



This Week's eNews

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Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan

Recently I stumbled upon some YouTube videos of color-blind people receiving EnChroma color blind glasses for their birthday. Color blindness is normally found in boys and men and can vary in intensity.



Some men can see some colors and others see everything in a muted ... [Read More](#)

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This Week

Guest Preacher **Lauren Taylor**

Sunday, January 21



Lauren joined the Whitworth Campus Ministry staff in the summer of 2018. After growing up in Wheaton, IL, and graduating from Wheaton College with

a B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies, Lauren moved out East to attend Princeton Theological Seminary. Lauren has served in youth ministry and college ministry now for over a decade.

Lauren loves studying and praying through all of Scripture, but one verse that is particularly meaningful is Micah 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you but to do

Saying Goodbye **Kent & Noralee Kimball**

Kent Kimball's final Sunday as Chancel and Bell Choir Director was this past Sunday. The choir gave him a bit of a surprise as he began to direct his final anthem. They also presented him with a beautiful charcuterie board created by Brent Everson from the **Custom Den**. Be sure to [watch](#) [forward to 31:50] if you missed it on Sunday. We wish him the best in his next endeavor!



Hosting Family Promise Successful Week

This past week we hosted a family of two, a



justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Now Hiring Choir Director

Do you have experience in directing choirs? Do you know someone who is a talented musician with a conducting background who would be a great fit for our Choir Director position? We are looking for someone to be part of our worship music program as director of our chancel and bell choirs. Send resumes or questions to [Becky Clegg](#) (HR) and please pray that God will bring the right person to our congregation.



[Job Description](#)

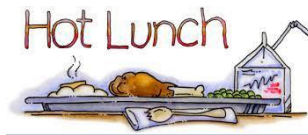
[Posting on Indeed](#)

father and daughter. It was a joy to serve them and our prayers go with them as they find their way to a new home and peace in their lives. We were pleased that Pastor Joel from DOXA and his wife Estie made a meal for the families one evening and we hope to have more DOXA congregants help serve!

Another family of three was slated to join us but after just one week in the program they were offered a job with housing! What great news. They have asked to continue in the after-care program offered by Family Promise which helps with stabilization as the family transitions into their new, sustainable future.

We are appreciative of all the volunteers who step up on a regular basis and we are blessed to have some fresh faces volunteering. Our next hosting is March.

Serving Ecumenical Lunch Thursday, February 1



1st Pres is serving our Ecumenical Kitchen guests the first Thursday in February. That's in just a few short weeks! Look for the sign-up sheet in Kruegar Hall.

Family Ministries We Need Your Feedback!



Hello families! The Family Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who has shared thoughts with our team, and those who participated in the fall listening session. All of your feedback has helped guide our team and ministry offerings for the coming year.

We are considering an addition to our summer outreach this year, and would like to know what your family would be most excited for and likely to participate in. Our team will consider all feedback given, and move forward with the option that fits with the majority of hopes of our families. [Share your thoughts!](#)

Notice Annual Congregational Meeting February 4 | 10 am



Sunday's Service

We welcomed Dr. Derek Taylor this past week. Listen to his inspiring message!

[Watch Now](#)

General News

January Missions Update Women's Development Track

Women's Development Track focuses on



tremendous resources that missionary women bring to the work of God's Kingdom on earth. Because the stages of a woman's life are often different from a man's, with more off-ramps and on-ramps to her professional life, she can tend to be overlooked in terms of her own well-being and on-going development. We want to see women make their very best contribution to their families, communities, and ministries, alongside their brothers in Christ! The Image of God in the world is best represented when men and women both bring their full selves in displaying the Image of God to the world - the Blessed Alliance!

Prayer requests:

- 1) The women in our Leadership Pathways cohorts will grow in heart, confidence, and skill to fulfill their callings as women leaders in their mission agencies.
- 2) All women missionaries will access whatever development options are needful for their long-term well-being and effectiveness in their fields of service.
- 3) That our current training process locally here in CdA to train more women preachers, through an 8-week intensive and the Friday night Fellowship hosted at 1st Pres, will give them a supportive place to practice and grow as so few churches in our area fully engage women with preaching and leading gifts. Thank you to 1st Pres!

In Him, Wendy

Getting Connected Small Groups

Learn about how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the [Grow page](#) on our website for a full list or use the links below.



Small Group Links

- [Men's Fellowship](#)
- [Sermon-Based Small Groups](#)
- [Sunday Morning Bible Study](#)



Providing Comfort Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets

Do you know someone who could use a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? You'll find a lovely selection in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary
10:30 am Bible Study

DOXA Service 11 am in gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Family Ministries

Please join our team of volunteers who serve in Family Ministry! All volunteers are background-checked and receive additional training. If you have not volunteered before and would like to learn more about next steps, please [email Kierstie](#). If you have already received your background check and training, please use the link below to serve with our Sunday ministry offerings.

Seeking Volunteers for:

- Nursery Assistants
- Pre-K-1st & 2nd-5th Grade Sunday School to Assist Teachers with Prepared Lessons
- Middle-School Youth Group Assistants

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