

CONGRUITY CONNECTION



CLIFF'S NOTES

Can you believe that we have entered a new year? The year 2014 is a blank canvas waiting the brushstrokes of our lives to comprise a picture or tell a story. One of the things that always amazes me is when an artist looks at a blank canvas (or material) and with their skillful hand creates a beautiful painting. Now I am the sort of person who struggles to draw a straight line with a ruler, so I have an appreciation for those who possess any artist ability.

I like to think of a new year as being like a blank canvas, because although we have certain givens in any year—work schedule, birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and etc. there remains so many things that we don't know. The one certainty that we have as we stand on the threshold of 2014 is the assurance that we read of in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." So amidst the ups and downs of life, amidst the good times and not so good times, our faith reminds us that Jesus Christ is constant. This is a verse that I like to think about at the start of each New Year because no one knows what these next 12 months hold in store for us. But our faith gives us the assurance that we go not alone, because Christ has promised to be with us through each and every step of our journey along the road of life.

One of the exciting things for me is that in 2014 nearly 30 people have signed up to read the Bible throughout 2014. I am looking forward to this endeavor. So as we stand on the threshold of 2014, I look forward to our mutual ministry and mission in this new year and it is my prayer that this is a wonderful year for each of you and your families. I wish each of you a very Blessed New Year.

Yours in Christ
Cliff



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY

Liturgists

1/5 Phyllis Frye
 1/12 John Blank
 1/19 Ronda Weinell
 1/26 Dave 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.

Those scheduled to serve Communion on January 12th are:
Gene Brant, Bob Schweppe, Tim D'Aurora,
Evelyn Foresman and Sue Derek

SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

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

1/5 Slickville † Tom Holmes, CRE
 1/12 Vandergrift † Neal Galley, Pastor
 1/19 Apollo, Pine Run † Lanny Mellinger, Pastor
 1/26 Apollo, Poke Run † Pete Goeschius, Pastor



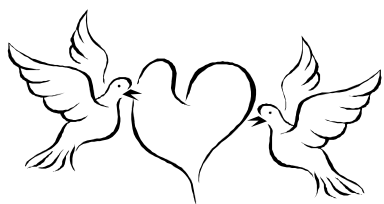
ATTENDANCE

Worship		Sunday School		
		Adult	Youth	Total
11/17	52	9	16	25
11/24	49	15	17	32
12/1	51	17	19	36
12/8	95 Children's Christmas Program	18	18	36
12/15	51	8	17	25

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

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|------|------------------------|------|------------------|
| 1/1 | Beth Dudek | 1/13 | Jessica Foresman |
| | Matthew C MacDonald Jr | | Alyssa Martz |
| | Kelly McCambridge | 1/17 | Gladys Frye |
| 1/4 | Bob Homan | 1/18 | Carol Hohman |
| | Mike Kepple | 1/19 | Kathleen Orr |
| | Tony Perino | | Sara Orr |
| 1/5 | Kaley Foster | 1/20 | Tyler Piovesan |
| 1/6 | Emily Eidemiller | | Alenah Thomas |
| 1/7 | Courtney Young | 1/21 | Ian Derek |
| 1/8 | Ced Stopansky | 1/22 | Trevor Derek |
| | Brian Walters | 1/23 | Keith Walters |
| 1/10 | Denise Eidemiller | 1/24 | Dorothy Brant |
| | Cheyenne Heasley | 1/28 | Kim Matvey |
| 1/11 | Daniel Kaufman | | Jared Walters |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/26/1962 Bob & Carol Hohman
1/30/2010 Dan & Hillary Lapcevic

THANK YOU

Thank you to my Congruity family for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards following my recent surgery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

*Thank You
Michelle Kepple*

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.

MISSION TEAM

PHYLLIS FRYE

Is this the mission trip God has chosen you to take? God has chosen to send the mission team to New Jersey for our next mission trip, April 6-12, 2014. If you have thought about going with us, please contact Judy Koontz (724-668-2843) or Phyllis Frye (724-468-3740). We will be setting up a time to meet soon to organize our pancake dinner fund-raiser which will be held on Fat Tuesday, March 4, 2014. These funds help pay for the transportation to go on these trips. Camp fees are on your own, as are personal expenses, like meals outside camp. Camp fees have been around \$30 per night, which include meals eaten in camp. We should have more specific details on the trip by next newsletter. Please pray about going and also for the team. This may be your time to go.



WALK FIT

SUE DEREK

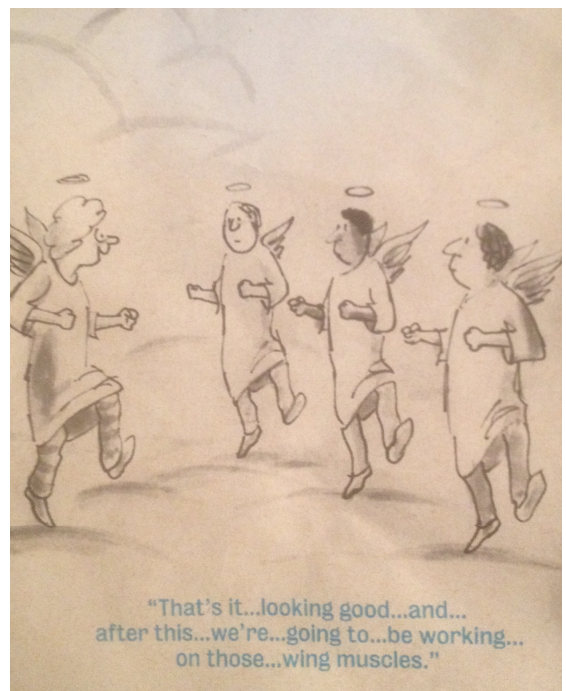


Come join us in shedding those Post Holiday pounds & Winter Blues.

Walk Fit ~ Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

\$5.00 for a 45 minute to one hour Power Walk with Angie Tomer— Certified Walk Leader for Leslie Sansone.

Great work out and wonderful fellowship.



DEACONS

SCOTT MCILNAY

A sincere thank you from the Deacons to everyone for all of the food that was donated for "Harvest Home".



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE



On these cold winter days when you think "This is a good day for soup" don't forget to save some vegetable soup for our Soup and Sandwich Sunday, on Sunday, January 26. That is the day when we have our annual congregational meeting after church and have, you guessed it, vegetable soup (you make it, bring us a quart and we'll dump it all together) and sandwiches (which are provided), and cake. It makes me hungry just thinking about it!

Just a reminder ~ we are still collecting gently worn shoes. Please put them in the marked box in the greeting room. This project is ongoing at least till fall. Thank you

ITEMS FROM SESSION

JOHN BLANK



Session met on December 16, 2013 and reports the following:

- 1) Rev. Foster led the devotions based on Isaiah 9:2-7 and Jeremiah 29:11
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 3) Approved the minutes of the 12/1/13 Congregational Meeting
- 4) Set the installation for Ruling Elders and Deacons for 1/19/14
- 5) Set the Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacons for 1/19/14 following worship
- 6) Set 1/26/14 for the Annual Congregational Meeting to receive reports on the life and activities at Congruity for 2013
- 7) Noted that Congruity received a letter of thanks from Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyterian, thanking us for our First Fruits pledge for 2014
- 8) Took action regarding the closing of the Bovard Trust account at the request of the trustee for the account
- 9) Heard reports from the 11/19/13 meeting of Redstone Presbytery
- 10) Noted that the next meeting of Redstone Presbytery is set for 1/25/14 at Community Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria
- 11) Decided to make up any short fall on our 2013 First Fruits Pledge from the General Fund
- 12) Noted that a circuit breaker was replaced for the heating system for the ramp and that everything seems to be working
- 13) Approved the contracts for the employees
- 14) Noted that 26 people have signed up to participate in "The Year of the Bible" commitment
- 15) Approved the dates for Holy Communion as follows: 1/12/14, 3/2/14, 4/17/14, 6/8/14, 8/3/14, 10/5/14, 11/23/14, and 12/21/14
- 16) Reviewed Rev. Foster's progress on goals for 2013. Rev. Foster will prepare a revised set of goals for 2014
- 17) Noted that the next regular session meeting is set for 1/20/14

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

JOHN BLANK

General Fund

	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
March	\$ 9,447.87	\$ 11,046.09	\$ 17,890.56	\$ 2,061.33
April	\$ 7,890.42	\$ 10,129.95	\$ 15,651.03	\$ (178.20)
May	\$ 6,432.03	\$ 7,246.25	\$ 14,836.81	\$ (992.42)
June	\$ 9,062.45	\$ 6,698.84	\$ 17,200.42	\$ 1,371.19
July	\$ 6,452.27	\$ 13,650.53	\$ 10,002.16	\$ (5,827.07)
August	\$ 4,837.50	\$ 9,815.07	\$ 5,024.59	\$ (10,804.64)
September	\$ 10,414.99	\$ 6,962.10	\$ 8,477.48	\$ (7,351.75)
October	\$ 6,991.35	\$ 7,557.68	\$ 7,911.15	\$ (7,918.08)
November	\$ 8,655.80	\$ 8,839.33	\$ 7,727.62	\$ (8,101.61)
Year to Date	\$ 89,013.28	\$ 97,114.89		

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance	
January	\$ 643.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (82.00)	
February	\$ 499.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (308.00)	
March	\$ 585.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (448.00)	
April	\$ 478.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (695.00)	
May	\$ 691.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (729.00)	
June	\$ 582.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (872.00)	
July	\$ 513.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (1,084.00)	
August	\$ 436.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (1,373.00)	
September	\$ 1,688.65	\$ 725.00	\$ (409.35)	September Includes \$781.65 from Hoagie Sale
October	\$ 474.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (660.35)	
November	\$ 616.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (769.35)	

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ 140.00
Cents-Ability Change for the Future	\$ 239.54	\$ 79.62	\$ 319.16
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 143.20	\$ 38.32	\$ 181.52
	\$ 197.56	\$ 275.87	\$ 473.43

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing Pentecost	\$ 942.96	\$ 850.00	\$ 92.96
Peacemaking	\$ 281.54	\$ 400.00	\$ (118.46)
	\$ 437.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 37.00

General Checking

Memorial Fund (Excel WKS) \$ 19,082.88



	From 2012	Year to Date	Balance
Elevator Fund	\$ 125.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00
Local Mission Building Maintenance	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,589.50	\$ 1,739.50
	\$ (1,676.92)	\$ 1,502.36	\$ (174.56)

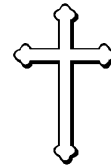
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM
WORSHIP AT 11:00AM
PLEASE JOIN US!



CHURCH STAFF AND OFFICERS

Cliff Foster	Pastor	ELDERS	DEACONS
John Blank	Clerk of Session	John Blank	Dorothy Brant
Scott McIlnay	Deacon's Moderator	Sue Blank	Sue Derek
John Blank	Treasurer	Gene Brant	Evelyn Foresman
Michelle Kepple	Financial Secretary	Tim D'Aurora	Scott McIlnay
Dorothy Martz	Church Secretary	Dave Foresman	Debbie Perino
Janet Henry	Music Director	Carol Hohman	Jay Perino
Yvonne McIlnay	Newsletter Editor	Jim Kepple	Mim Schweppe
John Blank	Webmaster	Bob Schweppe	Nancy Schweppe
		Linda Youngbauer	Sarabeth Stopansky



Dorothy is in Monday & Thursday mornings.

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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