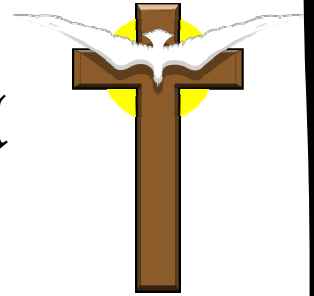


Congruity Connection



CLIFF'S NOTES

ELDERS

Laura Blank

Sue Blank

Gene Brant

Tim D'Aurora

Dave Foresman

Phyllis Frye

Janet Rugh

Bob Schweppe

Ronda Weinell

Colton Cramer Y.R.

The other day I was reminiscing back to when I was in elementary school. I remember at the beginning of February each year, part of our class time was devoted to making boxes to hold the Valentine's Day card we would exchange in our classroom. I remember the night before February 14th signing all of those cards to give out the next day to my classmates.

As I was reflecting back on those elementary school days, it occurred to me that our thoughts in the month of February are on love. And this February we begin the Season of Lent—remembering the love that God has shown to us in Jesus who journeyed to Jerusalem to face the cross and to be resurrected to new life on Easter morning. I can think of no greater expression of love than all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ!

DEACONS

Evey Anderson

Dorothy Brant

Dotty D'Aurora

Becky Davis

Sue Derek

Carol Hohman

Scott McIlroy

Sarabeth Stopansky

Gale Wilhelm

Our community Lenten worship services will begin on February 29th at the No Walls Ministry in New Alexandria and will continue on Wednesday evenings at various locations. Plans are being formulated for a Community Choir Cantata on March 28th.

As we enter the Lenten Season, it is my hope and prayer that each of us might experience the depth of God's love shown to us in Jesus. In the Season of Lent may we prepare ourselves to stand at the empty tomb of Easter and experience once again the new life that our faith in Jesus brings into our lives.

Yours in Christ's love, *Cliff*



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



2/1 Charlotte Foresman
 2/2 Blanche Poorbaugh
 2/4 Kathy (Blank) Todd
 Jeff Karstaedt
 2/7 Dottie D'Aurora
 2/8 Tom Dudek
 Esther Weister
 2/9 Elijah Miller
 2/17 Austin Heasley

2/18 Ken Sellinger Jr
 2/20 Arlin Smith
 Kathy Schrecengost Soule
 2/21 Daniel Witt
 2/22 Elise Bish
 Diane D'Aurora
 2/25 Clay Kaufman
 2/27 Brian Kaufman



CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Kelly Orr on her recent engagement. An August wedding is being planned.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 29th	No Walls Ministry	Cliff Foster preaching
March 7th	Congruity	Charlie Brownawell preaching
March 14th	CUP	Rhea Summitt preaching
March 21st	UMC	Cliff Buell preaching
March 28th		Lent/Easter Cantata
April 6th	(Good Friday)	No Walls Ministry



Happy Valentine's Day



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.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY

Liturgists

2/5	Tim D'Aurora
2/12	Deacon Sunday
2/19	Doug Stine
2/26	Caroline D'Aurora



Those scheduled to serve Communion on February 19th are:

Dave Foresman	Ronda Weinell	Sue Blank
Gale Wilhelm	Sarabeth Stopansky	

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.



SEPARATED BY SPACE
UNITED IN PRAYER

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

2/5	Delmont † Wayne Barrett, pastor
2/12	Lower Burrell, Grace Community † Ken Foust, pastor
2/19	Lower Burrell, Puckety † Kirk Orr, pastor
2/26	Murrysville, First † Chuck MacPherson, pastor



S Y M P A T H Y

We express our sympathy to the Ahlborn family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Louise's death



D E A C O N S
S C O T T M C I L N A Y

Our annual White Elephant sale will be Sunday, February 12th after worship. Bad weather date ~ February 19th. Please bring a covered dish to share and a wrapped gift for the auction. Table service, bread and drinks will be provided by the Deacons. After lunch the fun begins! Please remember that this is the only fundraiser the Deacons have all year. We would really appreciate everyone's support. Hope to see you there!

The Flower Chart for 2012 has been posted. Please sign up to help provide fresh flowers for our services. The cost is \$30.00 payable to Congruity Deacons. Thank you.

H A N D S - O N - M I S S I O N
P H Y L L I S F R Y E



Hands-on-Mission is accepting donations of new or good used pillowcases to make dresses for the A Dress for Every Girl Project. We are still doing the bag mats and Susan Blank has offered to teach us to crochet baby caps for CWS on February 16th at 12p.m. You will need a small size G or H crochet hook (not the big H we are using for bag mats), and sport weight baby yarn. This is a project that once you learn, you can do at home, even if you can't come to the meetings. So come out and join us on the first and third Thursday at 12p.m. to help us with these worthwhile mission projects



T H A N K Y O U S

Donna Crosby and Dolores Bollinger would like to thank the people from Congruity Church for the lovely get well cards they received after their accident. They have both completed their therapy and Dolores will be home by the end of January.

On behalf of the family, I would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers, service and luncheon following my Great Aunt Louise's death. We are all very grateful to have such a wonderful church family.

Yvonne





MISSION TEAM NEWS
PHYLLIS FRYE



DON'T FORGET the PANCAKE DINNER on Tuesday, February 21st ~ 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Congruity Church to support the mission team to God knows where. There will be a sign-up sheet in the greeting room for donations. We will also be needing some help.

The mission team will be meeting on January 29th at 230 p.m. at Congruity to decide where we are going and how we'll get there. If you are interested in going and weren't at or can not make the meeting, contact Phyllis Frye (724-468-3740) or Judy Koontz (724-668-2843). Sorry, we don't have a destination yet, but watch the bulletin or call the church for further information.

MADISON HANDBAG PARTY
PAM FORESMAN



Come one, come all to a great Fund Raiser for our church....

* Madison Handbag Party *

Choose your style you like then design it to your liking. Choose your fabric, lining and hardware. So bring a friend and let the fun begin. Mark your calendar ~ Saturday, February 25, 2012 1-4 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Questions... call Evelyn Foresman 724-387-1368



THINKING OF GLADYS FRYE

I received a very nice e-mail from Bob Frye. He told me how Congruity Church is very special to him and he looks forward to the newsletter. His family history at Congruity dates back to the early 1900s. He has very fond childhood memories of Congruity.

Most of you know, his mother, Gladys, who was a long time member and organist for 41 years. She moved to Chicago from the Wm Penn Care Center so she could receive more personalize care several years ago. Gladys celebrated her 97th birthday on January 17th. I thought it would be nice if anyone would want to send her a thinking of you or belated birthday card.

Her address is ~ Gladys Frye (C/O Beth Frye)
622 N. Whitcomb Drive
Palatine IL 60074

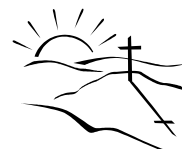




CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PHYLLIS FRYE

Congregational Life will be sponsoring a GAME NIGHT on Saturday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite games and your friends and a snack to share.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE
TIM D'AURORA



We will be holding a committee meeting on Monday, February 6 at 7:00pm to review the projects we hope to accomplish in 2012. If you are aware of any areas of concern, please contact a committee member to let them know. The current members are Tim D'Aurora, Bob Schweppe, Gene Brant, Terry Hoffman, and Perry Miller. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, your presence would be welcome.



TLC
LISA HEASLEY

The family of the giving tree would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for all of the gifts given this Christmas. They were truly appreciative. TLC would also like to thank all of you that took an angel and made what would have been a difficult holiday a little more joyful.

Our next meeting will be a movie night/meeting. Caroline D' Aurora will host a movie night at her house on February 8 at 6. Bring your favorite movie snack (popcorn will be provided) and join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship.

We are planning to host a health fair in the spring. We are still working on details so watch future newsletters for more details.



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

THE MISSION INTERPRETATION
& STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

TIM D'AURORA



As we enter the 2nd month of 2012, we want to give a general overview on where we are financially and on some of the plans and goals for 2012. An area of concern is the 2011 deficit of \$2067.30 in our general fund. This means that we spent over \$2000.00 more than we brought in. Fortunately, we started the year with a \$10,558.34 balance so we were able to absorb this shortfall. Unlike we have done in past years, the MIS committee feels we shouldn't wait until late fall to proclaim the sky is falling and we need help. We feel that we need to remind everyone throughout the year to prayerfully consider their giving. On a positive note, we did exceed our \$8000.00 First Fruits pledge by \$565.08. We thank everyone for their generous contributions.

We wanted to remind people about our 2 cents a meal offering. The first Sunday of every month, we collect money for the Westmoreland County Food Bank in the loaf of bread bank in the Greeting Room. Unfortunately, this has been on a back table in the past and for many people, has been out of sight and out of mind. We are moving it to a more conspicuous location and hope you will support this worthy cause.

This year we will again hold 2 spaghetti dinners and 2 hoagie sales. The dinners are tentatively scheduled for April 14 and November 10 and the hoagie sales are scheduled for April 26 and September 20. It is your involvement that makes these events successful. The more dinners we serve and the more hoagies we sell, the more money we raise to further God's work.

We are also planning to hold another auction this fall. Last year we raised over \$1300.00 for our Local Mission Fund and we had a lot of fun doing so. Since we are fortunate to have the 3rd floor for storage, we want to remind everyone that if you have items to donate but don't want to or aren't able to wait until fall, you don't have to. Your items can be brought to the church at any time and we can store them on the 3rd floor until the auction. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to let Tim D'Aurora know and we will make arrangements to help.



ITEMS FROM SESSION

JOHN BLANK



Items from Session

Session met on January 16, 2012 and reports the following:

- 1) Rev. Foster led us in devotions
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 3) Approved the Annual Statistical Report to the Office of the General Assembly PC (USA)
- 4) Elected Janet Rugh as Elder Delegate and Phyllis Frye as alternate for the Presbytery Meeting on 1/21/12
- 5) Discussed committee assignments.
- 6) Elected Bob Schweppe as President of the Board of Trustees.
- 7) Set March 18, 2012 for the joint meeting of session and deacons (following worship)
- 8) Approved a Game Night for March 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM
- 9) Approved collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring on 2/5/12 with the funds going to the Westmoreland County Food Bank
- 10) Set the following goals for our four special offerings in 2012: One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) \$750; Pentecost \$400; Peacemaking \$400; and Christmas Joy \$400.
- 11) Set the following fundraiser dates: Hoagie Sales on 4/26/12 and 9/20/12 and Spaghetti Dinners on 4/14/12 and 11/10/12
- 12) Agreed to read and study Chapter 1 of the Directory of Worship for 2/20/11
- 13) Discussed Chapter G-4; G-5; and G-6 of the Book of Order
- 14) Discussed G-1; G-2; and G-3 of the Book of Order.
- 15) Reminder: Congregational Meeting following worship on 1/29/12.

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)



TREASURER'S REPORT

CAROLINE D'AURORA

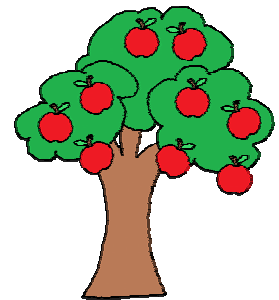


General Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Actual Balance	To Date Balance
<i>Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 10,558.34	
January	\$ 7,524.95	\$ 8,749.70	\$ 9,333.59	\$ (1,224.75)
February	\$ 6,206.20	\$ 6,345.39	\$ 9,194.40	\$ (1,363.94)
March	\$ 6,723.56	\$ 9,092.51	\$ 6,825.45	\$ (3,732.89)
April	\$ 7,564.13	\$ 9,310.74	\$ 5,078.84	\$ (5,479.50)
May	\$ 8,067.18	\$ 6,739.97	\$ 6,406.05	\$ (4,152.29)
June	\$ 5,612.49	\$ 6,804.54	\$ 5,214.00	\$ (5,344.34)
July	\$ 8,633.91	\$ 6,734.07	\$ 7,113.84	\$ (3,444.50)
August	\$ 5,687.06	\$ 7,259.17	\$ 5,541.73	\$ (5,016.61)
September	\$ 6,703.59	\$ 8,573.12	\$ 3,672.20	\$ (6,886.14)
October	\$ 7,457.91	\$ 6,706.76	\$ 4,423.35	\$ (6,134.99)
November	\$ 7,111.11	\$ 7,706.53	\$ 3,827.93	\$ (6,730.41)
December	\$11,966.64	\$ 7,303.53	\$ 8,491.04	\$ (2,067.30)

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January	\$ 768.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 101.34
February	\$ 765.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 199.68
March	\$ 679.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 212.02
April	\$ 634.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 179.36
May	\$ 709.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 221.70
June	\$ 495.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 50.04
July	\$ 725.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 108.38
August	\$ 634.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 75.72
September	\$ 506.00	\$ 666.66	\$ (84.94)
October	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 418.40
November	\$ 740.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 491.74
December	\$ 740.00	\$ 666.66	\$ 565.08



	This Month	To Date
Cents-Ability	\$ 20.14	\$ 299.72
Christmas Joy		\$ 457.00
Profit from Spaghetti Dinner to General Fund		\$ 455.20

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.

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WORSHIP AT 11:00 AM PLEASE JOIN US!

A T T E N D A N C E

Sunday School

	Y	A	Total
1/1	3	8	11
1/8	4	18	22
1/15	0	16	16

Worship

12/24	107
12/25	47
1/1	31
1/8	46
1/15	46

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

Cliff Foster	Pastor
John Blank	Clerk of Session
Scott McInay	Deacon's Moderator
John Blank	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.

Please put newsletter items in the folder at
 the church or email to ydmcinay@yahoo.com

