

# The LINK



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February 2020

Congregational-Presbyterian Church

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## 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.

Dear brothers and sisters,

As many of you know, CongoPres Youth will be serving on our summer Mexico Mission this coming June. While in Mexico, our students will be building a home for a family in need that has been identified by a local pastor. Working with Amor ministries, our students will wake up each morning, eat breakfast, pack a lunch, and travel to our work site. There they will mix concrete by hand, pour the foundation, frame the walls, and lay the roof that will serve as a home to our chosen family for many years to come. Returning to our camp site, we will take (cold) showers, prepare dinner, worship and reflect on the day's experiences, then go to bed to wake up and do it all over again. I can't wait!

For many of our students, the Mexico Mission will be the highlight of their experience at CongoPres Youth. For a few, it will shape the course of their lives- they will become passionate about serving "the least of these" and dedicate their lives to serving God's people. In fact, Nick Rawson Jr., a former student in our church and youth ministry, now works fulltime for Amor Ministries in San Diego as a result of his Mexico Mission experience. He will be hosting our mission team for two nights at his home church in San Diego. God is good!

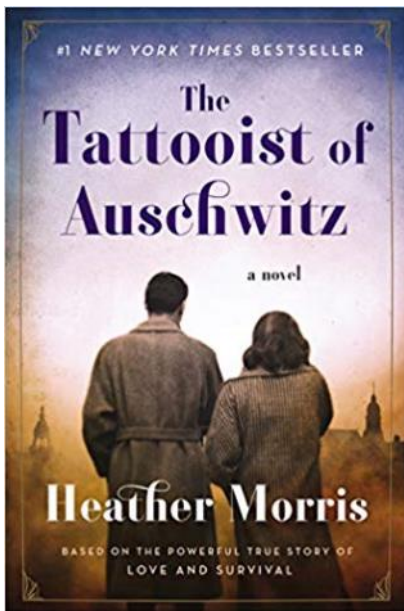
Over the next five months, our team of students and volunteers will prepare for our time in Mexico in a number of different ways. We will study Scripture together and pray. Some will apply for their first Passport while others will search their room frantically for their own. We will make food lists and check to make sure our tools are in working order. We will also work to raise the funds necessary to make our time together possible.

This brings me to an exciting announcement: it's February, which means its time to gather for our Valentine's Day Dinner! As long as CongoPres has been sending students and volunteers to Mexico, we have been feeding families from our congregation and community to raise funds for our mission. Each year, we fill Fellowship Hall with the sound of good conversation and the smell of excellent food. This is a highlight of the year for me, and I can't wait to see you all join us as we continue this wonderful tradition.

This year's meal will reflect a new theme: *A Night in Italy*. Morgan Segebartt, who herself served in Mexico as a member of our youth ministry, has volunteered to prepare a number of outstanding dishes that are sure to impress. There will be salad, garlic butter breadsticks, and soup in addition to your choice of Chicken Alfredo Bake, Italian Pasta-bake, or Vicky's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna (gluten-free). Following dinner our students will be happy to serve you from the many homemade desserts prepared by gracious members of our congregation. You won't want to miss it!

Our mission would not be possible without the generous financial support of the congregation. We hope you will join us for great food and an opportunity to meet the students who will be representing our church family in Mexico. We cannot wait to serve you!

In love and hope,  
Pastor McLane



# FEBRUARY PICK!

CPC Christian Book Club  
Monday March 2nd  
10:30 am in the Chapel

This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov - an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.

In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a Tätowierer (the German word for "tattooist"), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners.

Imprisoned for more than two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism - but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive.

One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her.

A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful recreation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.

## Mark your Calendars: February 2nd

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 & conversation for your special birthday month!

### February Birthdays

2nd	Ann Hogan & Liz Rawson
3rd	Kelly Paynter
4th	Marilyn Kidder
5th	Josh Hyndman
6th	Kathleen Roberts
7th	Jackie Williams & Gayle Beck
8th	Dean Jurgens & David Van Buren
9th	Lisa Kaltenbaugh
10th	John Hunt & Jim Campbell
13th	Nancy Poole
14th	Roy Jolley, Bee Herman & Marilyn Carter
15th	Paul Stewart, Jadon Mader & Russell Ruddolph
16th	Ashlee Johnson & Jean Peer
17th	Marcia Barkley & Chris Paynter
19th	Rich Goodwin & Kathy Johnson
21st	Jacob Shaw & Max Mills
22nd	Bev Williams & Keesje Mills
25th	Mark Poe & Tyler Rawson
26th	Gary Gibler & Clair Hanson
28th	Nancy Gabby, Kathy McIntosh & Cookie Crane



February Birthdays

Scholarship Opportunity

## 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 \$1200.00. The deadline for the application is April 1, 2020 with the scholarship awarded on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020. If there are further questions about this scholarship or eligibility, please contact Peggy Fulton, CPC Fund Chair.

THANK YOU'S

*The Missions Committee received this note from Russell Ballew, the Volunteer & Religious Coordinator at the Idaho Correctional Center at Orofino.*

Thank you so much for your generous donations over the past year! The inmates always appreciate the calendars, greeting cards and books you supply.

A few items our inmates could greatly use and would appreciate are:

- o Valentine's Day and Mother's Day greeting cards
- o 3 Portable DVD players & 6 sets of headphones for the Chapel Library
- o "Y-splitters" so multiple people can listen to the DVD players.

Thank you!

*Donations can be given to Patti Mann or Kate Nowlin.*

Dear Congregational-Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so very much for another successful blood drive in the books!! WOW! One over goal! I appreciate the church so much for supporting our mission to save lives, especially during the holiday season when it is so critical. The staff is also very grateful for the meal supplied to them during the blood drive. You have no idea how much that is appreciated. I wish you a blessed New Year and look forward to working with you again next winter. You and the church are just the best.

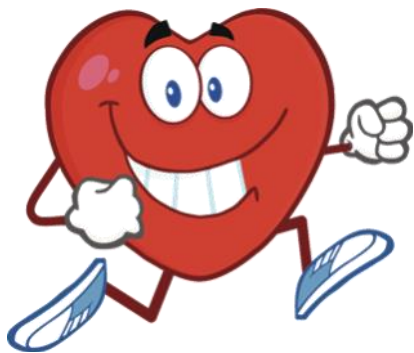
Mary Kress, Account Manager  
Red Cross Blood Drive

Start your New Year off right with...

## Fit & Fall Proof

(Senior Exercise)

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



Please note there will be no class on  
Monday February 17th and Monday April 27th!

### Upcoming Events

Sr. Soup Lunch  
Thursday, March 12th  
Fellowship Hall at 11am



*Antonia's*

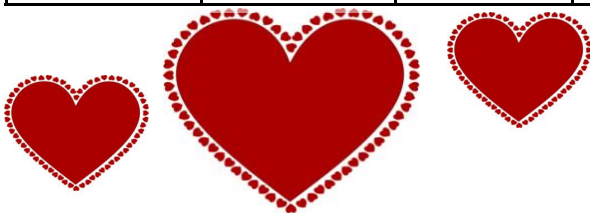
Thursday, April 16th  
11am



# Yippy and Wired in February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>Join us Saturday, February 8th for a scrumptious Italian Feast! Our Youth Mission Valentine's Dinner has four different seating options; 5:00pm; 5:30pm; 6:30pm and 7:00pm. Please sign up for this yummy event and help support our Youth on their 2020 Mission trip to Mexico! We appreciate your support!</p>
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## Questions

Please contact Pastor McLane or Bobbi Jo Sinner, Youth Ministry Secretary in the church office at 743-4444.



# FOOD BANK SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH



## *THIS MONTH'S NEEDS:*

- ◆ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ◆ Soaps: Hand, Dish & Laundry
- ◆ Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- ◆ Razors & Shaving Cream
- ◆ Feminine Products

**These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart. Thank you!**

## **March LINK Deadline is Tuesday February 18th**

Do you have a favorite RECIPE you'd like to share? FAVORITE BOOK?  
We would love to hear from you!!



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.

**If you would like to volunteer to help assemble the LINK for mailing please come to the church office on Tuesday, February 25th at 9am.**

**Food Bank Sunday**

**LINK News**

# Small Groups

Women's Association will hold their next meeting on Monday, February 10th at 10am in Fellowship Hall. February hostesses are Shari Rhodes and Jan Kautz. Devotions will be led by Marie Eier and Pastor Steve will be presenting the program: "The Persistent Widow".

Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on Monday, March 2nd at 10:30 am in the Chapel. The book club has started meeting every other month to allow time to read and cherish our books.

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 John. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with the men of the church.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets on Friday morning at 9:50 am in the Chapel. We are studying the book of Mark. Study books are available at class. Join us for fun fellowship and discussion of the prophecies and how they relate to us today. All women are welcome to join us. For questions call Jean Allen at (208) 746-0557.

Wednesday in the Word meets 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.

Monday Night Ladies Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month. This month they will meet February 10th and 24th at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room. The group is studying Philippians. Please see Rona Meske for a book, cost is \$5.

# CAMP SPALDING



Mark your 2020 summer calendar now for Camp Spalding! 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. Online registration for Summer 2020 begins in late February at [www.campspalding.org](http://www.campspalding.org). Visit the website now for camp dates and more info.

*Camp scholarships are available. Please contact Kelly Paynter or Pastor McLane if you are in need of financial assistance to camp!*



Did you know that childcare is provided at every services at CongoPres? Our nursery is open on Sundays, Wednesdays and for all worship services! Loving child care for infants through age three is provided for the Sunday 9:00am Contemporary Service beginning at 8:45am. Your child is welcome to remain in the nursery until Fellowship Hour ends at 11:00am. Childcare for ages 1st grade and younger is available during the 11:00am Traditional-Service. Childcare for infants through age 3 is provided on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00pm.



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@congopresloveskids



There's a place for all kids Preschool to 5th grade at CongoPres Kids Club! A family style supper begins at 5:30 followed by our super awesome Kids Club from 6-7pm. Come have fun with us February 5, 12, 19. We will not meet 2/26 due to Ash Wednesday.



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.

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

## Start the new year with JOY!!!

Attention Ladies of the church: Mark your calendars and bring your lunches for a dynamic noon Bible study in the Administration Office Conference Room starting on Tuesday Jan 21-Feb.25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00. The Women's Ministry Team received so much positive feedback from the fall retreat about JOY they decided to present the entire 6-session study from Stasi Eldredge "Unwavering...Living with Defiant JOY." God means for us to have JOY...a joy from Him that is defiant in the face of this broken world. All are welcome...bring a friend and come join us! Please call Marcia Barkley 509-552-9536 if you have any questions.

## Reserve your place for the 2020 Valentine's Dinner!

Saturday, February 8th!

Reservations are required and fill up quickly!

Join us at the Valentine's Dinner, February 8th for an Italian feast!

On the menu: Chicken Alfredo Bake, Italian Pasta Bake & Vicky's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna

Seating's are at 5:00, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:00pm.

Invite your friends and help support our  
2020 Mexico Mission Trip.

# ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 26, 6:30 PM

## In the Sanctuary

The 40-day season of Lent, which this year begins on February 26 (Ash Wednesday) and ends on April 11 (the day before Easter), is a season of spiritual 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* will not meet on February 26. Child care is provided during the Worship Service.)



## DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a 13-week Christian based Non-denominational ministry for those who are separated or going through a divorce. A new study begins Thursday February 20, 2020 @ 5:30 pm in the conference room located in the Administration Building.

Please contact the church (208.743.4444) to sign up and for additional information.

Ash Wednesday

Divorce Care

Our Spring MidWeek Program continues on Wednesdays.  
A Light Dinner is served 5:30pm to 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall  
Adult Courses and “Kids’ Club” meet 6:00pm to 7:00pm  
with child care for the little ones



## **“Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths”**

***A 7-week video course taught by Pastor Steve Wilbraham***

Together we will explore major world religions and compare the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton helps us to address questions such as: Why are there so many different religions? How should we view their beliefs? And how can Christians build bridges with people of other religions so that we might love our neighbors and find positive ways to share the gospel of Jesus Christ?

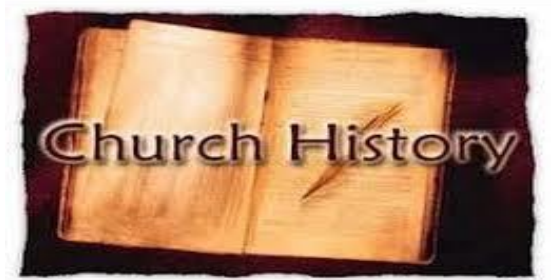
## **“Then and Now: Church History for Faith Today”**

***A course taught by Pastor McLane Stone***

*In the basement of the Administration Building*

What can the past teach us about today? As Christians, we are “surrounded by a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) that reaches back two thousand years to the earliest Christian communities. Engaging the life and times of these communities can help us to better understand our own lives and our call to faithfulness to God. Join us as we explore major moments in church history and consider their lessons for following Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Please note there will be no Midweek on  
Wednesday February 26th!



# February Simple SUPPER MENU:

(Menu is subject to changes)

February 5th

February 12th

February 19th

February 26th

Mac and Cheese

Tacos

Chili or Taco Soup  
(your choice)

No Midweek

*Thank you to all who bring food items to share for the MidWeek Menu. Any questions, please call Bev Williams at 208-791-3953*



**JOIN US EVERY  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR  
DINNER, COMMUNITY &  
FELLOWSHIP.**

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



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M-Th: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.





# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>"Love one another. Just as I have loved you."</i></p> <p>John 13:34</p>						1 8a Communion Set-Up
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