

Congruity Connection



CLIFF'S NOTES

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

Lisa Heasley

Teri Hoffman

Carol Hohman

Joseph Stopansky

Gale Wilhelm

As I sit at the computer to write these words we have summer has officially begun. What sort of things do you have planned for the summer months—vacation, cooking on the grill, relaxing by the pool, a pile of novels to be read, waiting for the first tomato to ripen, hanging out with friends. It is my hope and prayer that each of us has a wonderful summer.

The church will be abuzz with activity during the week of July 19-23 with Vacation Bible School for Pres-schoolers to those in 6th grade. Our church will be transformed into Planet Zoom. We will zip, zap and zoom as we learn from some bees the Good News of God's love. It looks like this will be a very exciting week.

In August a Mission Team will be heading to West Virginia to work for a week. Some of our youth will be part of this team. The Mission Team will be commissioned on August 1st. I hope that this is a wonderful experience for all those who will be part of this Mission trip.

Throughout these summer months, I would encourage all of us to spend some time praying and reflecting on the exciting and creative avenues of ministry and mission that we might explore. I would be interested in hearing any of your ideas or suggestions so that together we might journey into the future fulfilling our call to be building the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

Have a wonderful summer!

Yours in Christ's love,

Cliff



Congratulations Class of 2010

*Congratulations to Jessica Foresman,
Joe Stopansky & Amber Sellinger who
were honored on Graduate Sunday, June
27th ~ missing from photo are Kristie &
Mike Kepple ~ Best Wishes to you all!*



JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



7/1	Bill Karstaedt	7/15	BJ Johnston
7/3	Brennan Foster	7/16	Mark Writt
	Heather Kaufman	7/20	Evelyn Foresman
	Robert Young		Alex Swatchick
7/6	Mim Schweppe	7/22	Sue Bish
7/9	Doug Stine	7/24	Carol Zabkar
7/11	Michelle Kepple	7/26	Gary Kulick
7/12	Betty Lou Carr	7/29	Debbie Perino
	Cliff Foster	7/31	Eric Heasley
	Hillary Lapcevic		Ken Sellinger Sr

ANNIVERSARIES

7/14/1966	Ron & Shirley Stoltz
7/15/1978	Fred & Hope Sehring
7/16/1951	Chuck & Betty Lou Carr ~ 59 years!
7/25/2009	Anthony & Ashley Passante



AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

8/5 Amy Kaufman
 8/7 Tracey McDonald
 8/8 Sandy Cramer
 Tom Orr
 8/12 Marjorie Aaron
 Linda Sellinger
 8/13 Keith Orr
 Amber Sellinger
 8/14 Carol Miller
 8/15 Tom Kepple
 Chris Johnston
 Sara Johnston

8/16 Cara Kaufman
 8/18 Jim Kepple
 Amy Stine
 8/21 Titina Ott
 8/22 Jean Branthoover
 Dana Flowers
 Stacey Kepple
 8/26 Louise Ahlborn
 8/29 Tim D'Aurora
 Ryan Schweppe
 8/31 Jeremiah Kaufman



ANNIVERSARIES

8/3/1991 Ken & Missy Martz
 8/3/1973 Ken & Nancy Walters
 8/10/2000 Scott & Yvonne McIlnay
 8/14/1962 Perry & Carol Miller
 8/18/1973 Rich & Linda Youngbauer
 8/19/1972 John & Sue Blank
 8/23/1986 Ken & Linda Sellinger
 8/26/1989 Bob & Tracey McDonald

*An Anniversary Prayer*

Heavenly Father, we thank You from the bottom of our hearts for you continued blessings on our union that have enabled us to reach another anniversary. We thank You for letting our love deepen and for helping us in time of trial. We know that without your assistance we would never have remained so close as we are.

We ask You to continue to watch over us, over our homes and families. Help us to renew our vows of love and loyalty and to strive to remain united with You, steadfast in our faith and in your service.

Amen



Church Picnic

Come and worship outdoors! Sunday July 25th at 10:30am at the home of Kip & Sue Boggs. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on, a covered dish and a prize for stinky bingo. Hot dogs and drink will be provided. Also you may bring you swimsuit if you want to cool off in the pool. Thank you Kip & Sue!

Summer Communion

Those scheduled to serve communion on August 8th are:

Ronda Weinell

Sue Blank

Bob Schweppe

Carol Hohman

Becky Davis



**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 July & August are as follows:

- 7/4 New Kensington † Colin Yuckman, pastor**
- 7/11 Slickville † Tom Holmes, clp**
- 7/18 Vandergrift † Neal Galley, pastor**
- 7/25 Apollo, Pine Run † Lanny Mellinger, pastor**
- 8/1 Apollo, Poke Run † Pete Goetschius, pastor**
- 8/8 Avonmore † Ron Durika, clp**
- 8/15 Delmont † Wayne Barrett, pastor**
- 8/22 Lower Burrell, Grace Community † Ken Foust, pastor**
- 8/29 Redstone Minister at Large † Rod Murray, retired**

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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION**



If you missed the women`s picnic at Betty Lou`s, too bad, but you can mark it on your calendar for the third Wednesday in June 2011. Some things never change, some things may.

All women of Congruity are automatically members of the Women`s Association. In the past, we have been meeting on the third Wednesday evening of the month, but there have been some suggestions that we move to daytime. We would like your opinion. So if you don`t like driving at night, or have more time in the day, or would rather still have it at night, whatever your thoughts are, let Janet or Phyllis know. Also it has been suggested that we start a sewing, craft, or some kind of hands on project group. We need feedback.

P.W. of Redstone is planning a trip to Windsor, Md on Sept 26-28 to Church World Service to help pack or sort items to be sent to needy areas. We still have room for two more people. The cost is around \$100, which includes two nights stay and some meals. Travel and spending money are extra. Contact Judy Koontz or Phyllis Frye. So far, we have two from Congruity going.

Due to the desperate need by Church World Service, we will continue collecting items for hygiene kits until the middle of September. Hygiene kits consist of 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 bar of soap, 1 pair of nail clippers, 1 toothbrush in original wrapper, 1 wide tooth comb, and 6 band-aids, all in a 1 gallon zippered plastic bag.

Also for the P.W. fall gathering we will be collecting items for clean-up buckets, also for Church World Service. Watch the bulletin board and the September newsletter for details. We need to be specific on sizes and brands or the items won`t fit in the bucket. Also if you know of anywhere we can get 5 gallon buckets, please let either Phyllis Frye or Judy Koontz (724-668-2843) know. Last time some of our buckets were only 4 and 1/2 gallon and it was almost impossible to get all the stuff in.





T L C

L I S A H E A S L E Y



Well, we had a great time cooking for the "fellas" of Congruity. We hope that you all enjoyed the evening. We are really grateful to have so many men that help us move heavy objects, pitch in where help is needed and be such wonderful role models for our young men. You are true blessings to us all.

We are having a fun night for ourselves on Wednesday, July 14th at 6:00pm. We are going to order Pizza and play some games. I am sure MANY laughs will be had. Hope you can make it.

~ 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

How to stay safe in the World today! Where IS the Safest Place?

- 1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.**
- 2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.**
- 3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.**
- 4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.**
- 5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% or all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.**

But...

Only .001% of all deaths occur in Worship services, usually related to previous physical disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

And...Bible study is safe too! The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So, attend church and read your Bible!



IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Submitted by Lisa Heasley



CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE

EVELYN & PAM FORESMAN

Please remember Vocational Bible School will be July 19th-23rd. All children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors ages 3-12 are welcome to attend. For more information or to register, please call Debbie Perino at 724-668-7561 or the church office at 724-668-7740.

We are asking for donations of plain white t-shirts of all sizes for the kids Planet Zoom shirts. Please contact Evelyn Foresman with any questions, Thank you!

DEACONS

The Deacons Annual End of Summer Picnic will be August 22 after worship. Hot dogs and drink will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. Hope to see you there!

Father's Day Tools for Hope Contributions~

Tools purchased by John & Sue Blank, Chuck & Betty Lou Carr, Evelyn Foresman, Phyllis Frye, Ellie Miller, Karina Mellon, Lana Munsell, Ron & Shirley Stoltz, Ced & Sarabeth Stopansky , Thomas Kepple & Ronda Weinell.



Tools purchased in honor or memory~

Gene & Dorothy Blank	In memory of loved ones
Dotty D'Aurora	In memory of Joe D'Aurora
	In honor of Jim Fennel
Tim & Caroline D'Aurora	In memory of Frank Rugh & Joe D'Aurora
	In honor of Jim Fennel
Dave & Pam Foresman	In memory of Rev. David Foresman & Louis Fanco
Cliff Foster	In memory of Howard L. Foster
Bob & Carol Hohman	In honor of Bob & in memory of their Fathers
Ron & Dorothy Martz	In memory of our Fathers
	In honor of our Son and Sons-in-law
Janet Rugh	In memory of C. B. Rough Jr. & John R. McIntyre

TREASURER'S REPORT

CAROLINE D'AURORA



TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT -2010

General Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Actual Balance	To Date Balance
	<i>Balance as of January 1</i>		\$ 3,663.14	
January	\$ 7,225.06	\$ 8,149.87	\$ 2,738.33	\$ (924.81)
February	\$ 6,515.25	\$ 8,225.67	\$ 1,027.91	\$ (2,635.23)
March	\$ 6,302.62	\$ 7,343.45	\$ (12.92)	\$ (3,676.06)
April	\$ 7,769.14	\$ 8,873.88	\$ (1,117.66)	\$ (4,780.80)
May	\$ 8,728.43	\$ 6,637.21	\$ 973.56	\$ (2,689.58)

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January	\$ 809.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 225.67
February	\$ 675.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 317.34
March	\$ 392.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 126.01
April	\$ 514.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 56.68
May	\$ 436.00	\$ 583.33	\$ (90.65)
June	\$ -	\$ 583.33	\$ (673.98)

	This Month	To Date
Cents-Ability	\$ 81.93	\$ 143.21
Pentecost Offering		\$ 623.93

Thanks to all of the members and friends of Congruity who generously donate the time, talents, and resources that enable us to do good works.



ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

SUE DEREK

**Orders will be taken July 11th & 18th and August 8th & 15th
Distribution dates are July 19th and August 21st ~ 9:30-10:30am at CUP**

If the order dates or pick ups are hard to do, please call Sue at home and arrangements can be made. Orders also can be done online at

www.angelfoodministries.com by credit card

ITEMS FROM SESSION**JOHN BLANK**

Session met on June 21, 2010 and reports the following:

- 1) Keith Orr led us in devotions reading from Proverbs**
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's reports.**
- 3) Received the report of the last Presbytery meeting from Rev. Foster noting that Congruity was recognized for its participation in the Theological Education Fund.**
- 4) Granted permission to the Deacons to hold the annual end of the summer picnic on 8/22/10.**
- 5) Expressed gratitude to the TLC for hosting the Men's Appreciation Dinner**
- 6) Plans are continuing for Vacation Bible School. Set Sunday 7/18 for the commissioning of the Vacation Bible School staff.**
- 7) The Congregational Life committee will host a luncheon following the service on Graduate's Recognition Sunday.**
- 8) Noted that Congruity's portion (25%) of the Pentecost offering will go to "Welcome Home." An equal dollar amount will be transferred from the Local Mission Fund to support the Youth Mission Trip.**
- 9) The Property Committee is continuing to work on various projects and will review the church's insurance policy.**
- 10) Approved Rev. Foster's request for vacation for July 26 through August 2. Bob Tyson, Redstone's Mission Coordinator, will deliver the message on August 1 and commission the West Virginia Mission Team.**
- 11) Session will not have a regular meeting in July. The next regular session meeting will be on August 16th.**
- 12) Permission was granted to sell T-shirts through the presbytery as a fund raiser for the mission team.**
- 13) Granted permission for a local mission project team to form noting that session will need to approve all projects.**
- 14) Accepted Linda Sellinger's resignation, with regret, as youth group leader and appointed Lisa Heasely as the new youth group leader.**
- 15) Visit the church website at www.congruitychurch.org**

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)



THE MISSION INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

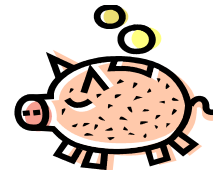
TIM D'AURORA

If you look at the Treasurer's Report found elsewhere in this newsletter, you can see that May was a very positive month for our church. Not only were our receipts the highest of the year, but our expenses happened to be the lowest. This enabled us to reduce our negative balance for the year by over \$2000.00. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. As we enter the summer months, we need to make a conscious effort to not let these positive efforts be wasted.

On another positive note, we had raised our Pentecost Offering goal to \$400.00. I am especially pleased to report that we collected \$623.93. What a fantastic accomplishment. We will be donating our 25% of this collection to Welcome Home Shelter in Greensburg. We are also matching that donation with a donation to the Youth Mission Trip in August from our local Mission Fund. We again would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's Pentecost Offering.

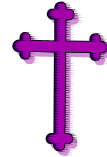
Starting with this newsletter, MIS is going to have a special focus each month. Our focus for August is our continued support and involvement in Mission. On Sunday, August 1, our West Virginia Mission Team will be commissioned. We are fortunate to have Bob Tyson joining us to fill the pulpit where he will speak about Mission involvement. This should be a good opportunity to learn more about where our Mission dollars are going. As a tie-in, at the Deacons end of Summer picnic on August 22, the Mission Team will talk about their efforts in West Virginia. This is another great chance to hear first-hand about the continued good work that is being done.

While we have done a very good job in supporting our special offerings, we have neglected our First Fruits giving. At the end of May, we are \$90.93 behind our pledge for the year. This was a pledge that was based on our Estimate of Giving cards for the 2010 year. Now we need to live up to those estimates. The concern is that while we are already behind, we are going into the months that traditionally have had the least amount of giving. Please make an effort to put us in the plus column for First Fruits. The more we are able to give, the more Presbytery is able to do for Missions.



MISSION TEAM NEWS

PHYLLIS FRYE



The mission team will be participating in the New Alexandria community yard sale on July 17th. Our tents will be on the vacant lot on the right side of the United in Christ Ministries (the old Reformed Presbyterian Church building). If you have anything you want to donate to this sale, see Lisa Heasley . Please come out and support us!

The team will be leaving Sunday, August 8th, after church for West Virginia. The team will be commissioned on Sunday, August 1st at Congruity. We will have a presentation on Sunday, August 22nd at the Deacon's End of Summer Picnic.

Click on freerice.com for a neat way to help feed the hungry. It is a humanitarian sponsored, fun, educational way to help feed the world!



MISSION / YOUTH GROUP

LISA HEASLEY

A great big THANK YOU to all that participated in the Hoss's fundraiser. We did not get the total from Indiana yet but we made \$183.29 in Greensburg & \$191.97 in Murrysville.

So far, Phyllis Frye, Lisa Heasley, Cheyanne Heasley, Alyssa Long & Tylor McDonald will be those going on the mission trip to West Virginia. We are having a T-shirt fundraiser. Please see the designs and order form enclosed with the newsletter. Thank you to everybody for your support. We can't wait to tell you all about it.



*As you go on your way, may God go with you.
May God go before you to show you the way.
May God go behind you to encourage you,
beside you to befriend you,
above you to watch over,
within you to give you peace.*

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!
 congruitychurch.org**

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

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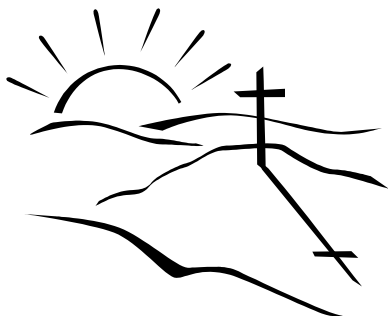
A T T E N D A N C E

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

Worship

5/23	65
5/30	43
6/6	52
6/13	57
6/20	59

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



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