



The LINK

To Know Christ
To Become Like Christ
To Share Christ

September 2020

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We need the church, and the church needs us. The church needs us to share our gifts. All of us have been put together by God with a unique set of experiences, passions, spiritual gifts, and specific skills. This makes us unlike anyone else, which is why we need to use our uniqueness to benefit the church.

If you are a good encourager, we need you to encourage us. If you have the gift of teaching, we need you to teach us. If you are generous with your time, talents and money, we need you to put that generosity into practice. If you enjoy caring for others, we need you to care for those of us who need your help. If you are a good administrator, we need you to show us how to be effective as a church.

When we use our gifts to serve others and receive their love in return, we might just find ourselves less tempted to find alternatives to being involved in the life of the church. For, you see, our church just isn't the same without YOU!

Yours in Christ
Pastor Steve



Dear Church Family,

More than 30 times, the New Testament refers to the church as the “body of Christ.” When Paul discussed the members of the church in 1 Corinthians 12, he used hands, feet, ears, and eyes to emphasize the fact that “there are many parts, but one body.” Just imagine how Paul would have described the church if he had the advantage of what modern science has taught us about the human body.

He would have told us that just as the body’s cells work in unison with one another to sustain the larger parts of the body, so life in the church, the body of Christ, is kept going by the way in which individual Christians serve one another in the church.

Human cells cannot exist without the larger body in which to do their work. Neither can the body exist without its cells actively carrying out their tasks. The body and the cells need one another. So it is with us and the church.

Each one of us “cells” needs the church. We need the church to encourage us in our spiritual lives. When we are wrestling with what it means to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, we need to be able to sit down with friends in the church and talk about our questions.

We need the church to protect us from trying to live the Christian life alone. God made us to live in relationships with one another, and we will only experience the life he intended when we live in relationship with him and with his people.

We need the church to help keep our human spirits in line with God’s Spirit. Just as our car can get out of alignment and needs a mechanic to get it back where it needs to be, our lives can get off track as we encounter the bumps and bruises of this world. The church can help get us back in line with God’s will.

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Senior Exercise Is Back!

FIT & FALL PROOF

(SENIOR EXERCISE)

JOIN US EVERY
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
AT 9AM



OCTOBER LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 21ST

If you would like to volunteer to help assemble the LINK for mailing please come to the church office on Tuesday, September 29th at 9am.



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 publication.





FOOD BANK SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH



This month's needs:

- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Hamburger Helper
- ◆ Chicken Helper
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Cake Mixes
- ◆ Frosting
- ◆ Sugar
- ◆ Flour

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



Our Fall MidWeek Program begins Wednesday, September 9
Meeting 6:00 – 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

“Important Themes for Understanding and Reading Scripture”
A course taught by Pastors Steve and McLane
(Topics include Sabbath, the Law, the Messiah, and Sacrifice)

We will maintain social distancing; please wear face coverings

(The 5:30-6:00pm light dinner will not be served until we are able to lift COVID-19 restrictions)

(Children’s ministry’s “Kids’ Club” will not meet during MidWeek)



Please Join Us



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

MIDWEEK

Divorce Care, a special help seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce and separation, will be held on Thursday evenings at Congregational Presbyterian Church in the Conference Room. We will meet 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and begin on Thursday, September 10. Child care is available.

Divorce Care features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "New Relationships," "Kid care" and "Forgiveness." We will also address the stress that Covid has placed on people going through divorce during this time.

For more information, call Loa Vornholt at 509-295-3930.



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, with nursery for the younger ones.

11:00am Traditional Service

This worship is traditional with hymn selections and special music offerings. Nursery is available for children 1st grade and younger.

9:00am and 11:00am Livestream

The Worship Services are livestreamed on our website: www.congopres.org, and can be viewed at any time during the following week.

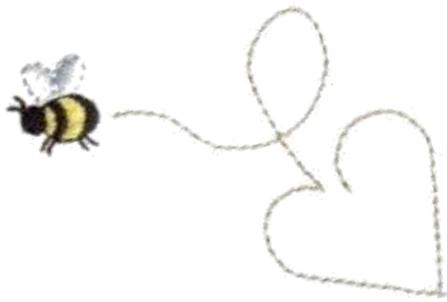


*This month you may want to help celebrate our
September Birthdays by sending a card to:*

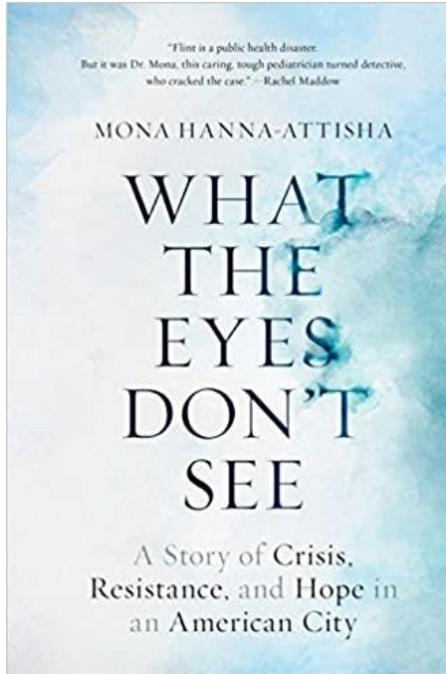
September Birthdays

2nd	Seth Dilling & Bobbi Jo Sinner
5th	Elaine Williams
6th	John Tilton
7th	Jazmine Olson, Lee Owens & Jim Solem
10th	Connie McDonald & Amy Parker
11th	McLane Stone, Laura Williams, Joy Gerritsen & Lloyd Reuschlein
12th	Lori Holder
14th	Pat Emerich, Tina Lantz & Clare McCracken
15th	Bob Allen, Norma Dahlgren, Gale Kambitsch & Geonna Travis
17th	Doug Riggs
18th	Stephnay Gossage & Tami Thomson
19th	Elizabeth Racicot
21st	Kate Nowlin & Anna Bruce
22nd	Ben Barkley
23rd	Morgan Ashe & Jacquie Shore
24th	Jacki Ficker
25th	John Mannschreck & Julie Lind
26th	Vivian Seubert & Camie Smith
30th	Diane Kovach & Natalie Hardin





September Pick



This book was recommended by the CPC Christian Book Club

Here is the inspiring story of how Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, alongside a team of researchers, parents, friends, and community leaders, discovered that the children of Flint, Michigan, were being exposed to lead in their tap water—and then battled her own government and a brutal backlash to expose that truth to the world. Paced like a scientific thriller, *What the Eyes Don't See* reveals how misguided austerity policies, broken democracy, and callous bureaucratic indifference placed an entire city at risk. And at the center of the story is Dr. Mona herself—an immigrant, doctor, scientist, and mother whose family's activist roots inspired her pursuit of justice.

What the Eyes Don't See is a riveting account of a shameful disaster that became a tale of hope, the story of a city on the ropes that came together to fight for justice, self-determination, and the right to build a better world for their—and all of our—children.

The book club will begin meeting again on Tuesday September 8th and will resume meeting on the first Monday every other month at their next meeting in November. Meetings will be held in the chapel and will begin at 10am. Please wear your mask and bring any books you'd like to share.





CongoPres Youth in September

We are excited to start another year of fall programming at CongoPres Youth. This fall high school and middle school students will be working their way through the Gospel of Luke as we ask the question, "Who is Jesus, really?" We will be looking at what it means to follow Jesus in light of the Bible's witness to him. *What does Jesus say about power? How does Jesus address temptation? What does Jesus mean by the "Kingdom of Heaven"?* We will explore these questions and many more. We hope to see you and your friends on Sunday night!



WIRED

Sundays - 5:00-6:30pm

Middle School ministry (6th-8th grades)

Sunday nights 5:00-6:30pm is all about middle school madness! Join us for games, faith, and fun! At WIRED, we believe that God is calling each of us to follow Him with our whole lives. We want to explore what that means together. Don't miss it!

YIPPY

Sundays - 7:00-8:30pm

High School ministry (9th-12th grades)

Are you looking for a group of friends to grow in your relationship with Jesus? Do you want to know more about your faith and how it impacts your daily life? YIPPY is our high school ministry that provides a place for students to gather. And grow. We meet on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm at the Youth House for games, worship, and general shenanigans. It's always a little crazy!



QUESTIONS?

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

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monday, September 14, 10am to 12 noon

In Fellowship Hall

The women of our church and their friends are invited to our first Women's Association meeting on Monday, September 14 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The purpose of Women's Association as stated in our yearbook: *"As women sharing a common faith in our Lord and Savior we unite through the church: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to demonstrate His love in all areas of life, to declare our oneness with fellow Christians everywhere, to grow in Christian faith and responsibility. We shall seek to implement this purpose by: study, prayer and service, supporting with our giving the work of the Presbyterian church and the United Church of Christ."*

To this purpose, we have devotions led by a member of the group, a time of prayer for those in need, a time for refreshments and hospitality, and a Bible study led by Pastor Steve. This year we will be continuing our study of the Parables of Jesus.

During this "interesting" period in the life of the church, we are asking that those who attend wear a face mask. The room will be set up to provide for social distancing. Our refreshments will be simple and will be packaged. Coffee and hot water will be available for those who wish it.

We are so eager to be meeting again and to welcome newcomers as well as regular members. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Peggy Fulton at 208-743-3267. See you there!



Our nursery is open Sunday mornings 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. Childcare for ages 1st grade and younger is available during the 11:00am Traditional Service beginning at 10:45.



Join Kelly Paynter on Wednesdays right after school for CongoPres Kids Club! We will start September 9th, 3:30-5pm. Kids currently in Kindergarten to 5th Grade are invited to come. We've got a lot of fun things planned including: outdoor play, indoor play stations (puzzles, Legos, Playdoh, etc), science experiments, crafts, individually wrapped snacks and a Bible story time. Kelly will send a Constant Contact email with drop off and pick up details on Tuesday, September 8th.

Questions? Contact Kelly via text at 208-791-1262 or email at kellyp@congopres.org.



Hey, Congo-Pres Kids! You're invited to **Children's Church** each Sunday morning! All kids who are in **Preschool (4 years) through Fifth Grade** are invited to Children's Church below the Sanctuary at 9:00am each Sunday. Doors open at 8:50am. Stop by the hand sanitizing station, give your hands a quick scrub and come join us! Each week we have a Bible Lesson and fun activities. We have socially distanced tables, chairs and all kids have their own tub of craft supplies and bottled water. Children's Church concludes when the 9:00am service ends. At that time, please come get your child at the top of the ramp. We will not dismiss children outside without an adult present. We are doing everything we can to keep our facility sanitized after each event. Our adult volunteers wear face shields but masks are not required for children unless a parent requests they wear one. Disposable masks are available if needed.



Sign up for Kelly's Constant Contact emails by following these simple steps:

1. Go to our church website, www.congopres.org,
2. Click on the Ministries tab
3. Click on Children's Ministry
4. Scroll to the bottom where it says "Subscribe to Monthly Children's Ministry"
5. Type your name & email
6. Click Subscribe Now

If you experience difficulties, text your email to 208-791-1262 and Kelly will add it to the list for you.

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



Growing in faith



Women's Association will meet Monday September 14th at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Women's Association is open to all women and new members are always welcome. For more information please read the Women's Association article on page 10 of this month's LINK or contact co-chair's Shari Rhodes or Peggy Fulton.

Women's Christian Book Club will begin meeting again Tuesday September 8th. They will resume meeting on the first Monday every other month at their next meeting on November 2nd. The group will gather at 10am in the Chapel. Book Club reading recommendations can be found in our monthly LINK newsletter on the "Tales from the Library" page. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.

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



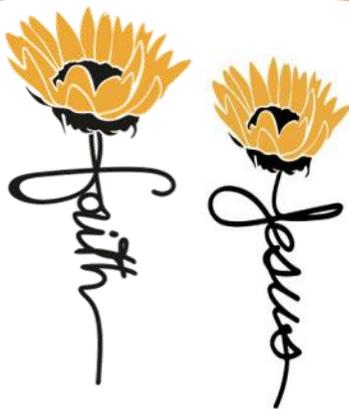
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen" ~Hebrew 11:1



Friday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume on September 18th at 10am in the Chapel. They will be studying the Book of Acts. Please wear your masks as social distancing and covid protocols will be practiced. Join us for fun fellowship and discussion. All women are welcome to join us. For questions call Jean Allen.

Wednesday in the Word resumes September 9th. Please join us every Wednesday from 12pm - 1pm in the Chapel to meet with Pastor Steve to discuss the biblical passage for the coming Sunday sermon. We will maintain social distancing; please wear your face covering. All are welcome to join the exploration of biblical teaching and its application for Christian living.

Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study will begin meeting on September 14th at 6:45 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. The group will be finishing up the Philippians study (currently on lesson 9). Please contact Rona Meske for more information.



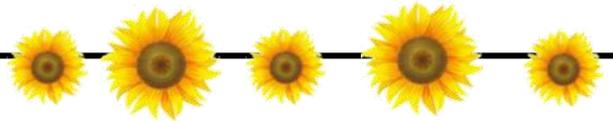
Teach me to LOVE others the way you first LOVED me.

Produce Sharing

Bring the abundance of your garden to the kitchen counter in Fellowship Hall to share with others in our congregation. Please be sure to wash well the produce you take home.



Church Office Closed
September 7th
for
Labor Day Holiday



I'd like to thank everyone for all of their prayers and get well cards. My church family is amazing! It's a long and painful process to recovery but well worth it when I can stand up and I'm perfectly straight. No more leg pain or leaning to the left!
Praise the LORD!

Blessings,
Shari Rhodes

If you would like a copy of the September/October Upper Room they are available in the church office.



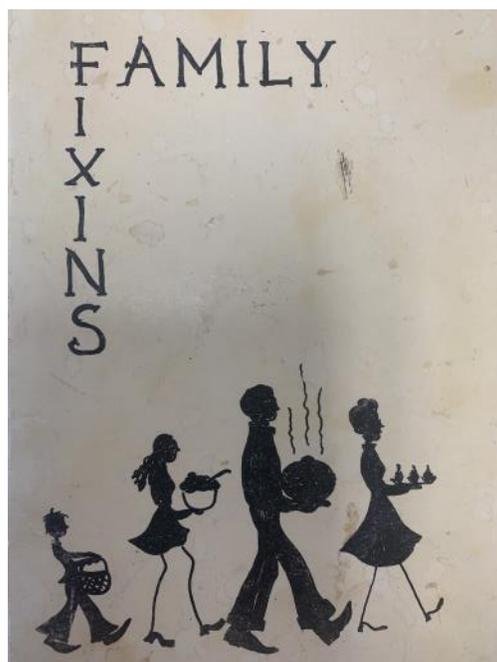
Meatballs

Recipe from the kitchen of Zadie Emerich

Mix:

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 cup grape nut flakes (or something similar)
- 1 egg
- 1 (8oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 medium onion, minced

Shape into balls and brown in skillet. Cover with (1) can tomato sauce and (1) can water. Simmer for 30 minutes. Tomato gravy may be made by adding medium white sauce, or meat balls may be used with spaghetti.



I was cleaning the shelves around my desk last month and I found this amazing CPC cookbook. I've included a picture of the cover and the front insert. I'll be featuring recipes from the "Family Fixins" cookbook the next few months. Hope you enjoy!

~Anna

THESE RECIPES WERE CONTRIBUTED BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL - PRESBYTERIAN FEDERATED CHURCH. MANY OF THEM WERE ENJOYED AT OUR FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS, AND IT IS OUR WISH TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU.





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September



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