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Blog of the Week

McLane Stone

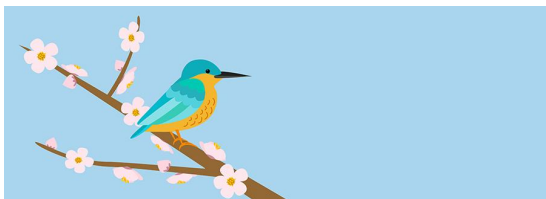


Oh Lord, You Know!

As we approach Easter, it is natural that we will spend much of our time in the New Testament. After all, Easter is about Jesus' resurrection, and these events are recorded in the gospels. However, did you know that the Old Testament also ... [Read More](#)

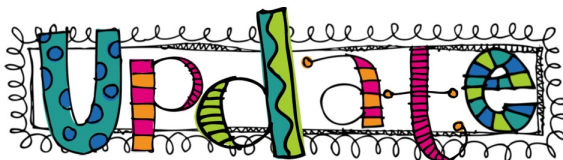
This Week

It's Officially Spring.
We made it!



Waking up to bacon, eggs, pancakes, coffee and juice on a Saturday morning – doesn't that sound lovely? This has been the traditional breakfast served to our Family Promise guests for the 14 years 1st Pres has hosted Family Promise, prepared by Bill Burch these days. Our goal is to make our guests feel welcome, supporting them on their current journey.

Church Directory Update
We need your help!



Thank you to everyone who stopped by the tables in Krueger Hall to review your information for our Directory update!

Don't forget, if you have a picture in the

As you can imagine, Saturday mornings can be busy and our family's experience is nothing different. Some had to leave early for work and sadly missed Bill's breakfast. Others hustled to get the day started but were able to enjoy breakfast before they were out the door – showering, taking meds, finding shoes, finishing homework.

directory, we can use it or update it. You can submit your own picture (head shots please) OR we can take one for your. Look for Janet either before the 9 am service or after the the 9 am and before the 10:30 am service. The more pictures we have the more useful the directory is for everyone. Please help us with this project.

The tables will be there through the end of April so you have time to check things out.

Presbytery of the Inland NW Capital Campaign

Our Presbyter, Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, introduced this worthy Capital Campaign this past Sunday.

We are blessed with 6 original Nez Perce congregations. They are the oldest active congregations in our Presbytery (and the state of Idaho). The Presbytery leadership team has launched a capital campaign to raise funds for the Nimiipuu church buildings. Funds will go to much needed repairs and renovation. Many of these congregations have limited resources and an aging population. We are excited about this project and look forward to working with our Nimiipuu siblings.

[Watch the Video](#)
[Campaign FAQ sheet](#)

There was some drama. One child fell at an afternoon skate party which resulted in a trip to the ER. There was also unbridled joy – hearing a baby’s laugh.

There was also the stress of everyday life – rising early to get the family ready and out the door by 7 am, late nights with a coughing child, managing schedules, following the strict rules and standards of Family Promise. These families are not so different from ours and we love serving them and wish them success as they find their way.

Finally, thank you to the 27+ volunteers who made this past week possible!

2023 Lenten Devotion Inward Work for Outward Living

Teri McDowell Ott’s inspiring Lenten devotion combines personal reflection with meditation, visualizations, and short prayer. The prayers can be used as mantras or breath prayers: breathe in praying the first phrase, breathe out praying the last.

May God bless you and keep you as you journey through this Lenten season.

[Download Weekly Devotion](#)
[Week 6 Devotion](#)

[Download Booklet](#)
[Inward Work for Outward Living Booklet](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

The Sermon on the Mount | The Hidden Path. Why is it so hard to treat others as we want to be treated? Join us Sunday as we discover a path that few take.

[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

Fair Trade Festival Thank You!



We at Concern America are extremely grateful to you for helping to organize and staff the Craft Sale

at First Presbyterian Church on February 26, 2023. The proceeds from the sale were \$1,489.00.

It is in those ordinary tasks of organizing and staffing a craft sale and the purchasing of gift items that we bring to life the Gospel mandate to care for the poor and to perform acts of justice on their behalf.

We, and the men and women working in the cooperatives that produce these beautifully handcrafted items, are so very grateful for the opportunity for a better life that these sales represent.

With gratitude and in peace,
Sandra Dones

Sunday Bible Study - New Time

10:30 | Lakeside Room | Krueger Hall

Camp Registration for Summer 2023 is NOW OPEN



Camp Spalding offers great camps for students of all ages throughout the summer! They are a ministry outreach of our Presbytery and we are excited to connect with them



Do you have the heart to pray for those in need or celebrate those who praise? You too can be a prayer warrior!

Every week prayers and praises are collected and sent to a team of faithful prayer warriors who lift them up to God.

We are a praying church and you can be a part of this important ministry. Contact the office if you'd like to be added to the iPray team. office@1stpresdowntown.org

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 cozy 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.

Join the Praise Team!

Drumming or singing ... we are always welcoming new members!

Please contact [Tom Richards](#) (208-651-4472) if you're interested! Or call the office at 208-667-8446.

this year. To see the full list of offerings and to register, click [HERE](#). Keep in mind spots fill up fast, so register as soon as possible!

*If your student or family is interested in receiving a scholarship for camp, please contact Kierstie BEFORE you register.



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](#)

March Weekly Events

Sundays

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

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

Children & Family Ministry

Volunteers

Look below for the volunteer sign-up link! The sign-up sheet is also available on the wall in its usual place outside of the Adventure Kids Zone, and has been updated with March dates.

Volunteer Dates Needed:

3/26- Both Pre-K & K available

4/2- All available



New Offering Goals

We have started our new goals for offerings that will go until the end of the school year! I am also excited to say that the kids have now met the first 3, hooray! They are doing amazing, and it is great to see their heart to bless people they do not know.

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



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!

Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

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!