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## 1st Pres eNews

August 23, 2022

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### Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan



#### Stained Hands

If you have ever been huckleberry picking, then you probably have had stained hands. That wonderful purplish red hue declares to the world that berries have been found and will be enjoyed. I look forward to huckleberry season all year long. I love being out in the woods [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Saying Goodbye

This Sunday | August 28th



Farewells are always difficult, especially when it's someone like Ray Weaver.

We have been blessed with his service and talent for almost seven and a half short years.

We're sure that each one of you can remember a moment when Ray played something that touched your heart ... more than once.

His service at 1st Pres included playing the organ and our beautiful grand piano. He accompanied the chancel choir, the bell

cats that make up the praise team - singers and instrumentalists. He was also available for funerals and other special events where his gift never went unnoticed.

He did all of this while working full-time for the State of Washington. For many years he was the pianist for Tuxedo Junction Big Band and is currently blessing a new little Big Band, *On the Walk*, with his talent.

His next chapter includes more family time and new musical pursuits. We wish



choir, special guests, and managed the praise team. Each Sunday he planned that music and herded those talented musical

him love and to venture under God's blessing ... just as he has blessed us.

## Blessing Ukraine

### Making Beautiful Music Making a Difference

Sunday's service was as beautiful as ever AND the music our guests brought to us was outstanding. Evgeny Grechko (cello) and Nursulu Dyikanbaerva (piano) played Ukrainian as well as familiar sacred music. To say that it was moving is an understatement. If you missed the service please be sure to tune in and enjoy this majestic music. [Listen](#)

If you attended in person and did not find one of the special Bless Ukraine envelopes and would like to make a donation, you can use the [Giving Portal](#) or drop your donation off at the church during office hours. All donations will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund, directed towards Ukraine relief. Your generous donations totaled over \$10,000!



### CDAIDE Summer Newsletter

CDAIDE has had a busy summer with quite a few changes. They have welcomed a new Executive Director, Jason Nye and a new Marketing/Event/Volunteer coordinator, Tammy Sandoval.

Read their story and other interesting doings including the Eagles Charity Poker event on August 27th. Read all about it!

[Read it now!](#)



### Jeans. Jeans. Jeans.

If you're out and about at a garage sale, local thrift shop, or find a sale at your favorite retail store then look for boys jeans in excellent condition (no tears, stains or broken zippers/buttons). If shopping isn't convenient, please consider donating through the [Giving Portal](#).

### Sneak Peek Repeat

If you missed the **Sneak Peek** this past Sunday and would like to see this wonderful new space, fear not! Tours will be available this coming Sunday as well. Check in with a Closet Ambassador and we'll make sure you get to take a look.

### Support the Closet

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

### Hygiene Drive

Thank you once again for the incredible generosity of this church! The Closet is now overflowing with hygiene products and we are SO grateful! Thank you all who contributed!!

### Serving children in grades K-8

### 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.

# Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Blessing Ukraine - Caring. Love foreigners as you love yourselves. At some point, all of us were foreigners or are descendants of foreigners. This Sunday we heard a special message and the music of two world-class musicians based in Spokane.

The moving music from this service is not to be missed! [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

### Welcome Pastor-elect Pastor McLane Stone

Mark your calendar! Pastor McLane's first Sunday with us is September 18th.



### 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](#)

### Orchard Ridge Senior Living Estate & Moving Services



In an effort to raise funds for charitable care at Orchard Ridge, the Volunteers provide the service of organizing and managing your estate sale for the cost of a suggested donation.

Services include:

Inventory  
Pricing  
Sorting  
Advertising & Signage  
Conducting Sales



You will enjoy the peace of mind we offer plus share in the revenue we generate, with the added blessing of knowing you are supporting a good cause at



For more information or to set up an appointment please contact:  
Holly at Orchard Ridge  
(208) 664-8119

### Ray & Louise Gotz' Generous Gift!

For some time now, the Finance team and Session have been working on a special gift



from Ray & Louise Gotz. Ray was a long-time attender of 1stPres who passed away last year. Ray generously donated his estate to the church. Please read the letter (link below) to learn more about this encouraging story.

[Gotz Family Donation](#)

## August Schedule

### Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study

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

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Masks are recommended if you are vulnerable.

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DOXA 11 am in Gym

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

### Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Children & Family Ministry

### Thank You Volunteers

#### Summer Sunday School:

We are coming to the end of the summer calendar! Thank you so much for keeping the kids safe and excited throughout the summer. We still have open dates for the last few Sundays if you would like to get involved with the kids! We currently have this weekend 8/28 waiting to be filled.

During the summer, only one Sunday School helper is needed each week. You do not have to teach (Kyler will), unless you would like to. A lot of people are out of town, so please volunteer one of the weeks you are here. Bring a background check form to the office if you have not completed one for the church in the past two years.



#### Regular Sunday School:

On 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.

#### Special Events:

**9/11** Kids go back upstairs to separated classrooms

**9/18** Blessing of the Backpacks

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

[1stpreschildren@gmail.com](mailto: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

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## Save the Date

Upstairs Classrooms  
Sept 11th

Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sept 18th

Kid's Offering to World Vision International  
Lesson- Sept 18th  
1st week- Sept 25

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## 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.

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### 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!

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### Check Out Our Upcoming Schedule

Join our group on the Band App to see our summer schedule, upcoming events, and more! Don't forget to turn on notifications. Click [here](#) to join!