

# THE LINK

HE HAS  
*made*  
EVERYTHING  
*beautiful*  
IN ITS TIME.

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CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## Stewardship

Calling all digital photos for a Stewardship message coming in October. If you have any photos of fun outings or projects that you have enjoyed with church family this year, please send them to me for our annual photo collage during the Stewardship campaign. Please send them to [vboubel@gmail.com](mailto:vboubel@gmail.com).

Thanks so much!

Vicky Boubel

Stewardship Ministry Leader

Photo deadline is  
October 8th!!



God's Beloved People:

**Our Mission: To Know Christ, To Become Like Christ, To Share Christ.**

Well, how exciting and anxious is this. Saying good bye to a pastor who faithfully served through this congregation for 18 years. Receiving a pastor to walk along side you in the interim. Soon welcoming a pastor to minister with you in the coming days.

This transition time between the end of one pastorate and the beginning of another pastorate is strange territory. It is not unlike driving down a road you have not traveled before. It can be unsettling and yet energizing.

**God says, "I will send an angel ahead of you to protect you as you travel..."**  
*Exodus 23:20a*

You have composed a lovely self-reflection piece, *Mission Study 2023*, *Congregational Presbyterian Church, Lewiston, Idaho*, a description of Lewiston, the congregation, the history, demographics, finances, ministries, mission, outreach, programs. Inviting and receiving input from the congregation regarding feelings, hopes, aspirations, concerns, the pastoral gifts valued to help guide this congregation to discern and follow God's will in the years ahead.

If you haven't already, do give it a read. If you have already, give it a second read. Seek God's voice in the reading, being open to travel down roads yet untraveled, down paths yet untrodden. Where is God leading you? Where is God leading this congregation?

Where will this road lead? What challenges lie ahead? What blessings are yet to come?

That verse from Exodus ends with these words: **"I will send an angel ahead of you to protect you as you travel and to bring you to the place which I have prepared."**  
*Exodus 23:20*

*To the place which God has prepared.* Ah, the church trusts God is leading, may we be open to head off down roads not traveled before, not knowing where we go, but only that God's hand is leading us and God's love supporting us.

Joyfully Serving As Interim,

Pastor Nick

## NOVEMBER LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY OCTOBER 16TH

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.



Volunteers are currently meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 9am in the church office Conference Room. In October the date for LINK assembly is Tuesday October 24th.

## Food Bank Sunday October 15th

*This month's needs:*

- ♦ Pie Filling
- ♦ Evaporated Milk
- ♦ Cranberry Sauce
- ♦ Stuffing
- ♦ Mushrooms
- ♦ Yams
- ♦ Readymade Pie Crust
- ♦ Spices



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!

# WORSHIP WITH US



## 10:00am Combined Worship

The service will combine elements of our 9:00am Contemporary Service and our 11:00am Traditional Service. The question of returning to our 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday format will be addressed when our new pastor arrives.

## 10:00am Livestream

Each Worship Service is livestreamed on our website: [www.congopres.org](http://www.congopres.org), and can be viewed any time during the following three months.

## 10:00am Parking

As the entire congregation gathers to worship together, parking will be a bit tight in our church parking lot. 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.





The next event for the women of our church and friends is a Ladies Lunch with guest speakers from several of the nonprofit organizations in our valley. This is something that has been on my heart for several years but due to Covid we had to put it on hold. It is my goal to provide a way for us to reconnect with our community by learning about these different organizations and what we can do to support them. Many people contacted me to ask about donating items and where the best place or need is for the donation. Although from my work with the school district I am aware of different needs and places to donate I think we need to learn more and be able to put our gently used items to work for those in need. I will be contacting as many places as I can to make a list for all of us to have on hand so when we are cleaning out that closet or getting rid of those business clothes we don't need, we will know just where to take them.

Please save the date of October 28, 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We will serve a light lunch and hear some awesome speakers. Please sign up in fellowship Hall so I have a count for food. Bring a friend or two and get reconnected with our community.

Marcia Barkley

*His  
Mercy  
endures  
forever*  
PSALM 136:1



# Mark your Calendars: October 1st

*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 & LOA VORNHOLT
3RD	ANDREA JOHNSON
4TH	MICKI MENNET-MARTIN & DEE ANN RIDENOUR
5TH	STEVE WILBRAHAM & LUCAS WILLIAMS
9TH	GLENNA JOHNSON, RONA MESKE & STEVE HYNDMAN
10TH	RACHEL SHEPPARD
13TH	RON MANN & CANNON JOHNSON
14TH	AUSTIN ROSE
15TH	JEANETTE GARA-BETZOLD
16TH	GARY CHASE & DONALD BETZOLD
17TH	JIM SATTLER, SHERRY GREENUP & HENRY FUNK
18TH	DON ANDERSON
20TH	DOUG ASHBURN
21ST	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

## October Birthdays

CELEBRATING  
THE BLESSING YOU ARE  
& THE JOY YOU BRING!



Lauri and I want to express our deep gratitude for our Farewell Reception at the Elks on Sunday, September 10. It was wonderful to see so many of you from our church family, and we appreciate all your words wishing us well and thanking us for our ministry with you these past 18 years. Thank you for the numerous cards and notes, both from the reception and mailed to us, and for the wonderful Gratitude Book. Your reflections on our time together have encouraged us greatly, reminding us of the countless ways the Lord has blessed us through you. Thank you, also, for the generous financial gift which we will use to help pay for our move to Texas.

The participation of our three sons was a complete surprise to us; it was the "cherry on top" of a truly memorable afternoon. They were able to spend a couple days with us before returning to their families and jobs in Texas.

And, thank you to everyone who was a part of planning and implementing this special day. Having been involved with similar events in the past, we know they take a great deal of time and effort to bring together. Your work on our behalf and on behalf of our congregation is yet another example of the blessed people of God blessing others.

When we move, we will provide the church office with our new address. We look forward to staying in touch with you, our beloved friends at Congo-Pres.

Yours in Christ's love,

Pastor Steve







Thanks be  
TO God





Women's Christian Book Club will meet again Monday October 2nd at 10am in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome. If you are interest in learning more about this group please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.

Men's Bible Study - This Bible study and discussion meets 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 from September thru May at 10am in the chapel. We are studying Hebrews this fall. Study guides are available and will cost \$7. There is a Scholarship Fund available for anyone needing assistance with the price of this guide, Please contact Gayle Beck at (509) 751-9981 for more information. Please leave a message.

If you are interested in our Divorce Care class please contact John or Loa Vornholt for more information.





**Deep Roots: Theology for Today** Deep Roots is a weekly conversation on Tuesdays, 3-4pm 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** meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (September through May) at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room. This month bible study will be held on October 9th and 23rd. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

**Women's Association** meets on the second Monday of the month at 10am in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, prayer support and education. At our October meeting Kate Nowlin will be presenting the devotions. Kate has a special guest who will give the program. You won't want to miss our monthly get together. Micki Mennet-Martin and her committee will provide refreshments. See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>!

**Reconnect** is a group formed by our Women's Ministry. Reconnect 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. In October ladies will meet October 5th & 19th. 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.



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



Dear Missions Committee,

I am so grateful for the grant of \$500 for my classroom! Because of your gift and generosity, I've already been able to add some much needed supplies to our science and reading programs. We wanted you to know how much we appreciate the grant, and what a blessing it is (and will continue to be) to our classroom.

Thank you, for adopting me, and my students,

Mollee Dilling (and the K class at LCCS)



Dear Congregational Presbyterian Church & Mission Committee,

Thank you so much for supporting me and my classroom. Your generous gift will help me feed my first graders snacks, give them a book of their own and provide food so that I can teach them to make sandwiches and feed themselves at home if they need it. Good life skills to help them. Your kindness is such a blessing and my students lives will be better because of you.

Love,  
Jamie Williams



# FIT & FALL PROOF

(SENIOR EXERCISE)



JOIN US EVERY  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
AT 9AM  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

## October Sr. Ministry Activity

Dr. Michael Rooney, Medical Director of Family Hospice, will be presenting current information about hospice and end of life issues including discussion and time for questions.

Please join us on October 19th at 11am in Fellowship Hall.

Questions?? Please contact Laureen Trail, Sr. Ministries Director.



# October Activities

## Youth Group

Sundays at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.



If you are interested in providing a meal for our youth group on Sunday nights please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

The children's ministry needs your help! We need volunteers to teach the Sunday school lesson during the 10 AM service: read a Bible story , do a craft and a snack too. Everything you need will be provided... we just need you! You can do just one Sunday a month or whatever works for your schedule.

If you're interested please call Jamie Williams at 208-791-2467. Thank you!







# All Church Calendar

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1 Birthday Sunday</b> 10a Combined Worship 10a Children's Church 11a Congregational Mtg. 11a Fellowship 6:30p Youth Group	<b>2</b> 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Christian Book Club	<b>3</b> 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 5p Worship Comm. Mtg. 6p Trustee Mtg.	<b>4</b> 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 5p Choir 7p Membership & Evangelism	<b>5</b> 10a Reconnect	<b>6</b> 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b>
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# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



*It's time for Operation Christmas Child again! Please see our display in Fellowship Hall. This year we are being asked to include a note and/or a picture in each box. Questions...contact Laureen Trail!*

The Congregational Presbyterian Church has a sharing room. It is located in Helen's House. We accept gently used items such as towels, sheets, bedding, dishes, bake ware, small appliances, and kitchen essentials. You can donate to this at any time by dropping your items off at the church. They will be sorted and stored until someone needs them. These items are to be used by any one in need. You are welcome to call the church or Marcia Barkley, 509-552-9536, to set up an appointment to get what you need. People do not have to be members of our congregation to receive help from this sharing room. It is our goal to have these items available for those in need at any time. Please note we do not take clothing or personal items. If you yourself or someone you know could benefit from something from the sharing room please don't hesitate to contact us we are happy to help.



# Welcome Adam & Julia Ogg!



Please join us on October 1st as we welcome Adam and Julia to our congregation. Adam will be preaching at our 10am Combined Service. Following the service we will have a Congregational Meeting where we will vote on accepting Adam as our new Senior Pastor.

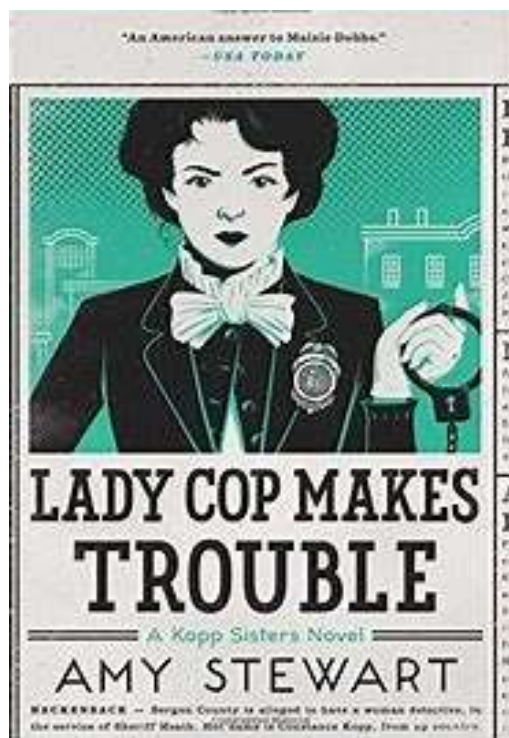
We hope to see you there!

The Pastor Search Committee is pleased to introduce Pastor Adam Ogg and his wife Julia. Adam grew up in Ojai, California, attending Ojai Presbyterian Church. A graduate of Whitworth University, he studied theology before attending Princeton Theological Seminary, where he met his wife Julia, a Lutheran minister. Adam is currently the Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry of Burke Presbyterian Church in Burke, Virginia, a suburb of Washington DC. Prior to that, he served churches in Washington, Pennsylvania, and Florida. He enjoys spending time with friends, reading books, and both playing and appreciating music. Adam and Julia live in Herndon, VA with their dog Pacy.

From his cover letter to the church:

"My personal philosophy of ministry is one that comes from abundance. Opportunities abound to discover the Why of ministry by listening to the Spirit and the neighbors around them. Every disciple has gifts and talents given to them by God to be used to love God and to inspire their lives, not just the pastor or staff. We experience God not by living to someone's standards of what it means to be a Christian, but in how we experience Christ authentically in our own lives. Church is meant to work towards a spiritually and emotionally connected community in order so the love we receive from God pours out into the world."

*This information is not for distribution on social media at this time.*



CPC Christian Book Club will meet October 2nd at 10am in the Chapel..

THESE BOOKS WERE  
RECOMMENDED BY THE  
CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

After besting (and arresting) a ruthless silk factory owner and his gang of thugs in *Girl Waits with Gun*, Constance Kopp became one of the nation's first deputy sheriffs. She's proven that she can't be deterred, evaded, or outrun. But when the wiles of a German-speaking con man threaten her position and her hopes for this new life, and endanger the honorable Sheriff Heath, Constance may not be able to make things right.

*Lady Cop Makes Trouble* sets Constance loose on the streets of New York City and New Jersey--tracking down victims, trailing leads, and making friends with girl reporters and lawyers at a hotel for women. Cheering her on, and goading her, are her sisters Norma and Fleurette--that is, when they aren't training pigeons for the war effort or fanning dreams of a life on the stage.

Based on a true story, *Girl Waits with Gun* introduced Constance Kopp and her charming and steadfast sisters to an army of enthusiastic readers. Those readers will be thrilled by this second installment--also ripped from the headlines--in the romping, wildly readable life of a woman forging her own path, tackling crime and nefarious criminals along the way.

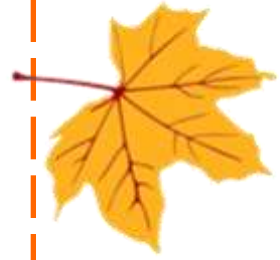
## OTHER GREAT READS

Miss Kopp Just Won't Quit  
by Alex Stewart

Dear Miss Kopp  
by Alex Stewart



If you haven't picked up your new church directory you can do so in the church office.



Thankful  
GRATEFUL  
Blessed

Faith  
CAN MOVE  
Mountains

Church Office Hours  
8am to 1pm  
Monday through Friday

If you would like a copy of the September/October Upper Room they are still available in Fellowship Hall and the church office.





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 Patti Mann. .... Mission  
 Laureen Trail..... Senior Adult Ministry  
 Mike Holder ..... Service  
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