

# CONGRUITY CONNECTION



## CLIFF'S NOTES

What comes to your mind when you think of the month of June? Your list may include things like: Graduations, the end of the school year, Father's Day? In addition, on June 8<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Pentecost. I would remind everyone to wear red that day as we remember the birth of the Church with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, this year's Confirmation Class will be received into church membership. Another activity this June will be the bi-annual meeting of our General Assembly in Detroit, Michigan (June 16-21), I would ask you to be praying for all those who will be attending this important meeting in the life of our denomination. During the month of June we will begin our summer Worship at 10AM, with no Sunday School.

We will also be celebrating Father's Day on June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a day when we honor our dads and those other significant men in our lives. I have been thinking a lot of my own dad, the last couple of days. You may have heard me share what I affectionately call "Howard's Rules"—those things that my dad conveyed to me as I was growing up. Those rules ran the whole gamut of things like: never leave the Christmas tree lit when you're not home... keep a pair of pants and shirt near you bed in case you have to get out quickly (my dad was a firefighter and he stressed this because at the fire station he had his 'bunker gear' ready to go when the alarm went off)... always have a couple of escape routes planned out if there ever was a fire... never do outside work on Sunday and many others items of practical wisdom. My dad quit school in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and went to work shoveling coal, delivering oil, cutting blocks of ice. He worked hard his whole life. Shortly after I was born he was put on the Fire Department on my home town and he also worked a second job on the days when he wasn't on duty. But my dad continued to learn his whole life. He taught Sunday School, was an Elder, and he would preach from time to time. One summer he even had a teacher friend teach him the "new" math so he could help my sister and me with our homework.

I often think of "Howard's Rules". The other day I was reading Psalm 119 and came across these words in verse 105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Like my Dad's rules, the word of God helps us in the living of our lives, learning lessons and enable God to mold and shape us into the persons God's wants us to be. So to all those who are fathers (and those who are father figures to others), I want to thank you and to wish you a very Happy Father's Day.

Yours in Christ

*Cliff*

## Liturgists

Those scheduled to serve communion on June 8th are:

Gene Brant  
Tim D'Aurora  
Bob Schweppe  
Nancy Schweppe  
Mim Schweppe

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.

## SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

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


6/1 Lower Burrell, Grace Community ☩ Ken Foust, pastor

6/8 Lower Burrell, Puckety ☩ Kirk Orr, pastor

6/15 Murrys ville, First ☩ Chuck MacPherson, pastor  
Chris Dericks, associate pastor

6/22 Murrys ville, Newlonsburg ☩ Curtis Paul, pastor  
Marnie Silbert, associate pastor

6/29 Redstone Presbytery ☩ Rod Murray, Retired



## 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	

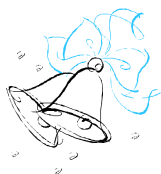
## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

6/4	Kaitlin Johnston	6/17	Ashley Passante
6/6	Katie Frye	6/18	Sophia Watt
	Gale Wilhelm	6/21	Rosemary Orr
6/11	Judy Wilhelm		Jonathon Schrecengost
6/13	Charles Frye	6/26	Dean Frye
	Ryan Gallagher	6/28	Kathy Kepple Fink
6/14	Sydney Hoffman		Mary Lloyd
6/15	Scott Hamilton	6/30	Trevor Martz
6/16	Tom Munsell		



## ANNIVERSARIES



6/14/1995	Larry & Carol Zabkar
6/19/2009	Bob & Tristan Brant
6/20/1981	Bob & Nancy Schweppe
6/21/1975	Ced & Sarabeth Stopansky

## 2014 GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



We will be recognizing our 2014 graduates in the July/August newsletter. I would like to have a photo and small write up for each student. Please email me at [congruitynewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:congruitynewsletter@yahoo.com) or put it in the newsletter folder at the church. All photos will be returned.

Thank you ~ Yvonne

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the following families:

- The Martz Family (Doyle's twin brother's Dale death)
- The Foresman Family (Evelyn's sister Violet's death)



May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PAM FORESMAN

"GOD filled the world with a lot of CRAZY creature including YOU!" This Summer our Vacation Bible School will be a community VBS and it will be held at St. James Church from July 14-18, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The title of it is "WEIRD ANIMALS" and it looks to be a fun-filled yet very interesting curriculum because children will be able to experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways!! So come and join the fun activities we have planned with other kids in our community at VBS this Summer! It just wouldn't be the same without you! (Oh yeah, and don't forget to tell your family and friends about it too.) So let's experience WEIRD ANIMALS together... "Where Jesus' Love is One-Of-A-Kind"! Can't wait to see you all there!

\*If you have any questions please see any Christian Ed. Committee member.

### MISSION

PHYLLIS FRYE



REDSTONE MISSION TEA (to benefit Stop Hunger Now) "Christmas in July theme" Sat. July 26, 2014, 1 p.m. Congruity Church Entertainment-pianist Jimmie Sykes Bring your favorite tea cup (Hats and gloves optional) Donation \$20 per person. Prize baskets (10 tickets included in with the \$20 donation), Christmas gifts for sale Please contact Phyllis Frye for tickets. Reservation and money due June 24. This is a major fund-raiser for the Stop Hunger Now Project, so, please, if you can, support this event. It should be lots of fun, and you will certainly enjoy this pianist. Other fund-raisers for STN are the profits from the Community Presbyterian Church's part in the New Alexandria Community -wide Yard sale on June 21, and a Ham Loaf Dinner, also at CUP in September, not to mention our Fill the Piggy Bank at Congruity. We are also still collecting shoes and textiles( clothes, linens, etc.) As of now PW has \$3500 raised. We have sent out 65 boxes of shoes from 26 churches and hopefully we will have enough textiles in storage to fill the STN pod (It holds 8,000 lbs.) coming in June. The date for the food packaging is Oct. 18 and we will need lots of volunteers. Please support this worthwhile cause.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

DAVE FORESMAN



Please join us for our annual Congruity Church Picnic at Boggs' Farm on Sunday, July 20, 2014. We'll have our worship service outside first with the wonderful sights and sounds of the farm surrounding us. Following that is our covered dish luncheon and time for fellowship. Afterwards, you can take a dip in the Boggs' pool and play a game of Stinky Bingo! So, mark your calendars for this Summer event that we all look forward to and plan to join in all the fun!

\* See future church bulletins for more info.!



## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE

The Women's Association would like to thank all those who helped in any way with the turkey dinner. We know most of you did double and triple duty in order to get our guests fed. Our thanks also go out to the Mission team and their families for helping out. We needed each and every one of you. It is very discouraging when we are so short of help, but also encouraging when what help we have fills in to get the job done. We understand that family events sometimes must take priority and that's o.k., but please realize that the money we make goes to love gifts to those in need, to fulfill our PW mission pledge (\$1500), to local missions, and a big chunk is given to Congruity's general fund at the end of the year. The dinner is a way of funding a big part of Congruity's mission to Jesus Christ. Again, THANK YOU!

All women of the church (and friends) are invited to the Women's picnic at the Boggs farm, on Boggs Hollow Road on Thursday June 19, at 6 p.m.. We will start with a covered dish dinner and fellowship, play stinky bingo and just enjoy the evening with each other. Bring a covered dish, a small gift (something used, but usable, or something not more than a couple dollars) for stinky bingo, some friends, and your appetite and relax and enjoy yourself. beverage will be provided.



## ITEMS FROM SESSION

JOHN BLANK

Session met on May 19, 2014 and reports the following:

- 1) Linda Youngbauer led devotions reading from 2 Chronicles: 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 the next meeting of Redstone Presbytery is on 5/20/14 at the Union church in Murrysville
- 5) Elected Janet Rugh as the Elder Delegate to the presbytery meeting.
- 6) Noted that the tentative date for the summer picnic is 7/20/14
- 7) Gave permission for Debbie Perino's Sunday School Class to attend a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo.
- 8) Set the summer worship schedule as follows: June 1 – August 31, 2014 (inclusive) – Worship at 10:00 AM with no Sunday School
- 9) Session will meet with the confirmation class at 9:30 AM on June 8<sup>th</sup>
- 10) The confirmation class will be accepted into membership on Pentecost Sunday, 6/8/14
- 11) Session will not meet in July
- 12) Session DID NOT grant permission to an area resident to use a metal detector in the cemetery
- 13) Agreed to read and study Chapter G-2 of the Book of Order for the June session meeting.
- 14) Discussed Chapter G-1 of the Book of Order.
- 15) Noted that the next regular session meeting is set for 6/16/2014

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**

	<b>NET Receipts</b>	<b>NET Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Balance</b>	<b>To Date Balance</b>
<i>Balance as of January 1</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)
April	\$ 9,421.93	\$ 8,826.01	\$ 6,763.75	\$ (7,676.78)

**First Fruits**

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Balance</b>
January	\$ 563.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (162.00)
February	\$ 503.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (384.00)
March	\$ 578.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (531.00)
April	\$ 653.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (603.00)

	<b>Previous</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ 110.00
<b>Cents-Ability</b>	\$ 39.76	\$ 8.00	\$ 47.76
<b>Change for the Future</b>	\$ 47.27	\$ 37.58	\$ 84.85

	<b>Received</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	\$ 853.02	\$ 900.00	\$ (46.98)

**Included in General Fund Balance**

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

	<b>From 2013</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Elevator Fund	\$ 175.00	\$ (175.00)	\$ -
Local Mission	\$ 1,739.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,039.50
Building Maintenance	\$ (289.56)	\$ 955.00	\$ 665.44



## MISSION TEAM

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The next fundraiser for the mission team will be the Burger-Bash in August, date to be announced.



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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

### Sunday School

	Adult	Youth	Total
4/27	41	16	11
5/4	31	6	14
5/11	48	17	14
5/18	51	18	15
			33'



Dorothy is in Monday & Thursday mornings.

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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