

CONGRUITY CONNECTION

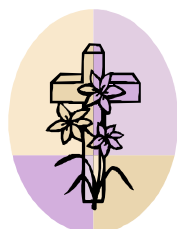


CLIFF'S NOTES

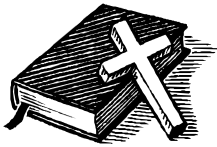
Have you seen your first robin? There is excitement when you see a robin for the first time, isn't there? It means that spring is approaching and before long the symphony of renewal will be bursting forth all around us. In the next few weeks, we will see the flowers begin to break through the ground, the grass will shed that brown color and start to turn green, the trees will begin to bud, and there will be signs of new life and renewal all around us. The same springtime renewal happens in the church as well!

We are journeying through the Lenten Season and in a few weeks we will celebrate the empty tomb of Easter. In the Gospel accounts of the resurrection, each writer includes words to the effect—"he is not here but has been raised". That is the crux of the Good News that we are to sharing with the world! Christ is Risen! Christ is Alive! Christ has been resurrected! The Tomb Is Empty! And as the words of the chorus of that beloved song by Bill Gaither declare, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because He lives." Through our faith, we can add our voices to this glorious chorus because we know it is true.

As we are surrounded by the wonder of the season of spring with all of its renewal and rebirth, may our faith be energized to serve our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in all that we do and say. I would like to wish each of you a very Happy Easter.



Yours in Christ
Cliff



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL

Liturgists

4/6	Dorothy Martz	If you would like to serve as a liturgist please see Cliff.
4/13	John Blank	
4/20	Phyllis Frye	If you are interested in becoming an acolyte please see Dave or Pam Foresman.
4/27	Dave Foresman	

Those scheduled to serve Communion on April 17th are:

Carol Hohman Jim Kepple Jay Perino
Debbie Perino Sue Blank

SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

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

4/6	New Alexandria, Congruity † Cliff Foster, pastor
4/13	New Kensington † Stephen Crocco, interim pastor
4/20	Slickville † Tom Holmes cre
4/27	Vandergrift † Neal Galley, pastor



CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

John Blank	Carol Hohman
Sue Blank	Jim Kepple
Gene Brant	Bob Schweppe
Tim D'Aurora	Linda Youngbauer
Dave Foresman	

DEACONS

Dorothy Brant	Jay Perino
Sue Derek	Mim Schweppe
Evelyn Foresman	Nancy Schweppe
Scott McIlnay	Sarabeth Stopansky
Debbie Perino	

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

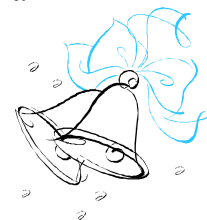
BIRTHDAYS

4/2	Ashley Bish	4/18	Steve Derek
4/6	John Ahlborn		Dan Lapcevic
	Elaine Kaufman	4/19	Ada Kepple
	Meryle Kaufman		Christine Kuzmkowski
4/8	William Kaufman	4/20	Gene Brant
4/7	Alyssia Thomas		Shirley Stoltz
4/11	Rich Youngbauer	4/21	Dennis Hazlett
4/15	Missy Martz	4/23	Mimi Kaufman
4/16	Lisa Heasley	4/26	Sue Derek
4/17	Colton Boggs	4/30	Tom Hamilton
	Phyllis Frye		Perry Miller III



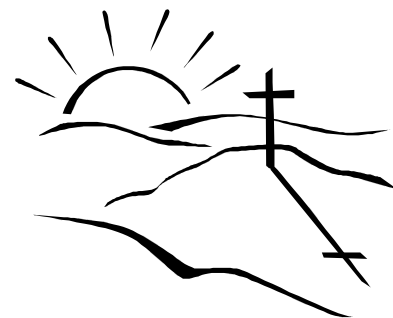
ANNIVERSARIES

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



LENTEN SERVICES

- 4/2 7 PM at No Walls
- 4/9 7 PM Dan Schall concert at No Walls
- 4/17 7:30PM Maundy Thursday at Congruity
- 4/18 7 PM Good Friday at Congruity
- 4/20 Easter Sunday
 - 8AM Early Children's Service
 - Continental Breakfast
 - 9:45 Sunday School
 - 11AM Worship Service



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.



SYMPATHY

We extend out sympathy to the Heasley family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Mary Lou's father Reese's death. May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss

REMINDERS

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE



RUMMAGE SALE: Saturday April 5, from 9 am till 2 pm with lunch and bake sale. Please bring your "stuff" anytime between Monday March 30 through Friday noon. We will be needing help Monday 8 am to set up tables and racks and all week for sorting and on Saturday afternoon for packing up what's leftover.. It is lots of work, but also lots of fun. Baked goods need to be at the church by 8:30 am Saturday "Leftovers" will be picked up by Tins Mill Community Center



DEACONS

SCOTT MCILNAY

“Finals Care Packages” to our college students will be sent out the week of April 27th. Please give the name and address to Cliff or any Deacon so we may include them.

Easter Flower order deadline is April 6th. Order forms are in the church pews. Please make the check out to Congruity Deacons ~ memo Easter flowers. The flowers will be available on Easter morning after worship. Thank you

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



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the World Day of Prayer service. There were four churches represented and we received a lot of insight into the lives of the people of Egypt.

TURKEY DINNER is coming up faster than you know. Saturday May 10, serving from 4-7p.m. Tickets are adults \$9, children 6-12 \$4, children under 6 free. Reservations are required. Please, when you are called for donations, be generous. The turkey dinner and rummage sale are the two main fund-raisers for the Women's Association. Through Christ, this money supports not only needs in our congregation and community. but our brothers and sisters world-wide and we thank both God and you for your continued support.

Most of you are aware that PW in Redstone Presbytery is collecting gently used/wearable shoes to support a project called Stop Hunger Now. You bring your shoes to the church and drop them in the designated box and when it is full it is shipped to an organization that pays PW 50 cents a pound, which goes into a fund to support the Stop Hunger Now Project. Congruity PW (Women's Association) is going to be putting a piggy bank in the Greeting Room after Easter (not to detract from One Great Hour of Sharing). We are asking for you to fill it with quarters, since 25 cents will buy a meal through Stop Hunger Now. Stop Hunger Now's meal packaging program predominately provides meals to support school feeding programs in schools and orphanages around the world. This is a pivotal step because children in impoverished areas are often sent to school if they will be fed. But they will also provide meals immediately after disasters like the typhoon in the Philippines.



PW in Redstone's goal is to raise \$10,000 to bring a Stop Hunger Now's meal packaging program to the Redstone Community where 40,000 meals can be packaged in hours, depending on the number of volunteers. This can be a family project because children can participate. Watch for upcoming events throughout Redstone in the coming months to support this program. At this time ,PW in Redstone has raised \$2500.

MISSION INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

TIM D'AURORA

On April 26th, we will be holding the first of two spaghetti dinners we will hold this year to benefit the general fund. There will be a donation sign-up sheet in the Greeting Room. As you can see from the treasurer's report, we need all the help we can get. We encourage you to volunteer to help and especially to invite your friends and neighbors to attend this delicious and fun dinner. We are also looking for donations for items for our basket auction. Contact Tim D'Aurora if you have something to donate.

Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected through Easter. Our goal this year is \$900.00 and we will again use our egg and chick visual display to help us see how our collection is going. For every \$10.00 donated, we will "hatch" an egg and display a chick. Help us display a table full of chicks.

MISSION TEAM

PHYLLIS FRYE



Wow! If God wants you to go, He will provide a way. Thanks to God and all of you who supported the team's Pancake Dinner. We served 125 people, made \$1119.75 from the dinner itself, \$487 from the baskets, and \$100 from last fall's Bon Ton books totaling \$1706.75. . There are 23 volunteers from 10 different churches, (4 from Congruity) planning to leave early on Sunday April 6 to Point Pleasant, New Jersey. The team will be commissioned at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday March 30 at 10:45 A.M. Please pray for our safety and that we may serve that community well.



HANDS ON MISSION

PHYLLIS FRYE

Hands-on Mission has 56 pillowcase dresses ready to send to Little Dresses for Africa. We will need to decide whether to continue this project or move onto something else. We meet the first and third Thursday at noon (except for April due to the Rummage Sale) Please come and join us.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PAM FORESMAN

Well we finally made it through a long, cold Winter and now we look forward to all the things we do in the Spring. Hopefully we will experience beautiful weather in this time of renewal and refreshment. We hope to bring you a lot of enjoyable ways to celebrate the young people of our church.

On Sunday, April 6th, the children will be singing for the Children's Sermon during the church service. So please plan to attend that Sunday because the children have been practicing so hard to prepare for that day!

And on Easter Sunday, April 20th, the schedule for the day's events is as follows:

8:00 Early Easter Service

Immediately following the early service there will be a Continental Breakfast (fellowship hall)

9:45 Sunday School classes

11:00 The Easter Service



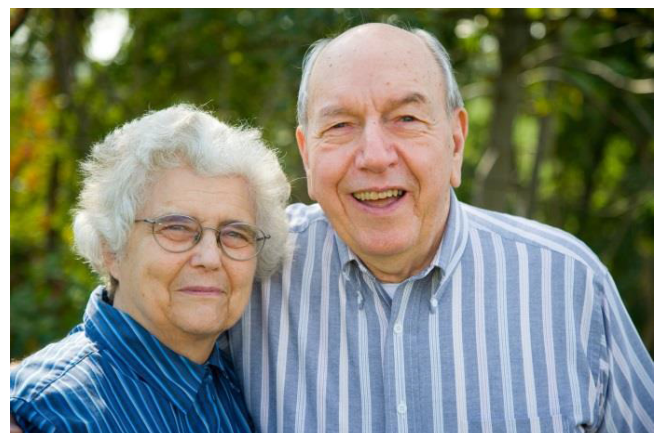
Please come and join us as we experience the awesome story and music of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on this amazing holy day--Easter Sunday! Allelujah!!!

~ SPECIAL CELEBRATION ~

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY BOYD & PEGGY WOLFF

Long time Congruity members Boyd and Peggy Wolff are celebrating their 60th Anniversary on April 17th! Wouldn't it be great to surprise them with a card or two from their friends at Congruity? Their home address is

992 Oak Oval,
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



ITEMS FROM SESSION

JOHN BLANK



Session met on March 17, 2014 and reports the following:

- 1) Carol Hohman led devotions reading from James 5: 7-11
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 3) Removed Laura Blank from the active roll in as much as she is now a member of Redstone Presbytery
- 4) Received a letter from The First Presbyterian Church of Cheyenne, Wyoming announcing the retirement of Rev. Robert L. Garrard from Christian Ministry effective 5/31/14. Bob served as Congruity's pastor from 1976 to 1979. There will be a special celebration in Cheyenne honoring Bob on 5/18/14. Cards or letters containing your congratulations, fond memories, humorous anecdotes, etc. can be sent to: First Presbyterian Church, 220 West 22nd St. Cheyenne Wyoming 82001-3614.
- 5) Received a final distribution from the Bovard Trust to be deposited into the Cemetery Checking Account.
- 6) Noted that Laura Blank was examined by Presbytery at its 3/15/14 and will be ordained on 3/23/14 as a Teaching Elder (Minister of the Word and Sacrament.) Laura will be serving the Colver and Ebensburg Presbyterian Churches.
- 7) Granted permission for the Presbyterian Women to use a "Piggy Bank" in the Greeting Room to collect funds for the Stop Hunger Now program. Collection will start after Easter.
- 8) Noted that the youth are working on a presentation for the Easter "Sunrise" Service.
- 9) Approved a bus trip to the Consol Energy Center for the "Winter Jam 2014" on 3/21/14
- 10) Agreed to read and study Chapter F 2-3 of the Book of Order for the April session meeting.
- 11) Tabled the discussion of how to use the proceeds from the Sara Johnston Estate until the April session meeting.
- 12) Decided to split the proceeds from the John & Jean Barron annuity between the Janet Barron Memorial Fund and the general fund.
- 13) Approved the use of Fellowship Hall for an information meeting concerning drilling operations in the area.
- 14) Discussed Chapter F-1 of the Book of Order.
- 15) Noted that the next regular session meeting is set for 4/21/2014

TREASURER'S REPORT

JOHN BLANK

General Fund

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	To Date Balance
<i>Balance as of 1/1/14</i>			\$ 14,440.53	
January	\$ 6,015.73	\$ 8,560.68	\$ 11,895.58	\$ (2,544.95)
February	\$ 6,093.85	\$ 9,512.40	\$ 8,477.03	\$ (5,963.50)

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January	\$ 563.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (162.00)
February	\$ 503.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (384.00)

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ 110.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 20.76	\$ 8.00	\$ 28.76
Change for the Future	\$ 23.95	\$ 23.32	\$ 47.27

Included in General Fund Balance

	From 2013	Year to Date	Balance
Elevator Fund	\$ 175.00	\$ (175.00)	\$ -
Local Mission	\$ 1,739.50	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,939.50
Building Maintenance	\$ (289.56)	\$ 495.00	\$ 205.44



YEAR OF THE BIBLE

JOHN BLANK

The trip to the Kelso Bible Lands Museum and visit to the recently remodeled Chapel at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary was a great success. We all came away with new insights into the archeological perspective of the Holy Land and an appreciation for alternate configurations for worship.

We will hold our next "Support Group" on Tuesday April 8th at 7:00 PM. This is open to anyone who would like to join us.

Don't forget to sign up for our trip to see the National Geographic film *Jerusalem*. See the flyer included with this newsletter.

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



CHURCH STAFF

ATTENDANCE

		Worship		Sunday School		
				Adult	Youth	Total
Cliff Foster	Pastor					
John Blank	Clerk of Session					
Scott McIlnay	Deacon's Moderator					
John Blank	Treasurer	2/23	44	15	10	25
Michelle Kepple	Financial Secretary	3/2	42	18	8	26
Dorothy Martz	Church Secretary	3/9	38	17	12	29
Janet Henry	Music Director					
Yvonne McIlnay	Newsletter Editor	3/16	34	16	15	31
John Blank	Webmaster					



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