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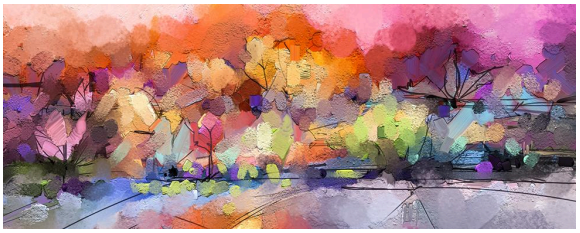


This Week's eNews

September 22, 2026

Blog of the Week

Deborah Rambo Sinn

For a few years, I've felt the keenness of drinking from a firehose, as that saying goes. Now, as I write this from the laundromat during our long-awaited vacation/delayed honeymoon, rest is finally here. Even though my light-packing insistence brings me to spending quarters ... Read More

Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

Church Calendar

1st Pres on Facebook

Giving

Prayer Requests

1st Pres on YouTube

Community Outreach

Supporting Snacks & Transportation

The Next Four Weeks

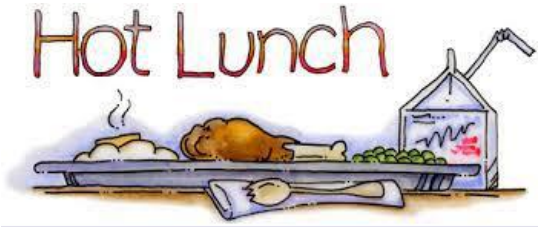
For the next four weeks, we are supporting our community by providing healthy snacks and gas for at-risk families. We are specifically supporting the McKinney-Vento Program sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Public School District. This program helps remove barriers for students and families experiencing temporary, unstable, or inadequate housing.

You can donate through our Giving Portal, by visiting the table in Krueger Hall or drop your donation in the church office. Please be sure to indicate on the memo line that it is to support this Sept/Oct Community Outreach drive.

Community Outreach

Serving Ecumenical Lunch

October 1 | 10:30 am - 1 pm



1st Pres has the honor of serving our Ecumenical Lunch guests on October 1st. Sign-up in Krueger Hall!

Welcome/Membership

New Member Class

October 3 | 9 am

Join us on Saturday, October 3rd and learn about 1st Pres and what it means to be Presbyterian. We'll start with a light continental breakfast following by discussion and learning led by Pastor McLane. Sign-up in Krueger Hall.

Welcome/Membership

All Congregation Pie with Pastor

September 23 | 6 pm

Please join us for an informal time with Pastor McLane and enjoy some pie!

Missions Update

Community Action Partnership

Community Action Partnership in North Idaho serves the 10 North Idaho counties and Asotin County in Washington. It focuses on individuals and families whose income is 200% below the Federal Poverty Level. Partnering with government agencies, private companies, nonprofit charities, and individuals, the Partnership primarily provides shelf-stable food products, energy assistance, and access to health care. The Coeur d'Alene center helped 2,273 households and 3,269 individuals during August 2026 alone. Their current concern is the slowdown in fall donations of shelf-stable food products (canned goods) versus other identified needs. As people cycle into the school year, these donations trend downward while needs continue at the current rate. Our Mission Committee supported the Partnership with a $4,500 donation in 2025 and will continue in 2026 to support this valuable community resource.

Discipleship

WellSpring Fall Series

October - December | 6 pm

This fall, Wellspring will turn to the Heidelberg Catechism — one of the historical confessions of the Presbyterian Church — as a guide for exploring the heart of the Christian faith. Together we'll wrestle with questions surrounding our faith, including: What do we believe? What is the role of theology in the life of a Christian? What are the sacraments? And what do we mean when we say that God is human? Through the Catechism's rich, pastoral voice, we'll dig into the convictions that shape who we are as followers of Christ, and consider how belief moves from head to heart to daily life.

Schedule:
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
1st Meeting: October 7th
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Sanctuary
Register Here: [Fall WellSpring]

Sunday's Service

In the face of our fears, how do we learn to trust what God is doing? Join us as we explore the promises God makes and keeps to Joseph and Mary. [Watch Now]

General News

Scroll to the bottom of this week's eNews and find out what 1st Pres'ers are doing in the community!
We're adding new events all the time!

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If yes, you will need to click on a link **that looks like the image** below and **appears at the very bottom** of your eNews to read the entire newsletter:

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Campus Refresh
New Roof Project
All September

Our Sanctuary, Office and Gym are being re-roofed this month. You will notice construction equipment and materials in the gravel lot off of 5th Street and in the alley behind the church. Parking in the gravel lot may be more challenging on some days this month, but the office parking lot and our lots across the street will remain open during the entire project. Please call the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

The EarthCare Team has placed drop-off boxes in Krueger Hall for your AAA, AA, C and D cell batteries to be recycled. Additionally, plastic grocery and newspaper bags will be collected and dropped off at Winco.

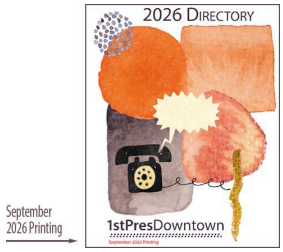
Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets
Knitting For Warmth

You'll find a lovely selection of shawls & lap blankets in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

Be Aware
Community Service - Scam Information

It's important to be vigilant as phishing is part of our lives.

Welcome Membership
New Directory Available!
Call the Office



The newest edition of our church directory is now available! You can pick up a copy in the office. We'll also have copies available in Krueger Hall this Sunday. Make sure your copy has 'September 2026 Printing' in the lower left corner.

Getting Connected
Small Groups

Learn how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the **Discipleship page** on our website for a full list or use the links below.

Small Group Links

Men's Studies
Sermon-Based Small Groups
Women's Studies

Ongoing Giving

Feeding Families: Use a provided envelope or the **Giving Portal**. Choose Neighborhood Closet and designate Feeding Families in the description field.

My Registry
1st Pres Neighborhood Closet
You can help anytime by going **here**!

Pastor McLane will **NEVER** reach out to individuals asking for money or gift cards. This is a scam. Please ignore and report it to the office.

Sunday Parking

Parking at 1st Pres

Sundays | 8 am - 1 pm ONLY

1st Pres Parking Map

[Download a Full-size Map Here]

Fundraising for Belize Trip: Be sure to mark any donation 'Missions Trip'. **Donate**

Keep Collecting Those Pull Tabs!

Ronald McDonald House

Please save your pull tabs and place them in container at the in Krueger Hall! Participation in this ongoing fundraiser is always appreciated!

Those little pop tabs are worth $.62 a pound -S those little tabs amount to anywhere between $3000- $5000 a year for the Ronald McDonald House.

Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online
9:15-ish Sunday School
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch
Chancel & Bell Choirs
Men's Bible Study

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Family Ministry

High School Youth

We're excited about our gathering for Grades 9–12**.** We meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. This time is designed just for high schoolers — a space to build community, share life together, and grow deeper in faith.

Middle School Youth

We've launched a fresh format designed to help students, grades 6-8, build meaningful friendships, share laughter, and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

Except for the first Sunday of the month, when the youth are invited to participate in

Expect meaningful conversations, plenty of laughter, and a chance to connect in a way that's real and life-giving. Bring a friend and be part of something new! Contact **Kierstie** if you have questions.

Opportunities for Youth to Serve

Middle & High Schoolers: We want to serve with you! Are you ready to jump in and use your gifts and talents to live our Love1st mission? Contact Kierstie to get connected with any of the opportunities below:

Middle & High School:

- Kids Zone Volunteer (between Sunday Services)
- Greeters @ Welcome Desk (Sunday Mornings)
- Scripture Readers (Sunday 9 am Service)

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Can you help on Sunday morning with our Sunday School program?

Sign-up Here
Access Code: Love1st

Communion, we'll be meeting, once dismissed, in the Youth Room.

Contact **Kierstie** if you have questions.

Get Involved!
Church Center
Download Now!

church center
by planning center

Families with infants to college kids, we'd love to have you join us in worship and fellowship throughout the year. Getting connected will give you the option to check-in/check-out for Sunday School, RSVP for upcoming events, and view our summer calendar all from the convenience of your phone! Download the Church Center app and get connected!

Download and join TODAY!

Off Campus Participation Waivers

For children and youth participating in any off campus church events, we **MUST** have a current participation waiver on file prior to the event. This includes special events like Tree to Tree, lake days, Confirmation, etc. Thank you!

2026 PARTICIPATION WAIVER

1st Pres in the Community
What We're Doing Around Town

Events

Who: David Rogge (Stephanie's Son)
What: Rathdrum Rumble
Where: NIC Parker Technical Education Center, Rathdrum
When: September 26, 2026 | 9 am - 3 pm

Enter a car or simply visit the event. **Event Details**

Music

Who: Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Where: **Studio 107**, Coeur d'Alene
When: October 9, 2026 | 5-7 pm

Who: Craig Catlett (with Rusty Jackson)
Where: **Osprey Restaurant**, Spokane
When: October 13, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Craig Catlett (Swing Set)
Where: **Valley Eagles**, Spokane
When: October 14, 2026 |7-10 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Divas!
Where: Hamilton Studio, Spokane
When: October 16 & 17, 2026 | 7 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Divas!
Where: Jacklin Art Center, Post Falls
When: October 23, 2026 | 7 pm

Who: Craig Catlett (with Rusty Jackson)
Where: **Valley Eagles**, Spokane
When: October 28, 2026 |7-10 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Eric Haakensen, Tom Richards (Bucket List)
Where: **Studio 107**, Coeur d'Alene
When: October 30, 2026 | 5-7 pm

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- Entertainment | Arts | Community
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