



1st Pres eNews

August 8, 2023

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Blog of the Week

Tyler Renninger



Jury Duty

I enjoy a good courtroom drama. There were a few times staying home sick, watching the daytime TV, and *Matlock* reruns would come on. Then a little later it was *JAG*. This started me reading books by John Grisham. Grisham became my favorite author for a few years, and I read several of his books, and them backtracked to some of the movies. ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Middle 'n High School Movie Night

August 9th | 6 - 9 pm

Tomorrow Night!



This is sure to be a fun evening for our youth - a movie under the stars!

If this isn't already on your calendar and you need details, reach out to [Kierstie](#).

Youth Lake Day

Monthly Flyer Correction

The correct time for the Youth Lake Day on August 23rd is 11:30 - 5:30. Please contact [Kierstie](#) if you have any questions.

Coffee House Conversations

August 14th | 5:30 pm

Please join us on Monday, August 14th in Krueger Hall as we explore what it means to be homeless in the U.S.



Meet people with lived experience, St. Vincent's Social Services Director, and Pastor William Muck, who lived for two weeks as homeless in Reno to better reach this population in his ministry. This is certain to be an eye-opening evening.

Getting Connected: Small Groups

Sign-ups Held This Sunday

New Staff Position
~ Sunday School Teacher ~
2nd - 5th Grade

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 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 to work with our treasured children.

~ Your HR Committee

We believe that the best way to get connected with your church is to shrink it by joining a Sermon-based Small Group! The goal of these new small groups is to encourage personal growth in our church family.



These groups will meet one to two times a month, with discussions based on the current sermon series.

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

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 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, Eswatini.

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

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Walking with Abraham | Unwavering Forgiveness.

Often our present is controlled by our past. Join us as we hear God's command, "Don't look back!" [Watch Now](#)



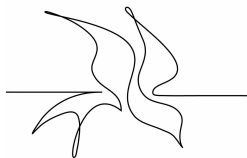
Many thanks to our team of volunteers who make broadcasting the service possible!

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

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Small Groups

If you are interested, please stay tuned - we're re-imagining our Small Groups. 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 fill out 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

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. 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 or 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](#) 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!