

# Congruity Connection



## ELDERS

Sue Blank

Tim D'Aurora

Phyllis Frye

Keith Orr

Janet Rugh

Linda Sellinger

Bob Schweppe

Joelyn Watt

Ronda Weinell

Ryan Gallagher Y.R.

## DEACONS

Evey Anderson

Dorothy Brant

Becky Davis

Jessica Foresman

Lisa Heasley

Teri Hoffman

Carol Hohman

Joseph Stopansky

Gale Wilhelm

## CLIFF'S NOTES

**The other day I was looking at the calendar for the month of February and it occurred to me that for the shortest month of the year, February is a busy month. We will have the prediction from Phil about how many more weeks of winter there will be. The Super Bowl will be played and all of the various commercials will be watched. There will be the Pancake Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Deacon's White Elephant and Covered Dish dinner will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will commence on our journey through the Season of Lent heading to the empty tomb of Easter morning.**

**The one date that caught my eye was the 14<sup>th</sup>—it is Valentine's Day but we will also be celebrating the Transfiguration of the Lord. I don't recall both of these happening on the same day in the recent past. We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper as we recall that day Jesus was on the mountaintop with Peter, James and John. On that mountaintop, Jesus was engaged in a conversation with Moses and Elijah and he was transfigured. In the sharing of this sacred supper we are reminded of the full extent of God's love shown to us in Christ, who gave his life on the cross for us! What better expression of love is there than the sacrament of communion—as we remember the body and blood of Christ freely given for us and the entire world.**

**The Good News for us is that in the midst of the winter, the warmth of God's love fills with hope as we await the arrival of springtime renewal. Through our faith may we be amazed by the displays of God's love surrounding us.**

**Yours in Christ's love,  
Cliff**

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2/1 Charlotte Foresman       | 2/18 Ken Sellinger Jr.   |
| 2/2 Blanche Poorbaugh        | 2/20 Arlin Smith         |
| 2/4 Jeff Karstaedt           | 2/21 Daniel Writt        |
| 2/5 Kathy Todd               | 2/22 Elsie Bish          |
| 2/7 Dottie D'Aurora          | 2/22 Diane D'Aurora      |
| 2/8 Tom Dudek Esther Weister | 2/25 Clay Kaufman-Cypher |
| 2/17 Austin Heasley          | 2/27 Brian Kaufman       |



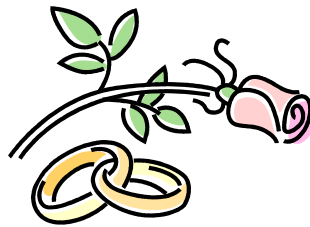
Love is patient,  
Love is blind.

It bears all things,  
Believes all things.

Hopes all things,  
Endures all things.

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4,7,8



ANNIVERSARIES

January 26, 1962 Bob and Carol Hohman



*Happy Valentine's Day*

**The Congruity Café is now open. We have coffee, tea, hot chocolate, muffins and assorted breakfast foods, and a new cappuccino machine.**

**We have everything ready before Sunday school and is available until after worship service. Please stop in before class or service and enjoy some fellowship. Good will offering.**

**We would like to thank Tim D'Aurora for the generous donation of the coffee machine, the cappuccino machine, and all of the supplies that go with them. It has made the job of getting coffee made, so much easier.**



## W O R S H I P L E A D E R S F O R J A N U A R Y

### A c o l y t e s

### L i t u r g i s t s

<b>2/7</b>	<b>Colton Cramer</b>	<b>Ced Stopansky</b>
<b>2/14</b>	<b>Cheyenne Heasley</b>	<b>Caroline D'Aurora</b>
<b>2/21</b>	<b>Jessica Foresman</b>	<b>Doug Stine</b>
<b>2/28</b>	<b>Ryan Gallagher</b>	<b>Deacon Sunday</b>



**Those serving communion on February 14th are:**

**Ronda Weinell Sue Blank Bob Schweppe Teri Hoffman Jessica Foresman**

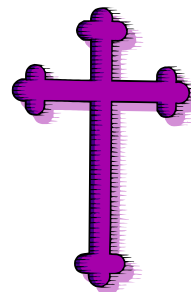
**If you would like to serve as a liturgist please see Cliff. If you are interested in becoming an acolyte please see Dave or Pam Foresman.**

## S E P A R A T E D B Y S P A C E U N I T E D I N P R A Y E R

**The congregations and pastors from District 1 for our prayer support during the month of February are as follows:**

- 2/7 Lower Burrell, Puckety ~ Cindy Benz, interim pastor**
- 2/14 Murrysville, First ~ Chuck MacPherson, pastor**
- 2/21 Murrysville, Newlonsburg ~ Robert McCreight, interim pastor  
Marnie Silbert, associate pastor**
- 2/28 Murrysville, Union ~ Ken Chorle, pastor**

**Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God.  
Quiet moments, worship God.  
Painful moments, trust God.  
Every moment, thank God**





## T L C

L I S A H E A S L E Y

**It's a new year and we are already planning things for an exciting year to come. We want to start by reminding you that we would love for you to join us. We are changing our meeting time to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. Our group provides a relaxed, creative environment that reaches out to the community and provides support for church functions. We all need time to nourish our souls, make TLC meetings your time. You will feel refreshed and new.**

**December was a busy month for us and we are so proud of two projects that we did. The first was the bread distribution. We baked breads and distributed them to members of the community that we did not know. The idea was to just introduce ourselves to our neighbors. It was a big success. Many people couldn't believe that we were just giving them something and did not want anything in return. I think the experience may have rekindled some peoples faith in humanity. The second project was the Angel tree. The family that received the gifts said "It was the best Christmas, ever." Congruity really came through for a family that was in need and made many Christmas wishes come true. TLC would like to thank everyone that bought a gift. You are all angels in our book.**

**We are collecting "Box tops for education" and Campbell's labels for Christian Fellowship Academy. The boxes are in the greeting room. Thank you for your support.**

**During the month of February, we will be collecting socks (new, in package) for a project that benefits the homeless in Pittsburgh. The socks can be men's, women's or children's.**



**We have meals prepared. If you know of someone that is feeling under the weather or just had a baby, or any other reason and may need a prepared meal, please talk to a member of TLC or Cliff**

**Remember if you need a ride to or from any activity at Congruity, we will be glad to arrange for someone to pick you up. Please call the office to make arrangements.**

## THANK YOU NOTES

*To the members of the Congruity Presbyterian Church,*

*My family and I would like to say God Bless all that gave my children & us gifts this Christmas. You were all generous and we are truly thankful to all of you. Thank you from our hearts and God Bless all.*

*Thank you, Thank you*

*(From the Angel Tree Family)*



Dear TLC

Thank you for the great gifts. You ladies are really thoughtful. You ladies are a really go team. Once again thank you for the gifts.



Love,  
Sydney Hoffman

😊 P.S. I feel much better. 😊

**A special thank you to Tim D'Aurora for his donation of the coffee and cappuccino machines!**

*I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, encouragement, and support with my new endeavor as newsletter editor. If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter or the calendar please put it in the newsletter folder or email me at [ydmcilynay@yahoo.com](mailto:ydmcilynay@yahoo.com).*

*Thank you!*  
Yvonne McIlroy





## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

TIM D'AURORA

We have included a copy of the Congruity Church Use Policy in this newsletter. It reviews fees and rules and regulations concerning use of any of the church facilities. Please keep this copy for your information. There is also a copy posted on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Education Wing and copies on the table in the Greeting Room. Please note that you are required to sign a contract and make payment when you request the use of the facilities. The top part of the contract is to be returned to you listing the rules and regulations. Please see Dorothy or Rev. Foster to fill out this form.

## ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Attention all Angel Food Ministries Patrons. It has been a year now since we as a church launched the Angel Food Ministries program. I would love to hear your feed back. Let me know what you think of the program. Did you enjoy the food? Do you think the price is right? Is there anything that can be done to improve? Please give me a call, e-mail or see me before or after church. We are moving from the infancy to the toddler stage of the program and would like to see what could be done to help it grow.

Take care and thank you,

Sue Derek

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[sunflowersioux@hotmail.com](mailto:sunflowersioux@hotmail.com)

Orders will be taken February 7th and 14th.

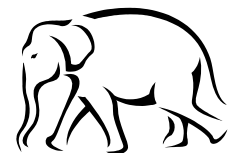
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10 am at CUP



## DEACONS

We will be hosting the annual "white elephant" sale on Feb. 28, 2010 following worship service. Please bring a covered dish and your checkbook for an exciting day of bidding and fellowship. We are going to spice up some of the gifts by adding gift cards. Come and see if you are the lucky bidder that gets a little extra.



**ITEMS FROM SESSION****JOHN BLANK**

**Session met on January 18, 2010 and reports the following:**

- 1) Keith Orr led us in devotions reading from Galatians.**
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's reports.**
- 3) Noted that Presbytery meets on 1/23/10 and that Linda Sellinger is the Elder Delegate.**
- 4) Session reorganized committee assignments and invites any member of the congregation to serve on any of these committees: Christian Education, Congregational Life, Mission Interpretation & Stewardship, Property, Personnel, Worship, and Communications/Publicity. Let Rev. Foster or John Blank know if you are interested in volunteering.**
- 5) Held a meeting of the Board of Trustees (an annual requirement.) and elected Tim D'Aurora as president of the Board of Trustees.**
- 6) Granted permission for the White Elephant Auction on 2/28/10, the Rummage Sale for 4/10/10, and the Senior Citizens' luncheon for 4/24/10.**
- 7) Granted permission for the TLC to hold a crime prevention seminar on 4/14/10.**
- 8) Noted that the new coffee/cappuccino makers have been installed.**
- 9) Noted that the Worship Committee is currently planning a special fifth Sunday service for 1/31/10.**
- 10) Reminds the congregation of the Annual Congregational Meeting on 1/31/10.**
- 11) Tim D'Aurora, Dorothy Martz, and Rev. Foster to look into proposals for a new copier for the office.**
- 12) Endorsed Laura Blank's application to the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**
- 13) Approved a roller skating party for the youth with a date to be announce.**
- 14) Approved the youth viewing *To Save a Life* with a date to be announced**
- 15) Discussed, meditated, and prayed on the question: "What are your hopes for 2010?"**
- 16) Visit the church website at [www.congruitychurch.org](http://www.congruitychurch.org)**

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**The Mission of Congruity Presbyterian Church is to lead all persons to a biblical and theological understanding of reformed faith, to glorify God, to bear witness to Jesus Christ and to be the channel of God's saving power, so that His Kingdom may come and His Will be done in all the earth. We are the family of God. Therefore we focus on living as a loving family. Fellowship and worship will be the heart of our loving, caring church. (4/18/05)**





## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Seven women met at the church Wed. eve. 7 pm . Bible study was led by Sue Blank on Joshua. All women of the church are welcome to attend the women's association meeting. Cakes were recruited for soup and sandwich luncheon on Jan 31 after church. We hold Prayer Circle for any in need at the end of our meeting.

Dates to remember~

March 3 - Lenten service at Congruity ~ women asked to bring cookies

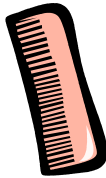
March 6 - World Day of Prayer at Congruity ~ Continental Breakfast at 10 AM

April 10th - Rummage Sale

**Presbyterian Women's Association is collecting hygiene kits and baby kits for Haitian earthquake victims. Items needed are listed:**

### Hygiene Kit:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb
- 1 metal nail file or nail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (bath size)
- 1 toothbrush
- 6 band aids
- \*Toothpaste will be added at time of distribution by CWS. Seal all items in a one gallon plastic bag with zipper closure.



### Baby Kit:

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts
- 2 washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 receiving blankets (one can be a knitted blanket)
- \*Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.



Church World Services is badly in need of hygiene kits. Presbyterian Women of Redstone Presbytery is making it a project to collect these kits. They will be taken to New Windsor, Maryland, where they will be distributed where needed. If you are interested in donating a kit or kits, they may be dropped off at Congruity. Any questions, please contact Phyllis Frye at 724-468-3740 or Judy Koontz at 724-668-2843

## MISSION TEAM NEWS

PHYLLIS FRYE

At this time we have 15 volunteers dedicated to go to the Gulf Coast in March. As of now, we will be flying into New Orleans the weekend of March 14th staying at camps at either Olive Tree, Houma, or some at each. Congruity has six volunteers: Lisa Heasley, Sue Derek, Steve Derek, Ced Stopansky, Doug Stine and Phyllis Frye, and the other seven are from four other churches. When Rev. Silvia Carlson visited our church in the fall she mentioned the hundreds of weeks Redstone has donated. Not including this trip, this team from our area has put in 62 weeks in the Gulf, 6 weeks and 9 days in West Virginia and 9 weeks in Iowa with a total of 40 different people from 13 different churches. Praise God.

Please remember to pray for us and support us. We will be doing some fundraising:

Bon Ton coupons ~ See Phyllis or Doug

February 16th ~ Pancake Dinner with live entertainment ~ Franklin Regional Jazz Band ~ including a silent auction and candle sale ~ see back of calendar for more details and Lisa for tickets.

Chicken Casserole Dinner

Sunday March 7th from 12:00-2:00 pm at Avonmore

By tickets only: adults \$7.00 children \$5.00

For tickets please contact Sue Derek at 724-834-6845



**2010  
Mission Trips**

**Spring  
March 14-20  
New Orleans**

**Summer  
August 8-14  
Kopperston  
West Virginia**



We pray for the people in the country Haiti. Congruity Women's Association has a compassion child in Haiti. Some of the team had the opportunity to see the Gulf Coast soon after the destruction of Katrina and Rita. We saw the dissolution and havoc brought upon the land and people we love. But these last four years have brought LOVE AND HOPE OUT OF CHAOS to this land. We've seen people from all over the world, not just American, come together to bring hope. We've seen the reconstruction of the land and the return of businesses and the renewed spirit of the people. Hopefully and prayerfully in four years, Haiti will be at the point where the Gulf Coast is today. So we can continue on.

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**A T T E N D A N C E**

**Sunday School**

	Youth	Adults	Total
<b>12/27</b>	3	15	18
<b>1/3</b>	6	16	22
<b>1/10</b>	3	19	22
<b>1/17</b>	3	19	22

**Worship**

<b>12/24</b>	133	Christmas Eve
<b>12/27</b>	44	
<b>1/3</b>	51	
<b>1/10</b>	56	
<b>1/17</b>	64	

**C H U R C H   S T A F F   A N D  
O F F I C E R S**

<b>Cliff Foster</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
<b>John Blank</b>	<b>Clerk of Session</b>
<b>Becky Davis</b>	<b>Deacon's Moderator</b>
<b>Caroline D'Aurora</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Michelle Kepple</b>	<b>Financial Secretary</b>
<b>Dorothy Martz</b>	<b>Church Secretary</b>
<b>Janet Henry</b>	<b>Music Director</b>
<b>Yvonne McInay</b>	<b>Newsletter Editor</b>
<b>John Blank</b>	<b>Webmaster</b>

**Dorothy is in Monday & Thursday mornings.**  
**Cliff is in the office most mornings.**