

# THE LINK

*Simply*  
**BLESSED...**

*My cup  
overflows  
with your*  
**BLESSINGS.**

PSALM 23:5

**August 2022**

**Congregational-Presbyterian Church**



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Keep in touch with friends that have moved away.



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that “for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” As I read this scripture, I find myself speculating on the experience of its author. What kind of life did he live? Were his days neatly organized around a few tasks that defined his “normal”? Were there interruptions to the ebb and flow of his everyday routine? Did he struggle to establish an ordering of time that gave structure to his world?

I ask these questions because I often find it difficult to recognize seasons in my own experience. We live in a culture that is marked less by the movement of seasons and more by the ability to instantly satisfy our desires. Do you want something? Purchase it. Do you desire friends? Click “Follow” or “Like”. Tired of waiting? Open a new browser window. We have become so infatuated with the immediacy of the present that we have lost our capacity to find rest in the ordering of the seasons of life. Even the term “seasons of life” feels outdated like an antique that holds no monetary value and nobody wants to take home.

Yet, seasons are important. Ecclesiastes reminds us that God has “made everything suitable for its time” (3:11). Though each season has its own challenges and hardships, God is present in each one. In the rhythm of our lives we experience the diversity of God’s grace and mercy. In other words, *each season is an opportunity to experience God’s love in a new way*. Rather than viewing these seasons as interruptions towards a destination, we might view them as stations along the way in which The Conductor, in His love and mercy, boards new passengers and resupplies the dining car.

So, in what season of life do you find yourself? Where is God moving in the rhythm of your life? You may not know. In fact, it’s likely that the demands of the present are keeping you from taking the time and space to reflect upon your season. You may need to quiet your mind and heart long enough to recognize the signs along the road. Let me encourage you: this is important work! Like prayer and Scripture, self-reflection is a spiritual discipline. Jesus spent a lot of time alone; but I assure you, he wasn’t idle. Christ understood that life has its seasons, and he constantly took time discover the Father’s will in his own. He was also critical of those who sought to rush through their seasons, missing opportunities to grow in God (John 7:6 “My time has not yet come”).

As we near the end of summer here in the LC Valley, I already sense the seasons beginning to change. Though the thermometer would indicate the opposite (105 degrees, *really?*), we find ourselves amidst a number of transitions. Some of these are exciting (if you haven’t read the introduction to our new Director of Children’s Ministries, Mollee Dilling, go do that now!). Some of these transitions are hard. As I prepare for my ministry in Coeur d’Alene, I know that there will be many moments when I will miss my CongoPres family. Yet, in every transition, the Lord leads us forward surrounded by his mercy and grace. Every season belongs to him, so we have nothing to fear! His love is deep, and he takes us each by the hand and guides us through the changing seasons of our lives.

I want to close by sharing with you my gratitude for the many ways you have shaped, and will continue to shape, me as a pastor. Your love is deep, your laughter loud, and it has been one of the great honors of my life to be your pastor. I love each of you, and I look forward to seeing all the ways that the Lord will guide us as we approach each new season.

In love and hope,

Pastor McLane

# CONGOPRES SUMMER INTERNS

I'm Isaiah, and I was born and raised in Lewiston. My grandpa was a pastor and my parents were very involved in the church he preached at, so I had a lot of experiences growing up in the church. Even after my grandpa retired and my family began attending a different church, I remained involved and dived deep into the youth group at Crosspoint. There I learned how to play a few different instruments and found a passion for playing and making music, which carries on today.

During my first year of college I was exposed to a variety of different churches and through that experience I learned to appreciate a number of different elements of the church that I wasn't familiar with. I think the biggest takeaway for me was the importance of finding a solid community that gets together and invites God into conversations. And even while there are still parts of my theology that I'm still putting together, I've grown confident in learning how loving and powerful God is, and how he uses all things for His Glory.

Over the summer I'm spending most of my time interning at this church, lifeguarding at the Asotin Aquatic Center, producing music, and hanging out with my friends. I'm very grateful to have a community of guys my age in town to be around, so that is certainly a blessing. I also have fun exploring different genres of music and learning more about how it's made.



My name is Wilson Sheppard, and I'm going to be a second year student attending Montana State University in Bozeman. I initially went to study engineering, but early in the spring semester, I switched to studying Architecture, and this fall, I will be taking my first Architecture studio class. It took me a little while to realize that architecture was the right choice, but my parents always knew ever since I was a small boy. I was the kid who played with Legos and Lincoln logs all the time, and I loved designing buildings. But my last year in college has helped me to finally realize my passion and pursue it.

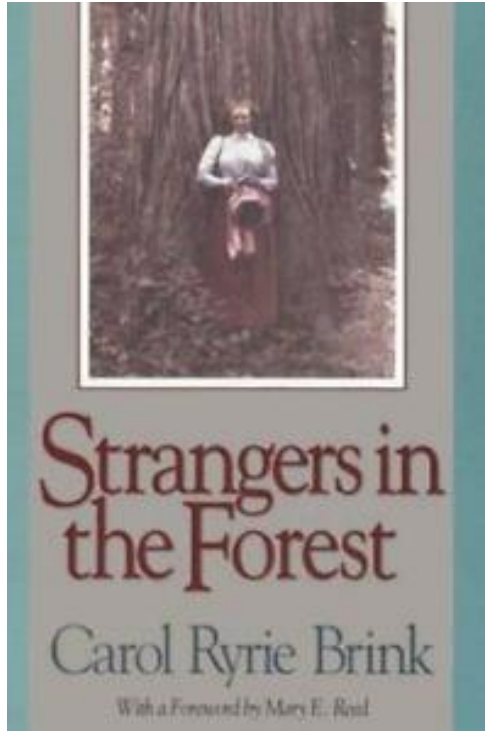
When it comes to being the youth intern, I have grown up in this church and it has always held a special place in my heart, along with the youth group. I remember being a kid going on the Silverwood trip, or playing fun games on Sunday nights, or doing the Fall Retreat up at Camp Spalding. Now I get to experience all of that again but from the position of a leader. Being able to be the youth intern with my best friend Isaiah this summer is incredible, and it has been a blast so far, and I feel like we're just getting started. So a big thank you to the church family for allowing me this amazing opportunity.

God Bless,  
Wilson Sheppard





# AUGUST PICK!



Strangers in the Forest, originally published in 1959, was included in the popular Reader's Digest Condensed Books series. Set in the white pine timberland of the Idaho panhandle in 1908, the story explores the early efforts of the new U.S. Forest Service to instill a sense of conservation - a new concept in Idaho's seemingly inexhaustible forests. The Forest Service's Bundy Jones heads west to investigate people taking timber homesteads in the north Idaho woods, suspecting that their real intention is to sell out for profit to lumber companies. Jones befriends the homesteaders, but when his connection with the Forest Service is revealed, most of the homesteaders turn against him. The inferno of a north Idaho forest fire once again unites Jones and the timber settlers.

Author Carol Ryrie Brink was born and raised in Moscow Idaho.

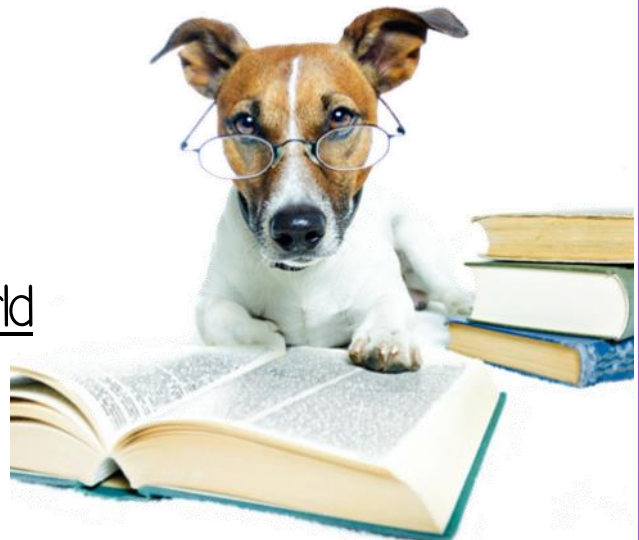
THESE BOOKS WERE  
RECOMMENDED BY THE  
CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

## OTHER GREAT READS:

🐾 The Indian Creek Chronicles  
by Pete Fromm

🐾 The Island of the Center of the World  
by Russell Shorto

🐾 Narcissa Whitman  
by Opal Sweazen Allen



# COME TO THE ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT

## HELLS GATE STATE PARK

### AUGUST 26-28

On Fire for Jesus....Come to celebrate Jesus, Our Life in Him, Our Life as a Community, and our Mission to the World

*Make your reservations NOW!! Tent ~ RV spaces without hook ups ~ still available in Loop C!*

### CAMPOUT ACTIVITIES

Friday August 26th: All Church Kickball; Church BBQ; Share Time

Saturday August 27th: Multi-Age Swim Relay; Paddling Flotilla; Share Time

Sunday August 28th: Morning Service

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](mailto:drcmatousek@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Mark your Calendars: August 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!

### August Birthdays

- 1st: Melanie Sheppard
- 3rd: Lauri Wilbraham
- 4th: Phyllis Laird & Tristan Vega
- 7th: Denise White & Darren Williams
- 8th: Cathy Poe & Shannon Van Buren
- 10th: Linda Gossage, Mara Jones & Jose Vega
- 11th: Charley Stone, Carrie Gurgel-Goodwin  
& Travis Walker
- 12th: Jack Bice
- 13th: Merle Forgue
- 14th: Casey Smith
- 16th: Dar Wendt
- 19th: Andy King & Taylor Schnuerle
- 20th: Andy Hanson & Pat Lindquist-Hulett
- 22nd: Leslie Schrette, Mary McLeod & Stephanie Elliott
- 23rd: Mark Sheppard
- 24th: Ethan Hibbard
- 25th: Kay Solem
- 26th: Brad Johnson
- 27th: Zackary Carpenter
- 28th: Millie Jones & Ted Dahlgren
- 29th: Noah Williams & Larry Smith
- 30th: Jenny McKarcher





# YIPPY & WIRED

## in August



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

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.



### Summer Breakout

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

Summer Breakout is an opportunity for our students to gather and fellowship together through the summer. Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to the church from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

### Salmon River Rafting

August 4, 6:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.

Join us on August 4 for rafting on the Salmon River. Drop-off at the church at 7:00 a.m. Pick-up at the church at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Pastor McLane Cost is \$90.

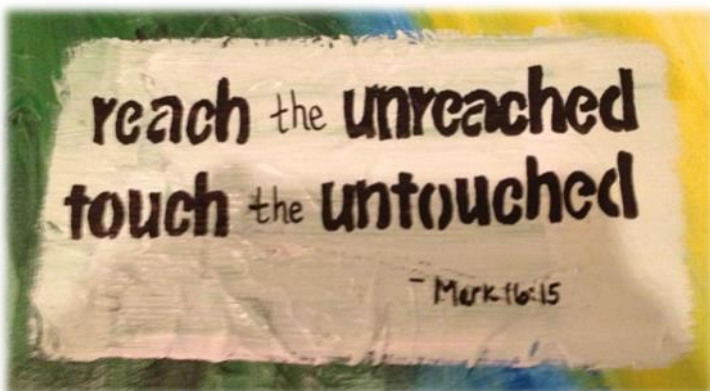






## CongoPres Mission Trip June 2022

Youth Mission Trip





# Food Bank Sunday

## August 21st



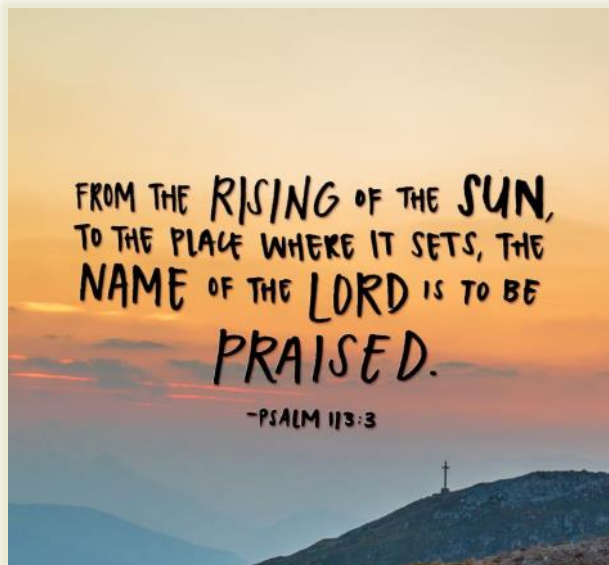
### *This month's needs:*

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Feminine Products

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](http://www.congopres.org), and can be viewed at any time during the following week.



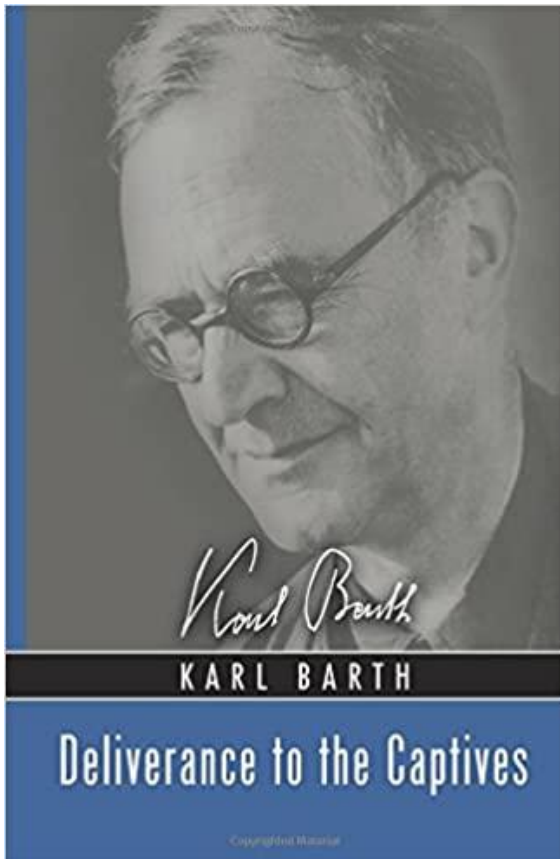
## FAMILY PROMISE THANKS YOU!!!

Thank you to all the people who provided meals and hosted our family. A special thanks for the time Chris Browne spent. All of you made a difference by providing a young family an opportunity for a new start. Prayerfully, seeds were planted, prayers will continue and the harvest will show in time. Praise God!

Appreciatively,

Mike Holder

»»blessed»»



### DEEP ROOTS: THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

#### WHEN

Tuesday August 2nd  
& August 9th

#### TIME

3:00 pm

#### WHERE

Fellowship Hall

This study will end on August 9th

[www.congopres.org](http://www.congopres.org)

Family Promise

Bible Study

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SEPTEMBER LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY AUGUST 22ND

Articles may be sent via email to [annab@congopres.org](mailto: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, August 30th at 9am.



We wish to thank everyone for their prayers and support with meals while Greg was recovering from knee surgery. Prayers were answered as Greg's surgery went well and his recovery has been faster than expected. With both of us limited in our abilities during this time, the meals were a huge help and a real treat! We are blessed to be part of such a loving and supportive church community!

*thankful*

Greg & Eva Lynn Thompson



# Fit & Fall Proof

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



Sr. Picnic at Herrith Park on  
Thursday June 16th. Thanks to all who came  
and joined us for good food and fellowship.

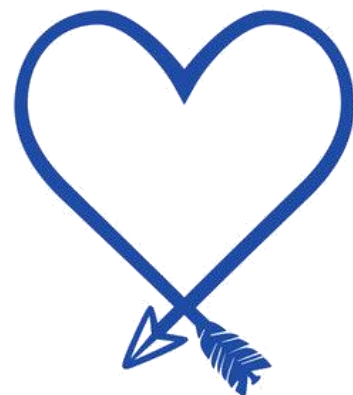


Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on Monday August 8th at 10am in the Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.

Men's Bible Study will not meet this summer while Pastor Steve is on Sabbatical (July 1 - August 14). We will reconvene on Wednesday, August 17, meeting every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45am in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve leads the Bible study and discussion, and we are currently reading the book of First Corinthians. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with 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.



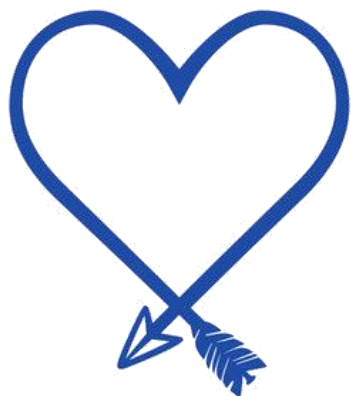


Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (September through May) at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

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 [cpcalpha@gmail.com](mailto:cpcalpha@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.



# Welcome Mollee Dilling

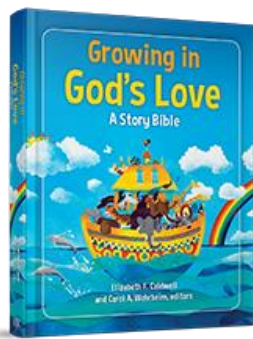
I was born and raised in Clarkston, WA. I received my AA from Walla Walla Community College, and my BA in Human Development with a Minor in Psychology from Washington State University. I have been teaching kindergarten for the last 6 years and I have truly enjoyed spending my days laughing and learning with the children. When I wasn't teaching, I enjoyed spending time with my own kids; Ellisa, Jake, Zach, and Seth. I love to read, spend time with friends, and drink coffee. I look forward to seeing how the Lord will use me in the lives of the kids at Congo Pres.



KIDS  
CLUB  
FUN!







This summer, we will be working through two themes in our Growing in God's Love story bibles: *Brave Women and Men of the Old Testament* and *Healings and Miracles*. We encourage you to engage your child in conversation about these exciting lessons. If you would like resources to help you in these conversations, please reach out to 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.



There's a place for all kids Preschool to 5th grade at CongoPres Kids Club! During the month of August, Kids Club will be taking a short break. We will resume with Kids Club programming in September. Stay tuned for more details to come!



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.

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9a Senior Exercise	2 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 5p Worship Committee Mtg.	3 9a Senior Exercise 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg. 7p Youth Frisbee Golf	4 6a Youth Rafting Trip	5 9a Senior Exercise 7p Youth FroYo Friday	6
7 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 11a Worship 7p Youth Summer Breakout <b>Birthday Sunday</b>	8 9a Senior Exercise 10a Book Club	9 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 6p Trustee Meeting	10 9a Senior Exercise 10:30a Sr Ministries Mtg. 7p Youth Frisbee Golf	11 	12 9a Senior Exercise	13
14 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 11a Worship	15 9a Senior Exercise	16 9:30a Staff Mtg 6:30p Board Meeting	17 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise	18	19 9a Senior Exercise	20
21 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 11a Worship 5p Youth Pool Party <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b>	22 9a Senior Exercise 1p Service Committee Meeting <b>LINK Deadline</b>	23 9:30a Staff Mtg.	24 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise	25	26 9a Senior Exercise  <b>All Church Campout @ Hells Gate</b>	27
28 <b>COMMUNION</b> 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 11a Worship  All Church Campout @ Hells Gate	29 9a Senior Exercise	30 9a LINK Volunteers 9:30a Staff Mtg.				



# Celebrate Pastor McLane's

*Ministries at CONGOPRES*

*When: Sunday, August 14th*

*Where: Fellowship Hall*

*Time: 3:30pm*

*Come say farewell to Pastor McLane, Charley & Epperly*

*Light refreshments will be served.*



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*

Celebration for Pastor McLane

Fellowship



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