

THE LINK

Can you

make time for

God today?

MAY 2022

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Celebration of Life for Jim Solem

The family of Jim Solem would like to invite you to join them at a Celebration of Life. They will be gathering on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary of the Congregational Presbyterian Church.

Come in business/casual dress and bring memories you may have of times you shared with Jim. These memories can be shared with friends and family, in writing on his e-mail page solemjames952@gmail.com, privately to Kay on her e-mail kksolem5155@gmail.com, or shared publicly at the service. A reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.



Dear Church Family,

A long time ago, when I was in college, I went to a concert that featured the Steve Miller Band. I still remember one of their song lyrics: “*Time keeps on slippin’, slippin’, into the future.*”

Time is an interesting idea. Some of us receive *time off* from work for vacation, and we plan to *take time* for important things. But, as it often turns out, we don’t have *enough time* to do it all because, all too soon, we *run out of time*.

This leads me to reflect on our time with God. Considering the limited supply of time that is given to us and all that we desire to accomplish in that time, it seems all too easy to forget to give God some of our time. We work hard to get everything done, to tie up all the loose ends, and by the end of the day we realize that we have had no time for God.

One of the guiding principles in the Bible is that whatever we give to God, we need to give as a ‘first-fruit.’ The meaning of this term is taken from the harvest where the farmer gives the first portion of the harvest to God as a way of expressing his thanksgiving for God’s blessing. The farmer doesn’t wait until the harvest is completed and, having allocated the harvest according to the demands of his life, determines if there is anything left over for God.

Perhaps we need to consider giving God the ‘first-fruit’ of our time. Making ‘Time with God’ the first entry in our daily to-do list, Day-Timer or electronic calendar will ensure that God receives a good portion of our time. This can be time spent reading and thinking about his communication to us in the Bible, and time spent praying to him.

Having a morning appointment with God can help bring to life that joyful refrain from the Psalms: “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” The simple necessities of life, everything that we need, are given anew each day by God. That is worthy of spending time thanking God.

I invite you to consider making the commitment to daily time with God. Read our church’s Bible Reading Plan passage for the day (you can find the daily passages in the church pew, the Sunday bulletin, and on our website: congopres.org), reflect on what you have read, and take time to pray, thanking God for all he does for you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Everyone is invited to
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, May 22, at 10:00am
in Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments will be served
Nursery and child-care available



And let us consider how we may
spur one another on toward love
and good deeds.... Hebrews 10:24



Mother's Day Out

May 1, 2022

12:30-3 PM at the church

Drop your child/ren
off and they will do
crafts, watch a
movie and eat pizza!



A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people . . . Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

First Timothy 2:1-2

God's Word is clear that we are to pray for all kinds of people, including "kings and all who are in authority," which in our context means we are to pray for those who govern. Scott Trotter, who in the past was a part of our church family and is now involved with Echo Hills Church in Lewiston, is entering the political arena with a view to being a US Senator from Idaho. I encourage you to join me in lifting Scott up in prayer, that he may be a faithful representative of Jesus Christ as he follows God's call in this, to use his words, "crazy adventure."

~ Pastor Steve



We are so excited to be celebrating the end of the Women's Association year with our annual salad potluck luncheon. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or a cold dish to share. Dessert, beverages and other amendments will be served by the hostesses, Barbara Riggs and Peggy Fulton. Pastor Steve will finish our study of the of Prayers in the Bible with the "Paul's Prayer for Believers" from Ephesians 1:15-23; and 3:14-31. We always have a grand array of luncheon items for this event so don't let the lack of a salad deter you from attending. The date is May 9, 2022, the day after Mother's Day, in Fellowship Hall at 10:00. Rona Meske will be giving the devotion.



Cinnamon Roll Breakfast Casserole

Recipe from Sharon Damon



THIS YUMMY CASSEROLE WAS SERVED AT THE
EASTER BRUNCH LAST MONTH!

A delicious breakfast casserole that uses store-bought cinnamon rolls!

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 25 minutes Total Time: 30-35 minutes

Yield: 12

2 tubes 5 count each, Pillsbury Grands Cinnamon Rolls

8 oz. cream cheese, cubed

3/4 cup milk

6 eggs

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/3 cup maple syrup

1 Tbsp. Vanilla

*Open the cans of cinnamon rolls and cut each roll into 8 pieces (save the icing that comes in the package for use later in step 5). Lay the rolls in a 9 X 13 inch baking dish that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray.

*Slice the cream cheese into small cubed pieces and tuck in between the cinnamon roll pieces.

*In a bowl, combine the eggs, milk, cinnamon, syrup, and vanilla. Pour over the cinnamon rolls making sure everything is covered. At this point you can either bake it or put it in the refrigerator to bake later in the day or the next morning.

*Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 30 to 35 minutes or until the rolls are puffed up in the middle and slightly browned. The egg mixture should be set and not gooey. Cut into 12 servings.

*In a microwave safe bowl, heat the icing that came with the cinnamon rolls in the microwave for a few seconds. Drizzle over the casserole.

Serve warm and enjoy!

Optional topping ideas: fresh fruit, nuts, whipped cream, powdered sugar.

Easter Sunday, the Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated and filled with congregants who had been filled with The Word from our Pastors and yet hungry and ready to eat the wonderful food they had been smelling during the service!

It was a wonderful sight to see and the Fellowship and Membership Committee chairpersons would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make it happen. Saturday morning, approximately 25 volunteers came to set up and prepare food and Sunday morning, volunteers were willing to make the final preparations of the yummy breakfast. And then always the clean up!!

Many hands make light work and we are so grateful for all who gave their time.

Lastly, we thank everyone who came and enjoyed the food and fellowship.

We will hope and pray we see you again next year!

Sharon Damon and Bobbie Matusack



Easter Brunch

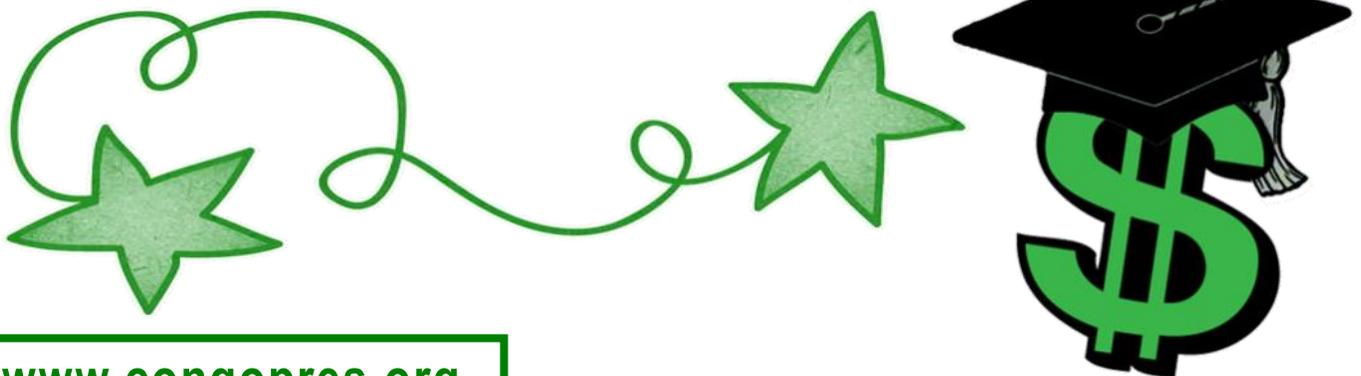
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application will be taken until May 31, 2022

Through the generosity of former and current members and friends of our congregation, a trust fund has been established for the purpose of furthering educational opportunities for members of our congregation and others who are or have been involved in the life and ministry of our church. The trust fund yields an annual interest which is used by our Congregational-Presbyterian Church Fund Ministry to award scholarships to students. The CPC Fund ministry is excited to announce that the application for our 2022 College Scholarship is now available. The CPC Fund Ministry has set the following guidelines:

1. The recipient must be a member of our congregation or active in the Congregational-Presbyterian Church youth program at the present time, or previously if now in college or going back to school.
2. The award is renewable annually *upon application*, for a maximum of four years, toward certification or an associate, bachelor or graduate degree.
3. Awards will be granted to:
 - Those graduating from high school and going on to college
 - Current undergraduate and graduate students
 - Those in vocational training
 - Those in career changes

Applications are available in Fellowship Hall, in the church office, and online at www.congopres.org/information.

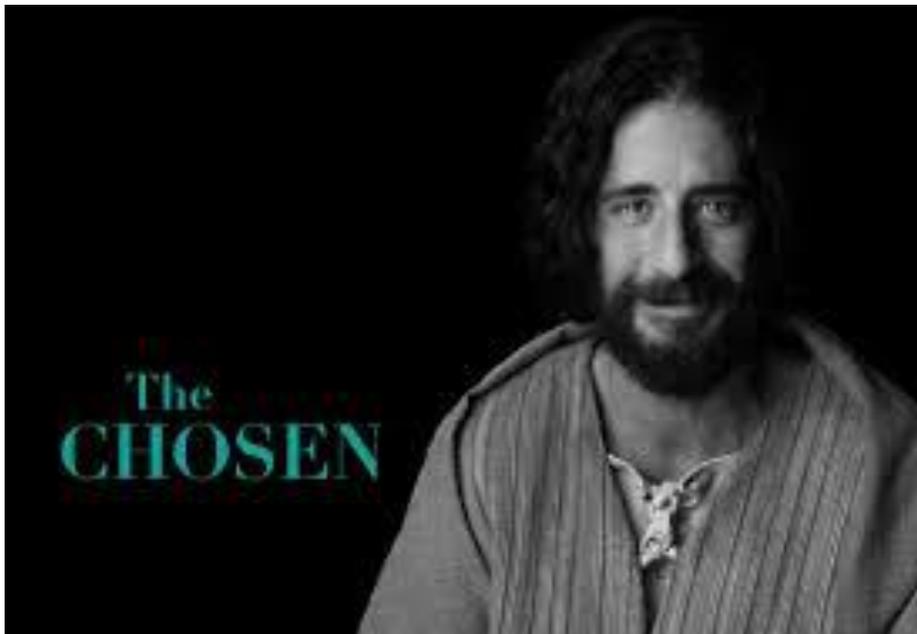


***** Welcome Back To MidWeek *****

Wednesdays through May 18

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

Taught by Pastors Steve and McLane



Season Two

An 8-part video series on the life of Christ
We will watch and discuss a new episode each week

JUNE LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY MAY 16TH

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, May 24th at 9am.



Congregation Presbyterian Church Graciously and Generously celebrated Easter with our Angel Tree families this year.

Thank you for everyone's prayers and enthusiasm in providing Easter gifts for the children we have been sharing with this year.

We wanted to share some really positive events with you.

- This year we had 2 parents reunite with their families after at least 2- 3 years separation and a mother after 5 years separation. Hope this good news will be a source of joy for you as answers to your prayers and acts of kindness to these families (as well as so many other families in the past).
- Inmates have written back to CongoPres Angel Tree expressing how much they have appreciated not only the outreach to their family but also for personal notes they have received in Christmas and Easter Cards themselves.
- Some of Caregivers were asking questions about visiting CongoPres. this Easter, either on line streaming or in person.

Thank you again for what each of you have done this year.



Mark your Calendars: May 1st

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!

May Birthdays:

2nd	Kristine Leier
3rd	Kris Fitting
4th	Millie Ann Case
5th	Linda York
7th	Richard Jutte
10th	Virginia Barkley & Cole Keatts
11th	Lorena Hunt
12th	Nola Tilton & Jean King
14th	Rachel Schroeder
15th	Jack Wagner
17th	Larry Lantz
20th	Marie Eier & Rylee Parker
21st	Craig Whitcomb
23rd	Martha Campbell & Tyler Martin
24th	Brynnan Carpenter
25th	Rob Sinner & Rhett Crane
26th	Jakob Dilling, Jan Kautz, Deanna Stewart, Jenna Elliott, Elizabeth Sabo, Victoria Sabo & Brock Travis
27th	Cailen Meske
29th	Kerri Sandaine
30th	Lisa Huddleston
31st	Rob Sandaine, Lexy Snyder & Coralee Vega



*In all the hugs you get today,
may you also feel the embrace of
the love of the LORD.*

Food Bank Sunday

May 15th

This month's needs:

- Peanut Butter
- Top Ramen
- Noodles/Pasta
- Rice
- Dry Beans
- Jams/Jelly
- Condiments
- Snack Bars
- Jell-O
- Juices



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.

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.

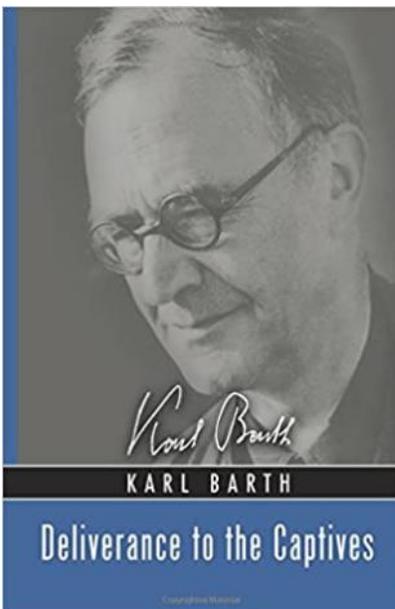


Adopt A Flower Bed

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.



Bible Study

www.congopres.org

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All Church Calendar



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Birthday Sunday 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 11a Worship 5p WIRED 6:30p YIPPY	2 9a Senior Exercise 	3 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 5p Worship Committee Mtg 6p Trustee Meeting	4 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 3:30p Kids Club 6p MidWeek 7p Choir 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg.	5 5:15p Bell Choir	6 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Morning Bible Study 6p Youth Movie Night	7 
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29 Communion 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 11a Worship 	30 Office Closed	31 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots				



Mother's Day Out

May 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Children ages preschool to 5th grade are invited to join us on May 1 at the church for a movie, pizza, games, lesson, and craft. This is an opportunity for parents to enjoy that rare lunch together in honor of Mother's Day. We hope your child will join 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.

YIPPY & WIRED in May



Mark your calendars!

All CongoPres Youth students are invited to a pizza and movie night on Friday, May 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pizza, popcorn, and a great movie. Don't miss it!

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.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Pastor McLane at
mclanes@congopres.org or 208-743-4444

Fit & Fall Proof

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

NO CLASS ON:
Monday, May 9th
Monday, May 30th



Senior Ministries Picnic

When: Thursday June 16th

Where: Herreth Park

Time: 11:30 am

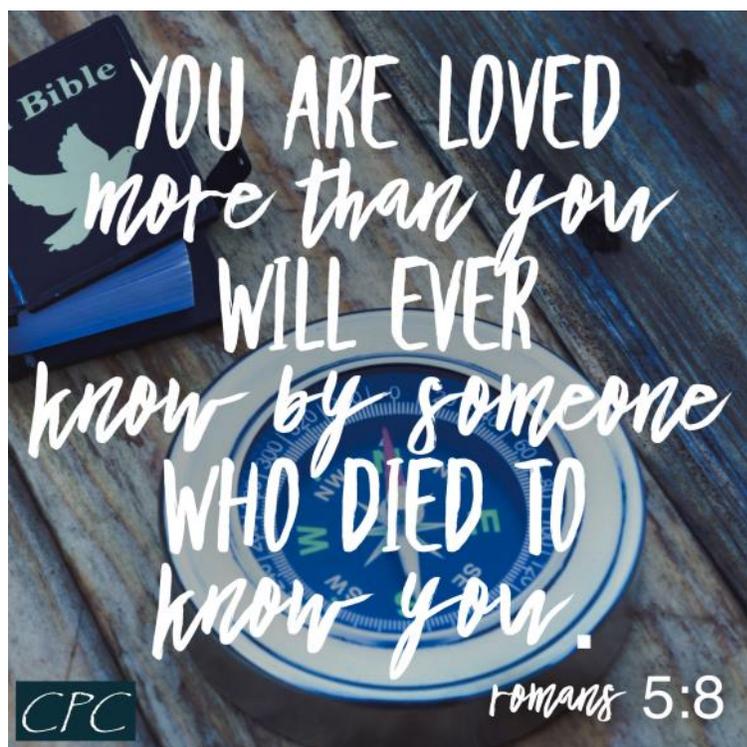
*Even to old age I am he,
and even to gray hairs
I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear.
Yes, I will carry, and will deliver.
Isaiah 46:4*

Watch for more
information in the
June LINK and
Sunday bulletins.



Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on Monday June 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, on Fridays, at 10am in the chapel. In May the group will be studying 1 John. Study books are available for \$5. For more information please contact Gayle Beck.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study will be meeting this month on May 9th and 23rd 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 May 9th.

CPC Online Alpha Course will begin a new class on Sunday May 1st at 2pm. Be praying who to invite. This course is designed for people who don't consider themselves to be Christian and want a safe place to ask their questions. Spread the word. Sign up at cpcalpha1@gmail.com. Any questions please contact Cliff or Bobbi Matousek.

A new Divorce Care class will be starting soon. If you are interested in participating please contact John or Loa Vornholt.



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