pm**

Learn how to get involved with this wonderful organization that benefits our local restaurant and



hospitality workers. CDAIDE is hosting a volunteer event on Wednesday, November 3rd starting at 5:30 pm at **Seasons Restaurant, 509 E Lakeside Ave.** Appetizers will be served.

More Information: CDAIDE.org

Missions Committee Update **Staff of Hope**



Staff of Hope, started in 2001 by a group of seminary students in response to a severe drought in East Africa, have been a long-standing 1st Pres Mission Partner. The organization, centered in Kenya, has grown since 2001, guided by a vision of helping people lift themselves from poverty with sustainable long-term solutions and becoming resilient to events like drought, famine, and economic shock.

Staff of Hope believes that the work they do can have impact for generations. Investing in water, education, and Christian leadership today can create a more hopeful future for children in East African communities.

As a country with only a 1.9% vaccine rate for COVID-19, the Staff of Hope's mission in Kenya has been challenging and the needs are severe. Because of pandemic restrictions, the Oloile School we support has been operating on a restricted basis and Christian leadership mentoring programs have been limited. More than ever, our support for the Staff Of Hope is greatly needed.

Turkey Fund 2021

1st Pres will once again provide the blessing of a \$50 grocery card for needy 1st Pres families and individuals, community friends, school counselors and nonprofit partners to help defray holiday food costs. Go to our Giving Portal and select 'Turkey Fund' to make a donation of any amount. You can also mail or drop a check off at the church during normal office hours. Special Turkey Fund envelopes will be available for Sunday donations.

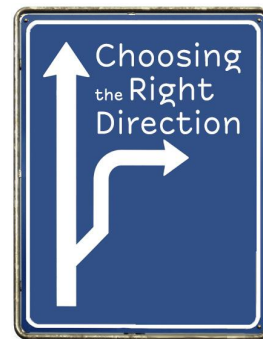


Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Deciding our destination. Saturday, Oct 23, over 80 people gathered in our gym to talk about the most important things our church needs to hold on to, what needs to change, and what we need to be working on now. Acts 9:26-28 and Acts 15:36-40 are keys to this week's message but you'll need to watch the service for the rest of the story.

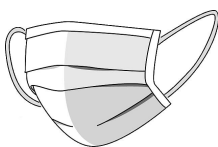
[Watch for the first time or watch it again!](#)



Many thanks to our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

Church News



Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

Prayer Shawls Available

Our knitters and crocheters have been working their magic

Family Promise is Hiring!

Shelter Manager - 20 hrs/week

The shelter manager maintains an in-home



and 10 shawls and one lap robe are currently available. They can be found in the **Fireside Room**. Please be sure

to complete the Prayer Shawl Ministry sheet so we can track who's been gifted and that prayers for them continue.

structure and maintaining day-to-day tasks of the shelter. This role requires the ability to be flexible, responsive, and work effectively with a wide variety of team members. This position reports to the Executive Director. [Full job description HERE](#) or [visit the Family Promise website](#) for more details.

Sunday Morning Bible Study 7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Chris and Eric Fehr are once again leading Sunday morning Bible study on Sundays at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room off of Krueger Hall. Join in person or online using this [Zoom link](#).

October Schedule

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study - Lakeside Conference Room
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online.
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary.

We encourage social distancing with
masks highly recommended.

DOXA 11 am

Wednesdays

Venture - [see schedule](#)

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

This Coming Sunday!

Harvest Carnival, Pumpkin Carving, and Costume Parade! **October 31st** during and immediately following the church service.



Adventure Kids' Club Details

The club is being held on the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group. Join in on this social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. Our fall/winter session focuses on learning about Jesus and ourselves through a look at New Testament parables. Any child, kindergarten through 5th grade, is invited to attend. [Register here](#)

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

DATE: Wednesdays: November 3, 17 | December 1

Masks are strongly recommended, but not required by our Session at this time.

Fall Schedule

October

- Venture/Adventure Kids' Club. First and third Wednesdays through December 1st, 6:30 pm to 8 pm.
- Harvest Festival: October 31st after church. Carnival games in the gym after the service BYOP for carving.

November

- Family Game Night and Gingerbread House Contest: November 17th, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

I am praying for you and your families!

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Youth Ministry



Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter! Email Kierstie and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

Groups & Gatherings

Contemplative Worship Service A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. This service format is one where you can peacefully spend time worshiping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

Contemplative Service Leads

Donna Brundage: Greeting

Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design

Matt Broadway: Music

Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time every Friday from 10-11:30 in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other.

We'll keep you up-to-date in the eNews, on the church calendar, or you can call the office.

