

THE LINK



*Remember
that you are
dust,
and to dust
you shall
return.*

Ecclesiastes 3:20

**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17TH**

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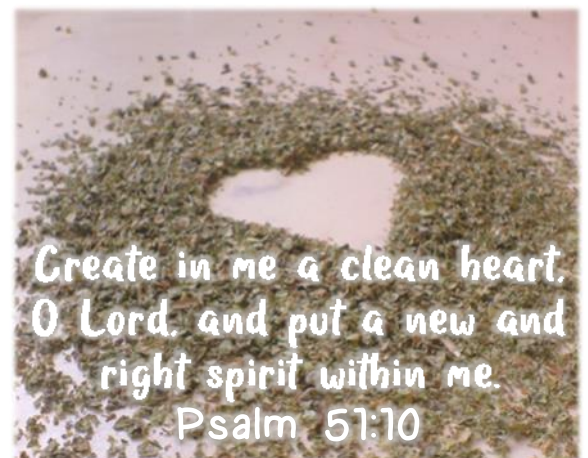
FEBRUARY 17th, 6:00 PM

In the Sanctuary

(the service will be live-streamed)

The 40-day season of Lent, which this year begins on February 17th (Ash Wednesday) and ends on April 3 (the day before Easter), is a season of spiritual preparation for the Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (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, meditation, and the proclamation of God's Word. (Note: *MidWeek* will not meet on February 17th. Child care is provided during the Worship Service.)



Create in me a clean heart,
O Lord, and put a new and
right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10

Dear Church Family,

The 40-day season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and ends on April 3, the day before Easter Sunday, and serves as a time of preparation for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A good way to observe Lent is by means of the discipline of daily reading God's Word. One way of doing so is through our Congregational Bible Reading Plan, available on our website, www.congopres.org.

The goal of reading the Bible is to get a fresh look at the things of God, and especially to get a fresh look at Jesus. The core of the faith for the Christian believer is explored as we seek to answer two fundamental questions: who was this Jesus spoken of in the Bible and what does he have to do with us? The Bible claims that through Jesus, God has revealed himself to human beings. "No one has ever seen God, but God's only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known" (John 1:18).

Holy Scripture has the power to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ. Those who are willing to give it an honest reading will experience the compelling nature of God's Word. That is because "the word of God is living and active" (Hebrews 4:12). Those who spend time meditating on the Scriptures will experience the passages coming to life. Through the text we see something about ourselves or something that is going on in our world, and we receive insight into how to respond.

The Holy Spirit is the one who draws people to God. The Bible is like any other writing in its physical form, words that in themselves are simply human expression. These words tell everyone that they have sinned (Romans 3:23), but many do not believe that to be true. The Bible declares that we are separated from God and need to be made righteous before him (Romans 3:10), and that there is a coming judgment of human beings (Hebrews 9:27), but people do not believe this simply because they read it in a book. It is the work of the Holy Spirit, through the Scriptures, to "convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:8).

I would like to invite you to attend the Ash Wednesday Worship Service in our Sanctuary at 6:00pm on February 17. This is an opportunity to prepare ourselves for the 40 days of Lent through prayer, music, and the proclamation of God's Word. The service will be live-streamed on our website.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Food Bank Sunday

February 21st

This month's needs:

- ◆ Household Cleaner ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Kleenex ◆ Razors
- ◆ Toilet Paper ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Paper Towels ◆ Feminine Products
- ◆ Toothbrushes

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

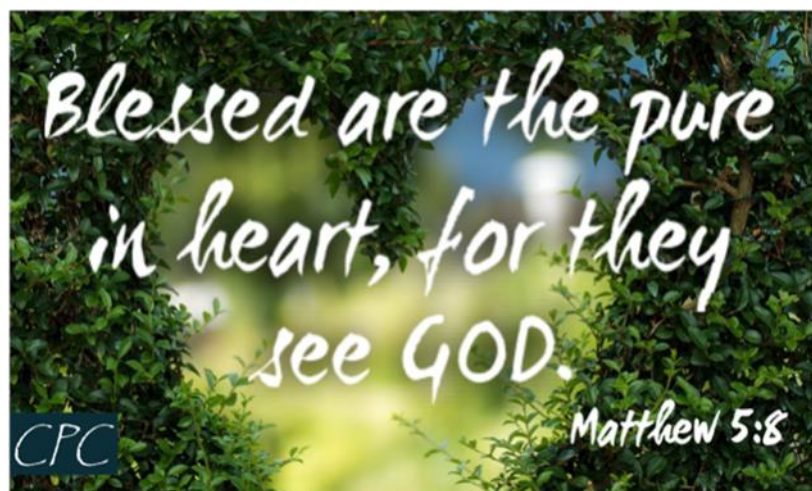
Thank you!



A big THANK YOU for all the donations brought in for January's Food Bank Sunday!

March LINK Deadline is Monday February 15th

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 inclusion.



Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share?
Favorite Book?

If you would like to volunteer to help assemble the LINK for mailing please come to the church office on Tuesday, February 23rd at 9am .

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ANGEL TREE

Due to your generous contributions, we were able to keep our Christmas commitment to Angel Tree families while dealing with all the necessary limitations. We were able to purchase 68 - \$25.00 gift cards: 2 for each child, 1 for each caregiver, and 5 cards for our January - March, 2021 birthdays.

Additionally, several prisoners received encouragement and the love of Christ through Christmas Card notes written by members of our church.

Many caregivers expressed special thanks for the gift cards as they could use them to purchase the special gift they knew the child wanted. They felt blessed by the timing of the gift. One caregiver wrote: *"Just wanted to say Thank You all so much for the amazing delivery (emoji heart). I appreciate it more than I can express. God bless you all for the work you do & for helping so many people especially the kiddos."*

We want to thank everyone who contributed funds to support the gift cards and food baskets. We want to give special thanks to everyone who offered prayers, words of support and encouragement to Angel Tree families and ministry.



The Angel Tree Ministry,
Tina, Dianne and Sherry



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.

Valentine's Day Strawberry Muffins

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 1/2 cups chopped fresh strawberries
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- 12 slices fresh strawberry
- 1 tablespoon white sugar



Directions:

- Mix lemon juice with as much milk as needed to measure 1 cup; let the soured milk stand for 5 minutes before using.
- Preheat an oven to 350 degrees.
- Line 24 muffin tins with paper liners.
- Cream together the butter and 1 1/2 cups sugar in a large bowl.
- Beat in the eggs, one at a time; add the lemon extract.
- Gradually stir in the lemon zest and soured milk.
- Gently fold in the chopped strawberries.
- Mix the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in another bowl.
- Stir the butter mixture into the flour mixture until dry ingredients are just moistened.
- Fold in the chocolate chips.
- Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups to about 2/3 full.
- Place a strawberry slice atop each muffin and sprinkle with some of the 1 tablespoon white sugar.
- Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in the pans for 5 minutes before serving warm.

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

February Birthdays



2nd	Ann Hogan & Liz Rawson
3rd	Kelly Paynter
4th	Marilyn Kidder
5th	Josh Hyndman & Vicki Ryker
6th	Kathleen Roberts
7th	Gayle Beck
8th	Dean Jurgens & David Van Buren
9th	Lisa Kaltenbaugh
10th	Jim Campbell
13th	Nancy Poole
14th	Roy Jolley, Bee Herman & Marilyn Carter
15th	Paul Stewart, Shain Dammon & Russell Rudolph
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
23rd	Sydney Jungert & Liz Rudolph
25th	Mark Poe & Tyler Rawson
26th	Gary Gibler & Clair Hanson
28th	Nancy Gabby, Kathy McIntosh & Cookie Crane

ASKING
GOD

TO remind
YOU JUST
HOW MUCH
YOU'RE loved.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

CONGOPRES YOUTH *in February*



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, Youth Ministry secretary at 743-4444 in the church office if you have any questions.

Dear Church Family,

It has been a true honor to serve the Congregational-Presbyterian Church as the Director of Children's Ministries since 2012. I have loved and been loved by our church family these past 9 years and hold you all so dear as friends, colleagues and brothers and sisters in Christ. Serving you, working alongside you, worshipping with you and loving your kids has been a great love, responsibility and calling in my life. And so, it is not easy to say that I have resigned my position as the Director of Children's Ministries. I believe God has brought this change about and has provided me with a new job opportunity. I have accepted and will begin teaching 6-8th Grade Bible, History and Language Arts at Cornerstone Christian School in August. If you'd like to know about how God has been at work in this change, please don't hesitate to ask. I'm happy to share the details of this new chapter of my life with you.

I will remain dedicated to the families of CongoPres until the end of July. Please be in prayer for the leadership of our church as they seek to find a new Director of Children's Ministries. While this is a bittersweet farewell for me, I trust wholeheartedly that God's plan is always the best plan and He will continue to guide and bless our church throughout this transition.

I am eternally grateful for the time I spent with you as Director of Children's Ministries. I would be remiss if I didn't share special thanks for the support I have received during my time here. First, I'd like to thank my family. Chris, thank you for getting our kids to church solo on Sunday mornings and for always giving me true feedback on whether I hit a homerun or totally flopped at Young Disciples. You have done more behind the scenes to help than anyone knows. Jace and Addy, you grew up at the church, hanging out while mom worked and helping me gauge what worked and what didn't for kids. Thanks for your input on many things, but especially what brand of fruit snacks were best to buy for Children's Church.

Second, I'd like to thank the Children's Ministry Team. I couldn't have done my job without the help, input and countless hours of dedication from Tami Thomson, Lori Coons, Shannon Van Buren, Liz Rawson and Travis Walker. Thank you for regularly volunteering and selflessly serving with me. Third, I'd like to thank the church staff and Pastors, past and present. I have been fortunate to serve alongside Godly people who have become dear friends. Thank you, Steve, McLane, Josh, Beth, Kathy, Bobbi Jo, Melanie, Sarah, Anna, Lisa, Rich, Rich, Dick, Jim and Mike. You all blessed me greatly.

Fourth, I'd like to thank the congregation. Thank you for your encouragement and generous support. I enjoyed hearing you laugh during Young Disciples, seeing you nod in agreement when I was leading in worship, worshipping with you and connecting with you. Thank you, parents and grandparents, for trusting me with the impressionable hearts and minds of your kids and grandchildren.

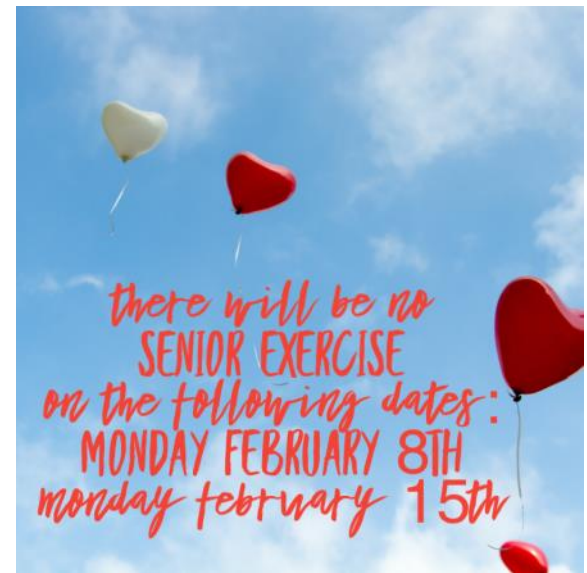
Lastly, thank you to the CongoPres kids. You can't possibly know how much I've loved teaching you about Jesus. I will miss your faces, voices, our conversations and your childlike faith the very most. Here is my prayer for you: May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace. Numbers 6:24-26

In Christ's Love,
Kelly Paynter

Fit & Fall Proof

(Senior Exercise)

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



All Seniors are welcome to attend. Social distancing is practiced and masks must be worn.



**THE SENIOR MINISTRY TEAM AND
VOLUNTEERS DELIVERED 20+
LUNCHES TO SENIORS ON
JANUARY 20TH.**



nursery



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.

CAMP SPALDING



Mark your 2021 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. Camp Spalding is optimistic that forthcoming COVID vaccines will allow for a more normal summer camping season in 2021. Online registration for Summer 2021 is tentatively scheduled to begin on March 1st. Check www.campspalding.org for camp dates and more info. Please contact Kelly Paynter or Pastor McLane if you are in need of financial assistance to camp. Camp scholarship paperwork will be available in late February.



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 and all kids have their own tub of craft supplies. Children's Church concludes when the 9:00am service ends. At that time, please come get your child at the bottom of the ramp. We will not dismiss children outside without an adult present.



WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

Kids' Club meets Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm and is for children in Kindergarten up to 5th Grade. Many fun things are planned for Kids' Club including creative object lessons, crafts, games, individually wrapped snacks and an interactive and engaging Bible story time. Snack & free time will be from 3:30-4pm. The planned hour of our afternoon will begin at 4pm and conclude at 5pm. Kids' Club will meet in the Children's Ministry space directly below the Sanctuary. Please use the ramp entrance to enter and exit.

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

The Women's Association meets on the second Monday of the month at 10am in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, prayer support and education. February hostesses are Jan Kautz and Darlene Plant. Devotion will be led by Shari Rhodes. Please take a look on page 14 of this months LINK to learn more about Women's Association. *We hope to see you February 8th!*

Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on *Monday March 1st at 10am* in the Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.



Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45 am 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.



Friday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume meeting Friday February 5th at 10am in the Chapel. We are currently in the book of Acts, starting on lesson 10, Acts 9:32-10:48. Bring your Bible and study book. Extra books are available for new members. For questions call Jean Allen..

Please join us each week for Wednesday in the Word. This program meets every Wednesday, 12-1pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to come meet with Pastor Steve and 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 Women's Bible Study will be meeting this month on *February 8th & 22nd* at 6:45 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. The group has started a new lesson, "The Fruit of the Spirit". For more information or to purchase a book please contact Rona Meske.



A new Divorce Care class began on Sunday January 10th. The program is designed as a grief recovery for people who have been through, or are going through divorce. Anyone interested is welcome to pop in any Sunday from 3-4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall during the thirteen week program. If you need child care or have any questions please contact the church at 208-743-4444.



RAIN GUTTER REPLACEMENT

Rich Goodwin, Facilities Coordinator, reported that on January 5, 2021 Stateline Gutter replaced the gutters on the Fellowship Hall Kitchen, and on the back porch and carport at Helen's House.



The **Women's Association** has been blessed to have Pastor Steve lead us each month in Bible study. We have studied the book of Esther, Hebrews and the Fruit of the Spirit and unnamed women in the Bible to list a few. Last year and for the remainder of 2021 we are studying the Parables of Jesus. These simple stories hold deep lessons for life and we have some lively discussions about what they mean. February will find us discussing and learning about the Parable of the "Persistent Widow" from Luke 18:1-8. All women of the church are invited to join us to learn,



MIDWEEK

Meeting 6:00 – 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

"Important Themes for Understanding and Reading Scripture"

A course taught by Pastors Steve and McLane

(Topics: The Test, Public Reading of Scripture, The Holy Spirit)



We will not meet February 17th. Join us for the Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 6pm.

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

We will maintain social distancing;
please wear face coverings



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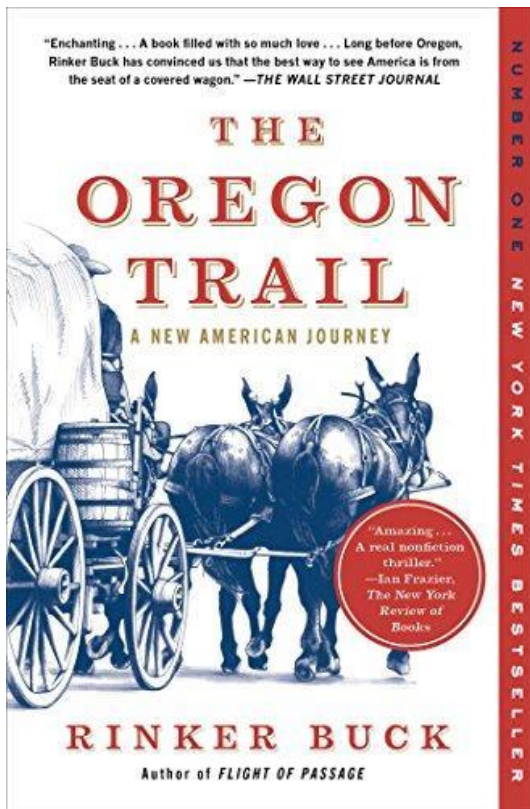
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OFFICE HOURS:

M-F: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY PICK!



This book was recommended by the
CPC Christian Book Club



CPC Christian Book Club
Monday March 1st
10:30 am in the Chapel

Spanning 2,000 miles and traversing six states from Missouri to the Pacific Ocean, the Oregon Trail is the route that made America. In the fifteen years before the Civil War, when 400,000 pioneers used it to emigrate West--historians still regard this as the largest land migration of all time--the trail united the coasts, doubled the size of the country, and laid the groundwork for the railroads. The trail years also solidified the American character: our plucky determination in the face of adversity, our impetuous cycle of financial bubbles and busts, the fractious clash of ethnic populations competing for the same jobs and space. Today, amazingly, the trail is all but forgotten. Rinker Buck is no stranger to grand adventures. "The New Yorker" described his first travel narrative, "Flight of Passage," as "a funny, cocky gem of a book," and with "The Oregon Trail" he seeks to bring the most important road in American history back to life. At once a majestic American journey, a significant work of history, and a personal saga reminiscent of bestsellers by Bill Bryson and Cheryl Strayed, the book tells the story of Buck's 2,000-mile expedition across the plains with tremendous humor and heart. He was accompanied by three cantankerous mules, his boisterous brother, Nick, and an "incurably filthy" Jack Russell terrier named Olive Oyl. Along the way, Buck dodges thunderstorms in Nebraska, chases his runaway mules across miles of Wyoming plains, scouts more than five hundred miles of nearly vanished trail on foot, crosses the Rockies, makes desperate fifty-mile forced marches for water, and repairs so many broken wheels and axels that he nearly reinvents the art of wagon travel itself. Apart from charting his own geographical and emotional adventure, Buck introduces readers to the evangelists, shysters, natives, trailblazers, and everyday dreamers who were among the first of the pioneers to make the journey west. With a rare narrative power, a refreshing candor about his own weakness and mistakes, and an extremely attractive obsession for history and travel, "The Oregon Trail" draws readers into the journey of a lifetime.



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