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Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge

Who Inspires You?

Have you ever met someone who inspired you to share the love of Christ? My husband and I have been fortunate to have two such people in our lives.

We first met the Lamberts after my husband got out of the military and we moved to Helena, Montana. The Lamberts were a deacon family who ... [Read More](#)

This Week



We are celebrating Holy Communion this coming Sunday, April 3rd. If you're worshipping from home, please be sure to gather your elements before the service begins.

Ecumenical Kitchen

~ Serving in 1 Week ~
April 7th

Please take a look at the sign-up sheet in



Krueger Hall or reach out to Bev Rasor to see how you can help on April 7th.

We still need casseroles, healthy salads, and a few tempting desserts.

Don't miss this opportunity to be one of our servers from 11:20-12:30 pm.

You can also call the church office and we'll get you signed-up.

Child Care During the Contemplative Service

We are happy to announce that we are now offering childcare during



our Contemplative service at 10:30 am Sunday! We ask that, like during the 9 am

service, you sign your children in with the care workers at the children's desk in Krueger Hall.

It's time to Order Your Flower Basket!

Prayer Shawls Available



Our Knitting Ladies have been hard at work and prayer shawls are available for uplifting folks. Please use the notebook to record the recipient's name so the Ladies can pray specifically for that person.

This week begins our annual flower basket sale. The flower basket program is a major fundraiser and these baskets are



worth every penny! As in the past, we are offering a gorgeous variety of mixed floral baskets as well as pink, orange or red geraniums. The price this year is \$40 per basket with all proceeds benefiting our Children & Families camp scholarships for our very own 1st Pres kids!

Venture

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Next Venture | APRIL 6th

These 5 week months can make planning confusing. Our next twice monthly Venture meeting is April 6th.

We'll have a table set-up during the month of April to take orders in Krueger Hall. Pick-up is Wednesday, May 4th.

Payment can be made at the time of order, upon pick-up or through our giving portal. If you choose the Giving Portal, be sure to indicate the number of baskets you'd like and any other details such as geranium color and/or mixed basket.

Jobs @ 1stPres

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist : details below. You can also visit [Indeed](#).

Nursery Care Worker: We are searching for additional help in our Sunday Nursery. Must love kids and be over 18. This is a paid position. Generally Sunday's only. Contact the office for details.



REMINDER: Choir Rehearsal is every Thursday at 7 pm. Hear the choir for the first time in over a year on Palm Sunday!

Join us!!

Reminder : Sign In Your Kiddos!



If you're dropping off your kids for Sunday School please be sure to sign them in at the kiosk near the Adventure Kids Club in Krueger Hall. Help keep our kids safe and heading home home with the correct family!

A note about Emily Rogers

Personnel has been so very fortunate to have such dedicated employees within 1st Pres of which, we can all be especially thankful for Emily Rogers, our church



Administrative Assistant /Receptionist. She is often the first person one comes in contact with upon visiting the church office and she always has a beautiful smile and hello for everyone. It's evident she loves her job and the people of this congregation. When COVID was in "full bloom" employee's had to work remotely but as soon as the office opened for employees to return to on

site work, Emily was among the first (if not the first) to volunteer to come back to the church office. We knew some congregants were eager to come back to the church either to complete some task or just to say hi and maybe visit for a moment or two. Emily was fully aware of that need and wanted to be there for all of our church members. She felt strongly that a "body" needed to be available. Did you know - Emily is an excellent quilter and belongs to a local quilting group. She's a blessing to this church and we give thanks for her love and dedication to her job and those she serves. Thank you, Emily, for being that shining light for all who enter our doors!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Under New Management : God's Power Through You! Hopefully this isn't news ... but Jesus was OK with less than perfect people. Can we look to Jesus to train and transform us? Tune in to this past Sunday's service for more. [Watch the 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

Growing Your Faith In A Digital World

RightNow Media, the Netflix of Bible study and other Christian



oriented videos, includes a large selection devoted to kids, youth and adults AND is available free of charge to all 1st Pres members, attendees, and friends thanks

We Are Hiring

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist



Applications are being accepted for the position of Church

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. This position is about a 20 hour per week, part-time position. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume and a

to the generosity of individual supporters.

Learn more about what RNM offers by visiting the [rightnow Media](#) site. OR reach out to anyone on the Adult Discipleship Committee for more information.

CDAIDE in Transition

CDAIDE is looking to fill several positions that are part of this wonderful organizations growth.

Rebecca Smith's full-time Executive Director position is open as well as one other part-time position. Visit the [CDAIDE Careers](#) page for details. While you might not be interested ... you may know someone who is ... pass this on!



Building & Grounds Work Days

If you are interested in helping on the next work day on Saturday, May 14th please reach out to Scott Fischer or the church office.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is organizing assistance for Ukraine. Please click on this link to find out more and how you can help.

[Helping Ukraine](#)

cover letter to our Church Administrator, Bonnie Piovesan. [Job Description](#).

For more details go to the information on [Indeed](#).

Beds & Blessings Family Promise and 1st Pres in the News!

Read about the latest wonderful blessing experienced by Family Promise and how 1st Pres is part of that story. [Read Now](#).



Please join this special **free** UGM Gathering on April 26. We think you'll find this event uplifting and educational and hope you leave knowing what next steps God would have you take as we work to make real change possible together.

To attend in person, register [HERE](#). To attend online only, there is no need to register; simply go to [UGM's Facebook page](#) at 7:00 on April 26th.

How You Can Help Ukraine GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

March Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:55 am Bible Study

Thursdays
Men's Bible Study

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online.
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary.

Wearing of masks is recommended
if you are vulnerable.

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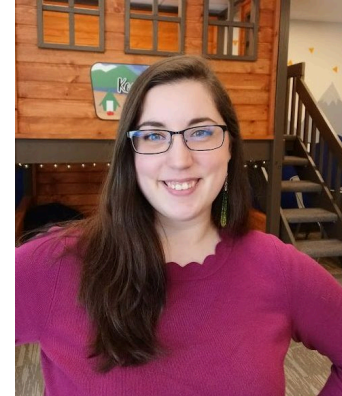
Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS
Chancel Choir Practice
March 17, 24, 31

Fridays
Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Volunteers Needed!

We are so excited to be able to use our new classrooms upstairs to teach our 1st Pres kids about the Love of Jesus! However, we are in serious need of volunteers. Without 2 adults in each kid's room we will legally have to combine all classes back downstairs. If you are willing to be a teacher or a helper please reach out to Naomi White at 937-554-9941 or email 1stpreschildren@gmail.com



Check-in/ Check-out

We are excited to introduce a better and safer check-in/check-out routine for our church families. Starting Sunday, April 3rd, we will be asking all families to check in at the Adventure Kids' room (next to the Nursery in Krueger Hall) before heading into the Sanctuary for worship. When your family checks in, each child will get a name tag and the parents will get a corresponding check-out sticker. Then you and your children will go into the Sanctuary. When the bell is rung, all children will come down for Kids' Corner, and then head to their classrooms just as before. After their lessons upstairs, our wonderful teachers will bring all of the children downstairs to the Adventure Kids' room. We will be there waiting for you to pick them up. Please bring your check-out sticker as it will now be required for check-out.

If you forget to check in your children before service, or you are running late, you can join us at the front of the Sanctuary for Kids' Corner and check in your children then. That way they can join us for Sunday School! We are excited about keeping our children safe and equipping our church to grow.

Save the Date

Annual Art Camp with Hands to Art
June 27th-July 1st
1st Pres at Camp Lutherhaven
July 17th- July 22nd

Adventure Kids' Club

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm
Dates: April 6 & 20, May 4

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.

