

THE LINK

In everything give thanks for this is God's will in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Just for Fun

**THE LORD
HAS DONE
IT THIS
VERY DAY;
LET US
REJOICE
TODAY AND
BE GLAD.**

PSALM 118:24

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Dear Church Family,

November is the month of Thanksgiving, so I thought it appropriate to use this pastor's letter to talk about gratitude. Thomas Merton, one of the great Christian spiritual thinkers of the last century, said: "Gratitude takes nothing for granted. It is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder, and to praise of the goodness of God."

Gratitude takes nothing for granted. It is aware of each favor, each gift – both big and small. It also recognizes the giver – the couple in the church who shows their love by giving you and your spouse a night out for dinner and a movie; the friend who remembers to call you on your birthday; the person who gives you a compliment; the spouse who goes out of their way to lift you up when you're feeling down.

Perhaps you've felt the gratitude that comes from appreciating that you are surrounded by many gifts. But perhaps not. Not much in our society stimulates us to such appreciation. Instead of suggesting that we give thanks, the world encourages us to look for more. If we listen to the voices of our culture, we won't feel much gratitude. Instead we'll start thinking that we have practically nothing and need to get more . . . and more.

It's that attitude that makes us hostile – that leads us to guard what we have from others. We are afraid to share our personal resources because much of what we hear says that we don't have enough. It looks past what we have to what we do not have and urges us to grab for more.

Greed grabs. Gratitude receives. When you are truly grateful, you recognize not only the gift, but also the giver. You are aware of the love involved, and you get a glimpse at the wonder of friends and family. In these moments of receiving, I realize that I am a part of something much larger than myself and my immediate circumstances. I find that I am surrounded by God's indescribable generosity. I awaken to the fact that life itself is a gift, and in Jesus Christ it is a gift that will be renewed for all eternity.

It is especially during times of worship that gratitude toward God goes deep. Whether together with the people of God on Sunday mornings or in my personal daily times of worship through Scripture and prayer, I am aware that I belong to God – and, I am grateful!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve



National Homeless Awareness week is Nov. 12-20

Information from the Idaho State Dept. of Education, indicates they are seeing yearly increases. The causes include lack of affordable housing, poverty/under employment, health problems/medical bills, domestic violence, and abuse/neglect (unaccompanied youth). This affects learning as students experiencing homelessness are more likely to have higher incidences of acute and chronic illnesses, depression and anxiety, be chronically absent from school, get lower grades, have poor classroom engagement and social skills, have special education needs, score poorly on assessment tests and 87% are more likely to drop out of school.

Our church had a blanket drive in 2020 and collected 72 blankets which were much appreciated. As the need for warm bedding continues, we opted to do this again AND we are including Clarkston schools this time!!

In addition to the blanket drive, another way to help is to donate clothes (all sizes) that your children have grown out of but are in too good of condition to discard. If this is you, contact Patti Mann to make arrangements to collect: call or text 208-790-0693 or pattigmann@gmail.com.

Make someone smile this winter...



"Share the Warmth" Blanket Drive



Please drop off new or gently used blankets, sleeping bags, and warm bedding in the large box in Fellowship Hall. We've set a goal to donate 100 blankets!!



Help children and their families who need a warm blanket this winter. Now through November 30.

*Did you know--- currently approximately 100 children in Lewiston and 87 children in Clarkston are experiencing homelessness.

*On any given night, we have students who are either sleeping in cars, in campers, or in places not meant for human habitation.

Please donate a blanket and keep someone warm this winter.



NEW MEMBER CLASS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
9:00 – 11:30AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Are you actively involved in the life and ministry of Congregational-Presbyterian Church but have not yet made the commitment of membership? Would you like to hear more about our church and our vision for ministry? Would you like to deepen your connection with the people and ministries of our church? Then, the New Member Class is for you.

Through the New Member Class you will be able to explore what we as a community believe, meet Pastor Steve and other leaders of our church, and have a chance to discuss any questions you may have before deciding whether you would like to become a member of our congregation. Attending a New Member Class does not require that you join, but it will give you the necessary information to make a decision about membership.

The next New Member Class will meet in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 10, 9:00 – 11:30am. A light breakfast will be served. Please contact the church office (208-743-4444) to sign up for the class and to let us know if you need child care.

If you are interested in church membership but unable to attend this class, Pastor Steve will be glad to meet with you personally to discuss membership. Please contact him at the church by phone (208-743-4444) or you can email him at stevew@congopres.org.



Coffee Hour

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

The Fellowship committee is looking for coffee hour volunteers to set up before, and serve after each church service.

Please look at the volunteer sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall

for available times to help.

Call Sharon at 509-295-2954 if you have questions about what's involved.

It's a great way to help out your church and meet other church members!

Thank You, Sharon Damon, Fellowship Ministries



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 20th
3:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the church

Join us for one of the most joyous activities of the year!

You're invited to "Deck the Halls" on Sunday, November 20th, 3-5:30 p.m.! The Worship Ministry needs lots of volunteers to help prepare our church for the holy season of Advent. Childcare is available for children ages 3 and under in the nursery during this event.

3:00 p.m. - Decorating begins and continues until all the greenery, banners and the giant wreath are hung, candles are in place, the tree is decorated, and the Nativity displayed.

3:00-4:15p.m. - Children's crafts will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Crafts include creating homemade Christmas ornaments and decorating sugar cookies.

4:15p.m. - The children's craft time ends and the kids go upstairs to Pilgrim Hall to watch a movie.

5:00 p.m. - Everyone meets together in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious meal of yummy tacos, homemade cookies, coffee and cider provided by the Fellowship Ministries team.

**We need unfrosted sugar cookies, vanilla tub frosting and Christmas-themed sprinkles brought into the church the morning of November 20 for our cookie decorating table.*

Hope to see you there!



"RAKE 'EM UP" FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, December 3

Beginning at 9:00am

On Saturday, December 3, we are planning to spruce up the church grounds. We need volunteers to supply the muscle and skill! The work will involve leaf raking and removal. We will start work at 9:00am and plan to finish no later than 12:00noon - so, come whenever you can and stay as long as you can. We will provide hot drinks and breakfast snacks. Please bring leaf rakes, leaf blowers, tarps, large garbage cans, gloves and pick-up trucks. Contact Rich Goodwin (509-780-3410) or richg@congopres.org with questions.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that fed and hosted Cera and Gwen Oct. 2nd through Oct. 8th. The love and compassion that was displayed helped Cera to feel so comfortable that she then attended church service with us on Sunday. All that you do helps this family to get back on their feet and to take the next step. A special thank you to Chris Browne who went above and beyond.

Blessings,

Mike Holder



Rake 'em Up

Thank You

Would you like to be energized? Would you like a chance to get to know some of the students in the youth group who come to our church on Sunday evenings? Would you like to serve, but are not sure where or how? Please pray about providing, serving, and sharing a meal with our JH and HS students on Sunday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Your small group could sign up, or a few friends may choose to team up to serve together. We typically have 10 - 15 students and sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Ideas include; Pizza, Burritos, hamburgers, spaghetti, mac & cheese, deli sandwiches, grapes, fruit salad, chips or anything you would like to bring.

Questions? Talk to Loa Vornholt.

Thank You Youth Volunteers

- Molly Zimmerer
- Bob Franklin
- Deb Carpenter
- Cliff Matousek



- Becky Johnson
- Melanie Shepperd
- Taylor Schnuerle
- Loa Vornholt
- Gary Chase



New Youth Group Schedule



Middle School

(6th, 7th & 8th grades)

Sundays 5:00 ~ 6:30 pm

Dinner

(Middle School & High School)

Sundays 6:30 ~ 7:00 pm



High School

(9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grades)

Sundays 7:00 ~ 8:30 pm



SPREAD THE WORD...& BRING A FRIEND!

To many of us, pennies are just a nuisance. In Canada, there are no pennies. But for the Fellowship of the Least Coin, pennies turn into thousands of dollars around the world. The Fellowship of the Least Coin is one of the projects of the **Women's Association**. At each meeting, we contribute our least coins which are collected by Terri Nestor and then deposited annually. These least coins become grants for special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, and awareness-building among women and relief throughout the world. Come to our November 14th meeting at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall to learn more about this worthy venture and to discuss the second book in the Chronicles of Narnia, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Discussion lead by Pastor Steve. Hostesses for the meeting are Laureen Trail and Kathy McIntosh. Rona Meske will lead the devotion.



Holiday Service Schedule

December 24	4pm	Family Service
December 24	7pm	Carol Service
December 24	9pm	Candlelight Service
December 25	11am	
<i>(only - followed by fellowship - children's church at 11:15am)</i>		
January 1	11am	
<i>(only - followed by fellowship - children's church at 11:15am)</i>		

Food Bank Sunday

November 20th



This month's needs:

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

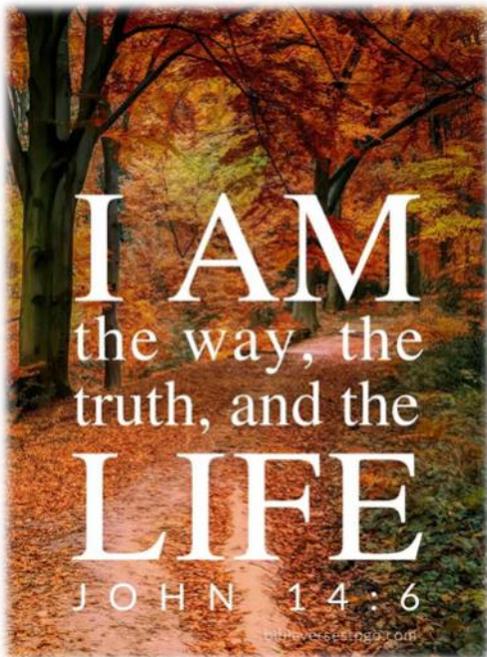
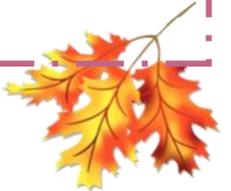


These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart. Donations are taken to the Community Action Partnership Food Bank. Thank you!



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 Kindergarten 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.

Mark your Calendars: November 6th

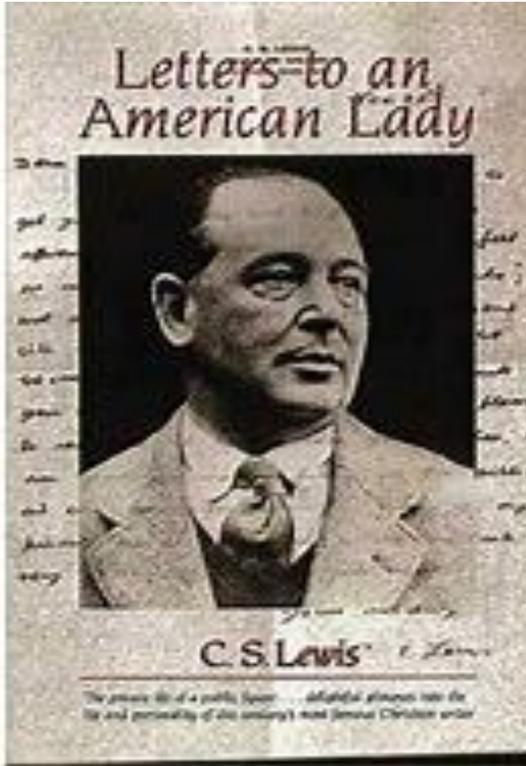
Join us monthly as we celebrate with cake during Fellowship Hour for a special Happy Birthday celebration for our Friends and Members! Stop by this month for some cake... coffee & conversation for your special

November Birthdays

- 1st Jasper Wehr
- 2nd Gary Delka & Rusanne Rudolph
- 3rd Kevin Dotson & John Rudolph
- 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, Debra Kimbell,
Meghan Bruns & Wesley Jungert
- 24th Forest Delka-Wicks & Sandra Hall
- 26th Alan Keller & Carol Steljes
- 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

OCTOBER PICKS!



In 1950, C.S. Lewis began a correspondence with a woman he's never meet. Thirteen years later, his life-and letters-came to an end. Lewis had no ideas that the letters would ever be published: they are not "literary," there is little about his interest in fantasy, even less about his academic and scholarly interests. But, for all that, they stand as a fascinating and moving testimony to his remarkable humanity, and are richly deserving of the position they now take among the balance of his writings. In these letters what is revealed is the kind of man-and the kind of Christian- that was C.S. Lewis.

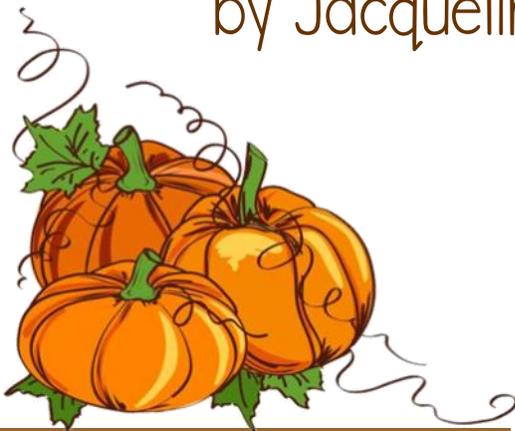
OTHER GREAT READS:



Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight
by Alexandra Fuller



A Sunlit Weapon
by Jacqueline Winspear



THESE BOOKS WERE
RECOMMENDED BY THE
CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB



CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB
MONDAY NOVEMBER 7TH
10AM IN THE CHAPEL



Children's Ministry will have several holiday craft tables set up for kids during our Hanging of the Greens celebration on November 20th. Crafts take place from 3:00 pm-4:15 pm, followed by a movie upstairs. The kids will rejoin their parents at 5:00 pm. We will be requesting donations, so please look for sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall beginning in November. If you like to plan ahead, here a few of the items we will be requesting:

- Quart Mason Jars w/Lids (new or cleaned and ready for food)
- Buttons (variety of colors; white, gold, green, and black)
- Sugar Cookies and Tubs of Frosting

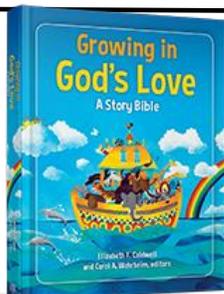


Did you know that childcare is provided at every service at CongoPres? Our nursery is open on Sundays and for all worship services! Loving child care for infants through age four is provided for the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service beginning at 8:45 a.m. Your child is welcome to remain in the nursery until Fellowship Hour ends at 11:00am. Childcare for ages 1st grade and younger is available during the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service.



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 **Kindergarten (5 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 sign your child(ren) out of Children's Church and take them to the All-Church Fellowship time in Fellowship Hall or allow them to remain upstairs until 10:30 a.m. when our child-care providers will take them to the nursery. We will not dismiss the children to Fellowship Hall without an adult.



In November, we will begin our study about the life of Paul; *Saul's Change of Heart*, *Lydia Meets Paul*, *Paul and Silas in Prison*, and *A Letter from a Friend*. We encourage you to engage your child in conversation about these exciting lessons. If you would like resources to help you, please contact Mollee Dilling @MolleeD@conGOPres.org



Who: Any child in the 1st-3rd grades.
What: Fellowship, fun, food & Bible Lesson
When: We meet from 2:30-5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. ***No KC on 11/23**
Where: South end of the church building. Use outside ramp to enter classroom below the sanctuary.
 *You may arrive anytime between 2:30 and 3:45 pm. Lessons starts @ 3:45 and Kids' Club ends at 5:00 pm



Who: Anyone in the 4th or 5th grade
What: Games, snacks, Bible lesson, & having fun!
When: Thursdays from 2:30-5:00 p.m. (You may arrive anytime from 2:30-3:45 p.m.) ***No JOLT on 11/24**

Where: Upstairs in Pilgrim Hall...drop off will be in the church parking lot.



DECEMBER LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

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 29th at 9am.



Reconnect



Women's Ministry is starting a new group to get ourselves reconnected. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. A daytime group will meet from 10 am ~ 12pm and an evening group 6 ~ 8 pm. We will be meeting in the basement of the Administration Building. Bring your crafts to work on or just come and visit with the ladies of our church and community. Bring a friend and lets have some FUN.



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30a Staff Mtg 2p Deep Roots 5p Worship Mtg 6p Trustee Mtg	2 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 2:30p Kids Club 5:30p Midweek 7p Choir 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg	3 10a Reconnect 2:30p JOLT 5:15p Bell Choir 6p Reconnect	4 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	5
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All Church Calendar



Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on Monday November 7th at 10am in the Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.

Men's Bible Study - Pastor Steve leads the Bible study and discussion every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45am - we are currently in 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 in the chapel at 10am. We are studying the Gospel of Luke and study guides are available for \$5. For more information please contact Gayle Beck.

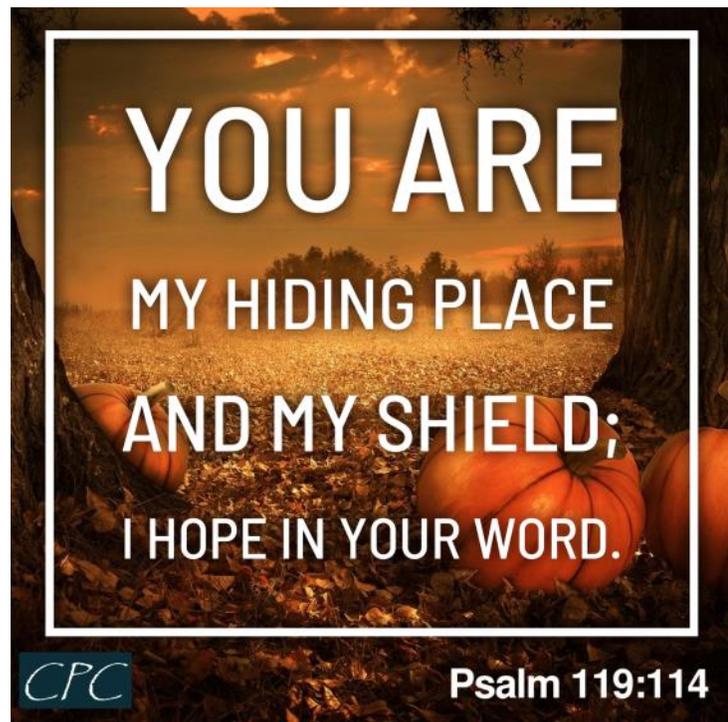
If you are interested in the Divorce Care class please contact John or Loa Vornholt.

Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study will meet on November 14th and 28th in the Administration Building Conference room at 6:45 pm. All are welcome. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

Women's Association will meet again on November 14th. The meeting will begin at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses for November are Laureen Trail and Kathy McIntosh, and Rona Meske will deliver the devotion. Pastor Steve will be continuing his program on The Bible in C.S. Lewis's *The Chronicles of Narnia*. For more information please contact Peggy Fulton.

Deep Roots: Theology for Today - This weekly conversation on Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00pm in the Chapel, is coordinated by Tom Boubel and facilitated by Tom and other members of the group. All are welcome to join us for the reading of important Christian texts aimed at enriching our lives today.

If you are interested in learning more about the CPC Online Alpha Course please contact Cliff or Bobbi Matousek.





There is a place for you in

The Story

A Weekly Wednesday Evening MidWeek Program
Led by Pastor Steve in Fellowship Hall

We meet from 6pm to 7pm
preceded by a light dinner at 5:30pm

What is *The Story*? *The Story* is a condensed chronological Bible. Through Wednesday evening videos, teaching and conversation, we will see how our story aligns with God's Story. *The Story* was offered to our congregation in the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016. Many picked up copies of *The Story* at that time, and we will be using the same edition as then. If you do not have *The Story*, please pick up your copy from the table in Fellowship Hall.

FIT & FALL PROOF

(SENIOR EXERCISE)

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



No Class:
Monday November 14th

November Senior Ministries Event



We will have a senior gathering on November 17, 11:00, in Fellowship Hall. We will share pie and coffee, and listen to Jack and Andrea Wagner share history of the Wagner family farm. Beth will lead us in a few Thanksgiving hymns.

October Senior Ministries Activity was a presentation on Fire & Fall Prevention given by Lewiston Fire Marshall Julian Sorrell.





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