



## 1st Pres eNews

August 22, 2023

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### Blog of the Week

Gina Dingman



### Noisy Offering: What Can I Say?

It sounds like it could be LOUD, NOISY and maybe a bit of FUN!

The first time I experienced the “Noisy Offering” at church was quite some time ago. It was a bit loud – that was the excitement of the children who were going pew to pew with their offering buckets. Yes, it was noisy – that was the sound of all the ... [Read More](#)

## This Week



### Youth Lake Day

August 23 | **Cancelled**

Due to inclement and smoky weather, our day on the lake has been cancelled. Our Youth Team is following local guidelines for outdoor activity. Please contact [Kierstie](#) if you have questions.

### Noisy Offering

August 27th

Our Noisy Offering has been a long-

### Family Promise Week

September 10 - 17

It's hard to believe it's almost September ... but it is! And, the week we host Family Promise requires our amazing 1st Pres village. You'll find the sign-up board in Krueger Hall.

### James S. (Jim) Sanders

2/18/40 - 8/16/2023

Wendy Taylor asks for prayers, as her much loved Jim Sanders passed onto heaven early Thursday morning August 17th. He was so special and will be greatly missed. Pray for peace and comfort for Wendy, his sons



standing tradition at 1st Pres, and we'll once again be giving you the opportunity to donate your loose change (paper money also happily accepted) of any denomination!



This year, all money collected will benefit our Neighborhood Closet. So bring your change, and let's get the buckets jangling!

Jeff and Brian, and other family and friends. Service arrangements will be provided soon.

## All-Church Fall Kickoff Potluck

Sunday, September 10

It's time to dust-off your recipe cards! We have a standard to maintain. Don't let Bonnie down! More details next week. One service at 9 am.

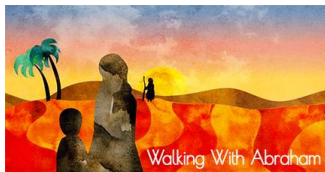
## Missions Team Update | August 2023

You likely became aware that our church was richly blessed by a generous and faithful bequest from the estate of Ray Gotz and the installation of our new Legacy Wall. You may not be aware that a portion of that bequest was kindly offered to our Missions Committee by Session to create a grant program in honor of the Gotz family to bless our missional partners to do specific missional projects to amplify the glory of God's great mission. Hence, we created the "Gotz Memorial Grant" program which allows the Missions Committee to offer \$20,000 annually in grants for 3 consecutive years to mission partners (by invitation) beginning in 2023. [Read the entire letter.](#)



## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



### Walking with Abraham | The Test.

How do we feel about being tested by God? Probably not very good. This week, we explored what it means to be tested and why it's important to be. [Watch Now](#)

## Church News

### New Staff Position ~ Sunday School Teacher ~ 2nd to 5th Grades



Great news! Session has approved a new staff position for a 2nd- to 5th-grade Sunday School teacher! This is a paid position, three hours per week. Approximately one hour each week will be for teaching our Sunday School

### Financial Report

January 1 - June 30, 2023

Please take a few minutes to read the important attached report presented by the 1st Pres Finance Committee about the financial health of the church.

[Read the Report](#)

### A Touching Note from the

curriculum. The rest of the time is flexible for preparation. You will be working alongside Yvette Wyatt, who is our Pre-K-to 1st-grade teacher.

If God is leading you to apply for this position, please review the [Job Description](#) and send a cover letter and resume' to the [Church Office](#) or [Jeannie Logozzo](#). Thank you for your consideration of working with our treasured children.

~ Your HR Committee

## Friends of Eswatini

The Missions team recently received the following, beautifully written letter from one of our Mission partners that brought the news of the death of Bishop Emeritus Amos Mali Dlamini, pastor of Kukhany'okusha Zion Church, Eswantini.

[As you read this letter, please pray for all of Kukhany'okusha Zion Church as they mourn.](#)



We are happy to report that the list of those interested in our new Sermon-based Small Groups is growing! We will be collecting names for the initial groups throughout August, but you can join at any time. Chair of Adult Discipleship, Dan Brown, will be happy to answer any questions you might have about these Small Groups.

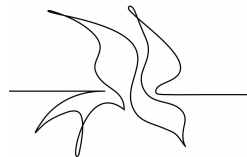
Adult Discipleship will be reaching-out in early September to let us know how the groups will be organized, so stay tuned for updates!

The goal of these new small groups is to encourage personal growth in our church family. The groups will meet one to two times a month, with discussions based on the current sermon series.

Sign-up by calling the office during the week or in Krueger Hall on Sunday.

## Small Groups

In addition to the upcoming Sermon-based Small Groups, there are other groups meeting. Many groups take off during the Summer. In the meantime, you can find information on our website. If you can't find what you're looking for, please call the office.



- [Men's Fellowship](#)
- [Sunday Bible Study](#)
- [Women's Circles](#)



## Prayer Shawls Available

Who in your life could use some support and a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? Our knitters and crocheters have been busy, and our inventory is high. Please visit the Fireside Room to pick out a shawl for someone special. Please be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

## Sundays

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

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DOXA 11 am in Gym

## Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS Meeting

## Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Children & Family Ministry



### Are You Willing to Assist?

A new sign-up board has been hung outside the Adventure Zone in Krueger Hall. If you feel led to serve now or in the future, please sign-up to assist our Sunday School teachers. We must have two adults in every classroom, so your help is invaluable! You may go directly to the link provided below or you may contact the office at 208-667-8446 or [office@1stpresdowntown.org](mailto:office@1stpresdowntown.org). We thank you ahead of time for your service.

Sunday School Assistant  
Signup

Background Check Form

## Youth Ministry

### Welcome 1st Pres Youth

Welcome middle- and high-schoolers! Whether your student joins us for Sunday mornings in worship and/or for special events, they will have opportunities to connect with peers, grow in their faith, and serve together. Friends are always welcome!

#### Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!  
Learn about the latest Youth news.  
Email [Kierstie](mailto:Kierstie) to get started.

#### Get Connected with the Band App

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!