

JANUARY 26, 2020



CHANGE HAPPENS, BUT NOT WITHOUT NOTICE AND THANKS

Ammi Rebne began working at 1st Pres as the secretary to World Missions before taking on the task of Administrative Assistant at Camp Vesper Point for the past decade or more. Ammi has been an important part of the 1st Pres family and we will miss her as she joins a family business. Our thanks to her! Sarah Estler, our present receptionist will be taking over Ammi’s responsibilities at CVP.

Walt and Cindy Goldston have led the “Shoes for Orphan Souls” for the past several years, but felt the time is right for others to help in that area while they have picked up other responsibilities at the church. Thank you to the Goldstons for their faithful service in providing shoes for orphans.

For nearly 20 years **Dr. and Mrs. John Boxell** have decorated the church for the Christmas holidays. When the decorations came down this year it brought an end to their generosity of time in helping us celebrate Christmas with all the trimmings around the church. A heart-felt “thank you” is extended to this couple who always made 1st Pres beautiful and special for the holidays.

Dr. Barry Heywood has served as the head usher for 17 years. He was called upon to supply ushers for every worship service as well as all special events (weddings, funerals, programs, concerts, seminars, etc.). He is now “passing the torch” to younger deacons to fill the void. “Thank you” for such dependable service as the ambassador at our front door.

While singling out a few who are “retiring” or moving on, we also want to thank all of the many others who volunteer at 1st Pres to advance the Kingdom of God and making our church so special. Look for the next “Opportunities to Volunteer” brochure coming out soon to see where you might fit. “Thank you” to our Sunday school teachers, choir members, committee members, officers, ministry leaders, instrumentalists, substitutes, prayer partners and even those who volunteer “under the radar” who assist in quiet ways known only to the Lord.



FEBRUARY 1ST TUESDAY

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 4** to hear from guest speaker Sandra Smith, senior pastor’s wife of New City Fellowship. She’ll talk about race in today’s society and how God celebrates the unique ways in which he created us and calls us to love one another.

A morning and evening option will be available. Each meal costs \$5. Free nursery and a homeschool room will be offered. **You must register for meals and/or childcare no later than Friday, Jan. 31.** Find out more and reserve your spot at 1stpresbyterian.com/women.



1ST PRES SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups are about relationships: growing in our relationship with God and deepening our relationships with others. Within these small groups, men and women can experience fellowship with others as they practice applying the gospel to their lives. If you are interested in starting or joining a small group, please sign up at 1stpresbyterian.com/grow/ or email smallgroups@1stpresbyterian.com.



WORSHIP ARTS

ALL LADIES CHOIR ON FEBRUARY 2

Ladies, you don’t want to miss this opportunity to sing our ‘Spiritual Song of the month’- “Lord of the Small” with our choir ladies. It will be a special morning of worship/music leading, so come fill up the loft with beautiful singing for our beautiful Jesus. The ladies will rehearse during the January 29, Wednesday, 6:20pm choir rehearsal, and on the 2nd at 9:45 am in the choir room.

WORLD MISSIONS

GOSPEL CONFERENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

World Missions asks for your prayers for a four-day gospel conference taking place this week in SE Asia that will be attended by a few thousand believers from more than 20 countries. Pray for our partners Enoch, Peter, Ben, and Jay who will play major roles in the event. Pray that all attendees may leave their country without incident and suffer no repercussions for their participation. Pray especially for attendees from cities where persecution has been fierce. Pray for good meetings and times of prayer and fellowship. Pray for the Lord’s protection and the accomplishment of his will during this conference.



DONATIONS TO THE MISSIONARY CLOSET ACCEPTED THRU FEBRUARY 28

GUIDELINES:

1. Clothing and accessories must have been purchased within the past 5 years.
2. Clothing and accessories must be clean—either on hangers or neatly folded in NON food bags (please no carryout food or grocery bags).
3. Shoes must be new and purchased within the past 5 years.
4. Luggage must be lightweight, rolling and purchased within the past 7 years.
5. With large donations (i.e., entire closets or estates), please consider a local charity thrift store that has the capacity and manpower to process large quantities.

Items most needed are children’s clothing and luggage that is lightweight and on wheels. Your support of this ministry that provides for the practical needs of our missionaries is greatly appreciated!



ALLIES NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP

The Diaconate’s Rapha team needs additional allies with a heart for our neighbors in need to build relationships during our Wednesday evening fellowship. Contact Paul Laskowske, paul.laskowske@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Did you know that First Presbyterian has many Congregational Care Ministries available? If you or someone you know has had a new baby or is ill or hospitalized or could use prayer, a meal, a pastor’s visit, a call, flowers, or a card, let us know by calling the office, 267-1206, any time day or night. Pastor Chris Ehlers heads up this team and would also love to have you join us in serving in any of these ministries.

