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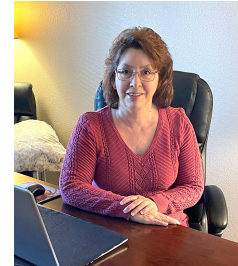
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Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge



New Beginnings

I did it. You probably did it, too. A brand-new year often seems to spark a desire to start the year off in a positive way. I don't like to make resolutions, but I do try to make some reasonable goals to shoot for in the year. Whether the goal is to get healthier, ... [Read More](#)

This Week



Elder & Deacon Ordination & Installation

Sunday January 15th

Hello 1st Pres Family,

With the new year comes new opportunity to be a part of the 1st Pres Neighborhood Closet ministry!

We currently have one volunteer position, **Closet Coordinator**, open to serve our community through the Closet. The Closet Coordinator tasks include:

- Approximately 10-12 hours per month (set your own schedule)
- Organize clothing closet facility, merchandise layout & inventory
- Inform Volunteer Coordinator when volunteers are needed
- Keep inventory of needs to round-out clothing selections

Our new Elders and Deacons will be ordained and/or installed during the two



worship services (9 am & 10:30 am) this coming Sunday, January 15th.

The incoming 2023 Session members are Dan Brown, Donna Brundage, Gina Dingman, Jeannie Logozzo, Tom Richards, and Paul White. The incoming Deacons are Paula Anderson, Carol Harrison-Romerdahl, Linda Jones, Hendrik Lesterhuis, and Gil Walker.

- Be aware of the purchasing / reimbursement policy
- Be aware of Google Docs used for referrals and inventory
- Attends bi-monthly meetings

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this Ministry. If you are interested or have questions please contact Gina Dingman at gkdingman58@gmail.com or at 208-819-8861.

Thank you
The 1st Pres Neighborhood Closet

Youth Ministry Update Starting in January



Beginning this month, our Youth Ministry will be offering separate gatherings for middle- (6th-8th) and high- (9th-12th) school youth discipleship. These separate times will allow students to discuss topics relevant to their everyday lives.

Take a look at the [Youth Ministry](#) news (below) for more details.

Drummers Needed!



Do you have the heart to serve in a new way? Are your feet tapping during our Praise music? The Praise Team is looking to

expand our band with additional drummers. This is a rotation job so you'd be sharing it with others. Please contact [Tom Richards](#) (208-651-4472) if you're interested! Or call the office at 208-667-8446.

Hosting Family Promise

This week

We are once again hosting guest families at the church this week (January 8th through the 15th). We can always use more assistance with take-down and laundry. Please take a look to see where you can help or call Teri Burch, Judy Fliieger or Ann Smart if you have questions.

Blessing Restaurant & Hospitality Workers Care Cash Gift Envelopes



During the month of January, 1st Pres is helping support our mission partner CDAIDE by bringing awareness to their CARE CASH drive. Envelopes are available in Krueger Hall. This is a simple but effective way to help support the well-being of our local restaurant and hospitality workers at this difficult time of year.

For the rest of the story & details click [HERE](#)

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 5th

After the 9 am **combined** service
Please plan to attend!

“Per Capita is crucial to the overall health of the PC(USA), because it binds presbyteries, synods, and congregations together in one church.”

- J. Herbert Nelson, II,
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA)

2023 Per Capita

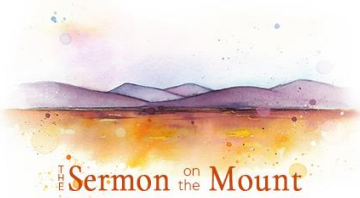
This year's per capita cost is \$40 per member. You may send or drop a check by the office or make your contributions online by using the [Giving Portal](#). Your per capita supports local Presbyterian services such as Camp Spaulding and the local Presbytery office.

Understanding Per Capita

Timothy Hart-Andersen shares a personal reflection on his journey to understanding how Per Capita '...helps build up the Body of Christ'. [Read the article](#) printed in the Nov/Dec 2021 issue of Presbyterians Today.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



The Sermon on the Mount | The Beatitudes. What does it mean to be blessed? Is it happiness? Comfort? Listen as we explore the inverted character of God's blessing. [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](#)

Church News

Deacons' Christmas for the Closet Thank you for re-stocking the Closet



The first-ever Deacons'-sponsored "Christmas for the Closet" has just wrapped-up. Thank you to everyone who grabbed a tag or two and purchased items needed by families using the Closet. More than 30 items were collected to help re-supply the 1st Pres Neighborhood Closet. This wouldn't have been possible without your help!

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

to someone who could use a lift



Our wonderful knitters meet every week to keep our supply of prayer shawls ready to gift to someone who could use a boost.

You can find their handiwork in the Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.

In case you missed it:

[Bonnie's White Bean Chili Recipe](#)

Small Groups

We are in the process of re-imagining our small-group opportunities. If you are interested, please stay tuned. 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](#)

January Weekly Events

Sundays

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online

10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary

Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen

ARMS Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth resumes this Friday, January 13th

Children & Family Ministry



Volunteer Schedule

The new online list for volunteer sign-up is now available! The new sign-up sheet is also available on the wall in its usual place outside of the Adventure Kids Zone.

Volunteer Dates Needed:

1/15- Pre-K/K assistant needed

1/22- All positions open

1/29- Both assistant positions available

2/5- Both Pre-K/K positions available

Ring the Bell

Sign-up on the sheet outside of the downstairs kids rooms to ring the bell. The weekly kids newsletter will detail what dates are available; the next one is 1/29.

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer:

1stpreschildren@gmail.com. You can also check the volunteer sign-up 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!

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

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

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!

The 1st Sunday of every month, all youth
will stay in the Sanctuary to participate in
Holy Communion.

Middle Schoolers are invited to join us
Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for
connection and discipleship during the 9
am service.

High Schoolers will meet at 11:30 for
lunch and connection. Contact [Kierstie](#) for
details.

Volunteers Needed!

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email [Kierstie](#) to get involved!