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faith is the substance
of things hoped
FOR, the evidence
of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1-6

APRIL 2024

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ALL CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY JUNE 23RD

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THE MAY LINK AND SUNDAY'S BULLETINS



To the friends and members of Congo-Pres,

He is Risen! This Easter Sunday is the reason why we continue to churches have tended to gather on Sundays. There's this promise that comes at the beginning and the end of the Gospel of Matthew. Before Jesus is even born, it's announced that he will be called Emmanuel, which means "God with us" (1:23). And then after the Resurrection, Jesus tells his disciples to go and make disciples, and he promises them "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (28:20). As your pastor in my first year with you all, one of the things that I'm passionate about is how we experience and connect with our God who promises to be with us. In this last season, we looked at spiritual disciplines, or practices, that have been ways that Christians have used to experience God and deepen their faith for thousands of years.

But what do we mean by "experiencing" God? Sometimes we see the biggest and loudest versions of God-experiences- things like miraculous healing, or a clear direction in a time of wandering. But sometimes an experience of God might be in your routine Bible study where you walked away with a profound insight. It could be meeting a new person after worship and offering one another support around a table with coffee. It could be the ways that worship stirred you and pushed you to think about something new, or the ways the songs we sing reminded you that you're not alone. I think experiencing God is about noticing the God who wants to be "over all and in all and through all" (Ephesians 4:6)

In particular, Worship can be a time where we experience God, and you and I might even get to do so at the same time! So as we're moving from the Resurrection to Pentecost in these next few months, feel free to let me know: how do you experience God in worship at Congo-Pres? The more specific, the better! Maybe it's in the singing we do, maybe it's in the joyful greeting time. However it is, it's helpful for me in my leadership and as your pastor.

Feel free to let me know at adamo@congopres.org.

He is Risen! Hallelujah!

Pastor Adam Ogg

The **Women's Association of CongoPres** will meet on Monday morning, April 8, 2024, at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. Our program will be presented by Kate Nowlin and I am sure that it will be no April Fool. In March we learned about the D.A.R. from Becky Riendeau. She also gave each one of us a copy of the Constitution. We are now filling in our next year's calendar for hostesses, devotion volunteers and ladies willing to either find or provide a program. Dianne Waldemarson and Jacki Ficker will have the refreshments for April and Kris Hackwith will lead the devotions. Come and enjoy fellowship, and refreshments for your body and soul.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY APRIL 21ST

This month's needs:

- ♦ Fruit
- ♦ Beans
- ♦ Vegetables (variety)
- ♦ Spaghetti Sauce
- ♦ Spaghetti Noodles
- ♦ Pork n' Beans
- ♦ Pasta Meals
- ♦ Soup
- ♦ Tuna
- ♦ Meats
- ♦ Chili
- ♦ Beef Stew



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: April 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st	Julia Williams
2nd	Bobbi Matousek
3rd	Molly Zimmerer
10th	Bob Franklin
12th	Rick Crane & Ella Rudolph
13th	Ryanne Travis & George Courtney
15th	Denis Hackwith & Paul Schrette
17th	Ryan Katzenberger
16th	Brad Peer & Becky Schroeder
18th	Don Thornton, Kaitlyn Carpenter & Kason Van Buren
20th	Judy Delka & Cliff Matousek
21st	Melanie Gibler & Mark Peterson
22nd	Dan Rudolph
23rd	Krista Solem
24th	Melissa Thomson, Megan McKown & Anna Walden
25th	Ron Jones
26th	Logan Hibbard, Kirsten Kaiser & Lynn Ridinger
27th	Lori Coons & Beth Katzenberger
28th	Jim Schroeder
30th	Lane Riggs



April Birthdays

Thank you guys for sending us to camp this year. It was so much fun and I am I am so glad I could go. Hopefully I can go again next year.

Cedar Betzold



Thank You CongoPres for paying for my trip to camp Spalding. I had an amazing time.

Sincerely,
Donald

FIT & FALL PROOF

(SENIOR EXERCISE)



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



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

Dear friends in Christ,

Dave and I, along with our daughter, Tena Williams, would like to thank everyone for all the love, support and prayers you have extended over the last 4 months. This journey has been long and difficult to say the least. We have learned how much we rely on each other and most importantly, the love we have for our Father. Without our faith, we would not be where we are today.

We have never reached out for prayers like we did during this time and the power of the Holy Spirit was definitely strong.

Tena has had little miracles happen and this last procedure went as the surgeon hoped and planned. For all of this we are grateful.

There will still be challenges, but she has a brighter future to look forward to.

Our family also wishes to thank you for the prayers you offered for Dave during the loss of his sister.

It has been a challenging time, but we seek each day for the positives in life. There is always someone else hurting more.

Thank you again ,

Dave and Bev Williams



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ;

I am so grateful for your prayers and outpouring of love and concern while I underwent brain surgery in February. Our faithful Father responded to every one of your prayers and carried me through the challenging ordeal. To be His child and part of our loving church family is my greatest joy.

Thank you.

Toni Carlyle

thank you

MAY LINK DEADLINE MONDAY APRIL 15TH

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. This month we will assemble LINK's on Tuesday April 23rd.



Worship With Us

10:00am Combined Worship

The service will combine elements of our Contemporary Service and our Traditional Service.

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.



The Ladies Tea is just around the corner.

Fill your cup with joy!

May 18th
1:30 pm-3:30pm

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a wonderful time, treats and a lovely guest speaker.

This year we are doing a Christmas theme. If you have Christmas dishes and are able to host a table please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall starting April 7th.

We will be selling tickets starting April 21st. The price is still just \$10.



Mark your calendars and I hope to see you there.

Any questions please contact
Marcia Barkley
509-552-9536

thank you

Hi Vic,

This is Brian McNitt. I met you and Patti Mann while I was serving time in the prison in Orofino. I was released 3 years ago and I am doing great. I received an early termination from my parole and I am married now. I've achieved all the goals I set, with the exception of one. I am going to win the National Championship of Speaking!

I am at a place in my life where I would like to begin participating in Toastmasters again. I am joking a local club this week.

I just wanted to thank all of you and let you know that all your time and effort invested in the men and the prison as not wasted. I credit all of you for providing me with the boost in confidence I needed to continue persevering through my time in prison, as well as when I was released. I now own two business and work as a heavy equipment operator in Park City, Utah. If you'd like to keep in contact here is my information:

Brian McNitt



Dear Members of Congo-Pres Church,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the \$500 educator grant that is helping to support the counseling program at Centennial Elementary School. The funds are being used on items that support activities and programs designed to establish a warm, caring community for our students. I have included for our students. If I have included a few photos to show a few examples of how your generosity is blessing our school and its students. Thank you for shining the light of Christ's love on our school.

Appreciatively,
Amy Johannesen



If you would like to see the pictures that Amy sent with her note they are available in the Church Office.

www.congopres.org

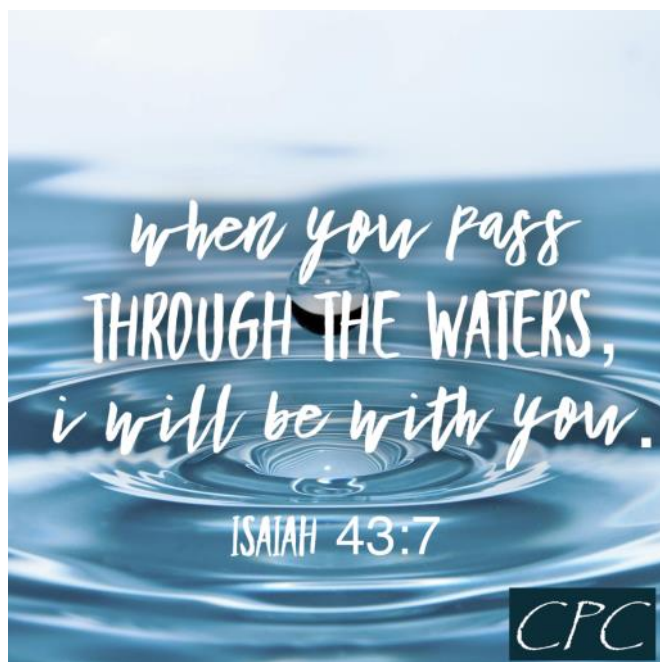


Women's Christian Book Club will be taking some time off from meeting and discussing books. Please watch the monthly newsletters and Sunday Bulletins for information as to when they will be starting to meet again.

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.

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 April 8th & April 22nd. 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 April 8th meeting, Dianne Waldemarson and Jacki Ficker will be our hostesses. See you on the 8th!! 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 April ladies will meet April 4th and April 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.

April Senior Ministry Event Golden Oldies Movie Day

We will watch the classic, San Francisco, with Clark Gable, Jeanette McDonald and Spencer Tracy – a tale of good versus evil in the midst of the 1906 earthquake. We will begin at 10:30 am since the movie is almost two hours long and have a short break after an hour. Popcorn and soft drinks available. Sign up sheet out soon.



Mark your *calendars* for our annual Senior Picnic, June 6th at Hereth Park.



COLLEGE BOUND? BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME!

Greetings to our members and friends, and particularly those who may be interested in applying for a scholarship to assist with higher education expenses! Available in Fellowship Hall are the applications for our two scholarships:

The Diane Ashburn Wilmonen Scholarship is in honor and memory of this dear member who passed away in 2002. This scholarship affords preference to students with an involvement in music. It may be awarded only once to the recipient.

The CPC Fund Scholarship is awarded annually and may be renewed upon application and acceptance, for four years! This scholarship is generated from the invested proceeds of donations of many from our congregation over the years,

The Diane Ashburn Wilmonen Scholarship is due by April 15th, 2024 and the CPC Scholarship is due by May 31st, 2024. Be sure you use the correct version: First Time or Renewal. Please submit your application to:

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Attn: CPC Committee
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