

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.

DEACONS

Evey Anderson

Dorothy Brant

Dotty D'Aurora

Becky Davis

Sue Derek

Carol Hohman

Scott McIlnay

Sarabeth Stopansky

Gale Wilhelm

What comes to your mind when you think about the month of May? There are a few significant events that will take place in the 31 days of May. There will be Mother's day—a day when we offer our thanks to our Moms for all that they do or have done for us. Some of us will give gifts, share a meal, or give flowers to our Moms. Others of us will be remembering our Moms who are now with the Lord.

Another event will be Memorial Day... when we honor those who gave their lives in military service to ensure that we enjoy the many freedoms that are ours in this great nation of ours. We will be joining the local veteran group in their service at the cemetery on May 27th. Memorial Day is also the unofficial kick-off to summer and we will gather with family and friends for a cook-out and enjoy each other's company.

But there is also another significant event taking place on May 27th... we will be celebrating Pentecost. The day when God's Spirit was poured out and the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ commenced. Everyone is asked to wear **red** on Pentecost to celebrate.

And in between Mother's Day and Pentecost/Memorial Day there will be a lot of other activities: finals for our college students and moving back home for the summer; the excitement of sports team playing other teams; planting the garden and a variety of other activities. A local restaurant chain also reminds us that May is a very berry month.

As we celebrate Pentecost this month, may we experience God's Spirit blowing in and through and among us.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*

MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



5/1	Dave Bish	5/17	Jim Fennel
	Lisa Kaufman		Linda Hazlett
5/3	Larry Swatchick		Joelyn Watt
5/12	Roni Kaufman	5/18	Susan Blank
5/15	Lucha Batera	5/20	Cindy Karstaedt
	Ron Kaufman	5/23	Nancy Henry
	Linda Youngbauer		Rose Ann Orr
5/16	Bryce Kaufman	5/28	Becky Swatchick

ANNIVERSARIES



5/3/1980	Steve & Sue Derek
5/5/2007	Mike & Kerstin Stellato
5/10/1986	Scott & Kathy Hamilton
5/14/1983	Gary & Tammy Kulik
5/16/1998	Tom & Becky Davis
5/17/2008	Gale & Judy Wilhelm

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulation to Kathy Kepple Fink & Steve Russell on their engagement.

Two are better than one.... For if they fall, one will lift up the other.



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.

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

Liturgists

5/6	Dave Foresman
5/13	Sarabeth Stopansky
5/20	Doug Stine
5/27	Caroline D'Aurora



Those scheduled to serve communion on May 27th are:
Janet Rugh, Tim D'Aurora, Bob Schweppe, Sue Derek, Dorothy Brant

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.



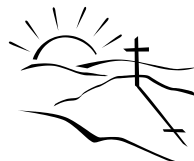
S E P A R A T E D B Y S P A C E U N I T E D I N P R A Y E R

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

5/6	Avonmore † Larry Armstrong, interim pastor
5/13	Delmont † Wayne Barrett, pastor
5/20	Lower Burrell † Ken Foust, pastor
5/27	Lower Burrell † Kirk Orr, pastor

S Y M P A T H Y

The Kaufman family as they journey through the valley of the shadow
of Amy's death



*When someone we love dies, God hides a smile in every
memory and hope in every tear.*



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PHYLLIS FRYE

GAME NIGHT: Friday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite games, your favorite snacks and your friends and join us in an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Tony got the popcorn machine working and who can resist the aroma of warm, fresh buttered popcorn?

Memorial Day/Pentecost Sunday Lunch: May 27, after church. Lunch will be provided. The veterans will be coming soon after the 11:00 service to memorialize the veterans in our cemetery. Please stay and attend this meaningful ceremony and then stay for lunch. We're not sure what you're getting yet, but it will be something good, along with a cake to honor both Memorial Day and Pentecost Sunday (the birthday of the Christian Church-Acts 2).

CHRISTIAN ED
PAM FORESMAN



It's that time of year again! We are in the planning stages of another fun Vacation Bible School! The theme this year will be ROCKY POINT LIGHTHOUSE! We will be having it on July 17, 18, 19 from 9:00 am to 12 noon and it promises to be lots of fun! So make sure to mark your calendar and SAVE THOSE DATES!! Tell your friends and relatives too and watch for more info. in the next newsletter! If you are willing to help with VBS this year please contact Reverend Cliff Foster or any Christian Ed. Committee member. Thanks



WALK FIT
SUE DEREK



Walk Fit with Angie will continue every Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00 A.M for the month of May. We will be taking the summer months June-August off. Classes will resume again in September.

W O M E N ' S A S S O C I A T I O N
P H Y L L I S F R Y E

Twenty five cents for a paperback; ten cents for a coffee cup; fifty cents for a pair of shoes; fifty cents for a sweatshirt, fifty cents for a nice pair of baby sleepers; a dollar for a nice cake pan; two bucks for a dining room chair, five bucks for a computer desk, plus baked goods and a nice lunch. Congruity women, with the help of some friends raised a total of \$1400 to benefit mission at home and world wide. Thanks to all who donated rummage, time, baked goods, or helped in any other way to make this a success. (and thanks to Evy for the homemade ham salad and Donna for making the halushki, both of which we had for lunch during the week) and especially the scouts who helped make short work of the endless packing of left-over stuff and loaded it into the Christian Layman truck.

And if you missed out on all the fellowship and fun, you have another chance to get together. The semi-annual CONGRUITY TURKEY DINNER is coming up on Saturday May 12. We'll be calling for donations and lots of help for this dinner. This is another fund raiser of the Women's Association to raise money for mission. (Actually, maybe we should call it the Congruity Association since Jay comes to our meetings and we get lots of help from the men). We usually serve approximately 500 people and it takes all ages to get the work done. We will be setting the tables in place on Sunday May 6 after church. The turkeys will be coming in on Wednesday the 9th, on Thursday at 6p.m. we will be setting the tables and on Friday May 11, at 6p.m. is our big potato peeling party. On Saturday, the day of the dinner, we will need help from 8a.m. to help get take outs ready, till the last dish is washed, Servers need to be there at 3:30. It's a lot of hard work, but a lot of fun, too, and there's such a good feeling knowing that we are doing a lot of good in the world with the money we make at these dinners. As one little girl said, she can't wait till she's bigger so she can help more.

Funerals are a sad time for family and friends of those who have gone on to be with our Lord. Yes, it is a sad time, but it is a good feeling to know that we've made it easier for family and friends to come together to share their sorrow and also to visit with those who, sadly, we only see at times like this. We want to thank those who have been faithful in helping serve, baking cakes (six upside down cakes, Debbie?) and setting up for these dinners. A special thanks to Janet for shopping and getting them all together and for Tony for opening all those stubborn no. 10 cans (We have since bought us a nifty, new can-opener). Our condolences to all the families we have served.

T L C
L I S A H E A S L E Y



We will be selling flowers during the turkey dinner. We will be outside fellowship hall all afternoon. Please stop by and get a gift for Mom or something to brighten up your own yard. We will not have a regular meeting in May. We will be helping with Turkey dinner preparations.

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.



S P R I N G G A T H E R I N G
P H Y L L I S F R Y E

The Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women was a big success. Thank you to all, men and women, who helped in any way. As in any event, there is always a lot of preparation to be done ahead of time, and it was a good day. Even though we experienced some glitches, Congruity rose to the occasion.

P R E S B Y T E R I A N W O M E N ' S
M A Y R E T R E A T
P H Y L L I S F R Y E



The May Retreat of Presbyterian Women will be on Tuesday May 22 from 9-2:30p.m. at Pine Springs Camp. Leader for the day is Susan Speakman. The topic is "Can God Use a Woman like Me?" Cost is \$16 payable to PW of Redstone Presbytery and sent to Sue Blank by May 15. For more information and registration forms, see the flier on the bulletin board.

PAINTING CLASS
PHYLLIS FRYE



LaRue Gray has offered to teach a one time acrylic paint class on Wednesday May 16, from 6p.m. till 9p.m. The class is free, but you need to buy some supplies. You will need an acrylic paint pot (a strip of acrylic paints), 3 brushes (1 very small, 1 medium and 1 about 1" thick.) and an 8X10 canvas board. She will have a sample picture in the greeting room. Any questions, call LaRue at 724-668 -7725.



2012 GRADUATES

We will be recognizing our 2012 graduates in the June newsletter. I would like to have a photo and small write up for each student. Please email me at ydmcilnay@yahoo.com or put it in the newsletter folder at the church. All photos will be returned. Thank you.

HANDS ON MISSION
PHYLLIS FRYE

Mary Lou and Janet hard at work making pillow case dresses at Hands On Mission.



MISSION TEAM NEWS
PHYLLIS FRYE

While we set the dates for our trip in October, God didn't let us know where we were to go until February. When he told us we were to go to Wyoming, Pa, some of us were concerned about the weather and the roads at that time of the year. But OUR GOD DOES NOT FAIL US. He gave us the most glorious week of springtime , complete with sunshine, green grass, flowers, and flowering trees. We worked in West Pittston, a little north of Wyoming. Jerry and Ruth were our homeowners. Jerry has been fighting prostate cancer for fourteen years and Ruth has a severe form of arthritis. Three years ago they had an electrical fire and had just finished remodeling and landscaping when the flood hit. They had a cellar full of water and five inches of water on the first floor. When we got there, the lower part of the wall had been replaced with drywall and was ready to finish. All their furniture was pushed to the center of the rooms and was covered with plaster dust, which we vacuumed or washed down, then covered, after which the walls and woodwork were patched, primed, and painted. Judy, Phyllis, Sharon, Leonard, Steve, Shannon, Diane and Lynn mainly worked on the upstairs, although everyone pitched in wherever needed. In the cellar, Bob, Patty, Dean and Beth geared up in Hazmat suits and did mold abatement (scrape, clean, spray and paint where black mold had formed on the posts and beams). In the meantime, Larry and Ced tore down and rebuilt a stone wall inside the back cellar doorway , built a new door, and did some electrical work. Diane, Shannon and Lynn cleaned up debris in the back yard, uncovering a brick patio which the couple's children just finished building before the flood. They also did a lot of sprucing up around just by painting, raking, planting grass seed, trimming, etc. They also went to a couple other places and cleaned up outside. Toward the end of the week, Leonard, with Sharon's help, was able to put down new flooring in one room and started the second. When we left, most of the work was done except finishing the floor and pushing the furniture back in place and there is some work that needs done on the front porch. The new base cabinets for the kitchen were to come on Saturday. Even the curtains were washed and put back up. Some we replaced (yes, we even hemmed curtains). We wonder if the grass is growing. Jerry and Ruth were overwhelmed with the progress, even after the first day. He had given up hope, even though he came every day and worked sanding the stairway. And Ruth, with all her pain, took the kitchen curtains which we had washed, home to their little FEMA trailer and ironed them. It was a good week and a good team. We left satisfied with a job well done and we thank all of you who helped support us.

TREASURER'S REPORT
JOHN BLANK

**General Fund**

	Receipts	Expenses	Actual Balance	To Date Balance
<i>Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 8,491.04	
January	\$ 8,130.01	\$ 8,266.59	\$ 8,354.46	\$ (136.58)
February	\$ 6,064.50	\$ 7,503.24	\$ 6,915.72	\$ (1,575.32)
March	\$ 7,654.11	\$ 8,814.67	\$ 5,755.16	\$ (2,735.88)
March Adjust*	\$ 4,144.22	\$ -	\$ 9,899.38	\$ 1,408.34

*The adjustment in March was a transfer from deferred expenses to the General Fund. This was a one time adjustment authorized by session.

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance	
January	\$ 750.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 50.00	
February	\$ 604.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (46.00)	
March	\$ 695.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (51.00)	
		Previous	This Month	To Date
Cents-Ability		\$ 22.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 38.50
Change for the Future		\$ 68.52	\$ 25.14	\$ 93.66
	Received	Pledged	Balance	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 165.00	\$ 750.00	\$ (585.00)	
Pentecost		\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)	
Peacemaking		\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)	
Christmas Joy		\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)	



ITEMS FROM SESSION JOHN BLANK

Session met on April 24, 2012 and reports the following:

- 1) Noted that the April meeting was postponed a week due to Rev. Foster attending the Credo Conference.
- 2) Dave Foresman led us in devotions reading and discussing John 8
- 3) Received a report from Rev. Foster about his experience at the Credo Conference.
- 4) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 5) Noted that Congruity received a thank you letter (posted on the bulletin board) for our Christmas Joy Offering
- 6) Reviewed the Recap of the March 24, 2012 meeting of Redstone Presbytery
- 7) Noted that the next presbytery meeting is at 4:00 PM on May 15th at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church.
- 8) Elected Phyllis Frye as elder delegate to the 5/15/12 presbytery meeting with Janet Rugh to serve as alternate.
- 9) Finalized the committee structure. A list of committees can be found on the bulletin board and at CongruityChurch.org.
- 10) A three day curriculum for Vacation Bible School has been selected.
- 11) Volunteers, especially someone to chair Vacation Bible School, are needed.
- 12) Set the date for the painting class for 5/16/12 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- 13) Approved a luncheon for Pentecost/Memorial Day.
- 14) Approved the summer picnic and outdoor worship for 7/22/12 at Boggs Hollow Farm.
- 15) Designated that the profits from the Spaghetti Dinner go to the general fund.
- 16) Designated that the profits from the Basket Auction at the Spaghetti Dinner go to the Local Mission Fund.
- 17) Verified that Congruity's Insurance Policy is adequate.

ITEMS FROM SESSION CONTINUED

- 18) Accepted the bids for the cemetery and church yard mowing.
- 19) Set the date of July 8, 2012 to celebrate Rev. Foster's 25th anniversary of his ordination.
- 20) Noted that we will probably receive some grant money to help with the cost of a video projection system.
- 21) Noted that a confirmation class will be starting on 4/29
- 22) Set May 6th for the baptism of Shania Thompson
- 23) Approved vacation time for Rev. Foster for May 22-26 (5 days - no Sundays)
- 24) Discussed Chapter Two of the Directory of Worship and agreed to read and study Chapter Three for the May meeting.

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

I want to thank everyone who helped with the spaghetti dinner. We served approximately 190 people and everyone seemed to enjoy the dinner. We certainly appreciate all the donations and the way so many people stepped up to help. Special kudos to our sauce chef, Gene Brant, and our pasta queen, Joelyn Watt for their tremendous effort. We also held a basket auction during the dinner and with fantastic participation, we were able to raise \$365.00 for the Local Mission Fund. Great job, everyone.

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 WORSHIP AT 11:00 AM PLEASE JOIN US!**

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**

Sunday School			
	Y	A	Total
3/25	2	20	22
4/1	6	18	24
4/8	2	17	19
4/15	2	15	17
Worship			
3/25	51		
4/1	60		
4/5 Maundy	41		
4/8 Easter	38 ~ 8AM		
	64 ~ 11AM		
4/15	45		

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	