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CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2022

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All Church Campout



Pictures from the All Church Campout in August!



Dear Church Family,

The Operating Budget of our church is established annually by the Church Board to support the ministries of the church. The Board gathers information from its various committees during the fall of each year and establishes a budget which reflects the ministries that we believe God is calling us to in the coming year.

During the same time period that the budget is being crafted, the Stewardship Committee implements our annual request for coming year pledge commitments from the congregation. As our people make their pledges, the Board is able to determine the level of financial commitment that our church can make for the coming year to support the program and personnel costs of our ministries.

Each individual or family will be given the opportunity to support our church through pledging. Prior to our first Stewardship Sunday on October 16, you will receive a packet in the mail from the Stewardship Committee. Our hope is that each individual or family will review the information, and pray about and make a financial faith promise (pledge) for 2023 by filling out the pledge card and returning it to the church.

What are some things to consider as you decide about your financial faith promise for our church for 2023? First, giving is a matter of grace, not law. We want you to give because you see that your financial participation in our church will bless the church and allow it to do its ministry, not because you feel pressured to give.

Second, take your money seriously, but not too seriously. Proverbs cautions, "Don't wear yourself out to get rich." Money is important, but it isn't everything, and it can't bring true satisfaction. If you take money too seriously it can cloud your judgment, alter your motives and steal the joy that generosity brings. The generous person remembers that money is a means to an end, not the end itself.

Third, be a river, not a reservoir. We are called to be channels, not containers. God's love and grace are to flow through us, not be held in us. As stewards, our compelling desire must be to constantly give as the river of God's blessings courses through our lives. Christians who practice generous giving have a conscious recognition of passing on what God has given them.

We are a community of faith in Jesus Christ, and we desire for each person to both benefit from, and contribute to, that community. May each one of us purpose to give with a grateful heart, thankful for God's abundance.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

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Pastor's Letter

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One of the ways we distribute the funds set aside for mission work is to support the Lewiston Independent Foundation for Education (L.I.F.E.). Our regular support is to their District Food Pantry to support their food distribution program. Additionally, you may recall we had a “blanket drive” a couple of years ago in which you all donated 72 blankets of which 25 were brand new. We recently learned of the need for items such as socks, underwear, pants, and other items. On behalf of our church family, the mission committee went shopping in order to help support this need. You will hear more about this organization and ways we wish to help in a future correspondence. For now, please see what your support dollars helped to accomplish:



Thank you all for your support of our church that allows us to reach out to our community in tangible ways such as this. We appreciate you. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Mann, pattijmann@gmail.com, 208-790-0693.



Everyone is invited to
A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Sunday, October 16, at 10:00am
in Fellowship Hall

We will approve the Pastor Search Committee (PSC)
and begin the Mission Study that will be used by the
PSC as they seek our next Pastor

Nursery and child-care available

Congregational Meeting



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

Fellowship

NEW YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Middle School

(6th, 7th & 8th grades)

Sundays 5:00 ~ 6:30pm



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!

Mark your Calendars: October 2nd

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!

October Birthdays

1st	Vicki Kugler & Ioa Vornholt
3rd	Andrea Johnson
4th	Micki Menet-Martin, Judy Wells & Dee Ann Ridenour
5th	Steve Wilbraham & Lucas Williams
8th	Autumn Symonds
9th	Glenna Johnson, Rona Meske & Steve Hyndman
10th	Rachel Sheppard
13th	Ron Mann & Cannon Johnson
14th	Austin Rose & Treyson Lejameyer
15th	Jeanette Gara-Betzold
16th	Gary Chase & Donald Betzold
17th	Goldie Osborn, Jim Sattler, Sherry Greenup & Henry Funk
18th	Don Anderson
20th	Doug Ashburn
21st	Darlene Plant & Bob Coleman Jr.
22nd	Valerie Johnson
24th	Mike Rooney
27th	Ken Wilmonen, Margaret Duncan & Mike Holder
28th	Jeanne Weber
29th	Irene Dunn & Mary Ann Funk
30th	Caleb Hyndman & Lori Delka
31st	Rich Kaiser



MAY THE GOOD LORD CONTINUE TO SHOWER
YOU WITH HAPPINESS, GOOD FORTUNE,
PROSPERITY AND GOOD HEALTH ALL THE
DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH

This month's needs:

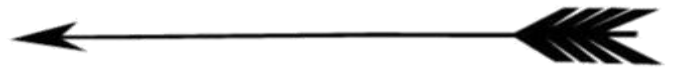
- ◆ Pie Filling
- ◆ Evaporated Milk
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Stuffing
- ◆ Olives
- ◆ Mushrooms
- ◆ Yams
- ◆ Readymade Pie Crust



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!

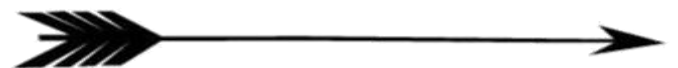
9:00am Contemporary Service

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.



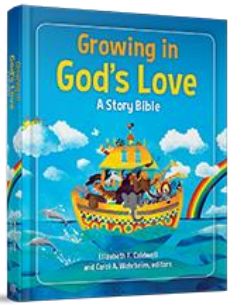
11:00am Traditional Service

This worship is traditional with hymn selections and special music offerings. Nursery is available for children 1st grade



9:00am and 11:00am Livestream

The Worship Services are livestreamed on our web-site: www.congopres.org, and can be viewed at any time during the following week.



This fall, we will begin our study with a unit on, "Jesus Teaches". The stories included in this series are; *A Blessings Map, Salt and Light for Our World, The Lord's Prayer, and Don't Worry*. 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.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for those who have a heart to serve our youngest disciples. If you feel led to volunteer your time in any of the children's programs listed here, please contact Mollee Dilling for more information.



molleed@congopres.org



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.

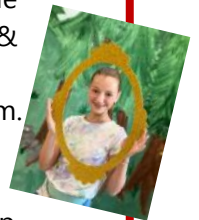
***A note to Parents:** Children's Church concludes at 10:15 a.m. At that time, you may come sign your child(ren) out of Children's Church and take them to the All-Church Fellowship time in Fellowship Hall or allow them to remain upstairs until 10:30 a.m. when our child-care providers will take them to the nursery. We will not dismiss the children to Fellowship Hall without an adult.



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 10/5**
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 10/6**
Where: Upstairs in Pilgrim Hall...drop off will be in the church parking lot.



Children's Ministry



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.

OCTOBER

All Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Birthday Sunday 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Fellowship 5p Youth Sunday Breakout	3 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Christian Book Club	4 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 5p Worship Mtg 6p Trustee Mtg	5 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 5:30p Midweek 7p Choir 7p Membership & Evangelism Family Promise	6	7 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	8
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NOVEMBER LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY OCTOBER 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, September 27th at 9am.



IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME OF YEAR...

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be available in Fellowship Hall
Sunday October 2nd!

*The POWER of
a SIMPLE gift*



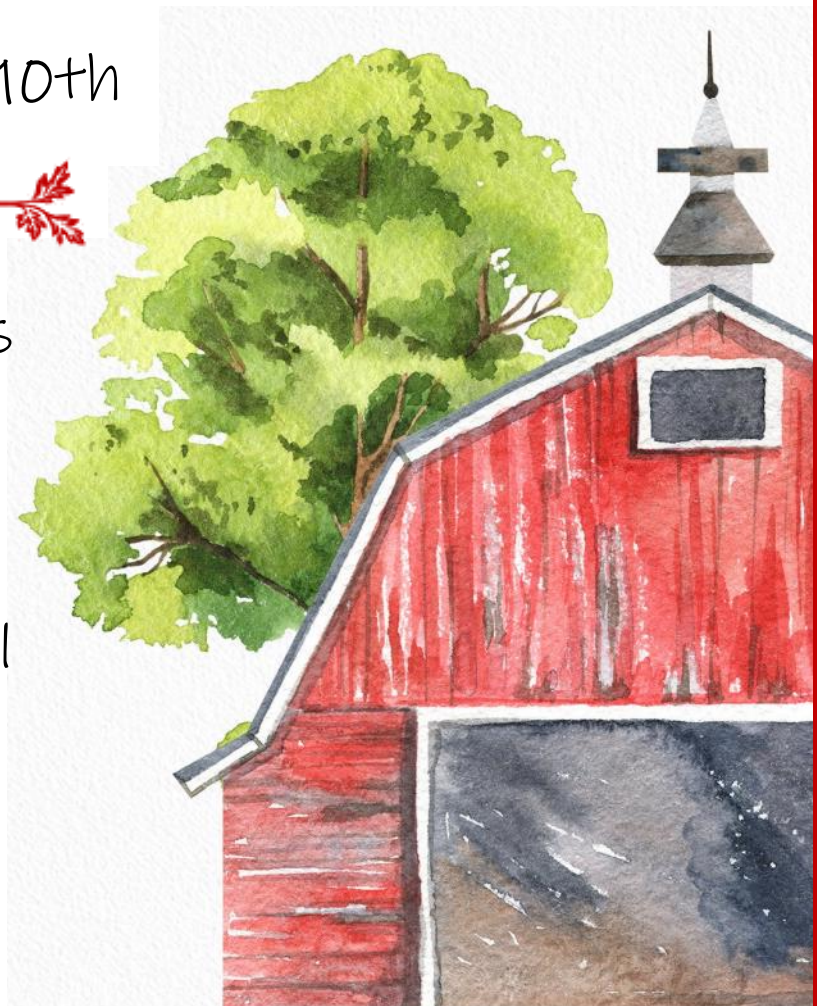
FIT & FALL PROOF

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

No Class:

Monday October 10th

Watch for more details
on our October Senior
Adult event. The
event will be held in
Fellowship Hall and will
feature two of our
seniors sharing their
life stories and faith
walk.



Senior Ministries

Growing in Faith

Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on Monday October 3rd 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 October 10th and 25th 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 October 10th. The meeting will begin at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses for October are Jean Allen and Dianne Waldemarson, and Shari Rhodes 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.





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