

THE LINK

A person wearing a dark blue puffy winter coat and a brown knit hat with a pom-pom is seen from behind, leading a reindeer on a leash. The reindeer has large, dark antlers and is wearing a harness. They are walking on a snowy, muddy path that leads into the distance. The background is a hazy, overcast sky with some birds visible in the far distance.

GLORY to god in the HIGHEST,
and on earth,
peace and goodwill
towards men. LUKE 2:14

JANUARY 2024

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ANNUAL MEETING

11:00am on Sunday, January 28th

in the Sanctuary

(immediately following the 10:00am Combined Service)



To the friends of Congo-Pres,

Happy New Year! Are you the kind of person who does New Year's resolutions? Honestly, if you are, good for you! I'm not going to be the person to critique or roll my eyes at people who do. I'm genuinely fascinated that there's a moment in our culture where people at least give lip-service to introspection and being different, and many people aspire to follow those resolutions through! I think it speaks well of people- whatever their faith or lack thereof- that there is a hunger to be different, to get better or healthier, have more hobbies, and all the other way people want to be different.

In the Christian faith, we believe not that we're trying to be different, but, using a variety of New Testament images, Christ is calling us into the Kingdom, into new life, and to receive the Holy Spirit. It's less that we're trying to be better, but that God is making us more into Christ's likeness. I recently read something that read scripture in a fascinating way. 1 John 4, in talking about how Christians treat one another, famously says "God is love". And Genesis 1, in telling about human origins, also classically says that humans are made in the image of God. While we could spend hours discussing what the Image of God means, one way to say is that we are made to be individual images of love. Jesus, the ultimate image of God (because he is God) shows us this love. In the Christian faith, we believe that in knowing God, we become transformed by God to become more like Christ, to not only share God's love, but to become the kind of people who reflect God's love.

Whether a New Year's resolution, or a desire to be closer with God, the best way to do this is with a group of people. In particular a group we can share stories with- to both share stories of progress, and name the stories of backtracking or loss.

This is what church is supposed to be- a group of people who get together before this God, to worship and be changed by hearing the Word and receiving the sacraments, and then sent out share that with the world (and encounter God out there, too).

As your pastor, I'm not special or above this. God is working in my life in ways big and small, with the obvious way in how I've been called by you. So I'd love to invite you to lean into the story-sharing part of church. You hear from me so often, but I also want to hear from you: how are things going in this new season of ministry? Where have we been as a church before my time? Where do you hope we're going? I'd love to hear from you, and if you'd like to meet for coffee, or stop in to visit the office, or invite me over, feel free to call the office, or reach out to me over email (adamo@congopres.org). For those who already have, thank you! It has been a blessing to get to know your individual stories as I learn about this church God has called together.

Grace and peace,
Adam Ogg

FEBUARY LINK DEADLINE MONDAY JANUARY 22ND

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.



Volunteers are currently meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 9am in the church office Conference Room. Due to the holidays we will meet for LINK assembly in January on Tuesday January 30th

Food Bank Sunday January 21st

This month's needs:

- ♦ Peanut Butter
- ♦ Top Ramen
- ♦ Noodles
- ♦ Rice
- ♦ Dry Beans
- ♦ Jams
- ♦ Jelly
- ♦ Coffee
- ♦ Fruit
- ♦ Pudding
- ♦ Juices
- ♦ Snacks
- ♦ Eating Utensils
- ♦ Zip Lock Baggies



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!

Mark your Calendars: January 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!

January Birthdays

2nd	Susan Mann
4th	Bill Edwardson & Joe Travis
6th	Noreen Anderson & John Alley
8th	Jeannie Goodman
9th	Dick Riggs
10th	Terry Goodman
11th	Bill Johnston
12th	Robert Wentland
13th	Maja Rodrigues & Susie Bunt
14th	Ann Young & Alex Mills
17th	Jim McCracken
20th	Jana Peer
21st	Kelly Kennaly
23rd	Polly Heim
24th	Max Johnson & Lauren Johnson
25th	Victor Racicot
28th	Clyde Gossage & Rich Garai
31st	Shari Rhodes

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord
make his face shine on you and be gracious
to you the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



HANGING OF THE GREENS



Rake 'em Up



A big THANK YOU to our Youth Group who gave some of there time this holiday break to rake leaves at the church.



Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6:30pm for dinner and 7pm for group. Any questions please talk to Keesje Mills, Youth Ministry Leader.

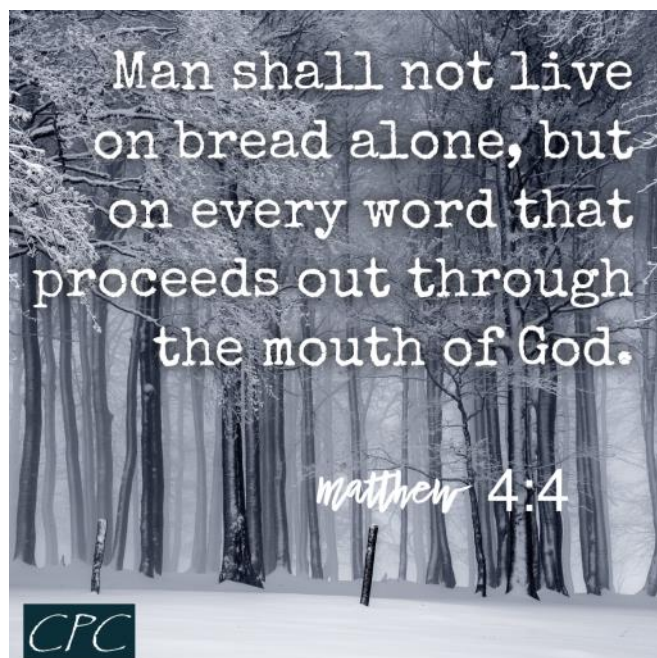


Women's Christian Book Club will be taking some time off from meeting and discussing books. Please watch the monthly newsletters and Sunday Bulletins for information as to when they will be starting to meet again.

Men's Bible Study - This Bible study and discussion meets every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45am - we are currently in the book of Matthew. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with men of the church.

The FRIDAY Morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly at 10am in the Chapel 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

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's bible study will be held on 1 January 9th and January 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 January 8th meeting, Lori Clarke and Kris Hackwith will be our hostesses. Terri Nester will be presenting the devotions; and Peggy Fulton and Program. You won't want to miss our monthly get together. See you on the 8th!!

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 January ladies will meet January 4th and 18th. 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.

The mission committee learned a member of our church, Darren Williams, works with Nez Perce churches. We reached out to Darren to share information with us regarding this project:

As was mentioned during our worship service in November, the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest's (PIN) "Building Towards Reconciliation" campaign that started on November 5, 2022, is about putting actions to words — words expressed in several denominational apologies, beginning with the national Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in 2017, for its role in oppressing Native American peoples since at least the late 1600s when members of the denomination first landed on these shores.

The funds raised through the campaign will be used to repair six churches on the Nez Perce Reservation in north-central Idaho — churches that are the oldest in the presbytery and among the oldest in the state. Repair needs range from repairing damaged foundations, fixing sagging roofs, replacing flooring, repairing non-functioning plumbing, upgrading heating systems and installing exterior lighting for safety. All the work is designed to help maintain places of worship and fellowship.

The six churches are: First Indian Presbyterian Church and Second Indian Presbyterian Church, both in Kamiah, North Fork Presbyterian Church in Ahsahka, Spalding Presbyterian in Spalding, Meadow Creek Presbyterian in Ferdinand and Stites Presbyterian in Stites.

The Nez Perce Tribe or Nimiipuu ("the people") are not only our brothers and sisters in Christ but are our neighbors both physically and spiritually. If you are interested in contributing to these capital campaigns, you can do so here.

<https://givebutter.com/lzfUlm>

Darren Williams
Senior Staff Attorney





The Fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to setup for coffee hour fellowship before the 10:00 service, and to serve refreshments and clean up after the service. If you're interested, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

Sharon Damon, Fellowship Chair

*During this time of Thanksgiving, I'd like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the wonderful volunteers that have helped with all the Fellowship events this year. It wouldn't happen without you!*

NEW LED LIGHTING ANALYSIS FROM AVISTA

Rich Goodwin, Facilities Manager, reported that the second phase of replacing florescent lighting with LED tubes for the Administrative Building was recently completed. Phase Three, Pilgrim Hall, and Phase Four, the Sanctuary, will be completed after the first of the year. OEO Energy Solutions provided the 325 LED tubes through a grant that was valued at \$4,550. Avista Utilities provided a commercial lighting analysis that projected an annual cost saving of 21,182.29 per year by converting over to LED lighting.



BE THE
light
MATTHEW 5:14

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FELLOWSHIP

NEW LIGHTS

FIT & FALL PROOF

(SENIOR EXERCISE)



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

No Class:

Monday January 8th

Monday January 15th

We will not have a Senior Ministry activity in January, but we will be continue to meet for Fit & Fall Proof exercise Enjoy a peaceful and cozy January.



From Christmas, on to NEW YEAR! "SOUPER BOWL Sunday" is just around the corner. We will set up a display in Fellowship Hall on Jan. 28 and keep it up until Feb. 11. Our goal this year is to collect 58 bags of food. We will supply a list of needs at that time. We will reach out to area agencies (food banks, churches, Salvation Army) and schools to determine which agency(ies) could use help filling their shelves.



"Souper Bowl Sunday"
2023

With your help Christmas Angel Tree 2023 was a success!! Thank you all who purchased gifts, bought gift cards, and signed Christmas cards for the incarcerated parents, AND delivered the gifts.



Deep Roots

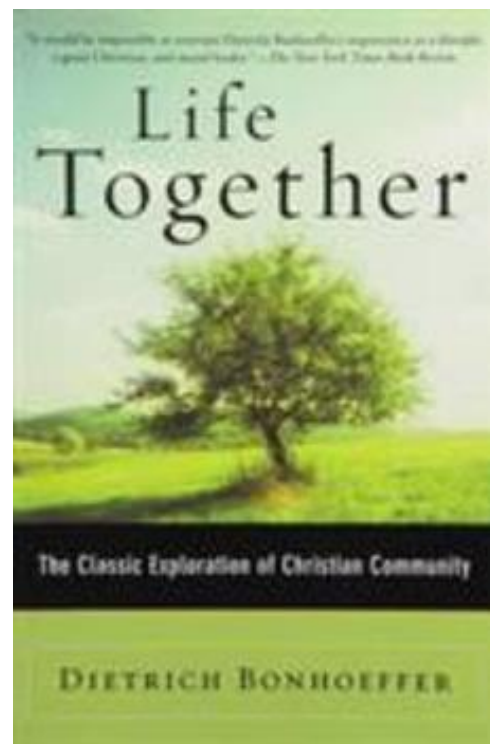
(theology book club, special guest Pastor Adam at first January meeting)

On Tuesday, January 16 we began a new book - Dietrich Bonhoeffer's well-known book "Life Together". Pastor Adam will introduce us to Dietrich Bonhoeffer and insights into his perspective on theology and life in the Christian community. Studying this book is especially timely with a new pastor and new directions being discussed for the congregation of Congo-Pres.

We meet weekly on Tuesday at 3 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Facilitated by Tom and Vicky Boubel, each week we discuss a segment of Life Together and share our ideas and insights. While you may think discussing "theology" may seem intimidating and too intellectual - that is **not** who this group is. Just like you, we seek questioning and sharing with fellow Christians to deepen our own faith and hope in Jesus Christ. We understand the busyness of everyone's schedule, and design each week's discussion to be on separate topics - so there is no expectation of being there every Tuesday.

Come to our first meeting and hear Pastor Adam speak about Bonhoeffer and what this book is about. There is no assigned reading for this first meeting January 16 - come with an open heart and open mind and see if this fills a need in your spirit and journey of faith.

Any questions, feel free to contact Tom at 509-993-2142 or Vicky at 509-999-6603.



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, 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.



*His
Mercy
endures
forever*
PSALM 136:1



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January 2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 CLOSED for New Years	2 9:30a Staff Mtg 5p Worship Committee Mtg. 6p Trustee Mtg. 7p Mission Mtg.	3 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg.	4 10a Reconnect	5 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	6
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