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Congregational-Presbyterian Church
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From the Editor

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When my son Gunnar was five years old our church gave him his first bible. It was a children's bible with short stories and beautiful pictures. This book quickly became Gunnar's favorite book; and after just a few nights I had to enforce a two story rule. He would jump in bed, with his cute flannel jammies, so excited to read. Gunnar had several favorite stories but he LOVED the story of Noah's Ark. We read those three pages over and over; and for as much love as he had for this story he had just as many questions. The kid was relentless. He'd ask questions at breakfast, in the car, waiting in line at the grocery store, it didn't matter where we were, he had so much to say... to ask... to know. I'd like to think, even as adults, we're all a little like Gunnar in our relationship with GOD... childlike, full of questions, eager to learn more, excited to witness all HIS glory. This month I will celebrate one year here at CongoPres... this story came to mind as I thought about all the things I myself have learned and witnessed this past year. I am extremely grateful for each and every one of you!

Blessings,
Anna

Dear Church Family,

Most of us do not associate the celebration of Mardi Gras with any sort of religious observance. After all, the news footage of hordes of people in the streets in various levels of drunkenness doesn't seem to depict holiness. The whole holiday just seems to be an excuse for public intoxication. For many of the people celebrating in New Orleans and other parts of the world, that is all that the event represents. But, Mardi Gras (literally translated "Fat Tuesday") is the final day before the observance of Lent. Mardi Gras didn't start out as a time of drunken revelry. It originated as a final opportunity to feast prior to the Lenten fast.

While Mardi Gras has gained a reputation for its self-indulgence, Lent is a time of prayer, repentance, and recommitment leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday, the day after Mardi Gras, and culminating 40 days later, Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for the most important religious holy day for believers. (Sundays are not included in the 40 days of Lent as they are already holy days for Christians.)

Traditionally, observers participated in Lent by abstaining from certain types of food (particularly meat, eggs, and milk products). In some traditions, partial fasts were observed where participants would eat only one meal on certain days. Many who observe Lent today are not as strict. Often, they choose to abstain from a particular behavior (such as watching TV, for example) during Lent. The idea is to abstain from certain activities and instead use the time and energy to focus on taking stock of one's own spiritual condition and repenting for spiritual failures.

The 40 days of Lent are also a time of grief. All Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ each Easter. Unfortunately, we often don't spend much time grieving over our sins that caused the brutal execution of Christ. This tradition of sorrow begins with the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, when ashes are put on believers' foreheads as a sign of repentance. The practice of putting ashes on one's head is an ancient sign of mourning that was often done at funerals or similarly sorrowful occasions. In this case, the ashes represent sorrow over our sins, and the pain and death caused by sin. Perhaps if we are to truly appreciate the great cost to Christ of our salvation, we should first meditate on our sinfulness.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

April LINK Deadline is Monday March 18th

Articles may be sent via email to
annab@congopres.org
or brought to the church office.

Articles received past the
deadline will not be guaranteed
submission.

If you would like to volunteer to help assemble the
LINK For mailing please come to the church office
on Tuesday March 26th, at 9am.

Mark your Calendars: March 3rd

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

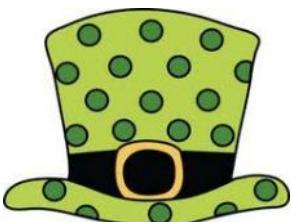


March Birthdays: Melba Ashburn, Samantha Franklin, Charlotte Higgins, Nick Rawson (1st); Tessa Heagy (2nd); Mike Damon, Derek Katzenberger (3rd); Margaret Dammarell, Carol Trautman (7th); Carolyn Wilson (8th); Tom Boubel (9th); Shayne Ashe, Peggy Wilson (10th); Sarah Granlund (15th); Brad Peer, Becky Schroeder (16th); Dustin Hibbard, Mike Washburn, Ben Williams (17th); Jeremiah Coons-Niland, Emilyn Sheppard (19th); Brenda Hardin (20th); David Aston (21st); Sarah Emerich (22nd); Debbie Blake (23rd); Cathy Mannschreck (24th); Orie Kaltenbaugh, Michelle McIntosh, Ketcher Van Buren (25th); Lois Mulkey, Becky Travis (27th); Patti Mann (28th); Pat DeAtley, Tom Eier, Carolyn Jones, Martha Land (29th); Brent Hardin (30th); Christopher Browne (31st)

If we missed your birthday please let Anna in the office know (743-4444).

Small Groups

- Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:45am in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve leads this bible study and discussion. The group is currently reading the Gospel of Luke. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with the men of the church.
- Wednesday in the Word takes place every Wednesday, at 12pm, in the Chapel. This weekly, in-depth study and discussion is led by Pastor Steve and relates to the Sunday morning sermon text. All are welcome to join the exploration of biblical teaching and its application for Christian living.
- Women's Sweet Hour of Prayer will meet on Saturday, March 23rd from 10-11am, in the Conference Room. All women are welcome to come. No prayers are turned away!
- Women's Association will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 11th at 10Am in Fellowship Hall. March hostesses are Joyce Roberts, Roberta Owens, and Barbara Riggs. Devotions will be led by Darlene Plant and Pastor Steve will be presenting the program: "Walk by Faith".
- Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on Monday, March 4th at 10:30am in the Chapel. Be ready to discuss a recent book you have read! The book club has started meeting every-other month to allow time to read and cherish our books.
- Monday Night Ladies Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month. This month they will meet March 11th and 25th at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room. They are currently sharing a study titled "Busyness".
- Friday Morning Ladies Bible Study meets weekly on Friday's, from 9:45am to 11:00am, in the Chapel. A new study began on January 18th on 1 Thessalonians. All women are welcome. Join us for coffee and good discussion of this great book of faith. Study books will be available at class. For questions call Jean Allen at (208) 746-0557.



Bits & Pieces

For where your treasure is
there your **HEART** will
be also.
Luke 12:34

Faith
is being sure of what
we hope for.
It is being certain of
what we do not see.
~Hebrews 11:1

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 10
SET CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR
SATURDAY EVENING

Welcome
New Members...

Rob Sinner
Bobbi Jo Sinner

Let your roots grow down into
HIM and draw up nourishment
from HIM so you will grow in
faith, strong and vigorous in the
truth you were taught.

Colossians 2:7

Act justly
Love mercy
Walk humbly
micah 6:8

PRAYER CHAIN
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD
YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE
TO OUR PRAYER CHAIN PLEASE
CONTACT TONI CARLYLE AT
(509) 758-9380 OR THE
CHURCH OFFICE
AT (208) 743-4444.

A big thank you to Kathy Johnson for suggesting this month "Tales from the Library" book. If you have a book you would like to recommend please contact Anna at the church office!



Next month we will be highlighting books read by members in Christian Book Club!

The Last Lecture

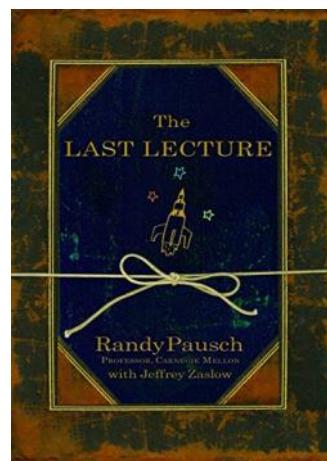
Randy Pausch (Author)
Jeffery Zaslow (Contributor)

A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to rumininate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy?

When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living.

In this book, Randy Pausch has combined the humor, inspiration and intelligence that made his lecture such a phenomenon and given it an indelible form. It is a book that will be shared for generations to come.

"We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand." --Randy Pausch



Diane Ashburn Wilmonen Scholarship
Application Deadline:
April 1st

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Applications are available in Fellowship Hall for the Diane Ashburn Wilmonen Scholarship. "God is using me to tell others about Jesus," Diane said of her 7-year journey with breast cancer. In August, 2002, her family and friends celebrated her life at Congregational-Presbyterian Church by establishing a college scholarship for a first time or returning college student who is a member or friend of the church. This year's scholarship will be for \$1500.00. The deadline for the application is April 1, 2019 with the scholarship awarded on Mother's Day, May 12, 2019. If there are further questions about this scholarship or eligibility, please contact Peggy Fulton, CPC Fund Chair.



Congregational-Presbyterian Church Fund
College Scholarship Application

Application will be taken until May 1, 2019

Through the generosity of former and current members and friends of our congregation, a trust fund has been established for the purpose of furthering educational opportunities for members of our congregation and others who are or have been involved in the life and ministry of our church. The trust fund yields an annual interest which is used by our Congregational-Presbyterian Church Fund Ministry to award scholarships to students. The CPC Fund ministry is excited to announce that the application for our 2019 College Scholarship is now available. The CPC Fund Ministry has set the following guidelines:

1. The recipient must be a member of our congregation or active in the Congregational-Presbyterian Church youth program at the present time, or previously if now in college or going back to school.
2. The award is renewable annually upon application, for a maximum of four years, toward certification or an associate, bachelor or graduate degree.
3. Awards will be granted:
 - Those graduating from high school and going on to college
 - Current undergraduate and graduate students
 - Those in vocational training
 - Those in career changes

Applications will be sent out to students who have been active in our youth ministries, and are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office.

Handbell Choir News

Exciting news! In February, our handbell choir received two add-on octaves of bells and chimes from the estate of Ed Steerman. Ed was a long-time member of our chancel choir. This is a huge gift and we are very grateful to the Steermans! It will take some time and practice to learn to play the new bells and chimes, but we look forward to being able to play them in worship soon. We will also need more ringers. If you are interested in learning to ring handbells and joining our choir, please speak to one of our ringers or call our director, Greg Thompson, at (509) 758-2622.

On March 22 and 23, our choir will be joining five other handbell choirs for the Inland Northwest Handbell Workshop at Simpson United Methodist Church in Pullman. The combined choirs will have more than 70 ringers and more than 500 bells and chimes—even more than at last year's workshop at Clarkston Methodist Church! At 7 pm on March 23 they will present a free concert that is open to the public. Everyone is invited to come hear the amazing sound of so many bells!

Finally, many of the choirs we meet at workshops have names like 'Soaring Bells' or 'Bells of Praise'. This year our choir decided to give itself a name—'Ring Alleluia!'. We are having polo shirts embroidered with our name and a logo, which we will wear when we ring in church or at workshops like the upcoming one in Pullman.

In the Sanctuary

The 40-day season of Lent, which this year begins on March 6 (Ash Wednesday) and ends on April 20 (the day before Easter), is a season of preparation for the Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. (For those of you who are getting out your calendars and counting the 40 days, Sundays are not included.)

We invite you to attend our Ash Wednesday Worship Service at the church. This is an opportunity to begin the 40 days of Lent with prayer, music, the proclamation of God's Word, and sharing together in Communion. (Note: MidWeek@CongoPres will not meet on March 6. Child care is provided during the Worship Service.)

Food Bank Sunday

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Sunday March 17th

This month needs

- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Kleenex
- Feminine Products
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Soap (bar)
- Diapers
- Baby Food

THESE ITEMS MAY BE BROUGHT TO FELLOWSHIP HALL
AND DEPOSITED IN THE GROCERY CART.

Communion

Did you know our Service Ministry is delivering communion to our shut-ins and does visitations?

If you have a friend, relative, neighbor, or perhaps you yourself, would like communion or to see a friendly face for a visit, our Service Ministry Team would like to extend an invitation to any who would like it.

For more information or to be put on the visit list, please call Mike Gabby at (208) 743-6645.

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BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 3 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship 5:30p Wired 6:30p Youth Dinner 7p YIPPY	4 9a Sr. Exercise 10:30a Women's Book Club	5 9:30a Staff Mtg 7p Worship Team Meeting	6 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 12n Wed. in the Word 6p Ash Wednesday Service w/ Communion	7 6p Adult Bell Choir	8 9a Sr. Exercise 9:45a Women's Bible Study	9
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CAMP SPALDING



Mark your 2019 summer calendar now for Camp Spalding!! Over the years, thousands of young lives have been eternally changed during summer camp experiences. Come to Camp Spalding and find out firsthand what these experiences are made of! Summer camps start in June and run through August for elementary ages, through senior high. Camp Spalding is on beautiful Davis Lake, north of Spokane. Camps for K-Grade 6 are listed below.

Camp scholarships are available. Please contact Kelly Paynter if you need a scholarship. Online registration for Summer 2019 is now open at www.campspalding.org. Visit the website now for more information!

No.	Camp	Grade in Fall	Dates
101	"Mom/Dad & Me"	K-2 & Parent	June 14-15
103	Discovery I	2-4	June 19-22
104	Junior I	5-6	June 23-29
108	Junior II	5-6	July 21-27
111	Discovery II	2-4	August 11-14
112	Family Camp	N/A	August 14-18
202	Pioneer Discovery	2-4	June 30-July 3
203	Pioneer Junior	5-6	July 7-13

Contact Kelly Paynter, Director of Children's Ministries, with questions, concerns or comments at kellyp@congopres.org, 743-4444 or 791-1262.



There's a place for all kids Preschool to 5th grade at Congo-Pres Mid Week Kids Club on Wednesday nights. A family style supper begins at 5:30 followed by our super awesome Kids Club from 6-7pm! Come have fun with us as we go on Adventures in Odyssey each week! Hope to see you then!



Preschool to Fifth Grade

Hey, Congo-Pres Kids! You're invited to **Children's Church** each Sunday morning! Come to the 9:00am Worship Service and right after the Young Disciples time, all kids who are in **Preschool (4 years) through Fifth Grade** are invited upstairs Pilgrim Hall for Children's Church! Each week has a Bible Lesson and fun activities!

***A note to Parents:** Children's Church concludes at 10:15am. At that time, you may come get your child(ren) and take them to the All-Church Fellowship time in Fellowship Hall or allow them to

remain upstairs, with our fun child-care providers. Please pick them up by 11:00am. We will not dismiss the children to Fellowship Hall without an adult.

Easter & Birthday Angel Tree

God works with these families through us when the incarcerated parent works with the prison chaplain requesting Angel Tree Ministry. This is an opportunity for the incarcerated parent to maintain a relationship with their child. Opportunities abound for sharing Christian love with these children whose lives are disrupted by a parent's absence. Our current opportunity is to provide Easter Baskets and a birthday gift through the end of current year to those families where the parent will not be home until next year or later.

We have fewer children for Easter this year since several of their parents have been released to return home. Please continue to pray for them and for mended family relationships. Thank you for all your caring support.

Angel Tree Ministry will be delivering Easter baskets and gifts to each of our Angel Tree children the week of April 14th.

Easter Angel Tree gift tags will be hanging in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 31st, and, if necessary, on April 7th. There will be one gift tag for each of our 11 children. Choose a coded gift tag, sign up on the clip board, and enjoy selecting a basket of Easter fun for your Angel Tree child.

Please bring baskets and gifts with the coded tag attached to the church office by Palm Sunday, April 14th. Our 11 children range in age from 13mos. to 16 years.

Gifts should be age-appropriate. Baskets containing stuffed toys and candy treats are readily available for young children. Older kids will love yummy, traditional Easter treats, but consider adding some good-smelling "lotions and potions" for young women or fixing up a little fishing tackle or tool box for the guys. Pack your selections in an Easter gift bag if you prefer...but remember to attach the top portion of the tag you removed from the tree! A special card reflecting the Easter message will accompany each of the gifts you provide.

The same routine will be used for the Birthday gift program. Bring birthday gifts to the church office, with the top portion of the tag attached, one week before the birthday. (Just so there are no slip ups, we will send you a reminder postcard/or phone call. We'll deliver your gift to the blessed youngster. For the older kids a gift certificate to a store such as Wal-Mart, Shopko, Ross, TJ Maxx, or J.C. Penney is always appropriate and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the Angel Tree Birthday program, please call Dianne Waldemarson, (208)305-1402, or the church office.

Thank you once again for supporting Angel Tree Ministries. God bless!
Any questions or comments, please call Tina Lantz (719-331- 7834)

Angel Tree

Fit & Fall Proof

(Senior Exercise)

Join us every
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
at 9am
in Fellowship Hall

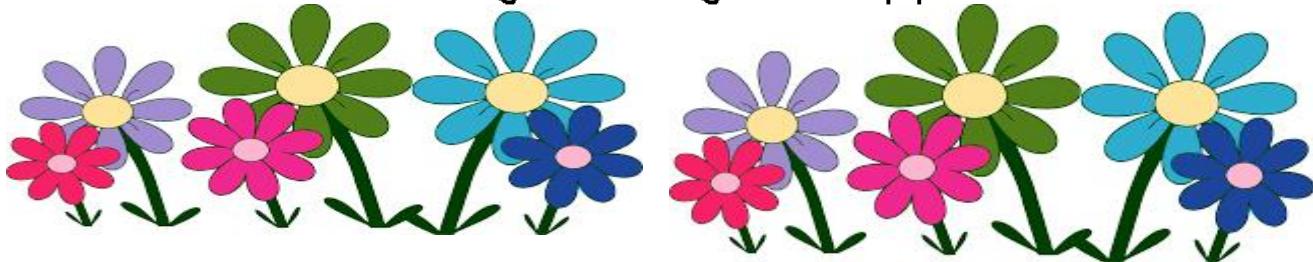


BRING A FRIEND!!

Flower Sale 2019!

Congo-Pres Youth Ministry is selling discount coupons to *Patt's Garden Center* (in Clarkston) in support of our Summer youth missions. Each coupon is \$25 and will purchase one flat of annuals or vegetables, or a half-flat of geraniums. To purchase coupons, fill out an order form located in Fellowship Hall and return it with check or cash to the church office. The actual flowers will not be ready to pick up until 4/22/19.

Thank you for your support!



9:00am Contemporary Service

This worship offers a relaxed way to praise our Lord. Our talented Song Team leads our music. Children's Church is available for kids entering Preschool thru 5th grade (kids excused after young disciples). Come as you are and worship in a casual atmosphere.

10:15am & Noon ~ All-Church Fellowship

Join us for coffee and cookies to catch-up with each other's lives. This sense of community is vital as we get to know our neighbors! Childcare available during the 10:15am fellowship hour.

11:00am Traditional Service

This worship is traditional with hymn selections, anthems sung by our choir and special music offerings. Join us for refreshments following worship.

North Dakota Goulash

**This is one of my kids favorite meals...
it's quick, easy, and yummy!**

1/2 cup chopped onion & celery
1 pound ground Beef
1 can tomato soup
1 can water
1/2 cup Ketchup
1 1/2 cup uncooked elbow mac-cooked
2-3 bay leaves



Brown onion and celery in small amount of butter; set aside.; brown hamburger; return onion and celery to cooked hamburger; pour soup and water, Ketchup and seasoning; in hamburger mixture; add cooked macaroni; stir together; simmer on low. remove bay leaves; ENJOY!!

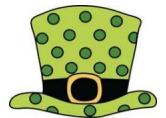
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Contact

CongoPres

MidWeek

wednesday Evenings

Join us every Wednesday
night for dinner, community
& fellowship.

FEBRUARY SIMPLE SUPPER MENU:

(MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

FEBRUARY 6TH	Soup & Pie
FEBRUARY 13TH	Taco's
FEBRUARY 20TH	Chili
FEBRUARY 27TH	Mac & Cheese
MARCH 6TH	Ash Wednesday NO MIDWEEK

There is a little something for everyone...
we'd LOVE to see you!!

Schedule:

Children's Chime Choir: 5-5:30pm

Simple Supper: 5:30-6pm

Guided Studies & Kids Club: 6-7pm

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