



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Janet Starkey

Relentless Kindness

I recently watched Season 1 of *Ted Lasso* after being intrigued by what I'd heard — that it's really good. After I did a little research I realized that the star, Jason Sudeikis, wasn't the actor who had so many roles in what I call 'boy humor' — the main reason I avoided watching it. Also, it's only only available on Apple+ TV. [Read More](#)

This Week



Maundy Thursday | April 14th
6-6:45 pm

Good Friday | April 15th | 7 pm
Hosted by DOXA (in the 1st Pres Gym)

Easter Sunday | April 17th
9 and 10:30
Combined Classic & Contemplative Service

We Need Your Help!



The Children & Family Ministry team is looking for your help as we explore how to best lead and serve the children of 1st Pres. The six-week course "Reimagining Children's Ministry" is helping to guide the team. We need **your** help by completing a brief survey - both young and old. It is anonymous and will provide our team with important information as we continue our study. Thank you for your help!

**Help Us Fill
the Easter Cross**

[Take the C&F Survey](#)

What a joy to welcome back another of our beloved traditions for Easter Sunday. This year we will have the flower cross set-up in Krueger Hall for all to enjoy. Even though it's been a cold spring you might have some hardy blooms to contribute - or a quick trip to the grocery store for some lovely flowers would work too! Be sure to bring flowers to decorate our flower cross.



It's time to Order Your Flower Basket!

We're taking orders though the end of April:



- Mixed floral basket
- Pink, Orange, or Red geraniums
- Proceeds benefit our Children & Families camp scholarships for our very own 1st Pres kids!
- **Pick-up is May 4th 10-4pm**
- **Price:** \$40 per basket

Place your order at the table set-up in Krueger Hall on Sunday mornings, through our online giving portal, or by calling the church office.

Payment can be made at the time of order, at pick-up or through our giving portal. If you choose the Giving Portal, be sure to indicate the number of baskets you'd like and any other details such as geranium color and/or mixed basket.

Welcome Welcome

Our Welcome desk has been moved to a more prominent place in Krueger Hall and is being staffed for the month of

Women's Association General Meeting

April 19th | 1 pm

The first Women's Association General Meeting of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 1:00 pm in Krueger Hall. We are honored to welcome Rev. Neal Nybo as our guest speaker. In addition, we're honoring Jean Hjort for her years of volunteer service.



Refreshments will be served.

Ninos con Valor April Mission Team Update

For our mission partner update this month, we contacted Tyson Malo, Director of Niños con Valor (NCV) (Children of Value) in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Tyson is well known by 1st Pres folks, as he has visited our church many times over the past 12 years, giving numerous presentations. Tyson has shared prayer requests and updates with our missions committee, and collaborated with us on two church mission trips, following an exploratory mission trip. Many thanks to Tyson for taking time to give us some updates on NCV.

[Letter from Tyson Malo](#)

Youth Updates

Sunday mornings are shifting to a new program - Fruits of the Spirit - a time of fellowship and discipleship this Spring.





April by your Community Outreach committee.

The Welcome bag being passed out includes information about 1st Pres, our monthly activity flyer, a booklet "Keys to Prayer" and wrist bracelets. We also have activity pads and crayons available for families with young children.

If you see anyone with a welcome bag on Sunday morning, be sure to say hello and find out if they have any questions. Even if you're not new but would like a welcome bag just stop by and say hi.

Check with Kierstie if you have questions.

Prayer Shawls Available

Our Knitting Ladies have been hard at work and prayer shawls



are available for uplifting folks. Please use the clipboard in Fireside Room to record the recipient's name so the Ladies can pray specifically for that person.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Under New Management : Free to Choose. Palm Sunday is an invitation to choose to believe because faith is a choice and belief requires faith. We need to choose! Tune in to this past Sunday's service for more. [Watch the service 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

We Are Hiring

Nursery Care Worker



Nursery Care Worker: We are searching for additional help in our Sunday Nursery. Must love kids and be an adult. This is a paid position. Generally Sunday's only. Contact the office for details.

Child Care During the Contemplative Service

We are happy to announce that we are now offering childcare during our Contemplative service at 10:30 am Sunday! Please sign your children in with the care workers at the children's desk in Krueger Hall before the service begins.



In A Digital World



RightNow Media, the Netflix of Bible study and other Christian oriented videos, is available free of charge to all 1st Pres members, attendees, and friends thanks to the generosity of individual supporters.

Learn more about what RNM offers by visiting the [rightnow Media](#) site. OR reach out to anyone on the Adult Discipleship Committee for more information.



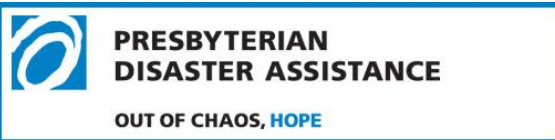
special free UGM Gathering on April 26. We think you'll find this event

uplifting and educational and hope you leave knowing what next steps God would have you take as we work to make real change possible together.

To attend in person, register [HERE](#). To attend online only, there is no need to register; simply go to [UGM's Facebook page](#) at 7:00 on April 26th.

Jobs @ CDAIDE

CDAIDE has two open positions that are part of this wonderful organization's growth. Visit the [CDAIDE Careers](#) page for details.



How You Can Help Ukraine GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is organizing assistance for Ukraine. Please click on this link to find out more and how you can help.

[Helping Ukraine](#)

April Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

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

Wednesdays

Venture 4/6 & 4/20

Thursdays

Men's Bible Study
Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry



Thank You!

We are so grateful to everyone who has volunteered to help us on Easter! Thanks to your outpouring of the Love 1st spirit both of our Easter services are fully covered. Thank you! If you would like to check when you are scheduled to help out, or sign up for more days, follow this link:

[Sunday School Volunteer Signup](#)

Check-in/ Check-out

We have introduced a safe and improved check-in/check-out process

- Check-in at the Adventure Kids' room (next to the Nursery in Krueger Hall) before heading into the Sanctuary for worship.
 - Each child will receive a name tag and the parents a corresponding check-out sticker.
 - Once our historic bell is rung, the children join the pastor for Kids' Corner, and then head to their classrooms.
 - After lessons upstairs, the kiddos will return to the Adventure Kids' room for pick-up. Check-out stickers are required for check-out.
- If you forget to check-in your children, or you are running late, you can join us at the front of the Sanctuary for Kids' Corner and check in your children then. That way they can join us for Sunday School! We are excited to keep our children safe and equip our church for grow.

Save the Date

Annual Art Camp with Hands to Art
June 27th-July 1st
1st Pres at Camp Lutherhaven
July 17th- July 22nd

Adventure Kids' Club

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm
Dates: April 20, May 4

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!

Fruits of the Spirit Launching!

Students are invited to join us on Sunday mornings, beginning April 10th, for a time of fellowship and discipleship! We will be learning and growing through the Fruits of the Spirit for the Spring. Join us for a time of devotion, discussion, and connection in



Email [Kierstie](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

the youth room during the 9 am service, after music worship.