

The LINK

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GRACE

LET US THEN WITH CONFIDENCE DRAW
NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE THAT
WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND
GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

Hebrew 4:16

June 2022

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

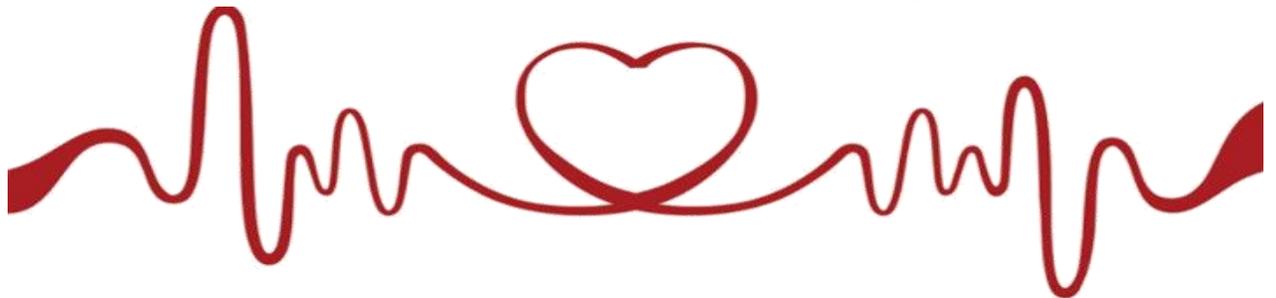
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Blood Drive

Thursday, June 23rd 1:00 – 6:30pm
In Fellowship Hall

We are scheduled to host a Red Cross blood drive on June 23rd in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to donate will need to get online to schedule a donation time at www.RedCrossBlood.org. There are 24 donation times available. Navigate to the blood drive scheduled for our church on that date and then pick an open time you wish to donate. Plan on 30-45 minutes for your donation. There will be refreshments following the donation times. Covid 19 has presented some real challenges this year for Red Cross and blood donations. The Red Cross remains very much in need of whole blood. Your thoughtful donation at this time will be very much appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the blood drive please contact Jim Schroeder at (208) 553-1112. Thank you!



Dear brothers and sisters,

Is it summer already? Spring, as wet and cold as it was, poured over us in a deluge of activities that confirmed a long-awaited hope: something new is springing up! The past few months have been a breath of fresh air and a shining of new light following the stuffy and dark two years of COVID-19. It has been such a blessing to see our church family spring back to life in ways that were impossible six months ago. God is faithful! In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord declares:

*Behold! I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

I am looking forward to seeing what “new thing” the Lord will do in the life of our congregation this summer. For many of us, the summer season is an opportunity to slow down and rest after a busy time of work and responsibilities. This is also a wonderful time of discernment and a chance to ask important questions. For example:

- *What “new thing” might the Lord be calling you to do?
- *Where is he making a “way in the wilderness” for you?
- *Do you “perceive” what the Lord is doing? What can you do to better listen to his voice (reading Scripture, prayer, practicing spiritual disciplines, etc.)?

These are just a few questions worth taking the time to ponder in your own heart. Doing so is like investing in your soul: the more time you take to discern with the Lord, the greater the reward you will reap.

This summer we will explore opportunities to invest in this discernment together through our summer sermon series where we will look at the life of Abraham in Genesis chapters 12 through 22. The Lord called Abraham to go to a land that the Lord would show him and trust in the Lord’s provision. Like Abraham, there are times when we are faithful to this call, and there are times when we sin and fall short of God’s calling. As we work through this series and the corresponding Bible Reading Plan that I have prepared for you, my prayer is that you will take time to reflect carefully on the areas of your life that the Lord has called you to give to him. I’m excited to walk this journey with you!

As we prepare our hearts to discern God’s call in our lives, the youth of our church are preparing to follow the Lord’s call to Mexico. From June 18 to 24, 16 members of our church family will be traveling to Rosarito to build a home for a family in need. Our youth have worked hard to prepare for this mission, and we are excited to serve God’s people together. We want to extend a sincere “thank you” to all those who have supported our mission team through the Flower Sale and with prayer. As we serve, we do so as representatives of this church family. On Sunday, June 12, we hope you will join us as we commission our team in the worship services.

May the Lord bless you this summer!

In Christ,
Pastor McLane



Pastor Steve's Summer Sabbatical: July 1 – August 14

This summer, the Board of our church has granted me a six-week sabbatical which I will take July 1 through August 14. I will be spending time with our family in Texas and attending the C.S. Lewis Summer Institute at Oxford University in England. As many of you are aware, C.S. Lewis is my favorite Christian author, and the Summer Institute is an event that has been a part of my "bucket list" for about forty years. The conference will explore the theme, "Surprised by Love: Cultivating Intellectual Hospitality in an Age of Uncertainty" with renowned scholars from the arts and sciences, leaders in ministry and the major professions, and an array of literary, visual, and performing artists. We will enjoy lectures, workshops, worship services, and a rich variety of cultural programs. I look forward to sharing my Oxford experience with you when I return.

During my time away, Pastor McLane will preach and lead Sunday Worship, following the Sermon Series and Daily Bible Reading Plan on the life of Abraham he has developed for the summer. Our Daily Devotions are also written by McLane.



Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve



Hello, Shari Rhodes here to share some news!

I was looking for a way to serve the Lord at Congo-Pres. There were a couple of things I thought I would like to do but Jesus closed the door. That's okay. I knew he had something else he wanted me to do. Then I was asked by the nominating committee if I would serve on the Board as chair of the Service Ministry Team. I was thrilled! This was what Jesus wanted me to do.

So, what is the Service Ministry you may ask? Volunteers come to a meeting at the church every 4th Monday of the month at 1:00pm. These wonderful people go out and serve Communion in the retirement centers, and to those who are home bound or have not been able to attend Church due to health issues. This is a great ministry that our church offers.

My job will be to contact the volunteers and remind them of the upcoming meeting and contact those we will be serving to see if they will be available for us to come over for a visit and to serve communion. I also go out and serve. Pastor Steve writes and I print out a prayer of confession and a Scripture reading that we use when serving communion. Thank you, Pastor Steve, for doing that for us.

If you would like to be a member of the Service Ministry Team, contact Shari Rhodes at 208-305-4828 or e-mail me at shari_rhodes@hotmail.com. Those we serve feel blessed to have a visit and communion, and as a volunteer you will feel blessed as well while doing the Lord's work and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. I am excited to begin and hope to hear from you that you would like to join us.



Blessings!
Shari



Prayer Chain

We have an alive and active prayer ministry at Congregational Presbyterian Church and we would love to add you to our list of prayer warriors. The prayer chain consists of two parts: email and phone. When a prayer request is received in the church office, Toni Carlyle is notified and she activates both parts. All prayer requests are private and treated with utmost confidentiality.

If you have a prayer need, please call the church office (or, if urgent in the evening or on the weekend, call Toni at (509) 552-6445. Also, give Toni a call if you are interested in participating in this vital ministry.

God Answers Our Prayers

Before they call I will answer;
While they are still speaking I will hear.
Isaiah 65:24



Memorial Service Ministry

The church has approved the resumption of memorial services and gatherings of large groups. Under the leadership of the Service Ministry, a special group of participants have long offered assistance and food during memorial services held at our church. The list of volunteers has dwindled during the pandemic and we are seeking new helping hands. This special work offers "behind the scene" action for those willing to prepare food, set up, serve and clean up after an event.

We would love to rebuild our list of volunteers to prepare for future memorial services. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, please call Toni Carlyle at (509) 552-6445, or Shari Rhodes at (208) 305-4828.



Even though I walk the darkest valley...You are with me.
Psalms 23:4



Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and expression of sympathy for the death of my mother.

Laureen Trail

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We have once again been immensely blessed by the men and women of the Helping Hands ministry of our church. On Monday, May 9, seven courageous, strong, and mighty brothers and sisters arrived to pull weeds and clean up our flower beds. They were Patti Mann (leader and organizer), Jim Schroeder, Dar Wendt, Bob Fulton, Melanie Gibler, and Brad and Janna Peer. In just a couple of hours they managed to clean up six months of overgrown plants and weeds. We are so grateful!!!! Thank you for blessing us so richly.

Toni Carlyle and Becky Land.

All Church Camp-Out

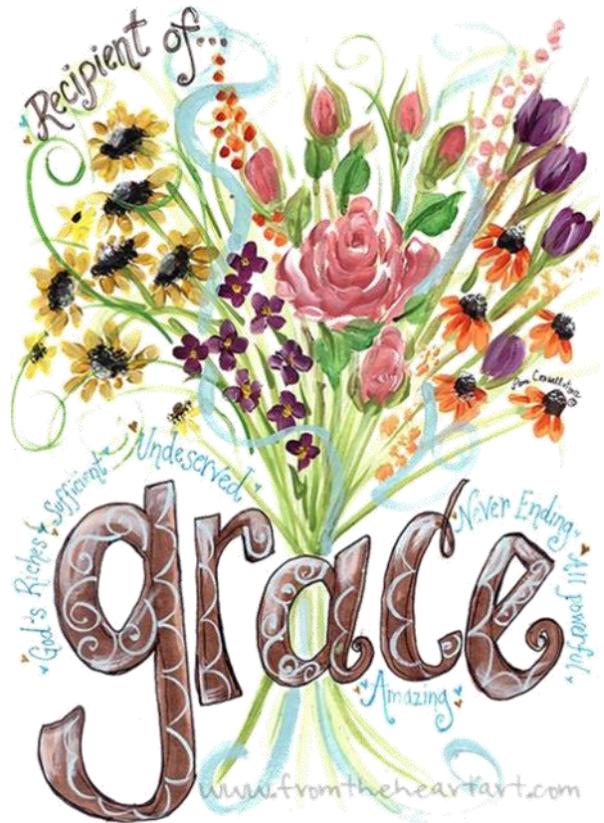
Reserve your campsite - this week if you can!! Our camp-out this year is August 26-28 at Hell's Gate State Park. The camp-sites fill up quickly (All of Birch Loop was already reserved for our original dates), so please reserve your site as soon as possible. You can always cancel if you are unable to come. RVers...reserve in Birch Loop, sites 41-56, Tent Campers...reserve in Cottonwood Loop, sites 65-71 or 86-93. Join us for our Friday night BBQ, fellowship, testimonies, our famous kickball game, floating flotilla, and just plain fun!!! Email Bobbi your campsite number as soon as you reserve, so we know where you are...there will be a bag of goodies on your picnic table when you arrive! Please e-mail me at drcmatousek@gmail.com with any questions.

In Christ,
Bobbi



All Church Camp-Out

New Church Directories will be coming this Fall! We will be taking our own photos this year between our 2 services in the Chapel. Any photographers in the congregation? If you are interested in this project or in putting the Directory together, please contact Bobbi Matousek at 509-263-7149 or email at drcmatousek@gmail.com.



Church Directory

All Church Picnic

Sunday, June 26

1pm

Swallows Nest Park

Come join us at Swallows Park in Clarkston on Sunday, June 26th at 1:00 pm, after services, for a Potluck Picnic. Bring a salad, side dish, chips, or dessert. Sign-ups will be in Fellowship Hall beginning in June. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided by the church. Come and join us for fellowship, food, and games.

Mark your calendars for June 26! See you there! Any questions? Please call Bobbi Matousek at 509-263-7149.



All Church Picnic

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The Diane Ashburn-Wilmonen Scholarship

Jace Paynter is this year's recipient of the Diane Ashburn-Wilmonen Scholarship. A senior at Lewiston High School, Jace is the son of Chris and Kelly Paynter. He is a member of our church, baptized and raised in our congregation, active at Camp Spalding, and involved with our youth group. He has participated in youth mission trips and plans to go on this year's Mexico Trip.

An honor student with a GPA of 3.96, Jace has already earned 26 college credits. He plays tennis and has participated in the frisbee club, Mr. LHS, and National Honor Society. Jace's musical interests include playing acoustic, electric and bass guitar; he is currently taking piano lessons, as well.

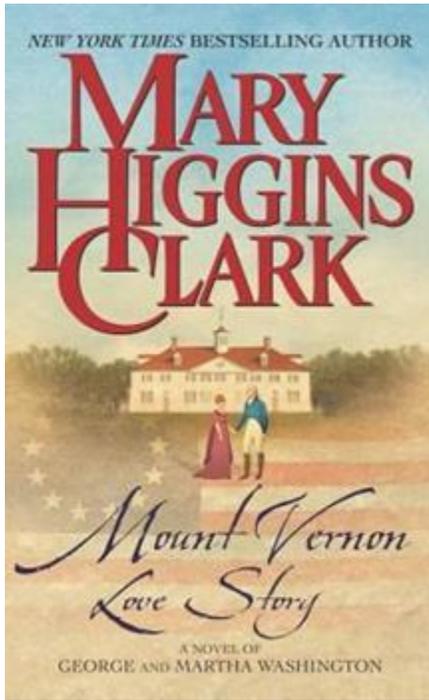
Although his excellent school record has ensured him acceptance to numerous colleges, Jace's dream is to become a helicopter pilot for Emergency Medical Services in the Pacific Northwest. He has already completed the required flight test and been accepted by the Silverhawk Flight Academy, offered through Treasure Valley Community College in Caldwell, Idaho, where he will pursue an associate's degree in Applied Aviation Science.

The 17th recipient of this scholarship, Jace joins past winners Danielle Pecoff (twice), Matthew Solem, Emily Hyndman, Andrea Johnson, Henry Funk, Breanna Whitman, Melissa Thomson, Sam Funk, Sarah Bruns, Sierra Ashe, Geonna Travis, Ben Williams, Shayne Ashe, Laureen Johnson, and Noah Williams.





June Pick!



In Mount Vernon Love Story famed suspense writer Mary Higgins Clark's long out of print first novel reveals the flesh-and-blood man who became the "father of our country" in a story that is charming, insightful, and immensely entertaining. Always a lover of history, Mary Higgins Clark wrote this extensively researched biographical novel and titled it *Aspire to the Heavens*, after the motto of George Washington's mother. Published in 1969, the book was more recently discovered by a Washington family descendant and reissued as Mount Vernon Love Story. Dispelling the widespread belief that although George Washington married Martha Dandridge Custis, he reserved his true love for Sally Carey Fairfax, his best friend's wife. Mary Higgins Clark describes the Washington marriage as one full of tenderness and passion, as a bond between two people who shared their lives even the bitter hardship of a winter in Valley Forge. In this author's skilled hands, the history, the love, and the man come fully and dramatically alive.

Other Great Reads:



The Great Alone
by Kristin Hannah



Lost Roses
by Martha Hall



How to Raise an Elephant
by John Burke



All Creatures Great and Small
All Things Bright and Beautiful
by Alexander McCall Smith

CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB
MONDAY, JUNE 6TH
10AM IN THE CHAPEL

THESE BOOKS WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE
CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB



YIPPY & WIRED

in June



Frisbee Golf

Wednesdays - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us at Sunset Park every Wednesday beginning June 15 for a few rounds of Frisbee Golf during the 'golden hour'. Bring your own disc or borrow one from the church. All students are invited!

Fro-Yo Fridays

Fridays 7-8:30pm

Do you like frozen yogurt? Do you like frozen yogurt covered in gummy worms dipped in chocolate sauce? Then join us every Friday night beginning June 17 at Spot On Yogurt in Lewiston.



Mexico Mission

June 18-24

Join us in praying for our Mexico Mission Team as they travel to serve in the name of Christ!

QUESTIONS?

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

Stay Connected!

Do you receive our weekly newsletter? If you want up-to-date information on events and programming for Children's Ministry, sign up for our weekly newsletter. This email contains information about upcoming events and includes our *At-home Guides* which provide helpful questions and home activities from Sunday's Children's Church lesson. If you'd like to sign up, contact Pastor McLane.



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.

Do to
others as
you would
have them
do to you.

Luke 6:31



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, CongoPres 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 mcldanes@conGOPres.org.

JULY LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY JUNE 20TH

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, June 28th at 9am.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH

WHAT: Women's Potluck Salad Lunch & Fun Rock Painting Activity

WHEN: Wednesday June 22nd

TIME: 11:30 am ~ 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Marcia Barkley's home @ 102 Lincoln St. in Asotin

BRING: Yourself & Your Favorite Salad to Share

QUESTIONS: Call Marcia Barkley (509) 552-9536
or Leslie Schrette (208) 790-4799



Mark your Calendars: June 5th

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!

1st	Julia Franklin, Doug Ryker & Patricia Brinegar
3rd	Waylon Fogue
5th	Scott Funk
6th	Emily Brown
7th	Judy Rooney & Doug Higgins
8th	Katie Fitting & Dean Stuck
9th	Terry Herman & McKenzie Ely
11th	Emma-Lee Sandaine
12th	Noah Norwood
14th	Ciarra Smith
16th	Arlene McGillivray, Jay Thomson, Natalie Williams, Hyla Hitchcock & Kathy Hollingshead
17th	Sierra Ashe, Shirlene Jutte, Gracie Sheppard & Andrea Wagner
19th	Deborah LeBlanc & Corbin Schroeder
20th	Jared Meske
22nd	Peggy Fulton, Duane Meske, Donna Myers & Ella Dyer
23rd	Kindra Hibbard
24th	Jim Stuck
25th	Nate Quarry
26th	Ellisa Dilling
27th	Sally Gabby, Rick Nowlin & Debbie Zenner
28th	Janet Shira
29th	Georgia Jurgens & Susan Peterson
30th	Mary Edwardson & Addi Travis



June Birthdays

Food Bank Sunday

June 19th

Food Bank Sunday

This month's

- Pudding
- Fruit
- Juices
- Eating Utensils
- Snacks
- Meats
- Zip Lock Baggies



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.

Worship with Us

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.



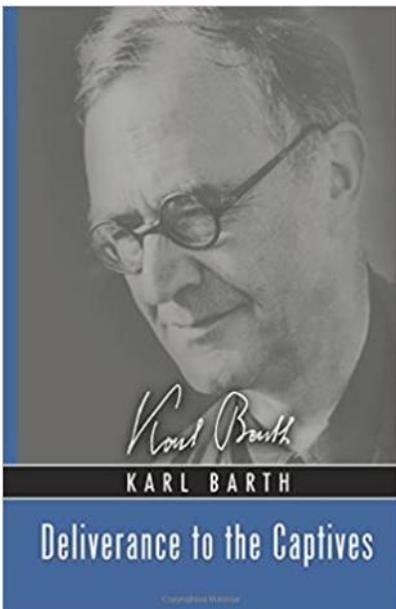
Adopt A Flower Bed

DEEP ROOTS: THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Tuesdays at 3pm

Summer Study Begins Tuesday July 12th

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

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JUNE

All Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 3:30p Kids Club	2	3 9a Sr. Exercise 9:50a Women's Bible Study	4
5 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10:15a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship Birthday Sunday	6 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Christian Book Club	7 9:30a Staff Mtg 6p Worship Mtg 6p Trustee Mtg	8 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Sr. Ministry Mtg 3:30p Kids Club	9	10 9a Sr. Exercise	11
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Fit & Fall Proof

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



Senior Ministries Picnic

When: Thursday June 16th

Where: Herreth Park

Time: 11:30 am



Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or
by calling the Church Office at
208-743-4444.

Join Us!!

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Senior Ministries



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, during the months of September through May, *on Fridays, at 10am*. For more information please contact Gayle Beck.

Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (September through May) at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

Women's Association meets September through May on the second Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 10am and are held in Fellowship Hall. Women's Association is open to all women and new members are always welcome. For more information please contact Peggy Fulton.

CPC Online Alpha Course meets Sunday afternoons at 2pm. Please pray for our participants. This course is designed for people who don't consider themselves to be Christian and want a safe place to ask their questions. Sign up at cpcalphal@gmail.com. Any questions please contact Cliff or Bobbi Matousek.

A new Divorce Care class has begun. If you are interested in participating please contact John or Loa Vornholt.



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