

# CONGRUITY CONNECTION



## CLIFF'S NOTES

We have all heard the phrase “April Showers bring May Flowers. What do May Flowers bring... Pilgrims”. We have journeyed through the Lenten Season and celebrated the glorious Good News that Jesus is alive... now we continue our faith journey as pilgrims if you will. Like any journey, there will be a variety of experiences along the way, the road may be bumpy at times, smooth at others, there may be some detours—but the good thing for all of us to keep in mind is that we travel not alone, Jesus is with us through each and every step and so are our sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ.

I would like to invite any young people ages 12 and above who would like to be part of a Confirmation Class to join me in the office during the Sunday School hour beginning on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Confirmation Class will be received into membership on Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. During this class we will explore what it means to be a church member, to be a pilgrim on the journey of faith.

The month of May is also a time when we express our thanks to our mothers, enjoy another Turkey Dinner, remember those who gave their lives on the various battlefields for our freedom, and congratulate those who will be graduating from college. This is a busy month, but may it be a wonderful time of living out our faith as we endeavor to continue the ministry and mission of Jesus.

Yours in Christ

*Cliff*



## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY

### Liturgists

5/4	Tim D'Aurora	If you would like to serve as a liturgist please see Cliff.
5/11	Evelyn Foresman	
5/18	Ced Stopansky	If you are interested in becoming an acolyte please see
5/25	Ronda Weinell	Dave or Pam Foresman.

## SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

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

5/4	Apollo, Pine Run ✠ Lanny Mellinger, pastor
5/11	Apollo, Poke Run ✠ Pete Goetschius, pastor
5/18	Avonmore ✠ Larry Armstrong, Stated Supply
5/25	Delmont ✠ Cliff Buell, interim pastor

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.

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.

## 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	

## MAY CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

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



## ANNIVERSARIES

5/3/1980	Steve & Sue Derek	5/16/1998	Tom & Becky Davis
5/5/2007	Mike & Kerstin Stellato	5/17/2008	Gale & Judy Wilhelm
5/10/1986	Scott & Kathy Hamilton	5/25/1968	Denny & Linda Hazlett
5/14/1983	Gary & Tammy Kulik		

*Congratulations! Wishing you a wonderful journey in your new life together.*



Joe Stopansky on his engagement to Courtney Grafton.  
A June 20, 2015 wedding is being planned.

## TURKEY DINNER ~ WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



TURKEY DINNER: Saturday May 10, 4-7 p.m. Adults \$9; children 6-12, \$4; children under 6, free. Reservations required. Help needed: Sunday May 4, after church to put tables in place; Thursday May 8, 6 p.m. to set tables; Friday May 9 to peel potatoes; all day Saturday (8a.m. fill containers for take-out; 10a.m. prep roasters, jobs all day long); especially need servers to come at 3:30 (we'll give you supper when it's over). Please give generously of your time and efforts and donations as this is a major fundraiser of the Women's Association and is used to support the mission of Jesus Christ through various projects.

## 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.

### MISSION TEAM

PHYLLIS FRYE



The Redstone Mission team just returned from a very productive trip to Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. There were 22 volunteers and we were divided into 4 work-groups at 4 different sites. We did a variety of things- dry walling, mucking-out, cleaning up old sub-flooring, insulating, putting together a modular home, painting, remodeling, cooking and other things. Thank you for your continued support. Our next fund-raiser will be the Burger Bash at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, date to be announced.

New Windsor trips: There are two trips being planned to New Windsor this year. One is a youth mission trip (July 28-30) for ages 12-17 (or those just completing their junior year of high school). There is room for 36 youth and adult leaders, so registration is on a first come, first served basis. If you have some youth or adults interested in going, please get in touch with Kathy Shirey (724-668-7752) who is organizing this trip, or see Cliff.

The second trip is September 28-30. Anyone interested needs to get their reservation in to Judy Koontz (724-668-2843, 570 Koontz Road, New Alexandria, 15670) with a \$25 deposit as soon as possible. This is open to both men and women.

Both trips involve working one day each at SERRV (inspecting incoming crafts) or the Church World Service warehouse, packing up service projects to send to areas of need.

## STOP HUNGER NOW

PHYLLIS FRYE



OCTOBER 18th--That's the date set to package the Stop Hunger meals. PW in Redstone Presbytery has sent over a ton of shoes so far. We've done so well, we have been asked to collect textiles, usable and wearable. So if you didn't get a chance to clean out your closets before the rummage sale, you can still do a lot of good. You can put your items in the Greeting Room and then they will be stored at Phyllis Frye's home until June when there will be a POD in the CUP parking lot. Textiles include all kinds of men's, women's, and children's clothes, linens (towels, sheets, curtains, blankets), handbags, belts, backpacks, wallets, clutches, briefcases, messenger bags, beach bags, totes, carry-on luggage. PW will get 10 cents a pound if over 5000 pounds, 5 cents a pound if less. PW gets 50 cents a pound for shoes. We've been collecting leftover shoes and textiles from rummage sales at other churches. As of now, we have around \$3000.

Other projects in the works are fill the piggy bank with quarters (a quarter buys one meal) at Congruity; A Presbytery-wide Christmas in July Tea on July 26, at Congruity; and the CUP booth ( in CUP church) at the New Alexandria Yard Sale .on June 21. There are other plans in the making.



## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE

RUMMAGE SALE profit: \$1300 THANKS to all who helped in any way. And THANKS to the Tins Mill Community Center for taking our leftovers.

The Redstone Presbyterian Women's Retreat will be at Pine Springs on Tuesday May 27, 9a.m. - 2:30p.m. The topic is Living Wholeheartedly, a journey of exploration using our lives, prayers and scripture, led by Bobbie Hine, minister of visitation at Greensburg First Presbyterian Church and Chaplain at Redstone Highlands, Greensburg. Reservations need to be in to Susan Blank by May 19. Cost is \$16, check made payable to PW of Redstone Presbytery. Reservation forms are on the bulletin board.



## ITEMS FROM SESSION

JOHN BLANK

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

- 1) Tim D'Aurora led devotions reading from Matthew 23: 1-36
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 3) Tabled the discussion of how to use the proceeds from the Sara Johnston Estate
- 4) Noted that flyers for various programs are posted on the bulletin board
- 5) Noted that the next meeting of Redstone Presbytery is on 5/20/14 at the Union church in Murrysville
- 6) Rev. Foster thanked everyone involved in the 8:00 AM Easter service
- 7) Noted that the tentative date for the summer picnic is 7/20/14
- 8) Noted that the covered dish dinner with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jim Davison is scheduled for 5/14. See the flyer in this newsletter
- 9) Session noted that the old computer at the sound board in the sanctuary needs to be replaced. This is the old computer from the office and has some issues. If anyone has a computer that they would like to donate they should contact John Blank to see if what they have is suitable for use in the audio visual presentations.
- 10) Rev. Foster reviewed his annual goals with session. His goals are scheduled for a quarterly review.
- 11) Agreed to read and study Chapter G-1 of the Book of Order for the April session meeting.
- 12) Discussed Chapters F-2 & 3 of the Book of Order.
- 13) Noted that the next regular session meeting is set for 5/19/2014

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 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)
March	\$ 6,447.48	\$ 8,756.68	\$ 6,167.83	\$ (8,272.70)

## First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January	\$ 563.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (162.00)
February	\$ 503.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (384.00)
March	\$ 578.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (531.00)

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ 110.00
<b>Cents-Ability</b>	\$ 28.76	\$ 11.00	\$ 39.76
<b>Change for the Future</b>	\$ 47.27	\$ -	\$ 47.27

	Received	GOAL	Balance
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	\$ 95.00	\$ 900.00	\$ (805.00)

## **Included in General Fund Balance**

Memorial Fund (Excel WKS) **\$19,782.88**

	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)	\$ 760.00	\$ 470.44

## MISSION INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

TIM D'AURORA

We will be holding our semi-annual Hoagie Sale on Thursday, May 22. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:00p.m. with pick-up beginning at 6:30. We need help both selling and assembling the hoagies. There is a sales sheet in this newsletter. Please report the number sold to Tim D'Aurora by Monday evening on the 19th. Let's work together to make this the most successful sale yet.





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## CHURCH STAFF

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

## ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sunday School		
		Adult	Youth	Total
3/23	45	14	4	19
3/30	35	16	16	32
4/6	62	16	10	26
4/13	53	16	10	26
4/17	39			
4/18	42			
4/20 8am	61	16	16	32
4/20 11am	59			



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