

# The LINK

GREATER love  
hath no man  
than this, that  
a man lay down  
his life for  
his friends. *john 15:23*

**MAY 2024**

**CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Worry Ends  
WHEN  
Faith  
BEGINS

# ALL CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY JUNE 23RD

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Friends,

Peace be with you! As you're starting to look to the summer, whether that brings changes to your life, or feels like more of the same, my prayer is that you encounter the Resurrection life that Christ promised and God wants to do for all of us.

Julia and I got to experience Art Under the Elms, also called the Dogwood Festival, and are looking forward to getting to take part in other things happening throughout the valley and around the Palouse.

Just as our neighbors at the college provide opportunities for community, I've been impressed by how important community is to Congo-Pres. Whether you're a part of a small group, or as a member of staff, or even just the joyful noise of our greeting time, there's a desire to know and be known. This reflects God, because our God also wants to know and be known, and our God is a relational God.

We hope you'll join us throughout the summer, whether at a picnic or occasional gathering, or in Sunday worship. Your worship leaders are going to try a few different things this summer, and we're excited to lead you in different kinds of worship experience. Your church leadership is also hard at work on staffing to help bolster our community, and reach out to the community around us, too.

Stay tuned, and we hope you have a great end of Spring!

Grace and peace,  
Adam Ogg



A BIG Thank You for all the cards I received.



God Bless,

Noreen Anderson

## FOOD BANK SUNDAY MAY 19TH

*This month's needs:*

- Jams/Jelly
- Condiments
- Snack Bars
- Jell-O
- Juices
- Peanut Butter
- Top Ramen
- Noodles/Pasta
- Rice
- Dry Beans









These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart. Donations are taken to the Community Action Partnership Food Bank. Thank you!

# Mark your Calendars: May 5th

*Join us monthly as we celebrate with cake during Fellowship Hour for a special Happy Birthday Celebration for our Friends and Members! Stop by this month for some cake, coffee & conversation for your special birthday month!*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Kristine Leier		
3rd	Kris Fitting		
4th	Millie Ann Case		
5th	Linda York		
7th	Richard Jutte		
10th	Virginia Barkley & Cole Keatts		
11th	Lorena Hunt		
12th	Nola Tilton & Jean King		
14th	Rachel Schroeder		
15th	Jack Wagner		
17th	Larry Lantz		
20th	Marie Eier & Rylee Parker		
21st	Craig Whitcomb		
23rd	Martha Campbell & Tyler Martin		
24th	Brynnan Carpenter		
25th	Rob Sinner & Rhett Crane		
26th	Jakob Dilling, Jan Kautz, Deanna Stewart, Jenna Elliott, Elizabeth Sabo, Victoria Sabo & Brock Travis		
27th	Cailen Meske		
29th	Kerri Sandaine		
30th	Lisa Huddleston		
31st	Rob Sandaine, Lexy Snyder & Coralee Vega		

May Birthdays

May God bless you with his boundless love, calming peace, and heavenly joy throughout the coming year.

Dear Faithful Givers: Here is the First Quarter report of giving in our church through March 31, 2024:

**Pledged giving: \$101,192.81**

**Unpledged giving: \$33,711.00**

**Other gifts:**

Thank you for keeping up with your support of our church, your Stewardship Committee



**MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM - SAVE THE DATE!**

**June 23, 2024, Sunday**

*ALL CHURCH PICNIC immediately after service at Swallows Nest Park shelter, Clarkston. Please come and join us for an All Church Picnic. Hamburgers, Hotdogs and drinks and plates/silverware will be provided. Bring a side dish, beans, chips, or a dessert and your favorite camp chair! Enjoy great food, fellowship, songs, testimonies...and volleyball?*

*River Baptism - If you have never been baptized and would like to take this next step in following the Lord and would like to be baptized in the river, see Pastor Ogg. We would love to celebrate this great step with you!*

*See you at the River! Any questions contact Bobbi Matousek, 509-263-7149.*



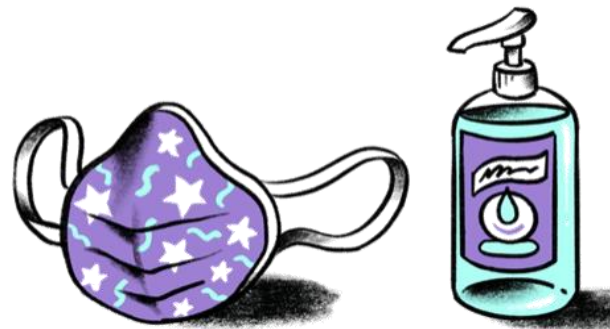
The Fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to setup for coffee hour fellowship before the 10:00 service, and to serve refreshments and clean up after the service. If you're interested, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks!  
Sharon Damon, Fellowship

The pandemic interrupted a lot of ways we connect and help each other. One way is providing meals to those who need them during an illness, surgery recovery, or have lost a loved one. Toni Carlyle has managed this service for many years and needs to update the list of cooks who can help. If you're interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Toni at (509) 552-6445. Thanks!!!

Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!

~Anonymous



Family Promise has graduated the last family that we hosted at Congo Pres. They expect to have a new family in shortly and our next hosting week is June 16th through June 23rd. Please prayerfully consider taking the time to provide a meal or a 2 1/2 hour time of fellowship on one of those days. It is a meaningful way of making a difference to a family's life so they can support themselves in the future. Thank you for all you do!



Mike Holder  
208-305-2547

# FIT & FALL PROOF

*(SENIOR EXERCISE)*



JOIN US EVERY  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
AT 9AM  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

No Class:

Monday May 13th

Monday 27th



# Worship With Us

## 10:00am Combined Worship

The service will combine elements of our Contemporary Service and our Traditional Service.

## 10:00am Livestream

Each Worship Service is livestreamed on our website: [www.congopres.org](http://www.congopres.org), and can be viewed any time during the following three months.

## 10:00am Parking

As the entire congregation gathers to worship together, parking will be a bit tight in our church parking lot. Please **do not** park in the church parking lot unless you need close-in access to the church, reserving our parking lot spaces for those with physical limitations. There is plenty of parking on the side streets around the church (which is unrestricted on Sundays), and in the LCSC parking lot across from the Activities Center.

Thank you, God, for  
freedom and for those who  
have bravely served our  
nation!



My name is Tena Williams. I am the daughter of Dave and Bev Williams. Recently I had major complications of what was supposed to be a minor outpatient procedure. Because of that, I was hospitalized for almost 3 weeks and came very close to meeting the Lord. But with many prayers and support, I made it out of the hospital and home to recuperate. My parents and my best friend were instrumental in getting me through the entire process. But I want to also acknowledge the fact that all of the prayers from your congregation helped tremendously. The good Lord heard your prayers and helped my parents and I through all of this. I don't know how I could ever repay everyone that prayed for and supported us. I will be forever grateful for you all!



## MAY LINK DEADLINE MONDAY MAY 20TH

Articles may be sent via email to [annab@congopres.org](mailto:annab@congopres.org) or brought to the church office. Articles received past the deadline will not be guaranteed submission.

Volunteers are currently meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 9am in the church office Conference Room. This month we will assemble LINK's on Tuesday May 28th.

# Mission and Outreach - MAY 2024 LINK

**Angel Tree:** Thank you to all who brought Easter baskets, wrote out Easter cards and birthday cards, and purchased gift cards for Easter and birthdays for Angel Tree. We appreciate your support of this outreach.

**"New or Gently Used Rummage Sale"** coming this fall, scheduled for Nov. 2. Please save items that would be appropriate as gifts. If you cannot store, please contact Patti at 208-790-0693 or [pattijman@gmail.com](mailto:pattijman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Literacy for Haiti:** In the latest newsletter received from Cliff and Bobbi Matousek, they request that we join them in praying for the Haitian people:

*Our God, we ask you on behalf of our friends in Haiti that you might intercede and help them. Their nation has been seized by violent men and the halls of their government are full of whisperers who plot to gain from the injustices they allow. Their money buys less and less each day and the flow of needful goods is stopped by barricades. When the people look for just leadership they find no one on the horizon to give them hope. Surely they feel discouraged and yet they put their trust in you. You do not need us to advise you about what to do and we have no such advice to give even if we could. The problems in Haiti have persisted for centuries and solutions have evaded the finest of statesmen. We call on you to rescue that nation and especially those who live there who know and love you. It is for their sake we pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

Contact Cliff or Bobbi if you wish to support this mission directly or would like to receive their newsletters in the future.



# Scuba VBS ~ 2024

Diving into friendship with God

June 17th thru 21st

VBS Survey

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will pray!
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will donate ocean themed decorations
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will help decorate
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will donate snacks (we will tell you what we need)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will help in the kitchen
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be a crew leader (no lesson prep)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be a station leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be a station leader helper
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will work with crafts
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will donate money to cover expenses

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return survey's to church office  
or basket on welcome tables in  
Fellowship Hall.

# May Children's Ministry

Thank you to all who filled Easter eggs for our Easter hunt! We were excited to see 20 children hunting for eggs! Thank you for being a blessing to our children!

May 19<sup>th</sup> will be our last Sunday School/ Children's Church before summer break. We will be back to children's activities by September 8<sup>th</sup>!

Vacation Bible School is going to be combined with the Clarkston Presbyterian Church and will be the last week of June.

There are volunteer survey forms if you would like to help, please fill one out to let us know how you can help! Thank you so much to our volunteer teachers this year who worked with our children: Mollee Dilling, Lori Coons, Tami Thompson, Samantha Franklin and Jamie Williams! You are a blessing to so many! Thank you for using the gifts God has given you to serve our children.






# Growing in Faith

Women's Christian Book Club will be taking some time off from meeting and discussing books. Please watch the monthly newsletters and Sunday Bulletins for information as to when they will be starting to meet again.

Men's Bible Study - This Bible study and discussion meets every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45am - we are currently in the book of Matthew. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with men of the church.

The FRIDAY Morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly at 10am in the Chapel from September thru May at 10am. The study will recess after there last class on May 10th. We are currently studying 1 Peter. Please contact Gayle Beck at (509) 751-9981 for more information.

If you are interested in our Divorce Care class please contact John or Loa Vornholt for more information.



Blessed is the  
nation whose  
God is the  
Lord; and the  
people whom  
he hath chosen  
for his own  
inheritance.

~psalm 33:12

CPC

Deep Roots: Theology for Today Deep Roots is a weekly conversation on Tuesdays, 3-4pm in the Chapel, is coordinated by Tom Boubel and facilitated by Tom and other members of the group. All are welcome to join us for the reading of important Christian texts aimed at enriching our lives today.

Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (September through May) at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room. This month's bible study will be held on May 13th. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

Women's Association meets on the second Monday of the month at 10am in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, prayer, support and education. At our May 13th meeting, Laureen Trail will be our hostess. Nell Bice will deliver the devotions. See you on the 13th!! For more information please contact Peggy Fulton.

Reconnect is a group formed by our Women's Ministry. Reconnect meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 10 am ~ 12pm in the basement of the Admin. Building. They meet during the months of September ~ May. In April ladies will meet April 4th and April 18th. Please bring your crafts to work on or just come and visit with the ladies of our church and community. Bring a friend for some fun and fellowship.



If you are interested in learning more about the CPC Online Alpha Course please contact Cliff or Bobbi Matousek.



The Hands and Feet volunteers helping Marilyn Kidder move to Evergreen.

MOVING TEAM helping Marilyn Kidder



Mission Team's Backpack Project



# MAY

## All Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 10:30a Staff Mtg 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg. 6:30p Choir	2 10a Reconnect	3 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	4
5 <b>Birthday Sunday</b> 10a Worship 10a Children's Church 11a Fellowship 11:15a Library Mtg. 6:30p Youth Group (Last One Until Fall)	6 9a Sr. Exercise 12p Worship Mtg.	7 1p Trustee Mtg 3p Deep Roots 6:45p Mission Mtg.	8 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 10:30a Staff Mtg 10:30a Sr. Ministry Mtg. 6p Nominating Committee 6:30p Choir	9	10 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	11
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19 <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b> 10a Worship 10a Children's Church 11a Fellowship	20 <b>LINK DEADLINE</b> 9a Sr. Exercise	21 3p Deep Roots	22 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 10:30a Staff Mtg. 6:30p Choir	23	24 9a Sr. Exercise	25
26 10a Worship 10a Children's Church 11a Fellowship	27 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	28 9a LINK Volunteers 3p Deep Roots	29 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 10:30a Staff Mtg. 6:30p Choir	30	31 9a Sr. Exercise	

# MAY SENIOR EVENT



## HONORING OUR VETERANS

★ **WHEN: THURSDAY MAY 23RD**

**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**TIME: 11AM**



You are invited to come join us and hear several of our own veteran's talk about their military experience.



## SR. MINISTRY PICNIC

**When:** Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Hereth Park

**Time:** 12pm

(Riding the bus? Be at CongoPres by 11:30am)

Questions?? Call Laureen Trail, Sr. Ministries Director, at (208) 743-4444.



The Ladies Tea is just around the corner.

## Fill your cup with joy!

May 18th  
1:30 pm-3:30pm

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a wonderful time, treats and a lovely guest speaker.

This year we are doing a Christmas theme. If you have Christmas dishes and are able to host a table please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall starting April 7th.

We will be selling tickets starting April 21st. The price is still just \$10.



Mark your calendars and I hope to see you there.

Any questions please contact  
Marcia Barkley  
509-552-9536

Women's Tea



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 Laureen Trail..... Senior Adult Ministry  
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