



This Week's eNews

October 3, 2023

Blog of the Week

Yvette Wyatt

Just as the children almost gave the whole sermon when Pastor McLane asked them during a recent young disciple time, about why it would be important to be able to 'let something go'; I could write every blog I ever share on the astoundingly touching and wise conversations that transpire during the PreK-1st grade Sunday School class. Though this blog will undoubtedly



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This Week

Volunteer Opportunity

Serving Ecumenical Kitchen

October 5th | 11:30 am - noon



1st Pres has the honor of serving lunch to our ecumenical guests

this week. You can call the office or Karen Sines if you can be a part of this wonderful ministry. If you have questions, please call the office or reach out to Karen Sines.

Sunday Mornings

DONUT DILEMMA

Long before COVID shut everything down, the Keefer Christ Care group had been picking up and serving donuts every Sunday morning. Our group saw it as a fun, delicious way to bring our church family together. When church resumed after COVID, we returned to picking up and serving donuts again.



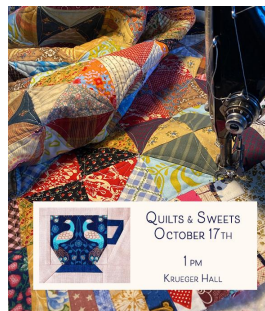
Now we are finding ourselves with a smaller and older group of individuals available to help. We need more volunteers on Sunday morning to continue the donut tradition. If you are available around 7:15 am on Sundays, we would appreciate your help. If

Presbyterian Women

Quilt Exhibit

October 17 | 1 pm

Our Presbyterian Women are hosting a quilt exhibit with sweets at 1:00 on October 17th. After a short talk we will move to the sanctuary to view an array of quilts created by our members and friends. Each quilt displayed will identify the quilter's name.



Susan Yarbrough will be coordinating collecting quilts. If you have a quilt you'd like to be included in our display, please contact her. Additionally, if you can help take down or set-up please contact Susan Yarbrough or Karen Huber.

Parenting Workshop

Nurturing a Faith Your Child Doesn't Have to Heal From

October 21 | 10 am - noon



This is a unique opportunity! You are invited to join other 1st Pres folks at this parenting workshop designed for parents, grandparents and ministry leaders. Meredith Miller is a pastor, parent and writer with over 20 years of experience in children's ministry and curriculum. You may also know her from Instagram [@meredithannemiller](#) or her recently published book, *Woven*. Childcare will be provided and an optional lunch will be served post event.

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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**.

Youth Clothing Drive

1stPres Neighborhood Closet

All October



Last Sunday, our "Closeteers" took our middle and high schoolers on a tour of the Neighborhood Closet, and shared about this fruitful ministry of our church. Our students helped them sort through some of the items they already have, and brainstormed what items are needed to be able to bless middle school aged kids when they come to the closet with their families. Join us in supporting the Neighborhood Closet through donations of new clothing and accessories for the month of October.

Thank you!

[Shop Our Amazon Wishlist](#)

Passing

Betty Anderson

Member and regular attender Betty Anderson passed into God's loving arms on July 1st. Pray for comfort for her niece, Holly Schramm, and other family and friends.



Sunday's Service

Where is God building the church? Join us as we are challenged to look outside our four walls to find God at work in the margins.

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General News

Mission Team September Update Celebrating Our Long-time Partner



This month we are showcasing one of our long-standing Mission partners, Orchard Ridge Senior Living.

Orchard Ridge has been serving the community for 102 years, providing a faith-based loving home that honors older adults. They partner with 20 local churches and are governed by a Board of Directors, which primarily come out of those churches. As a non-profit, they raise funds for charitable care, so that no resident has to leave when they have exhausted their financial resources. [Read the Entire Update](#)

Providing Comfort

Prayer Shawls and Blankets

Do you know someone who could use a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? This gift can be a reminder and a comfort.

Visit the Fireside Room to choose your gift, and be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch

Pickleball Update

Watch for Updates

The weather is a changin'! The men are still meeting at the Schwandt's but that will change once the weather turns. The new women's pickleball group meets Wednesdays at 9 am in the church gym. Questions? Call John Schwandt.



Getting Connected

Sermon-based Small Group

Stay tuned for updates from Adult Discipleship. You can still sign-up for a small group based on the sermon series. Groups will be forming soon!

Other Small Groups

[Men's Fellowship](#)

[Sunday Morning Bible Study](#)

[Women's Circles](#)

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

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
PreK-1st & 2nd-5th Grade Sunday School
Assistant Teachers
Middle School Youth Group Assistants
High School Dinner Hosts

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