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Jesus, no doubt, went to the wilderness to prepare himself for the mission the Father sent him to accomplish. Satan, in turn, did his best to entice Jesus to reject the will of his Father. Despite his weakened condition, due to fatigue and lack of food for 40 days, Jesus steadfastly rejected Satan's subtle temptations. Where did Jesus find his strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on his Father's word and found strength in doing his will.

During this season of Lent I encourage each one of us to practice the spiritual discipline of daily feeding on our Father's word. I invite us to follow our church's Bible Reading Plan (available at the church and on our website: www.congopres.org). Then, as we are daily feeding on his word, we will find strength to do God's will, and we will be better prepared to welcome our risen Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

— Matthew 4:1-4

The 40 day season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2 and continues through Saturday, April 16, the day before Easter Sunday. (The 40 day count excludes Sundays.) The Christian Church has celebrated Lent for many centuries as a way to encourage Christians to prepare for Easter by observing a period of spiritual discipline. The choice of 40 days echoes important 40-day and 40-year events in the Bible, including the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

What motivated Jesus to spend 40 days and nights of solitude, prayer and fasting in the Judean wilderness? This desert landscape was largely uninhabitable and was full of dangers for anyone who dared to venture in it for long. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, and deprivation of food and scarcity of water.

For the chosen people of Israel the desert was a place of testing, encounter, and renewal. When the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt, they wandered 40 years in the wilderness. This was seen as a time of purification and preparation for entry into the promised land. During that 40-year journey, Moses went to the mountain of the Lord at Sinai and stayed there for 40 days and nights (Exodus 24:18).

April LINK Deadline is Monday March 21st

Articles may be sent via email to <u>annab@congopres.org</u> 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 29th at 9am.

Fit & Fall Proof

Join us every

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

at 9am in Fellowship Hall

NO CLASS ON:

Monday, March 14th



Mark your Calendars: March 6th

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!

March Birthdays

lst Nick Rawson, Charlotte Higgins, Samantha Franklin

Kinsey Zellerhoff

2nd Tessa Heagy

3rd Mike Damon & Derek Katzenberger

6th Chris Schrette
7th Carol Trautman
8th Carolyn Wilson

9th Tom Boubel

10th Peggy Wilson, David Robertson,

Shayne Ashe & Tracy Trotter

Ilth Brooke Wittman

16th Brad Peer & Becky Schroeder

17th Dustin Hibbard, Ben Williams & Mike Washburn

19th Emilyn Sheppard & Jeremiah Coons-Niland

20th Brenda Hardin

2lst Dave Aston

22nd Sarah Emerich

23rd Galen Bennet & Debbie Blake

24th Cathy Mannschreck & Lynn Tobin

25th Orie Kaltenbaugh, Ketcher Van Buren

Michelle McIntosh

27th Lois Mulkey & Becky Travis

28th Patti Mann

29th Carolyn Jones & Tom Eier

30th Brent Hardin

3lst Chris Browne & Amber Vega





Food Bank Sunday

March 20st

This month's needs:

- · Pancake Mix
- · Muffin Mix
- Syrup
- · Hot Cereal
- · Cold Cereal

- · Hamburger Helper
- · Chicken Helper
- Tuna Helper
- · Crackers



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!

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

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON



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 clanes@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.

INTERLINK





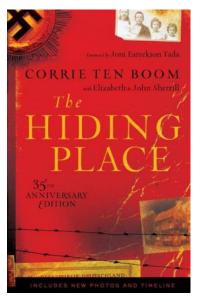
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March Picks!



At one time Corrie ten Boom would have laughed at the idea that there would ever be a story to tell. For the first fifty years of her life nothing at all out of the ordinary had ever happened to her. She was an old-maid watchmaker living contentedly with her spinster sister and their elderly father in the tiny Dutch house over their shop. Their uneventful days, as regulated as their own watches, revolved around their abiding love for one another. However, with the Nazi invasion and occupation of Holland, a story did ensue.

Corrie ten Boom and her family became leaders in the Dutch Underground, hiding Jewish people in their home in a specially built room and aiding their escape from the Nazis. For their help, all but Corrie found death in a concentration camp. The Hiding Place is their story.

Other Great Reads:



The Winemaker's Wife by Kristin Harmel



The Christmas Joy Ride by Melody Carlson



Imagine Heaven by John Burke

THESE BOOKS WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

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MONDAY, APRIL 4TH 10AM IN THE CHAPEL



Last Part of Call
The West Awake
The Harp and the Rose

by Jean Granger (The Queenstown Series)



YIPPY & WIRED in March

From the fullness of his grace we all have received one blessing after another.

WIRED

Sundays - 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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 - 6:30-8:00pm

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 at mclanes@congopres.org or 208-743-4444

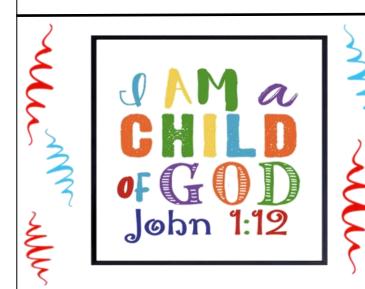


Children's Ministry

We love because He first loved us.



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 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service beginning at 8:45 a.m. 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 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service.





There's a place for all kids Preschool to 5th grade at CongoPres Kids Club! Join us Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 p.m. 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 4:00 p.m. and

conclude at 5:00 p.m. 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 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and right after the Young Disciples time, all kids who are in Preschool (4 years) through Fifth Grade are invited upstairs in Pilgrim Hall for Children's Church! Each week has a Bible Lesson and fun activities.

*A note to Parents: Children's Church concludes at 10:15 a.m. 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.



<u>Women's Christian Book Club</u> will meet again on <u>Monday April 4th at 10am</u> in the Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information. Please check out the groups book recommendation on page 9 of this months LINK.

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 2 Corinthians. Study guides are available for \$5. For more information please contact Gayle Beck.



The following small groups are currently on hold:



*Wednesday in the Word

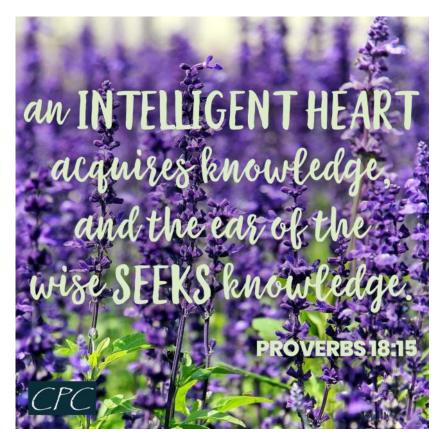
* Midweek

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



Monday Evening Women's Bible Study will be meeting this month on March 14th & 28th 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 March 14th. Read more about the Women's Association on page 14 of this months LINK.





The Women's Association of Congo/Pres does not collect any dues from its members. But the membership is very generous in donating money to our treasury. We distribute these donations at Christmas and in May to many charities throughout the Valley. One of those is Meals on Wheels. We received an informative thank you from them which I would like to share: "Dear Ladies, Valley Meals on Wheels is most appreciative of your recent donations. In 2020, 44,519 meals were delivered by volunteer drivers — an all time high. Thanks to your ongoing support this was possible. Thank You! Valley Meals on Wheels." Our association feels so blessed to be supported by our members so that we can share with others. Please join us on March 14, 2022, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall as we study "Daniel's Confession" from Daniel 9:1-19. Our hostesses for the meeting will be Marie Eier and Shari Rhodes. Jean Allen will lead our devotions.





Visit the Holy Land in 2023

A trip to Israel is in the planning stages for March 19 to April 1, 2023. Pastor Steve is organizing and will be on the trip. Informational brochures are available in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Pastor Steve at 208-743-4444 or stevew@congopres.org if you are interested in participating.

A big <u>THANK YOU</u> to all who donated to the 2022 "Souper Bowl Sunday" Food Fundraiser. Our goal was to collect 56 bags of food for our local schools and due to the amazing donations we collected **89 BAGS** of food!!

Thank you!!



Social workers from the Lewiston School District accepting food donation.



Mission Committee members (left to right)
Jana Peer, Patti Man, Kate & Rick Nowlin in
front of the food donation going to
Lewiston School District

Patti Mann (left) and Jana Peer (right) showing off the "Souper Bowl" challenge poster...WE MET OUR GOAL!!



Mission Committee members (left to right)
Jana Peer, Patti Man, Kate & Rick Nowlin in
front of the food donation going to
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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for candidates to fill 4 positions for 3-year Church Board terms that will begin July 2022. These positions include: Mission and Outreach Ministry, Senior Adult Ministry, Clerk of the Board, and Trustee.

Please prayerfully consider candidates to serve in these positions, fill in the nomination form, and return it to the church office as soon as possible marked *Attention Nominating Committee*. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please feel free to contact any of the Nominating Committee members listed below.

Thank you for your participation. Finding church leaders is an important matter in the life of the church. Your nominations are appreciated!

Committee Members:

Lori Holder, Pat Lindquist-Hulett, Brad Peer, Paul Stewart and Dar Wendt

Nomination for Church Board Member Congregational-Presbyterian Church, 709 6th Street, Lewiston, ID 8350l						
I suggest the name of for nomination to the Board. (Check the box below indicating the Board position you feel is appropriate for this candidate.)						
o Mission and Outreach Ministry o Senior Adult Ministry o Clerk of the Board o Trustee						
Please comment on why this person would be a good candidate for the Church Board.						
Return this completed form to the church office as soon as possible.						

Here is an idea for an easy meal or a good idea for a family in need. Maybe a Small Group would like to put this together to be given to a needy family. Cynthia Nunez, a social worker in the Lewiston School District puts the ingredients, with the recipe, in a bag to be delivered to families in need in the district.

8 Can Taco Soup

I can chicken broth

I can cream of chicken soup

I can green enchilada sauce

I can of corn

I can diced tomatoes

1 can chicken

2 cans beans (black, kidney, or other)

I pkg Taco seasoning

In large kettle:

Add broth, soup, sauce and mix together.

Add the rest of the cans and taco seasoning. Stir to combine.

Heat until hot.

Suggested topping:

Cheese or any other topping of your choice.

If you have a bag to be delivered, contact Kate Nowlin at 208-816-9565.







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 incarcerate 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. 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 10th.

Easter Angel Tree gift tags will be hanging in Fellowship Hall on *Sunday, March 27th*, and, if necessary, on April 3rd. There will be one gift tag for each of our current 17 children. Their ages range from 18 mos. to 18 years. 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 and place them under the Easter Tree by Palm Sunday, April 10th.

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!

Angel Tree will add a special card reflecting the Easter message with each of the gifts you provide.

Thank you, Tina Lantz and Dianne Waldermarson



Angel Tree continued on Page 18

Birthday Gifts. There will be a separate sigh up for Birthday tags at the Easter Angel Tree sign up table. 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 text 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, Ross, TJ Maxx, or Maurices 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 our Angel Tree Ministry. God bless! Any questions or comments, please call Tina Lantz (719-331-7834)

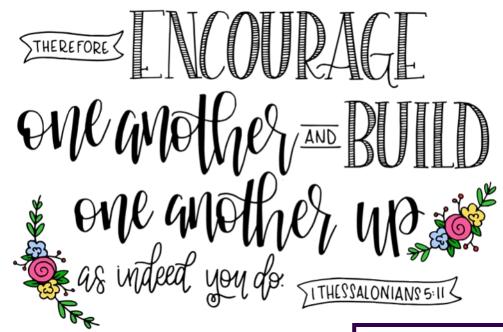
A SPECIAL ATTACHMENT:

A note received by Congopres from one of our inmate parents.

I want to tell you guys how much I'm so thankful for what you have done for me and my Daughter. Also thankful for the card. You guys were my only card on Christmas and you touch my heart. God Bless You guys.

P.S. Thank you for the nice words on my card.

My daughter loves her presents. You guys did awesome.



Kairos Outside is a special weekend retreat designed to support the female loved ones of men and women who are or have been incarcerated. Families of the incarcerated "do time" right along with their loved ones. In a safe environment with loving people, women interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn to form small groups to support and give them strength for the challenges they face. This years Kairos Weekend will be held at Clarkston First Presbyterian Church April 29th through May 1st.



The Solem family would like to thank our friends and family at CongoPres Church for all the kindness extended to us during Jim's illness and passing. The prayers, support, cards, meals, phone calls, visits, flowers and donations given to Jim's remembrance from all of you made this difficult time so much better! Your love shown to us was very much a appreciated and continues to uplift and support us in the knowledge that Jim is rejoicing in heaven now, and we will join him again some day, Our family will continue to depend on your friendship as we take this journey on earth in our walk with God.

Thank you, Kay Solem





SUNDAY, MARCH 13

SET CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR SATURDAY EVENING



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



MARCH 2 at 6:00 PM

In the Sanctuary

(the service will be live-streamed)

The 40-day season of Lent, which this year begins on March 2 (Ash Wednesday) and ends on April 16 (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, the proclamation of God's Word, and sharing together in Communion. Child care is provided during the Worship Service.



MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		9:30a Staff Mtg 2p Deep Roots 5p Worship Mtg. 6p Trustee Mtg	2 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 3:30p Kids Club 6p Ash Wednesday Worship 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg.	3 5:15p Bell Choir	4 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	5
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH FELLOUSHIP HALL 1:00 PM

WHAT'S SHOWING ...



Roman military tribune Clavius remains set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he's tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) following the Crucifixion. Accompanied by trusted aide Lucius (Tom Felton), his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality. As his journey takes him to places never dreamed of, Clavius discovers the truth that he's been seeking.





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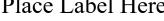
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