

Congruity Connection



CLIFF'S NOTES

I would like to begin these thoughts with a question: How many of us have uttered something along the lines—is this winter every going to end? As you know, I love winter and the snow and cold temperatures... but I must admit that it is time for spring to come, don't you think? I found myself wondering if this seemingly endless winter is the result of Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of an early spring. Or could it be the roller coast temperatures we have been experiencing. There have been days when it has not been that cold—in the upper 20's and I find myself chilled to the bone. I am resisting the conclusion that it is because I am getting older.

The Good News for us is that no matter what the weather has been, the signs of spring are beginning to burst forth around us. I find this to be a very hopeful sign... especially in the light of Easter. The tomb is empty... Jesus is alive and because of his resurrection we have new life as well! The warmth of God's loving arms embraces us as we endeavor to be Christ's faithful disciples at work in our world today. The wonder and awe-inspiring renewal of life during the springtime is a good image for us to hold onto as people of faith. In the coming weeks, may each of us experience a time of renewal because of our faith in Jesus Christ. May the wonder of God's creative hand be at work in us and around us and beside us—reminding us of the love of God bringing renewal and transformation to all of us.

May the joyous news of Easter that the tomb is empty... fill each of us through the month of April.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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

ELDERS

Laura Blank
Sue Blank
Gene Brant
Tim D'Aurora
Dave Foresman
Phyllis Frye
Bob Schweppe
Janet Rugh
Linda Youngbauer
Tylor McDonald Y.R.

Liturgists

Dave Foresman
Sarabeth Stopansky
Tim D'Aurora
Sue Blank

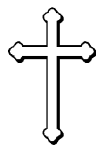


If you would like to serve as a liturgist please see Cliff.

If you are interested in becoming an acolyte please see Dave or Pam Foresman.



DEACONS



Dorothy Brant
Dotty D'Aurora
Becky Davis
Sue Derek
Evelyn Foresman
Scott McInay
Debbie Perino
Jay Perino
Sarabeth Stopansky

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 Neighborhood 1 for our prayer support during the month of April are as follows:

4/7	Lower Burrell, Grace Community ✠ Ken Foust, Pastor
4/14	Lower Burrell, Puckety ✠ Kirk Orr, Pastor
4/21	Murrysville, First ✠ Chuck MacPherson, Pastor
4/28	Murrysville, Newlonsburg ✠ Curtis Paul, Pastor Marnie Silber, Associate Pastor

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

4/2	Ashley Bish	4/19	Ada Kepple
4/6	John Ahlborn		Christine Kuzmkowski
	Elaine Kaufman	4/20	Gene Brant
	Meryle Kaufman		Shirley Stoltz
4/8	William Kaufman	4/21	Dennis Hazlett
4/9	Jill & John (III) Blank	4/22	Lilly Johnston
4/11	Rich Youngbauer	4/23	Mimi Kaufman
4/15	Missy Martz	4/26	Sue Derek
4/16	Lisa Heasley	4/30	Tom Hamilton
4/17	Phyllis Frye		Perry Miller III
	Colton Boggs		
4/18	Steve Derek		
	Dan Lapcevic		



ANNIVERSARIES



4/7/1984	Darrell & Diane D'Aurora
4/13/2005	Michael & Kim Matvey
4/27/1969	Ron & Geri Kaufman
4/27/2002	Bob & Mimi Kaufman

CONFIRMATION CLASS

This year's confirmation class will begin on Sunday April 14th and run until Sunday May 19th. The Confirmation Class will meet during the Sunday school hour and is open to any young person who is at least 12 years old. The Confirmation Class will be received into church membership on Pentecost Sunday—May 19th. If anyone is interested in being a part of the Confirmation Class, please speak to Rev. Cliff Foster.



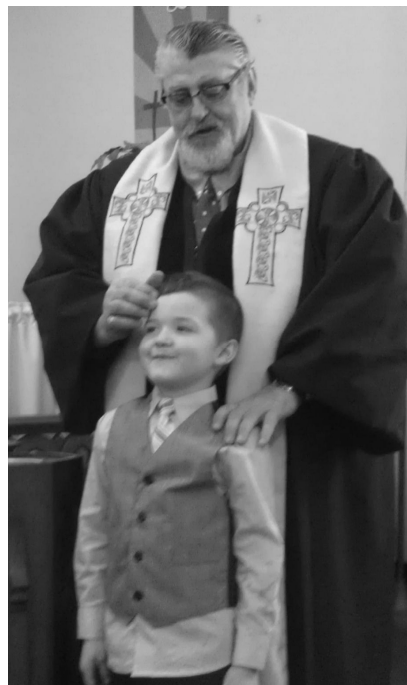
Remember if you need a ride to or from any activity at Congruity, we will be glad to arrange for someone to pick you up. Please call the office to make arrangements.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family through baptism:

Colton Samuel, son of Ryan and Becca Boggs

Matthew Cameron Jr and Abigail Rose, son and daughter of Matt and Jennifer MacDonald.



Pictured with Rev Foster, Abigail Rose and Matthew Cameron MacDonald Jr



The Boggs family ~ Ryan, Becca, Rachel and Colton



S Y M P A T H Y

We extend our sympathy to the Ott family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of the death of Bob. May God's presence give you comfort and strength in you time of loss.

T H A N K Y O U S



Thank you to everyone who sent cards and prayed for my family during George's courageous battle with cancer and his recent passing.

Special thanks to Cliff for all of his visits. And also thank you to the Woman's Association for the wonderful luncheon.

Your love and support is greatly appreciated by me and my family.

Terry Selembo

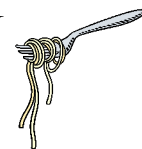
M I S S I O N
P H Y L L I S F R Y E

Most of the Mission Team will be leaving early on the morning of April 14th to drive to Jamaica NY to help with Superstorm Sandy clean-up. We have 20 volunteers from 9 different churches. Ced Stopansky, Sue Derek, Dean Derek and Phyllis Frye from Congruity 4, Community 1, West Newton 6, Westminster 3, Avonmore 1, Newlonsburg 3, Vanderbilt 1, Uniontown 1. You can meet us on Sunday April 7 when the team will be commissioned at Congruity during the morning service. We thank you all for your support and please pray both the team and the homeowners we will be helping.

New Windsor trip-- Don't forget, if you are interested in going on the New Windsor trip to work at CWS or SERRV, you need to let Judy Koontz (724 668 2843) know. You also need to make a \$25 non-refundable deposit, payable to the Mission Trip Fund before May 1st. There are 25 slots available. There are several people from Congruity already signed up. This is open to both men and women.

MISSION & INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP

TIM D'AURORA



On April 13th, we will be holding our first Spaghetti dinner of the year. The dinner will run from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm and will cost \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 6-12, and kids 5 and under are free. There is a donation sign-up sheet in the Greeting Room and we are also looking for items to put in baskets for a basket raffle. Please contact Tim D'Aurora at 724-668-8319 if you have something for the baskets. We are once again expecting that famous Italian chef, Geno Brantini, to perform his culinary magic. We would appreciate volunteers anytime after 2:00 pm to help with set up, food prep, and clean-up. This is always a fun dinner and you can make it even more successful by donating, working, coming to eat, and inviting your friends and neighbors. The more the merrier.

Just so you can mark your calendars, we will be holding our first hoagie sale May 16th.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE

RUMMAGE SALE- BAKE SALE- LUNCH Saturday April 6th 9a.m.-2pm. Rummage accepted all week until Friday noon; baked goods Saturday at 8 a.m. Help needed all week. Lunch will be served to helpers Monday-Friday - Another fun week.

PW Spring Gathering Saturday April 13 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. Cost is \$8, with registration due April 6 to Susan Blank. A Pine Springs cabin box is in the greeting room for any mission project donations of pasta, oatmeal or raisins. PW Women Spring Retreat, May 28 at Pine Springs, registration forms and info on bulletin board. Mission project donations of graham crackers, regular sized Hershey bars and marshmallows may be put into the cabin in the greeting room.

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



Turkey Dinner Time

Turkey Dinner Saturday May 11, 4-7p.m. tickets are: \$9 adults, children (6-10) \$4, children under 6 free. Contact Janet Rugh (724-668-7652) or the church (724-668-7740) for tickets. For those of you who may not know, this is a major fund raiser of our church, sponsored by the Women's Association. This is where we get the money for our mission projects (which is what we're all about), for mission both far and near and also to help with expenses for our own church. We try to contact members and close church family friends for donations of pies, corn, applesauce, cranberry sauce, Miracle Whip (no off brands), coffee, butter, milk, monetary donations and whatever else I may have missed. We always need people to roast turkeys (we supply the turkey, bread, celery and butter, you supply the time and work). We need help to put the tables in place on Sunday May 5 after church, help to set the tables on Thursday May 9, 6p.m.; Peel potatoes Friday May 10, 6 p.m.; and on Saturday all day. In the morning we get the applesauce and cranberry sauce ready for the take-outs (we do approximately 175 take-outs at the spring dinner) and take care of the turkey and stuffing and open the corn and chop the cabbage for the coleslaw and whatever else needs done. Then some of us take a break and go to lunch at the Wagon Wheel—why not when someone needs to go next door to them and pick up the bread? Then when we come back the potatoes start getting cooked and roasted are heated up and bread sliced, steam table made ready, and in general, do whatever else needs done. **WE NEED LOTS OF PEOPLE TO HELP SERVE. THIS IS VERY VERY IMPORTANT.** Servers need to be there by 3:30. We also need lots of kitchen help (both in the kitchen and doing dishes) and take-out help. If you can't help earlier, we really appreciate those of you who come around 7p.m. to help clean up. So, please when you get your "turkey dinner call" be generous with your donations and your time. It is lots of work, a lot behind the scenes, more so for those in charge (please pray for them), but also we have lots of fun and laughter. **WE NEED YOU AND APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO FOR US. THANK YOU.**

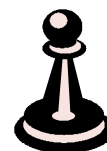
T L C
S U E D E R E K



TLC is collecting Salty Snacks/Hersey Kisses for the Arnold Palmer Cancer Center. There is a Hugs box in the Women's Adult Sunday School Class (Becky Davis's Class) for the items. If the Congregation would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated.

TLC has 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.

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



GAME NIGHT---Friday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite games, a snack and some friends and have a good time. Open to all ages.

We are still working on plans to go to Altoona Curves, but their schedule doesn't come out until April.



C H R I S T I A N E D
E V E L Y N F O R E S M A N

VBS is coming fast. June 24-28 9AM-12Noon at CUP Church

We still need volunteers to be helpers including Group Leaders for the rotation groups and decorating committee. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin Board in the hallway. The sections that need crew leaders include Epic Bible Adventures, Chatter Theater, Tournament Games, Imagination Station (Science & crafts) Music, Opening & Closing. Our next planning meeting will be April 3 at CUP Church at 7PM.

Hope you can come to see what all is happening. And add your input. All ideas are welcome. Thank you Evelyn

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

JOHN BLANK

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	To Date Balance
<i>Balance as of January 1 (Adjusted)</i>			\$ 15,829.23	
January	\$ 6,940.21	\$ 6,737.87	\$ 16,031.57	\$ 202.34
February	\$11,888.39	\$ 8,431.18	\$ 19,488.78	\$ 3,659.55

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January	\$ 643.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (82.00)
February	\$ 499.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (308.00)

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring		\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 38.00	\$ 24.13	\$ 62.13
Change for the Future	\$ 13.21	\$ 21.39	\$ 34.60

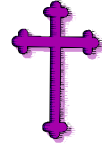
	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 30.00	\$ 850.00	\$ (820.00)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

TIM D'AURORA

We are asking people to be more careful when closing the church after a meeting or event. There have been several instances over the last few weeks where lights have been left on and the heat was set high. This is wasting resources that we really don't have to spare. Just remember to turn it off, turn it down, and lock it.

Also, this is a reminder to anyone needing to use the church facilities. There is a church use form that is available from Dorothy Martz that must be filled out. It outlines the proper procedures and fees and designates a responsible person for the event. The one thing Session approved adding is a deposit is now required. This should be on a separate check that will be returned to you upon review after the event.

ITEMS FROM SESSION
JOHN BLANK

Session met on March 18, 2013 and reports the following:

- 1) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 2) Approved the use of Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings by the Walk Fit Group
- 3) Discussed resource materials for families who have recently had children baptized
- 4) Noted that the following adults were baptized and received into membership on 2/24/13: Matthew C. MacDonald, Sr. (DOB 3/20/1982) and Jennifer Rose MacDonald (Craig) (DOB 10/20/1984)
- 5) Noted that the following children were baptized on 3/17/13: Matthew Cameron MacDonald, Jr. born 1/1/2006 @ Latrobe Hospital - son of Matthew Sr. and Jennifer MacDonald; Abigail Rose MacDonald born 9/25/08 @ Westmoreland Hospital - daughter of Matthew Sr. and Jennifer MacDonald; and Colton Samuel Boggs born 4/17/12 @ Westmoreland Hospital - son of Ryan and Rebecca Boggs
- 6) Noted that at a special meeting of Redstone Presbytery Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger was called as Executive Presbyter
- 7) Elected Tim D'Aurora as elder delegate to the next meeting of Redstone Presbytery on 3/23/13 at the Delmont Presbyterian Church. Linda Youngbauer will serve as the alternate.
- 8) Approved the committee assignments for 2013. A list is posted on the bulletin board.
- 9) Approved the collection of the "Blanket Plus Offering" to be received on Mother's Day and Father's Day
- 10) Noted that the Women's Association will be holding their annual rummage sale on 4/6/13
- 11) Approved switching the church's phone and Internet service to Comcast
- 12) Discussed the need for someone to take responsibility for the care of the memorial planter
- 13) Discussed the need to do some clean up on the cemetery side of the church
- 14) Gave the property committee the authority to negotiate a new service contract for the elevator

ITEMS FROM SESSION CONTINUED
JOHN BLANK

- 15) It was brought to the attention of session that speakers are needed in the greeting room
- 16) Noted that we will have Eco-palms for Palm Sunday
- 17) Approved the sale of geraniums for Pentecost Sunday
- 18) The following have volunteered to lead devotions for the next three session meetings as follows: April - Janet Rugh; May - Phyllis Frye; and June - Sue Blank
- 19) Agreed to read and study Chapters G1 and G2 from the Book of Order for the next session meeting.
- 20) Discussed Chapter F1, F2, and F3 from the Book of Order
- 21) The next regular meeting of session is re-scheduled from 4/15/13 to 4/22/13.

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)

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
TIM D'AURORA

We will be accepting bids for the mowing of the cemetery and the church grounds. The bid should be per mowing with the cemetery on an as needed basis (generally between 8 – 12 times) and the church grounds done weekly unless not needed. The bids should be returned to either Bob Schweppe or Tim D'Aurora by April 14th.

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 WORSHIP AT 11:00AM
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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

2/24	47
3/3	56
3/10	45
3/17	82

Sunday School

	Y	A	Total
2/24	15	19	34
3/3	7	18	25
3/10	10	17	27
3/17	14	17	31

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| Cliff Foster | Pastor |
| John Blank | Clerk of Session |
| Scott McIlnay | Deacon's Moderator |
| John Blank | Treasurer |
| Michelle Kepple | Financial Secretary |
| Dorothy Martz | Church Secretary |
| Janet Henry | Music Director |
| Yvonne McIlnay | Newsletter Editor |
| John Blank | Webmaster |

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

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 the church or email to ydmcilnay@yahoo.com