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September 20, 2022

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Blog of the Week

Nominating Committee

Seeking Leaders Who Are Learning to 'Sleep in the Boat'



Despite the past couple of years of navigating through personal, local, national and world-wide turbulence, we know that God is heading us into a hope-filled future. We are grateful that as a church family, through the incredible faithfulness ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Pastor McLane Reflections



Grace and Peace

As I reflect on our first Sunday together, I find that these two words are an appropriate reflection of my experience during my first week at 1st Pres.

As we gathered together for worship, I was overwhelmed by the presence of God's grace and peace in our sanctuary. 1st Pres, our church family, is a diverse

Ecumenical Kitchen

October 6th



It's our turn in just over two weeks! The sign-up sheet is in Krueger Hall. Please contact Bev Rasor if you have questions.

2nd Annual

CDAIDE Chef's Challenge

CDAIDE is looking for volunteers for this fun culinary fundraising event on Thursday, October 13th. It's being presented by The Culinary Stone and taking place at the Hagadone Event Center.



community of people who love the Lord and one another. Everywhere I looked, in each conversation and introduction I had, this was obvious. We have truly embraced our *Love 1st* mission, and I'm grateful to God that I have the great honor to be a part of continuing that mission as we are guided by the Holy Spirit.

The appropriate response to God's grace is always gratitude. At its root, worship is the joyful gratitude we express to a good and merciful God. I'm grateful for many things. I'm grateful for the warm welcome extended to me and my family. I'm grateful that the Lord has brought us together. Most of all, I'm grateful for the love of Jesus Christ, a love that serves as the foundation for the good work we do together. For all of this, we praise God!

For more information, please contact [Tammy Sandoval](#), CDAIDE Event Coordinator.

Men's Thursday Bible Study

Iron Horse Coeur d'Alene

The Thursday Men's Bible Study group is restarting September 22.

Time: 11:30 to 1:00 pm

Where: Iron Horse on Sherman Ave

Study Topic: Book of Acts

The books have been ordered and will arrive within the next two weeks.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sam Logozzo or Dick Peery.

Bless China International

September Mission Team Update

One of our church's mission partners, Bless China International (BCI), operates primarily in China, but also does developmental work in Brazil and Africa. Leaders Rob and Noelani Cheeley have a long-term base of operations in Kunming. Travel to and from China, with multiple challenges due to quarantines and added punitive expenses in transit has been difficult. Current governmental policies have made being a faith-based organization both difficult and potentially dangerous. Providing meaningful essential health services to an underserved population (including a center that cares for autistic children and their families), BCI has been able to operate there despite the current oppression of faith-based organizations and individuals.

With the arbitrary nature of lockdowns in the area, work and school programs are currently haphazard, as is the ability to provide stable health care. One case of

years with the promise of ongoing local oversight and growth within their country. They continue to search for and train great local talent with caring hearts for discipleship and leadership. The Cheeleys have also started a young Christian leadership training program in Idaho, focused on growing in Christ-likeness and hope to expand this to more locations. Rob and Noelani Cheeley are familiar to many at 1st Pres and have provided us with important breaking updates. Unfortunately, Rob recently had a mild heart attack while at home in Maui, spending three days in the hospital. An angiogram resulted in the placement of a stent. While he appears to be in good shape, their return to Kunming may be delayed. Doctors are telling him that he should not travel for three months. Also, based on ease of travel for their mission work and the recent success in young Christian discipleship/leadership training, the Cheeleys have decided to return to

COVID can result in lockdowns for tens of thousands of people, without much notice and no contingencies for providing services.

BCI enjoys excellent local leadership in China that has been developed over many

Rob's hometown of Coeur d'Alene and make this their home base around mid-to late-2023. As Noelani is from Hawaii, it will create distance from her family there. We look forward to continuing our relationship with them and their important mission.

Hosting Family Promise

Recap from Teri Burch



1st Pres had the privilege to host three new families looking for a better life this past week. We hosted a family of four with a brand-new baby boy (joy!), a mom and her daughter, and also a father and his son.

The coordinators reported that the week went well even though mid-week one of the families exited the program. This week had an addition to the program of a mandatory parenting class.

Ann Smart and her crew readied the rooms and made sure the families had everything they needed. My husband, Bill, stepped-up on Sunday night to greet the guests, show them their rooms, host the meal we prepared, and stayed overnight. He took on the duties for both of us!

Judy Flieger was overnight host twice. She checked-in with the dinner hosts every night to make sure they had what they needed and addressed questions or concerns. Ann's takedown crew was there early Sunday morning to move the beds, clean-up and get the rooms in shape for Sunday school. All of the coordinators went above and beyond, as usual! Also, we are so very blessed by all of the volunteers (too many to mention) who helped make this week a success.

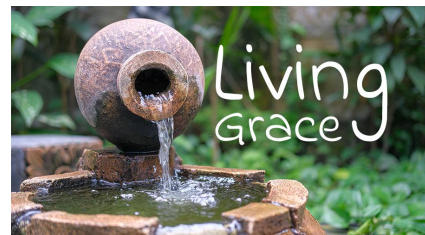
I was sorry to miss my time with the guests as I was sick with COVID. I missed the time to connect with people and not just focus on their needs. It is a heartwarming and rewarding time for all the volunteers, and we are the ones blessed. I hope in November you get the chance to host and connect with those striving, with help, to find a stable life. Volunteer applications and guidelines will be in the office.

Next hosting is November 6 - 13.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Living Grace | Grace and Peace. Each day, God speaks to us: "Grace and peace!" Grace and peace are gifts from God - freely given and joy is at the heart of this message! [Watch this service for the first time or once again!](#)



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

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

Church News

Thank You, Pastor Neal & Carolyn



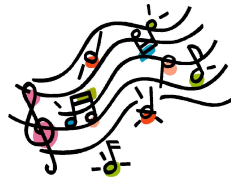
Our last Sunday with Pastor Neal and Carolyn was both happy and sad. Sad tears because they will be missed, but happy for the year we were blessed to have spent with them.

We couldn't send them on their way without a few remembrances of their time at 1st Pres! You can see the presentation of their gifts during their last [Sunday service](#) (fast forward to minute 39:00)

Neal and Carolyn are on their way back to San Diego. We wish them safe travels and will thank God every time we think of them!

Phyllis Schwandt Memorial Service

A memorial service for Phyllis Schwandt, John's mother, will be held this Friday, September 23 in the Sanctuary, starting at 2:00 pm.



**Music Rehearsals
Have Begun!**
All are welcome

Please contact Kent Kimball
if you have questions

Chancel Choir

Day: Thursdays | Time: 7 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Bell Choir

Day: Sundays | Time: 7:30 am

Location: Bell Room (downstairs)

September Schedule

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online

10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary

Masks are recommended if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting

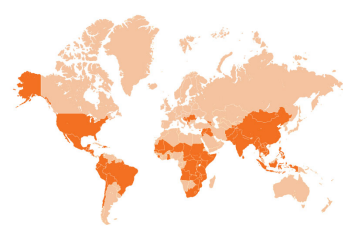
Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Sunday School Offerings

The kids enjoyed learning about World Vision and offerings last week, and this week they can start bringing in their offerings! We are focusing on giving with good hearts and generosity. I highlighted Cain and Abel, and Mark 12:41-44, the poor widow who donated all her money. I have a short list of resources if your family would like to talk more about offerings at home, and am happy to email it to you.



Volunteer Orientation

Thank you so much to everyone who came to orientation last Saturday! If you were unable to make it and have questions, please contact me or Kierstie, so we can schedule a phone call or meeting to discuss them! We will also be emailing background check forms to those whose background checks have expired.

Special Events:

9/25 First week of kid's World Vision offering (is optional)

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer

1stpreschildren@gmail.com. You can also check the volunteer signup sheet to sign up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:

Sunday School and Event Volunteer
Signup

Background Check Form

Youth Ministry

Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us next week in the Youth Room!

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9am service next week. You will remain in the sanctuary this week.

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Email Kierstie to receive the newsletters.

Searching for Volunteers

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! We are still seeking additional volunteers to help ensure that each event runs smoothly. There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email Kierstie if you would like to get involved!

Check Out Our Schedule

Join our group on the Band App to see our schedule, upcoming events, and more! Don't

forget to turn on notifications. Click [here](#) to join!