



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Brandie Edwards



Why Believe?

Why do I believe in God? It's a question that many have asked each other. I have asked that question of myself for years. Up until three years ago, I really didn't have a definitive answer, but then it hit me: prophecy. Prophecies are what brought my attention back to God.

The Bible is full of prophecies from ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Congregational Meeting | Sunday, February 6th



Please plan on attending our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 6th at 10 am. The 9 am service will be a combined classic and contemplative service. The annual meeting will begin immediately following the 9 am service.

There will NOT be a separate contemplative service that Sunday.

Serving Lunch Ecumenical Food Kitchen February 3rd



1st Pres is serving lunch on February 3rd to our guests who are looking for a



welcoming community and a bite to eat!
Can you help with providing food or help serve?

There is a sign-up sheet in Krueger Hall or contact Bev Rasor or the office if you can help or have any questions.

Venture

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Venture begins on February 2nd and continues through May 4th. There are programs for the kiddos, youth and one adult class taught by Pastor Neal.

- [Adventure Kids Registration](#)
- [Greater Positivity & Kindness Registration](#)

You can also register for Pastor Neal's class on Sunday in Krueger Hall.

Help Support CDAIDE!



CDAIDE is thrilled to bring back this heart-warming night to come together in service to the low-income hospitality workers who so consistently serve us.

The Coeur d'Alene Resort
Thursday, February 10th
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Complimentary Appetizers . Buffet Dinner
Champaign Toast included with Dessert
Silent & Live Auction

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays | 11 am - 12 pm

Please consider joining the weekly Men's Bible Study right here at 1st Pres! Men of all ages are welcome to join us on Thursdays from 11am-12pm. Please contact Buzz Hays if you have any questions.

Growing as Disciples Together

This Saturday, January 22
10 am - 2 pm



Learn to be a better facilitator, committee member, or communicator in this 1/2 day class taught by Wendy Wilson. You'll leave with new skills in communicating in a group. If you're interesting in attending this class please reach out to Carolyn Keefer no later than this Wednesday, Jan 19! Lunch will be provided! Register by calling Carolyn Keefer at 208-691-9914.

Sunday School Is Back!



We are looking for four or five dedicated volunteers to teach our preschoolers and kindergartners on rotation, teaching or co-teaching every other week. Carley will provide the lesson plans and all activities. Please email Carley carley@1stpresdowntown.org or call/text 208-215-5337 to learn more about this opportunity to serve the children and families of 1st Pres. You can sign-up here: [Sunday School Sign-Up](#)

Reaching Students in New Ways!



As we enter the new year, Kierstie hopes to reach students and

[Purchase Tickets and Details Here](#)

Sunday Morning Bible Study is Taking a Break in January!



We'll be back in February, same time, same place. Contact Eric Fehr for more information.

families in new ways. Student and family feedback is extremely valuable to our Youth Team as we discern the best way to support our students and encourage their spiritual growth.

If you are a family with middle or high schoolers, please take a moment to let us know ways your student might be interested in participating this year.

[Family Connection Survey](#)

Kukhany' Okusha Cares

January Mission Team Update

Kukhany 'Okusha Cares is a care group in Eswatini Africa overseen by the Kukhany 'Okusha Zion Church. Eswatini has the largest HIV-Aids concentration in Africa.

Kukhany 'Okusha supplies food, health supplies, and spiritual support to vulnerable children. This help is provided through eight neighborhood centers and schools.

Kukhany 'Okusha also builds and repairs schools, churches, and community buildings. They also help teach how to plant and care for crops. [Learn more about this wonderful program.](#)



Global Ministries

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Pastor Neal continues our journey with Nehemiah and poses the question 'What should we do when we need to do something important?' Plan and pray ... but there's more! Read Nehemiah 2:4 [Watch this service for the first time or watch it again!](#)



Many thanks to our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!
[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

Church News

Thank You from Concern America

On November 14, 2021 handcrafted textiles, baskets, ceramics and wood products from Concern America were displayed. As a community of the faithful, you were



generous in purchasing handcrafts valued at \$1,378. We are very grateful to First Presbyterian Church for your hospitality and support, and to everyone who purchased handcrafts. Through your generosity you have helped to spread hope for a better future to hundreds of economically disadvantaged people in many developing countries throughout the world. Thank you!

Bell Choir Rehearsal

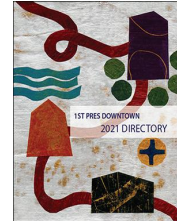


The bell choir is once again rehearsing on Sunday

mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 upstairs in the the Hunter Building. If you have any questions, please contact [Kent Kimball](#).

Reminder

Have you picked up your new church directory? Do you know someone who might be homebound and could use a visit?



If you can help deliver directories over the next few weeks, please contact the office so we can coordinate! Thank you!

Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

January Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:55 am Bible Study - **Taking a January break**
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online.
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary.

We encourage social distancing with masks highly recommended.

DOXA 11 am

Wednesdays

Downtown Youth - check with Kierstie for details

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Children & Family Ministry

Hello families!

We have begun planning for our summer! Please see the save the date section below for a couple of important dates. We will have the rest of the summer outlined in the next two weeks with details to come!

Adventure Kids' Club Registration

Adventure Kids' Club is back for our spring session! The club will be on the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group (kid-free evening anyone?!). The Club will be a social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. The focus of our spring session will be all about the evidence that we can trust God with our lives and what that looks like for a young person. Any children kindergarten through 5th grade would be invited to attend. The timeframe will be from 6:00-7:30 pm beginning on Wednesday, February 2nd. All Adventure Kids' Club dates: February 2 & 16, March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20 and May 4.

[Register Now](#)

Save the Date

Annual Art Camp with Hands to Art
June 27th - July 1st: 3rd

1st Pres at Camp Lutherhaven
July 17th - July 22nd

I hope you all have a blessed week, Carley



Carley Walker

Sunday School Needs You!

As more families attend church regularly, we have decided to return to our traditional Sunday school on Sunday mornings. To make that happen, we need four to five dedicated volunteers to teach our preschoolers and kindergartners. Rotating, you would teach or co-teach every other week. I would provide the lesson plans and all activities. If you'd be interested in working with our youngest group of children please email Carley at carley@1stpresdowntown.org or call/text 208-215-5337 to learn more about this opportunity to serve the children and families of 1st Pres. A background check will be required, free of charge. You can sign-up here: [Sunday School Sign-Up](#)

Youth Ministry



Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high

schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter!

Email [Kierstie](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

Sunday Morning Youth Study Cafe

Come as you are and join us in the Youth Room for hot chocolate and treats while you

work. We will enjoy praise music in the background of our cafe atmosphere and listen to the livestreamed sermon.



Groups & Gatherings

Saturday Men's Breakfast

@ Calypso Coffee Roasters

On the 2nd and 4th Saturday, September through May, the men of 1st Pres are invited to come together for fellowship and a bite to eat. We meet at 7:30 am at Calypso Coffee. Email [Dan Brown](#) or call 208.755.9087 for details.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

ON HOLD FOR JANUARY

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Our Sunday morning Bible study, led by Chris and Eric Fehr meets at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room off of Krueger Hall. Join in person or with this [Zoom link](#).



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time Fridays from 10-11:30 am in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

Contemplative Worship Service

A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. Spend time peacefully worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

Contemplative Service Leads

Donna Brundage: Greeting

Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design

Matt Broadway: Music

Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer



Staying In Touch

Life becomes a celebration when we keep in touch, so let's celebrate by keeping in touch with each other. Phone a friend!