



This Week's eNews

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Blog of the Week

Janet Starkey

I'm not much of a Halloween gal. And, dressing-up doesn't thrill me unless I can be something or someone beautiful - whatever that means at my age. I'm thinking a princess, queen or empress.



What Halloween does remind me of is the ...

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This Week

Time to Change Your Clocks!

Very early this coming Sunday morning, Nov 5, (2 am to be precise) we'll be once again turning our clocks back one hour.



Don't forget!

Membership Class

Being Presbyterian

November 4 | 9 am - noon



Our new member class begins at 9 am this Saturday. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian, about 1st Pres history, and being a loving community.

It's not too late to sign-up -- please call the church office.



Holy Communion This Sunday

We are celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday. If

Building & Grounds

Fall Work Day

Sat, Nov 4 | 9 am - noon



It's time for our Fall Clean-up Day --

you're worshipping from home, please gather your elements before the service begins.

Feeding Our Community Turkey Drive 2023

It's time for our annual
Turkey Fund Drive!



There's a new way we are looking at this historic grocery certificate program for our neighbors in need. It's not just a holiday meal that our families need. They are hungry all year long! As a result, we have decided that moving forward we will 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.



Food Drive **Fill the Pack** Month of November

Our Community Outreach committee is sponsoring this drive to provide food for local students. We'll have a list of needed items and bags to fill this Sunday and throughout the month of November.

[Amazon Wish List](#)

Coming in December **Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff** December 2 | 5:30 pm

Please mark your calendars for this whole-church Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff! More details next week!

preparing for winter! Bring gloves and we'll provide the rest! Coffee and snacks provided. Contact Scott Fischer or Bonnie Piovesan if you have questions.

Helping Families in Transition **Hosting Family Promise** November 5 - 12

Amazing Congregation, we are hosting two families this coming week - moms and daughters - and we need help: overnight hosting, laundry and Saturday breakfast.

Overnight hosting is from 7:15 pm to 7 am. If a family wanted to stay with their kids, we have cots and inflatable mattresses. Our preference is to have more than one overnight host. With all female guests this week, it would be a blessing to have women there for them. Please call Judy Flieger if you are able to spend Wed, Thur, or Friday night here.

Ann Smart needs more help setting-up, taking-down, and doing load(s) of laundry.

Teri and Bill need someone to host and fix breakfast on Saturday morning (11/11) from 7a.m. to 9a.m.

Please call the office, Judy Flieger, Teri Burch or Ann Smart if you have questions.

Family Ministries **Fall Gathering - Listening Session** Sunday, November 12 | 11:30 am - 1 pm

Join our Family Ministry Team for 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](#)





The Great Ends
of the Church

Sunday's Service

Life can be so... common. Listen online as we explored God's gift of the ordinary life we live together. [Watch Now](#)

General News

Youth Clothing Drive 1st Pres Neighborhood Closet Last Day

We know that today is the last day of our October clothing drive to benefit our Neighborhood Closet. But that doesn't mean we have stopped 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](#)



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.



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](#)

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

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