

THE LINK



*It is for freedom
that Christ has
set us free.*

Galatians 5:1

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CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fellowship



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

Happy Summer!

As we head into July, let me reference a little science-fiction novel *Psalm for the Wild-Built*, by Becky Chambers. It's a thoughtful meditation on humanity's connection to the land, and it's about this monk named Dix (it's a made-up world, so it's more like Buddhist monk than a monk in the Christian tradition), and this monk meets a robot, and they wander around having discussions about life and humanity. And throughout the story, this one line shows up: "Without constructs, you will unravel few mysteries. Without knowledge of the mysteries, your constructs will fail."

I find this thought (from an author who I don't think has any faith commitments) to be completely delightful. Because as a pastor and as a Christian, that's where I work, and that's where we all live. We have constructs- worship, scripture, traditions, ways of prayer, rhythms of gathering- and we have mysteries – God becoming human, the Holy Spirit's movement in our lives, what happens in prayer. And I'm thinking about that line this month because in the month of July, we're going to celebrate communion every Sunday. And Communion has a construct- by "construct" I just mean how exactly Congo-Pres celebrates it- and it's also amazing because it's where we encounter a mystery. The elder for worship will put out bread, I will once again say "this is my body, this is my blood", you will come up and receive some bread and some juice, and return to your seat. And yet, the sacrament is a mystery. Some bread and juice communicate God's grace. Jesus says "this is my body and blood". Communion isn't just reenactment. It does something mysterious. We encounter death and resurrection, we experience God, we take part in something that unites followers of Jesus around the world (and throughout time, depending on who you ask!) John Calvin put it that the Spirit feeds our souls as the food feeds our bodies. Again, mysteries abound. And mysteries are not that we can't figure something out, but that we're endlessly figuring it out, every time we partake, and maybe what we thought we knew becomes clouded, or maybe God becomes brighter.

We have this format, this construct, and we have these mysteries that we're still unraveling, and how great it is that God invites us all to the table to receive Christ.

See you at the table,

Pastor Adam

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JULY LINK DEADLINE MONDAY JULY 15TH

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 July 23rd.

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.



LAND OF THE FREE

FOOD BANK SUNDAY JULY 21ST

This month's needs:

- Diapers
- Baby Food
- Cereal
- Sugar Free Foods
- Baby Formula
- Dry Beans
- Cup of Noodles
- Top Ramen
- Pudding Cups
- Snack Foods



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!

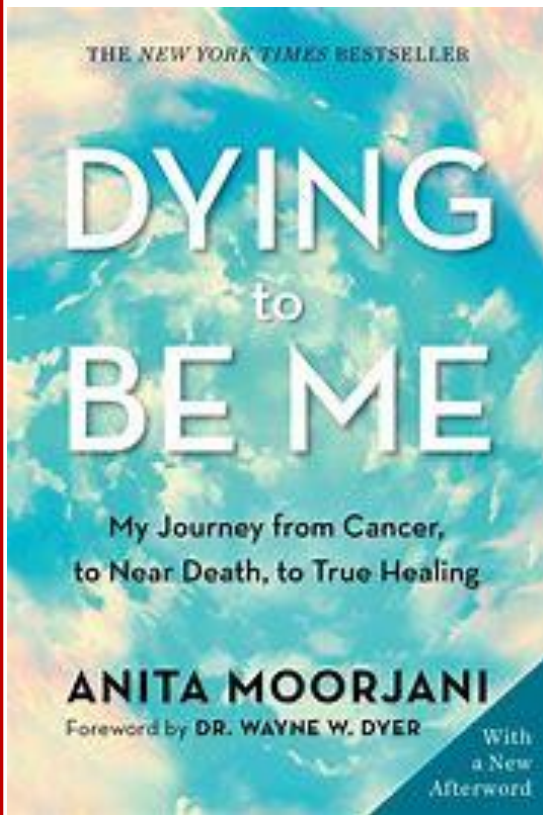
Mark your Calendars: July 7th

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!

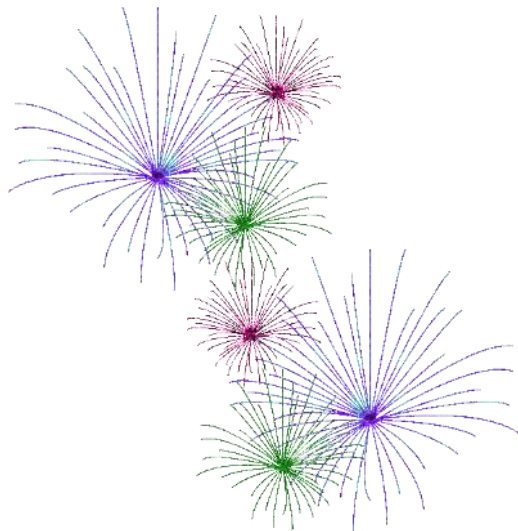
★ July Birthdays:

- 1st Dusty Sandaine
- 2nd Vicky Boubel, David Doeringsfeld
& Becky Johnson
- 3rd★ Joan Karns & Aracely Martinez
- 6th★ Jill Shaw & Sheri Dotson
- 7th★ Logan Fitting
- 8th★ Joyce Roberts
- 10th★ Jean Allen
- 11th★ Debbie Carpenter & Heather Ross
- 12th★ Laurinda Riggs
- 14th★ RJ Johnson
- 15th★ Toni Carlyle & Dianne Waldemarson
- 17th★ Mollee Dilling
- 18th★ Kristen Delka & Bob Fulton
- 19th★ David Johnson & Miles McKarcher★
- 20th★ Rachel Williams
- 21st★ Ted Krisher
- 22nd★ Jerry Aucutt & Mark Ridinger
- 23rd★ Ian Franklin
- 25th★ Sharon Damon & Debra House
- 26th★ Brayden Meske
- 29th★ Kris Hackwith & Bryson Walker

MAY THE ABUNDANCE OF THE
LOVE OF CHRIST FILL ALL THE
DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.



THESE BOOKS WERE
RECOMMENDED BY
THE CPC
CHRISTIAN BOOK
CLUB MEMBERS.



In this truly inspirational memoir, Anita Moorjani relates how, after fighting cancer for almost four years, her body began shutting down--overwhelmed by the malignant cells spreading throughout her system. As her organs failed, she entered into an extraordinary near-death experience where she realized her inherent worth . . . and the actual cause of her disease. Upon regaining consciousness, Anita found that her condition had improved so rapidly that she was released from the hospital within weeks--without a trace of cancer in her body!

Within these pages, Anita recounts stories of her childhood in Hong Kong, her challenge to establish her career and find true love, as well as how she eventually ended up in that hospital bed where she defied all medical knowledge. As part of a traditional Hindu family residing in a largely Chinese and British society, Anita had been pushed and pulled by cultural and religious customs since she was a little girl. After years of struggling to forge her own path while trying to meet everyone else's expectations, she had the realization, as a result of her epiphany on the other side, that she had the power to heal herself . . . and that there are miracles in the Universe that she'd never even imagined.

In *Dying to Be Me*, Anita freely shares all she has learned about illness, healing, fear, "being love," and the true magnificence of each and every human being! This is a book that definitely makes the case that we are spiritual beings having a human experience . . . and that we are all One!

OTHER GREAT READS



[Storms From A Clear Sky](#)
by Denise Frisino



[Rescue Mission](#)
by Lynette Eason

2024 College Scholarships

The CPC Fund Ministry had the pleasure of awarding 6 scholarships amounting to \$1000.00 each to our college applicants (Total of \$6,000.00).

These students will receive the funds when they matriculate in the fall. This money is made available to our college students for a maximum of four years but they need to apply every spring. These funds are accessible from the interest on our college scholarship fund. If you are interested in adding to our principal, please contact the church office or our ministry team. Those receiving scholarships this year are: **Lane Riggs** majoring in Music Education at the University of Idaho; **Jasmine Schmidt** majoring in Theology at Whitworth University; **Wilson Sheppard** majoring in Architecture at the University of Idaho; **Julia Williams** majoring in Nursing at LCSC; **Rachel Sheppard** majoring in Biology at Gonzaga University; and **Noah Williams** majoring in Jazz performance and Business at Arizona State University. One of the questions on the scholarship application is "Tell us about your relationship with the Lord throughout the past year". Following is a sampling of the answer to this question:

"...The verse (Jeremiah 29:11) gives me strength to trust that God has crafted me to do something beautiful as part of His plan. That God, despite the pain I have felt this year, has plans that will not harm me. It gives me the strength to know that my God is the same God He was when I knew Him at four years old... the same God I knew at eleven years old...the same God that I trust to lead me in being a student minister on campus next year."

"...I have seen the power of God and how he works through everyone...Moving forward, I take my next steps in life with God, and I can't wait to see what's in store."

"...the Jesus I have gotten to know better has made it clear to me that for the Christian person, there is no aspect of life that is not touched by the Spirit. I feel now more than ever that embodying Jesus in our day-to-day life is essential to showing the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth..."

Congratulations and God's blessings, guidance and protection to each one.

Lori Holder
CPC Fund Ministry Chair



God
SHED HIS
grace
ON thee

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CPC Scholarship Update

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REMINDER of our "New or Gently Used Rummage Sale" coming this fall, scheduled for Nov. 2. Please save items that would be appropriate as gifts. If you cannot store, please contact Patti at 208-790-0693 or pattijmann@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CADENCE INTERNATIONAL: Mission committee members met with a delightful couple Dwight and Letty Grismore to hear about their ministry: CADENCE International which is all about sharing the gospel and lives with the military community. The Grismores shared their story and the path that led them to establish a hospitality house near the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Hospitality houses are set up near military installations, where military personnel and their families find a welcoming smile, a comfortable couch, a home-cooked meal, and people who listen, love, and guide them to Christ. For many, the hospitality house is a home like they've never experienced and a model for what theirs could be. For others, it's a life changing, course altering experience that positively affects their leadership and service the rest of their lives. Ministry at a hospitality house usually includes Bible studies, worship, shared meals, outreach, discipleship, mission trips, excursions, and various activities designed to grow a healthy Christ-centered community. You can learn about their journey and this non-profit organization at Cadence.org/Grismore. The Grismores know how powerful prayers are and request that we pray for them and this ministry.

Another organization the mission committee believes many in our congregation may be interested in is OLIVE & COOP. The best way to explain is from an excerpt on their website: "At Olive & Coop, we know aging alone can be a challenge. Based on our experience caring for our own parents, we created a novel house-sharing solution that connects older homeowners who want to age safely with conscientious renters willing to help around the home in exchange for lower rent. The benefits of Olive & Coop include assistance with household chores/tasks, additional monthly income, increased safety and social interaction. In addition, conscientious home sharers find more affordable living solutions. It is a practical and financially-wise living arrangement that enriches the lives of both homeowners and home sharers." For information contact team@oliveandcoop.com or call 509-255-3620. The website: www.oliveandcoop.com.

Juvenile Corrections Center: Mission team loaded up backpacks with essentials such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, comb, tooth brushes, socks, washcloths, and blankets and delivered to the Juvenile Corrections Center, in Lewiston, that are provided to each young man when he is released.



Worship News

The Worship Committee is seeking individuals who would like to become members of their committee. The committee is also looking for volunteers to fill usher, greeting and communion positions. If you are interested please contact Deb Deibel by phone at (612) 803-3913 or by email at dkd1973@hotmail.com.

Bless you,
Deb Deibel

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee would like to thank all of its faithful givers and announce that we are right on track for our pledged giving. Your support for CongoPres, our new pastor and evolving staff is very much appreciated.

Blessings,
Stewardship Committee



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.



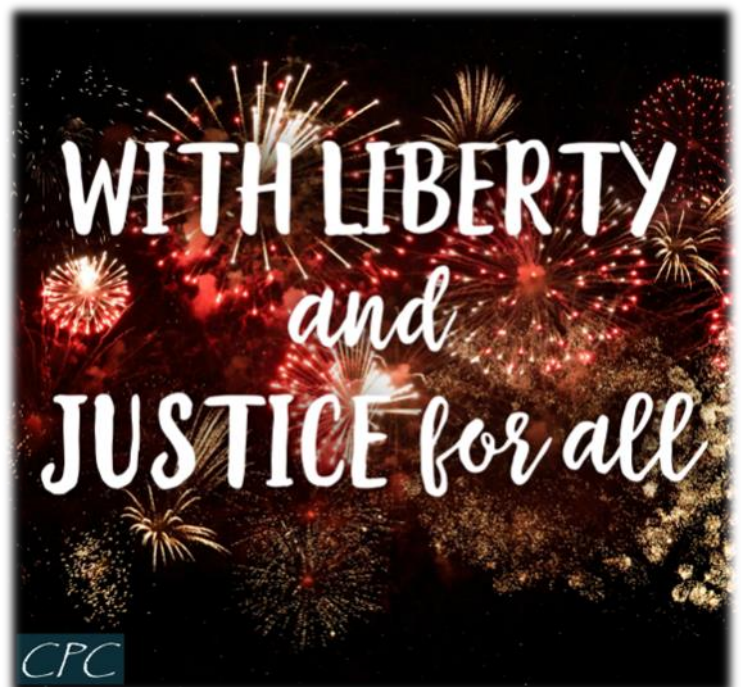


Women's Christian Book Club will be taking some time off from meeting and discussing books. Please watch the monthly newsletters and Sunday Bulletins for information as to when they will be starting to meet again.

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. 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. The group is currently reading "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller.

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. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

Women's Association meets September through May on the second Monday of the month at 10am in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, prayer, support and education. 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.

Small Groups



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

The entry area of our church office is in need of a lift. Our two overstuffed chairs have seen better days. If you are downsizing and have a nice looking pair of chairs in good condition, may we take a look to see if they'd fit? We'd love our entry area to be pleasant and welcoming.

Thank You,
CPC Committee



Event for all Kids



Save the date, mark your calendars, and call Keesje Mills at the church office or on her cell phone (208) 553-2281, if you would like to attend the movie, *Despicable Me 4*, on Wednesday, July 10 (probably late afternoon or early evening). This event is for all kids of our church (and visiting grandkids, too). A headcount is needed so please respond soon.



Summer Office Hours ~ From June to late August, church office hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 9am-12pm. This does not change any other timing or scheduling at our church. All events, meetings, programs or other usage will proceed as planned, and different parts of the facility will continue to be used as desired, just as the rest of the year. Thank you!



FIT & FALL PROOF

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



There is no Senior Activity in July....watch for details of our August Senior Event!

Senior Exercise

Congregational Meeting

A meeting of the Congregation has been called for next Sunday, June 30, immediately following our 10am Worship Service for the purpose of receiving and voting on nominations to serve on our Board.



Congregational Meeting



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OFFICE HOURS:
M-F: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 9a Sr. Exercise 12p Worship Mtg.	2 1p Trustee Mtg. 3p Deep Roots 7p Mission Mtg.	3 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 10:30a Staff Mtg 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg.	4 Office Closed	5 9a Sr. Exercise	6
7 Birthday Sunday 10a Worship 11a Fellowship	8 9a Sr. Exercise	9 3p Deep Roots	10 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 10:30a Staff Mtg TBA Youth Movies 12p Worship Mtg	11	12 9a Sr. Exercise	13
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