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NOTHING in all
creation will
ever BE able
TO SEPARATE
us from the
love of GOD.

romans 8:39

MARCH 2024

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Women's Tea

SAVE THE DATE

May 18th will be this years Ladies Tea.

Come fill your cup with Joy.

More details to follow.



Friends,

My prayers are with you as we begin this season of Lent. Lent is those 40 days where Jesus was in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry and its ultimate end. In this season we focus on things like repentance and doing or being different in order to grow spiritually. This is a spiritual way of marking time and our calendars, so that we are in tune with the seasons of God, and not just our clocks and calendars. This kind of marking time is a spiritual practice.

Between now and Holy Week, we're going to look at, hear about, and maybe even experiment with different kinds of spiritual practices. Maybe you've heard them called spiritual disciplines or exercises. These are different names for the same thing. It is a kind of effort, discipline, exercise, practice, training or whatever you'd like to call it in order to place ourselves before God. Sometimes there are inner practices, like silence or meditation on scripture. Sometimes there are more outward-looking practices like "giving something up", or serving others in a new way.

Maybe these kinds of works and practices bring up a past tradition you were a part of, or it feels legalistic. I see these as life-giving practices not as things we *have* to do, or we *must* do, or even *should* do, but as ways that we get to do that are ultimately good for our spirits, and our connection to God. On Sundays, we'll hear sermons on different practices and where they're found in scripture, and on Wednesday evenings, we'll go deeper or look at different practices. On Wednesdays we'd love you to join us for this time of study in community, with a meal at 5:30. All are welcome, and if you're not available for the meal, we'd still love to have you join us from 6:00-7:00 as we look deeper into these practices.

In this time of repentance and reflection, if this feels like you, and you want to talk about these in a conversation, I'm here for you. Call the office, drop by, or let's meet up for coffee, or a walk as the weather gets warmer. If you'd like to meet up, my email is adamo@congopres.org. I'm excited to hear from you. Grace and peace to you in this Lenten season.



Wednesday Night Dinners

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Before the Lenten Study Program

Wednesdays - Feb. 21 through March 20

Lenten Study 6:00-7:00pm

On the menu:

February 21 - Soup or Chili with rolls and cookies

February 28 - Casseroles with salad and cookies

March 6 - Pulled Pork, Chicken, Beef w/buns,
coleslaw & cookies

March 13 - Pasta Dishes, with green salad and cookies

March 20 - Pizza, with fruit and cookies

FOOD BANK SUNDAY MARCH 17TH

This month's needs:

- Pancake Mix
- Muffin Mix
- Syrup
- Hot Cereal
- Cold Cereal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Crackers



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: March 3rd

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!

March Birthdays



1st	Nick Rawson, Charlotte Higgins, Samantha Franklin & Kinsey Zellerhoff
3rd	Mike Damon & Derek Katzenberger
6th	Chris Schrette
7th	Carol Trautman
8th	Carolyn Wilson
9th	Tom Boubel
10th	Peggy Wilson, Shayne Ashe & Tracy Trotter
11th	Brooke Wittman
16th	Brad Peer & Becky Schroeder
17th	Dustin Hibbard, Ben Williams & Mike Washburn
19th	Emilyn Sheppard & Jeremiah Coons-Niland
20th	Brenda Hardin
22nd	Sarah Emerich
23rd	Galen Bennet & Debbie Blake
24th	Cathy Mannschreck & Lynn Tobin
25th	Orie Kaltenbaugh, Ketcher Van Buren & Michelle McIntosh
27th	Lois Mulkey & Becky Travis
28th	Patti Mann
29th	Carolyn Jones & Tom Eier
30th	Brent Hardin
31st	Chris Browne & Amber Vega

On your birthday,
be filled with Gods unchanging LOVE
and the GOOD plans he has for you!

*The staff at CongoPres
sends Easter Blessings to
each of you!*



APRIL LINK DEADLINE
MONDAY MARCH 18TH

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. In March we assemble LINK's on Tuesday March 26th.



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

FIT & FALL PROOF

(SENIOR EXERCISE)



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

No Class:

Monday March 11th

Friday March 29th

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FELLOWSHIP

SENIOR EXERCISE

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EASTER LILIES 2024

On Easter Sunday, we will be celebrating with lilies, the symbol of transformation. If you would like to donate or lend a lily to grace our sanctuary, please bring it to the church any time during the week before Easter. Please submit this form to the table in fellowship or to the church office no later than March 26th.

Please check the box or boxes that apply:

- ☐ I will bring my Easter lily to the church sometime during the week before Easter.
- ☐ I am enclosing \$_____ so that the Worship
- ☐ Ministry can purchase a lily on my behalf. (Suggested Donation \$12)
- ☐ I want my lily to be given to a homebound friend after Easter.
- ☐ I will take my lily home after the 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.
- ☐ I will give my lily in memory of: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Worship With Us

10:00am Combined Worship

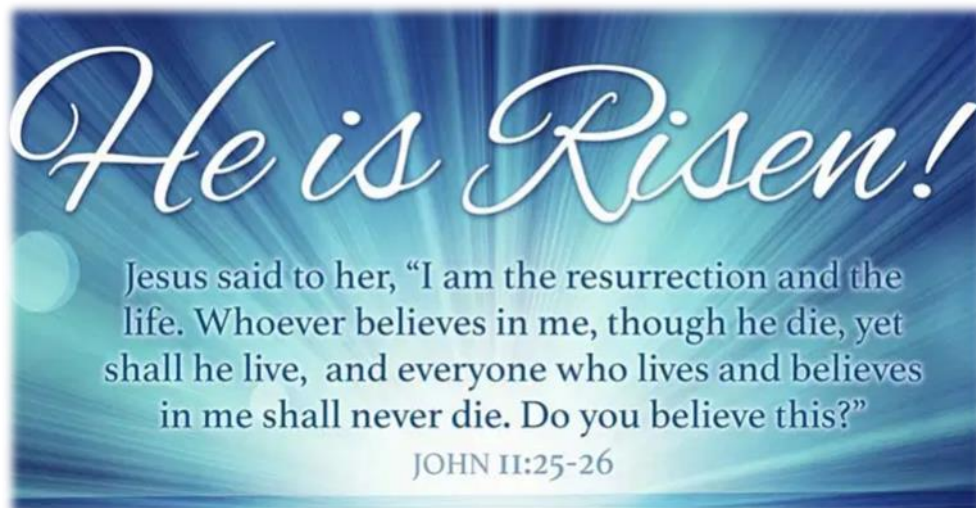
The service will combine elements of our 9:00am Contemporary Service and our 11:00am Traditional Service. The question of returning to our 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday format will be addressed when our new pastor arrives.

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.



Join Us For Easter Brunch!



Please join us for Easter Brunch between the two services on Sunday, March 31. Brunch will be served from 10:00-11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Cinnamon roll casserole, sausage and fresh fruit are on the menu again. Friends and family are welcome!

The Fellowship committee is excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with everyone!

Sharon Damon
Fellowship Committee

Happy
Easter



70 BAGS OF GROCERIES WERE COLLECTED FOR THIS YEARS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

In celebration of "SOUPER BOWL Sunday" Mission and Outreach committee had a display set up in Fellowship Hall with the goal to collect at least fifty-eight bags of food. TOUCHDOWN!! GOAL was accomplished with about 70 bags of food received. Mission committee distributed the food to the Lewiston and Clarkston schools and to First Christian Church in Clarkston who provide free meals almost daily to the public, of which many are homeless. Thank you all for your participation and contributions.

Angel Tree for Easter and birthdays will be set up March 10. We will offer the opportunity to share the love of Christ by signing up to write Easter cards to the incarcerated parents and providing Easter baskets or chocolates for the children. We ask that the cards and Easter items be brought back to the church by March 24 for delivery between Palm Sunday and Easter. The birthday items can be returned a week prior to birthday that will be listed on the tag.

We are planning to offer a "New or Gently Used Rummage Sale" this fall, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 2. The idea is to provide an opportunity to donate items that are "new or gently used" that we no longer need and to offer the items for purchase for Christmas 2024 season. We will decide later which organization the proceeds will go to; there are so many needs that we will wait until time is closer to decide. Details to follow; in the meantime, please save your new or gently used items for this purpose.

Please contact Patti Mann at 208-790-0693 or pattijmann@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Give thanks to the Lord, for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the
children of men.

~ Psalms 107:31



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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 currently studying Job. 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. message.

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

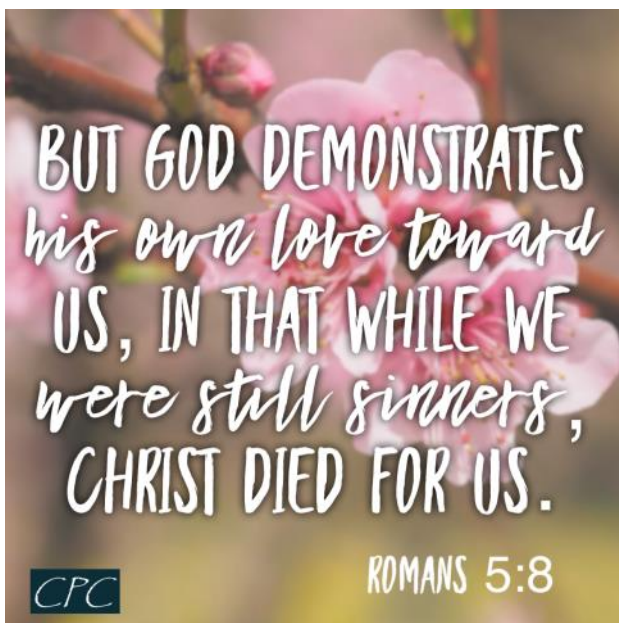


Deep Roots: Theology for Today Deep Roots is a weekly conversation on Tuesdays, 3-4pm in the Chapel, is coordinated by Tom Boubel and facilitated by Tom and other members of the group. All are welcome to join us for the reading of important Christian texts aimed at enriching our lives today.

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's bible study will be held on March 11th & March 25th. 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 March 11th meeting, Rona Meske and Susan Mann will be our hostesses. See you on the 11th!! For more information please contact Peggy Fulton.

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 March 7th and March 21st. 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.

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.



BE TRULY
glad
THERE IS
WONDERFUL
JOY AHEAD

DIANE ASHBURN WILMONEN SCHOLARSHIP

"God is using me to tell others about Jesus," Diane said of her 7-year journey with breast cancer. In August, 2002, family and friends celebrated the life of Diane at the Congregational-Presbyterian Church.

Diane studied vocal training for 3 years at Washington State University. She graduated from LCSC and became a devoted music teacher in the Lewiston Schools. While in college she was listed in "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges," National Dean's List, Ambassadors Honor Society, and was nominated Outstanding Student.

Not only did she participate in choir, band, orchestra, vocal solos during high school and college, she held the lead in musical operas. She spent several years as a member of the Madrigal Singers, Chamber Singers, Sweet Adelines and Washington-Idaho Symphony Chorus. She had a voice like an angel and a passion that touched the hearts of children.

Diane graduated from Lewiston High School in 1967 and married Kenneth Wilmonen. She and Ken had two sons, Robert and Scott.

Diane always remained faithful to God. She is remembered as being compassionate, conscientious and dedicated. She worshiped and was active in the Congregational-Presbyterian Church her entire life where she sang in the choir for 30 years. Diane was always strongly committed to her God and her church. We gratefully award this scholarship in her memory.

This is a \$1,200 scholarship, given annually, with \$600 awarded each semester.

USE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

*This scholarship will be granted to a first time or returning college student who will be enrolled full time for the fall semester.

*The student must use the funds for related college expenses. Student may incur liability for any amount applied to room and board.

*The date of the distribution of funds will be at the discretion of the Lewiston Independent Foundation for Education (L.I.F.E.) which administers these funds.

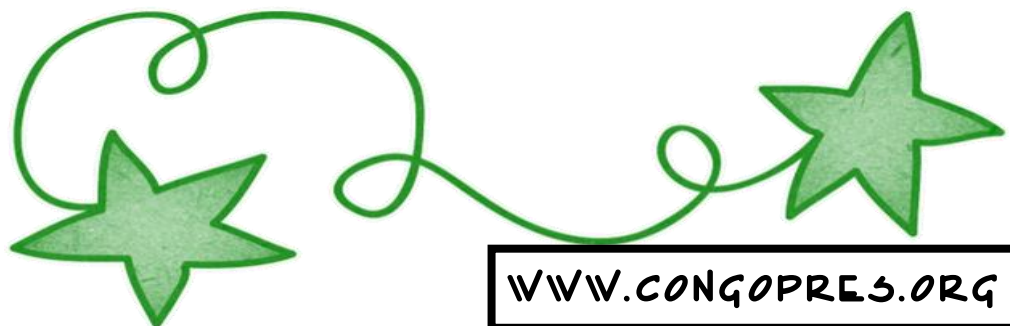
*If the recipient is unable to accept this scholarship on these terms, an alternate may be selected.

ELIGIBILITY:

Must be a full-time student the fall semester after receiving the award, and be a member or friend of the Congregational-Presbyterian Church of Lewiston, Idaho. Previous recipients of the scholarship are not eligible to re-apply.

SELECTION:

The selection committee will consist of the Chairperson of the CPC Fund Ministry of the Congregational-Presbyterian Church, the senior or youth pastor, and a member of the Ashburn family if available.



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DIANE ASHBURN WILMONEN SCHOLARSHIP



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