

THE LINK

*enter into his gates with
THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS
courts with praise, be thankful
UNTO HIM AND BLESS HIS NAME.*

psalm 100:4

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CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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In Memory

In memory of what would be the first birthday of Kingston Stone, a bookcase has been donated to the nursery. Also donated have been some new baby books to stock the bookcase. If you would like to join in and donate a new baby book for our nursery members please bring your book to the nursery. There are "In memory of" stickers to add to the book if you would like. Thanks so much.

Any questions, please call Vicky Boubel at 509-999-6603.



Dear Church Family,

In his letter to young Timothy, the Apostle Paul says: “Godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6). Contentment. What a wonderful word, one that I would like to experience more of in my life. To be content with who God has created me to be. To be content with what God has given me to do. To be content with what God has given me to use. To be content with what I have. How do I increase my level of contentment?

When God created us, he separated us from the rest of his creation by giving us a sense of destiny, a need for meaning in our existence. In so doing, he instilled in us the need to be drawn to something greater than ourselves and the things we can accumulate. Contentment is found in pursuing God’s purpose for us.

But human pride wants us to believe that we are the masters of our destiny. God’s eternal plan fades as we try to make something of ourselves, to prove our worth, to attain the applause of others. Messages from the media assure us that we can be a little better than we are. Keeping up with the Joneses becomes an obsession. The lie that our homes, our cars, our jobs, our clothes, and even our recreation can provide contentment contradicts God’s design for making us truly content.

Jesus once said that my heart will be where my treasure is (Matthew 6:21). He said that it is much more important to store up treasures in heaven than here on earth. What good advice if I want to live with contentment. To store up treasures in heaven rather than on earth means I won’t have to worry that my treasures will break or be stolen or destroyed. And heavenly treasures will greet me when I arrive; my stuff on earth will be left behind.

Heavenly treasures are things that last forever. According to the Bible, only two things are eternal: God’s Word (Isaiah 40:8) and people (Revelation 22:5). How do I invest in God’s Word? By studying it, applying it to my life, teaching it to others, and allowing it to transform my life. How do I invest in people? By loving them, showing Christ to them, helping them in their faith, and encouraging them to allow God to transform their lives.

If you like the idea of storing up heavenly treasures instead of earthly stuff, here are some ideas for your heavenly treasure chest:

- The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- People with whom you have shared the good news of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15)
- Children you’ve loved and cared for, and widows you’ve “adopted” as grandmas (James 1:27)
- Lives that have been touched by your encouragement (Ephesians 4:29)
- Worn-out, read-through Bibles, full of your own study notes (2 Timothy 2:15)

These are the kinds of treasure that lead to contentment – let’s start storing them up.



Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

2021-2022 marks the 30th year that Congregational Presbyterian Church will be participating in the Angel Tree program of ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of children who have a parent incarcerated in a State or Federal prison. It is the love of Jesus Christ, *that baby in a manger*, that we see reflected through joyful, great-hearted giving on behalf of Angel Tree, the ministry that gives us an opportunity to help meet the needs of families of prisoners.

We again begin our year-long process of connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Each child receives two wrapped gifts: one new toy or fun gift, and one new article of clothing, each with a \$25+ value. I hope that we can again take the program one step further by purchasing a gift certificate from a local supermarket or department store for each of the caregivers.

Not only do we bring Christmas gifts to every household, but Sherry Greenup also ministers to each of our Angel Tree families by preparing beautiful food baskets. We will once again follow through in 2022 with Easter Baskets and birthday gifts for our Angel Tree children. We've been notified that Angel Tree is offering a local Camp experience for these children as well this year.

**The Angel Tree adorned with children and gift selections
will be in Fellowship Hall...**

November 28th & December 5th.

Select an angel sign up and then shop for your gifts.

**All wrapped gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 19th,
to allow plenty of time for delivery before Christmas.**

Watch for further reminders as Christmas approaches!

We have not as yet been able to make personal contact with all families who have been assigned to our church, so we cannot tell you the exact number of Angels we will be serving this year.

We need your help and prayers to assist us in filling these children's needs, as well as prayers for all the caregivers and inmates.

Christmas Angel Tree Coordinators

Larry and Tina Lantz
(719) 331-7834 Cell

Dianne Waldemarson
(208) 746-4922 Home



Mark your Calendars: November 7th

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!

November Birthdays



1st	Jasper Wehr
2nd	Gary Delka & Rusanne Rudolph
3rd	Kevin Dotson & John Ruldoph
4th	Verna Aucutt & Nancy Jasper
5th	Greg Thompson, Jason Brudie, Jeremy Brudie & Jon Delka
6th	Jesse Messick
8th	Philip Ross
9th	Jack Hubbard
10th	Dale Gerritsen, Eva Lynn Thompson & Stephanie Whitcomb
12th	Perry Krisher, Michaela Hersh, & Josiah Chavez
13th	Betty Meehan & Ezekiel Barkley
16th	Maureen Mannschreck
18th	Donna Harris
20th	Scott Schulz & Torrey Dilling
21st	Joe Hulett, Linda Wendt, & Wilson Sheppard
22nd	Sue Eier & John Trotter
23rd	Nell Bice, Mary Howell & Lynn Druffel, Meghan Bruns & Wesley Jungert
24th	Forest Delka-Wicks & Sandra Hall
26th	Alan Keller & Carol Steljes
27th	Jules Hussey
28th	Chuck Gabby
31st	Cynda Hyndman, Nancy Sattler & Kate Ashe



"...do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity"

Proverbs 3:1-2

December LINK Deadline is Monday November 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 submission.

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

FIT & FALL PROOF

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



NO CLASS ON:

Monday November 8th
Friday November 24th



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 21
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the church

JOIN US AS FOR ONE OF THE MOST JOYOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR!

You're invited to "Deck the Halls" as we prepare our church for the season of Advent.

While the adults are at work decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the Advent and Christmas seasons, children will join Pastor McLane and the ministry team in our Children's space below the Sanctuary where they will create special Christmas crafts and share a lesson on the Advent season.



Food Bank Sunday

November 21st

This month's needs:

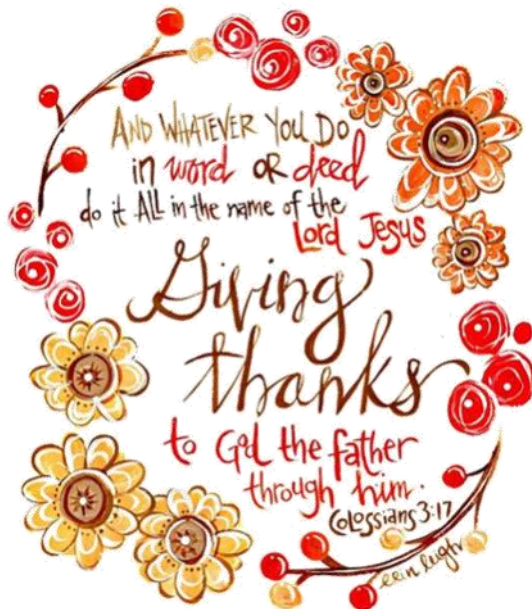
- ♦ Cranberry Sauce
- ♦ Stuffing
- ♦ Canned Vegetables
- ♦ Desert Mixes
- ♦ Saran Wrap
- ♦ Kleenex
- ♦ Tin Foil Pans
- ♦ Tin Foil



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

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.



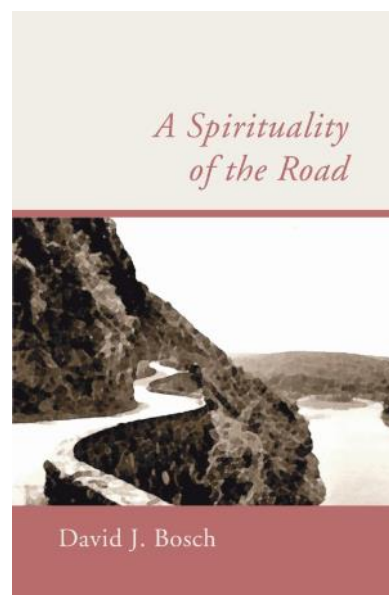
The Fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to serve during coffee fellowship after each service. If you're interested please sign up on the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

Sharon Damon, Fellowship Chair

DEEP ROOTS: THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

TUESDAYS AT 3PM

Join Pastor McLane on Tuesdays at 3pm in the chapel for a reading of important Christian texts aimed at enriching our lives today. Questions? Contact Pastor McLane at mclanes@congopres.org.



Moment for Mission

At CongoPres, we believe that mission is not simply something we *do*, but is essential to our identity as disciples of Jesus. We are a family of God that has been given a mission to serve and love the world through the grace of Jesus Christ. One of the ways we fulfill our mission “To Know Christ, To Become Like Christ, To Share Christ” is through supporting and serving local ministries and organizations here in the LC valley and beyond. Below, we want to highlight one of our ministry partners. If you would like to know more about how you can support this organization or others, please reach out to our Board Member for Mission, Dar Wendt, or Pastor McLane.

Snake River Community Clinic

Snake River Community Clinic is a nonprofit free clinic serving the Lewis-Clark Valley and the outlying areas. The clinic serves individuals and families that do not have insurance, are below 250% of the federal poverty level, have only catastrophic insurance, or are waiting to establish care with a medicaid/medicare provider.

The clinic was founded in the year of 2000 by Glenn E. Jefferson, MD and Stamey English, MD. There was a need in the community for better access to medical care. Together with the help of retired Pharmacist Richard Bognas, the clinic was able to provide free medication to patients. There are numerous community members that have given countless hours as volunteers. They are the heart and the reason for the clinics twenty plus years of operation. Another central figure to the story is former director, Charlotte Ash (and her family). Charlotte was known for her ability to recognize patient’s faces and her heart for those in need.

As the torch has been passed to the next generation, led by Director Heidi Burford-Bell, new technologies are being utilized and integrated services offered. The Board of Director’s composition includes medical, dental, pharmacy, and public health experts.

Over time the offerings by the clinic have expanded to include lab testing, free hygiene products, over-the-counter medications, limited durable medical equipment, access to free/or reduced cost imaging services, sexually transmitted infections testing and treatment, integrated behavioral health visits, and dental services that go beyond tooth extractions to restorative care.

We believe that to achieve whole body health, primary care must include medical, dental, and mental health care services. When a patient comes through our doors the economic stress of healthcare expenses should be alleviated so the patient can focus on healing and prevention education.

Thanks to the help of professional volunteers, health pathways students, and community donors, this clinic operates 3 days a week for most of the year. It is an absolute privilege to serve in this community by bridging the gap in access to healthcare for the underserved. Together, we build the bridge! We are Snake River Community Clinic!



Hanging of the Greens

Join us special celebration of the advent and Christmas on November 21st on 3-5pm in Fellowship Hall. For more details see page 7.



Did you know that childcare is provided at every service at CongoPres? Our nursery is open on Sundays 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.



There's a place for all kids Preschool to 5th grade at CongoPres Kids Club! Join our Assistant to Children's Ministry, Jules Hussey, Wednesday afternoons beginning September 8th from 3:30-5pm. Many fun things are planned for Kids' Club including creative object lessons, crafts, games, snacks, and an interactive and engaging Bible story time. Snack & free time will be from 3:30-4:00pm. 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.



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 until 10:30 when our child-care providers will take them to the nursery. We will not dismiss the children to Fellowship Hall without an adult.

Contact Pastor McLane Stone, with questions, concerns or comments at (208) 743-4444 or mclanes@congopres.org.

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ADOPT A FLOWER BED

In Romans 8 it says, "you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'" Our flower beds are crying out "Adopt Me." We are seeking Church members who would like to "Adopt" a flower bed so that our flower beds may say 'Abba, Father.'" The Church flower beds are in need loving care of planting, weeding, fertilizing, mulching, etc. If you have some spare time, and would be interested in adopting a Church flower bed to provide care, please contact Rich Goodwin at (208) 743-4444.



The first meeting of the Women's Association will be November 8, 2021 from 10:00 – 12:00 in Fellowship Hall. This organization is open to all women in the church. We will have a short business meeting, a devotion provided by Peggy Fulton this month, refreshments, prayer requests, fellowship and a Bible study led by Pastor Steve. This year, our Bible study is focusing on Prayers in the Bible. It should be a stimulating and comforting year spent in God's word. According to Covid 19 protocols we observe social distancing in all areas of the meeting. We invite you to come give us a try.

CongoPres Youth in November



High School (December 3-5)

Fall Retreat

Join us for our annual fall retreat at Camp Spalding. At CongoPres Youth, we look forward to this special weekend away with our students and volunteers. While at Camp Spalding, we enjoy great food, fantastic games, and engaging speakers and worship. Cost is \$100. Scholarships are available! Please RSVP to Pastor McLane ASAP as there are limited spots.

Questions? Please contact Pastor McLane at
743-4444 in the church office.





Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on *Monday December 6th 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 Romans. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with the men of the church.



The Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly for one hour in the church chapel. The study begins at 10am. The group will be studying I Corinthians and study guides are available for \$5. For More information please contact Gayle Beck. *The group will not meet Friday November 26th.*

The following small groups are currently on hold:

*Wednesday in the Word

* Midweek

Look for more information on these small groups in the December LINK.

CPC Online Alpha Course is a series of interactive sessions on Thursdays at 7pm to discuss the Christian faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. Sessions cover questions such as "Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? How does God guide us" and more. Book your place by emailing CPCAlpha@gmail.com.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study will be meeting this month on November 8th and 22nd at 6:45 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. For more information please contact Rona Meske.

The Women's Association meets on the second Monday of the month at 10am in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, prayer support and education. This month they will meet on Monday November 8th. Read more about the Women's Association on page 12 of this month's LINK.





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OFFICE HOURS:




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

All Church Calendar



NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9a Senior Exercise	2 9:30a Staff Meeting 3p Deep Roots Theology Class 5p Worship Comm. Mtg. 6p Trustee Meeting	3 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 3:30p Kids Club 6:30p Choir 7p Membership & Evangelism	4 7p Alpha Course (Online)	5 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	6
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Children's Ministry News

The Children's Ministry is going great! We have a wonderful group of volunteers and there are family activities to do at home to learn together. Check out the link in the weekly email from the Children's Ministry.

The children are going to begin doing service projects to show God's love. This Fall we will do Blessing Bags and in the Spring we will collect boxes of cereal to donate to our neighborhood school, Webster Elementary.

The children will be making Blessing Bags to keep in the car and share with someone who might need it. Inside the large Ziploc bag will be items such as warm socks, travel size toiletries, hand and feet warmers, granola bars, trail mix, a note of encouragement and places to get help and a \$5 coffee card. If you would like to help and donate to our bags that would be so wonderful! We will be putting the bags together on December 5th! When my son, Noah was 8 he was so excited to give this bag to someone and ended up talking to the man for 20 minutes about God. The love for others and helping is a wonderful way to teach our children to serve like Jesus did. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jamie Williams, 208-791-2467.

Upcoming Dates: Hanging of the Greens, November 21st – Christmas crafts
Blessing Bags, December 5th

