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Blog of the Week

Pastor Neal Nybo



Climbing Past Our Fears

I've shared with you that I have gotten increasingly afraid of heights as I have gotten older. This presented a real problem for me when Carolyn and I were hiking with friends in Sedona, Arizona a few years ago. We started up a trail towards Cathedral Rock ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Thank you Pastor Neal & Carolyn

September 11 | Final Sunday



Pastor Neal Nybo and his wife Carolyn joined us just over one year ago. The year has passed quickly and what an

amazing year it has been! And now, thanks to the diligence of our Pastor Search Committee our new Pastor, McLane Stone will be here shortly. This means Pastor Neal and Carolyn will be on their way back to California.

Of course, this means saying goodbye, and that is never easy. Neal and Carolyn have been a tremendous blessing to 1st Pres

Pastor Neal has blessed all of us with his extraordinary compassion, wisdom, kindness, and joy. He challenged all of us to dig deep and explore what kind of congregation we wanted to be. He asked the tough questions and provided the support and guidance we needed.

This past year with the Nybos has helped prepare all of us to be equipped and joyful about the future of 1st Pres. A big thank you to Neal and Carolyn for choosing to Love 1st.

We wish them both joy on their next journey and hope they didn't really get rid of their snow shovel just yet.

Music Rehearsals Begin in September

All are welcome



Chancel Choir

Join us this Thursday, September 8th for the first Chancel Choir rehearsal of our 2022-2023 season!

Time: 7 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Bell Choir

This Sunday, September 11th begins Bell Choir rehearsal for our 2022-2023 season.

Time: 7:30 am

Location: Bell Room (downstairs)

Contact Kent Kimball or the office if you have any questions.

Pastor Neal's Letter to Session



Saying goodbye is a two way street. Pastor Neal, who up until September 11th is Pastor, Chief of Staff and Moderator of the Session. At his last

meeting with Session on August 23rd he submitted a beautiful letter detailing his year with us. Not surprising, this letter is full of joy and hope for the future of 1st Pres.

Read Pastor Neal's final [Letter to Session](#).

Hosting Family Promise

September 11 - 18

Look for the sign-up board in Krueger Hall

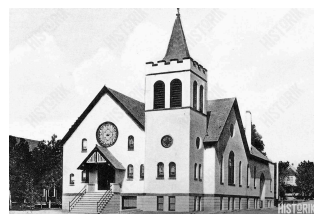


It's been awhile since we've hosted our Family Promise guests at 1st Pres. We are back to the usual set-up where guests arrive on Sunday and leave the following Saturday.

We need volunteers to provide meals, host meals, and host over-night. The sign-up board is close to the coffee bar in Krueger Hall. You can also call the office or Teri Burch, Judy Flieger or Ann Smart to volunteer your help.

History in the Making

Brandie has been hard at work finding boxes in storage and sorting through them, organizing the contents so they can be



A primary need is for people to help set-up the Sunday School rooms for sleeping on the afternoon of Sunday, September 11. Ann Smart will be there to direct the set-up process.

Overnight hosts are also a critical need.

available for viewing in the new History room. He is making great progress but we could use your help.

We are looking for pictures you may have, specifically of previous pastors. We have found an almost complete set of 4" x 5" framed pictures starting with Pastor Deffenbaugh who's time at 1st Pres began in 1888. Sadly, some of the photos are in poor condition. We have a very grainy picture of Pastor Hunter (1911-1941). The picture of Pastors Edgar Hunter, Daniel Myers, and Charles Pridmore are either damaged or of poor quality. If you have any or know of a source we can explore, please call the office and help solve this mystery and complete the visual history of our pastors!

This is the easiest job but the hardest to fill.

There are many tasks and if you have a heart to help, please contact Teri, Judy or Ann.

Middle & High School Bowling Night Friday, Sept. 16th

Join us for some Friday night fun! For more info, check out the details on [Band App](#). Please RSVP on Band or email [Kierstie](#) by Wednesday, Sept. 14th!

See you there!



Children & Youth Fall Volunteer Orientation

Calling all volunteers to help support our children and youth



Are you currently serving one of these awesome ministries ... or do you want to be serving with us? You're invited to join us for a fall volunteer orientation, **Saturday, Sept 17th** at 10 am in Krueger Hall. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 14th to Kierstie or Kyler. Let us know how we can support you by taking this quick [survey](#). Thanks!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 18th

Students K-12 are invited to bring their backpacks in for a back-to-school blessing on September 18th. This also happens to be Pastor McLane's first Sunday and we're sure it will be joyful!



Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Final Thoughts | Sleep in the Boat WWJD, what would Jesus do? Knowing what Jesus would do in any given situation is not always easy. And, doing what Jesus would do if we knew what it was, is not always easy. There's a lot to unpack here. This is a conversation you won't want to miss.

[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

Passing of a Friend

Vicki Jo Walker passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Friday, August 19th. Please pray for comfort for her husband, Gil Walker, their children, and their family and friends.



Wishing You Well

Ray Weaver



Happy and sad at the same time. We wish Ray Weaver happiness as he moves toward his next chapter. If you were not able to attend that [Sunday's service](#)

please tune in and listen to our last Sunday with Ray. We wish him love and God's blessings as he ventures forward... just as he blessed us.

If you listen to the end of the service, you'll hear his beautiful rendition of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."



The music of
Evgeny
Grechko (cello)

and Nursulu Dyikanbaerva (piano) on Sunday, August 21 was truly remarkable. If you haven't had a chance to listen in, please give yourself that gift. [Listen Now.](#)

If you'd like to donate, please visit the [Giving Portal](#) or drop your donation off at the church during office hours.

Orchard Ridge Senior Living

Estate & Moving Services

In the past, the Orchard Ridge Volunteers have organized estate and moving sales only during the summer. This service is now available year 'round. If you're interested in this service, please contact Holly at Orchard Ridge for more information. 208.664.8119



Support the Closet

Access the Giving Portal and check **1stPres Neighborhood Closet.**
[Giving Portal](#)

September Schedule

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study
9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Masks are recommended if you are vulnerable.

Knitting for Warmth

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Children & Family Ministry

Thank You Volunteers

This Sunday, Back Upstairs:

This Sunday, September 11th, we will be going back to two separated classrooms upstairs: a very exciting transition! If you are interested in helping with the first Sunday back upstairs, please connect with Kyler. If you would like information about what upstairs looks like, check our weekly Children's newsletters!



Special Events:

9/11 Kids go back upstairs to separate classrooms

9/18 Blessing of the Backpacks- Bring your backpacks to get your yearly backpack tag, and get a goodie bag of school supplies! Let us pray for you to be safe this year!

Learn about World Vision International and Offerings

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

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer

1stpreshildren@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 in the Youth Room!

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9am service.

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

Sign-up for the Youth Family

Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Email [Kierstie](#) to receive the newsletters.

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!