

# THE LINK

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CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
& the teaching  
of kindness  
is on her tongue.*

PROVERBS

31:26



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IN HAPPY MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD.

IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS, SEEK GOD.

IN QUIET MOMENTS, WORSHIP GOD.

IN PAINFUL MOMENTS, TRUST GOD.

IN EVERY MOMENT, THANK GOD.



## Youth Group Schedule

Youth Group will meet Sunday May 7th & 21st

### Dinner

(Middle School & High School)

Sundays 6 ~ 6:30pm

### Middle & High School

(6th thru 12th grades)

Sundays 6:30 ~ 7:30pm

## Youth Ministry

Dear Church Family,

These past several months we have tried something new as congregation on Sunday mornings. On the first Sunday of each month, beginning in January, we have offered one Combined Service at 10:00am which has, on those mornings, replaced our regular 9:00am Contemporary Service and 11:00am Traditional Service. Combining worshipers from the two services, our worship style has been a blend of our regular service styles.

The feedback from the congregation has been very positive. The most common response has been the enjoyment of worshipping with members of the “other” service, having the opportunity to better to get to know them during the greeting time during worship as well as the fellowship time after worship. Another observation has been the pleasure of the increased number of worshippers in the Sanctuary, wherein the singing and other forms of congregational participation take on an added vibrancy simply by having more people participating. Of course, it is harder getting around the Sanctuary during the greeting time to see friends and meet new people, with the aisles more crowded, but everyone seems to be getting along just fine.

On these Combined Sundays, we have heard from various members of our church family share spiritual insights from their personal faith journeys. These messages have been well received, with many reflecting on how much what was shared spoke to their own, personal situations. For myself, it gives me a Sunday “off” from preparing and giving the message, a nice monthly break which serves to refresh me for the rest of the month.

Given this positive reaction to the Combined Service, our Board in April decided to extend our current worship format through the month of September. As we are prayerfully hopeful of having a new pastor on board in September, the Board felt it appropriate to reevaluate our worship format with the input of the new pastor at that time.

There was some discussion at the Board meeting of extending the Combined Service Sunday to other Sundays of the month, but the value of providing a diversity of styles in Worship by offering two services was determined to be still a vital aspect of our worship as a congregation.

As we continue to worship the Lord, through Sunday gatherings and throughout the week individually and in smaller groups, let us remember to pray for His guidance of our Pastor Search Committee. They meet regularly to discuss pastoral resumes, review candidate sermons, and engage selected applicants in video conversations. We look forward with great anticipation for the person to be revealed whom the head of our church, Jesus Christ, has chosen for us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve



**Women's Christian Book Club** will not meet again until next fall. The book club meets on the first Monday of the month at 10am in the Chapel. If you are in interest in learning more about this group please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information. Check out page 18 of this months LINK for book recommendations.

**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 Revelation. 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. Currently the group is studying the Book of Colossians. For more information please contact Gayle Beck.

A new Divorce Care class has started. If you are interested in attending **Divorce Care** class please contact John or Loa Vornholt.



**Deep Roots: Theology for Today** This weekly conversation on Tuesdays, 3-4:pm 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.

**Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study** will meet on May 8th and May 22nd in the Administration Building Conference room at 6:45pm. All are welcome. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

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

**Women's Association** will meet again on May 8th. The meeting will begin at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses for May are Barbara Riggs and Nell Bice, and Jean Allen will deliver the devotion. Pastor Steve will be continuing his program on The Bible in C.S. Lewis's writings. For more information contact Peggy Fulton.



**Reconnect** is a group formed by our Women's Ministry. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 10 am ~ 12pm in the basement of the Admin. Building. They meet during the months of September ~ May. Please bring your crafts to work on or just come and visit with the ladies of our church and community. Bring a friend for some fun and fellowship.

## A Beacon of HOPE

The Lewis Clark Valley's first clean-and-sober shelter will break ground by the end of the summer, 2023! The Union Gospel Mission (UGM) is answering God's call in Matthew 25 and seeks to make a difference for our brothers and sisters whose lives are damaged by trauma, abuse, addiction, mental illness, or neglect. Their program brings healing into an environment conducive to change, not just through food and shelter. The overall program includes Rescue, Recovery and Restoration. These programs have been ongoing in the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene area since the first shelter opened in Spokane in 1951. The Rescue program addresses homelessness, family breakdown and addiction and this will be the emphasis of the new Mission in the LC Valley. You can view more about this mission online at [uniongospelmission.org/lcvalley](http://uniongospelmission.org/lcvalley).

The facility has a projected cost of \$7 million and like all UGM activities, functions totally on private donations, not government funding. \$4 million has already been pledged by the Union Gospel Mission Foundation in Spokane! Of the \$3 million requested of the LC Valley, \$2 million still needs to be committed. There are many ways to donate if God is calling you to serve those in need through this ministry.

- ~Donating online is easy at [uniongospelmission.org/give](http://uniongospelmission.org/give). Choose or input dollar amount and then choose destination. Arrow down to LC Valley.
- ~Mail a check to the Union Gospel Mission, 1224 E Trent Ave, Spokane, WA 99202. Write UGM-LC Valley on the memo line.
- ~If you want to donate volunteer time or have questions about employment in the new facility you can contact the new Director for the LC Valley facility at [Jeremy.stevens@uniongospelmission.org](mailto:Jeremy.stevens@uniongospelmission.org).
- ~Prayers are needed for the completion of the project as well as for those in our community that need these services.

There are 4 Board Members from our area who are currently representing the LC Valley on the UGM Board of Directors. For more information, you can contact Mike Fosbury locally at [mfosbury@gmail.com](mailto:mfosbury@gmail.com) or 208-413-3069.

# Mark your Calendars: May 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!*

## 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

May Birthdays



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

# Women's Tea

## 'Lavender and Lace'

WHEN: Saturday, May 13th

TIME: 2:00pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

COST: \$10 per ticket

*Please sign-up before May 7th*

Please join us for afternoon tea & Refreshments!



Tickets can be purchased during Fellowship Hour on April 30th and May 7th.



Tea time

Please contact Marcia Barkley at (509) 552-9536 with any questions.



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



## 10:00am Combined Service on May 7

We are offering a Combined Worship Service on the first Sunday of May through September – on these Sundays it will replace the regular 9am and 11am services. The Service will meet at 10am, combining elements of our 9am and 11am worship.

As parking is a bit tighter on our Combined Worship Sundays, please **do not** park in the church parking lot unless you need close-in access to the church, reserving our parking lot spaces for those with physical limitations. There is plenty of parking on the side streets around the church (which is unrestricted on Sundays), and in the LCSC parking lot across from the Activities Center.



I will praise the Lord with my whole heart.

*Psalm III:1*



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.

MIDWEEK ENDS ON MAY 17TH

# Cinnamon Roll Breakfast Casserole



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.

# College Scholarship

*Application will be taken until May 31, 2023*

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 2023-2024 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](http://www.congopres.org/information).

**GOD** has a **GREAT**  
plan for **YOU.**

Jeremiah 29:11



## New Staff Position

Our church has begun the search for a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. The position description is on our website under "Information." If you know someone for this position, please ask them to contact Pastor Steve at the church.



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

## 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.





All Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9a Senior Exercise	2 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 5p Worship Committee Mtg. 6p Trustee Meeting	3 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 2:30p Kid's Club 5:30p Children's Ministry Mtg. 5:30p Midweek 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg. 7p Choir	4 10a Reconnect 2:30p Jolt 5:15p Bell Choir	5 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	6
7 10a Combined Worship 10:15a Children's Church 11:15a Fellowship 6p Youth Group  <b>Birthday Sunday</b>	8 10a Women's Association 6p Pastor Search Committee 6:45p Women's Bible Study	9 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 6:30p Board Mtg.	10 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 10:30p Sr. Ministry Mtg 2:30p Kid's Club 5:30p Midweek 7p Choir	11 2:30p Jolt 5:15p Bell Choir	12 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	13  2pm Women's Tea
14 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Fellowship	15 9a Senior Exercise  <b>LINK Deadline</b>	16 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots	17 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 5:30p Midweek 7p Choir	18 10a Reconnect 5:15p Bell Choir  <b>Office Closed Staff Day Away</b>	19 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	20
21 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Fellowship 6p Youth Group  <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b>	22 9a Senior Exercise 1p Service Committee Mtg. 6p Pastor Search Committee 6:45p Women's Bible Study	23 9a LINK Volunteers 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots	24 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 7p Choir	25 12p Sr. Ministry Picnic 5:15p Bell Choir	26 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	27
28 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Fellowship  <b>COMMUNION</b>	29  <b>Office Closed</b>	30 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots	31 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise			

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. Pastor Steve will finish our study of C.S. Lewis. 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 8, 2023, in Fellowship Hall at 10:00.



## 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 Fellowship Hall for available times to help.

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

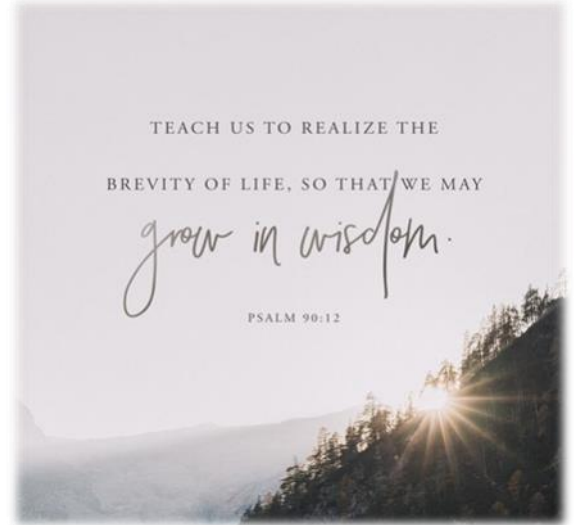
It's a great way to help out your church and meet other church members!

Thank You, Sharon Damon, Fellowship Ministries

## JUNE LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY MAY 15TH

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.

We are in need of 4 to 6 volunteers that are interest in helping assemble the LINK each month. Volunteers are currently meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 9am in the church office Conference Room. In May the date for LINK assembly is Tuesday May 23rd, If you are interested please join us on May 23rd or contact Anna in the office.



## Food Bank Sunday May 21st

*This month's needs:*

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



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!



# Senior Ministries Picnic

When: Thursday May 25th

Where: Herreth Park

Time: 12pm



The Senior Ministries picnic will be May 25th at Herreth Park at noon. Those who chose to take the church bus should be at Fellowship Hall by 11:15am as the bus will load at 11:30am. Chicken, sides, and drinks will be provided by CongoPres. There will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

## Fit & Fall Proof

*(Senior Exercise)*

Join us every

Monday, Wednesday &  
Friday

at 9am

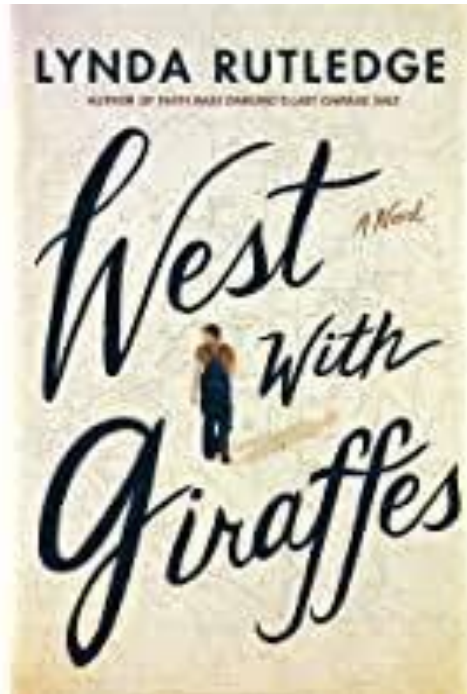
in Fellowship Hall

No Class:  
Monday May 8th  
Monday May 29th

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

Senior Ministries

# May Picks!



Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave.

It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

CPC Christian Book Club will begin meeting again next fall.

THESE BOOKS WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

## OTHER GREAT READS



Shadow of the Century  
by Jean Graninger



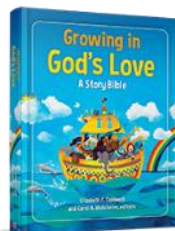
A Thousand Shall Fall  
by Susi Hasel Munday





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 con-



cludes 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.



### KIDS' CLUB

**Who:** Any child in the 1st-3rd grades.

**What:** Fellowship, games, snacks, and a Bible lesson.

**When:** Wednesdays from 2:30-5:00 pm.

\*You may arrive anytime between 2:30 and 3:45 pm. Lessons starts @ 3:45 and Kids' Club ends at 5:00 pm.

**Where:** South end of the church building. Use outside ramp to enter classroom below the sanctuary.



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 8:50 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.



### JOLT

**Who:** Anyone in the 4th or 5th grades.

**What:** Games, snacks, Bible lesson, & having fun!

**When:** Thursdays from 2:30- 5:00 pm. \*You may arrive anytime between 2:30-3:45 pm. Lessons start @ 3:45 and Jolt ends at 5:00 pm.

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



*Special thanks to all of those who helped with the Children's Egg Hunt!*





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