

# CONGRUITY CONNECTION



## CLIFF'S NOTES

Recently I was watching Good Morning America and one of the segments had actor and director Stanley Tucci, who has a new cookbook coming out called The Tucci Table. As he was preparing one of the recipes from that book, a pasta dish as he was talking with the host. Stanley Tucci said “The table is the anvil upon which relationships are built.” Since hearing that sentence, I have been thinking and reflecting on the significance of that statement.

The month of November brings with it the anticipation of gathering with family and friends around the Thanksgiving Day table to share that wonderful meal. In preparation for that feast our homes will be filled with the wonderful aromas that evoke memories of past Thanksgivings—memories of the relationships forged and strengthened around the table... memories of those who used to occupy one of the chairs... memories of chairs being added to the table or the table lengthened to include new members. The table is truly the anvil where relationships are forged.

The same can be said of our church family. The Lord's Table serves as the anvil on which are relationships are forged as we experience in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup, the depth of God's love for us and the entire world. As a church family we will be gathering around the Lord's Table on November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. What a wonderful precursor to our Thanksgiving celebration to gather together to share the bread and the cup and to remember our unity in the body of Christ. For us as brothers and sisters in God's great family of faith—the Lord's Table is the anvil where relationships are forged. So let us gather around the table—be it the Lord's Table or our Thanksgiving tables and remember and celebrate the relationships that are forged in love around our various tables.

Yours in Christ,  
*Cliff*



## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

### Liturgists

11/2 Evelyn Foresman  
 11/9 Tim D'Aurora  
 11/16 Sarabeth Stopansky  
 11/23 Sue Blank  
 11/30 Ced Stopansky

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 November 23rd are:

Gene Brant      Bob Schweppe      Tim D'Aurora  
 Scott McIlnay      Dorothy Brant

### SYMPATHY



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

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	

## SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

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

- 11/2 New Alexandria, Congruity ✠ Cliff Foster, Pastor
- 11/9 New Kensington ✠ Rob Shoup, Supply Minister
- 11/16 Slickville ✠ Tom Holmes, CRE
- 11/23 Vandergrift ✠ Neal Galley, Pastor
- 11/30 Redstone Presbytery ✠ Ross Bash, Member at Large



## HELP NEEDED FOR LOCAL HOSPICE PATIENTS

This was sent to the newsletter email address:

Hello, my name is Sheila Coquet I am the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for ViaQuest Hospice. We service over 150 patients throughout 8 counties in Southwestern PA. We have many patients in the New Alexandria area that would welcome a volunteer to provide companionship to them. This companionship can include visiting and having conversation with them, to sitting at their bedside and holding their hand, taking a walk with them, reading to them etc. I am reaching out to the area churches to see if there are parishioners that would be interested in providing this type of compassionate care. Training is provided and support is given throughout the volunteers time with ViaQuest.

Please contact me for additional information. I appreciate your consideration.

Sheila Coquet  
Hospice Volunteer Coordinator  
ViaQuest Inc.  
614 Park Ave.  
Monongahela, PA 15063  
724/292-7696 (office)

## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

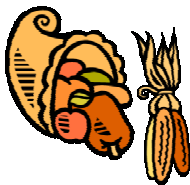


11/3 Dan Kifer  
 11/9 Tammy Kulik  
 11/11 Brandy Sellinger  
 11/13 Ron Martz  
 11/14 Mike Marchelletta  
 11/18 Erik Eidemiller  
 Erin Kaufman  
 11/20 Ron Kaufman  
 11/21 Katrina Kaufman

11/22 Tyler Johnston  
 11/23 Jen Hufford  
 Deana Karstaedt  
 11/25 Jon Hamilton  
 Vivian Schweppe  
 11/26 Sarabeth Stopansky  
 Virgil Walters  
 11/28 Ron Stoltz  
 11/29 Bob Kaufman

## ANNIVERSARIES

11/7/1976 Bill & Cindy Karstaedt  
 11/20/1965 Chuck & Mary Lou Heasley  
 11/30/1962 George & Sue Kepple



## DEACONS

SCOTT MCILNAY



## HARVEST HOME

We will be collecting food for Harvest Home beginning the first Sunday in November. Tables will be set-up in the front of the church.

We will be delivering the food on November 23rd. If you know anyone in need please contact the church office or any Deacon.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

The annual "Hanging of the Greens" will be on Saturday November 29th at 10 am. Pizza will be provided by the Deacons. Please come and join the fun!

## WELCOME HOME SHELTER

PHYLLIS FRYE

We are looking for more volunteers to help take a meal into the Welcome Home Shelter on Tuesday November 11. We are planning to take a turkey dinner in to them. We meet at the church at 3:30 and carpool, arriving about 4p.m. and serving by 5p.m. Contact Debbie (724 668 7561) if interested.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE



THANK YOU everyone who helped, donated, prayed for the Fall Turkey Dinner. Although it wasn't as well attended as some of our dinners, you helped bring in \$2132.06 for the Women's Association to use for it's mission program. We could have had a little more help in the dining room, but all in all it was a good dinner—Thank You

## MIS COVERED DINNER

TIM D'AURORA & PHYLLIS FRYE

MIS is sponsoring a covered dish dinner after church on Sunday, November 16. Marci Elsbury will be doing a presentation on Mantle House Mission, a project helping homeless young people transition to responsible adulthood though the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Marci and Ron began their Spiritual life here at Congruity and either one or the other have been on several mission trips with the Redstone mission team. There will be a free will offering at the dinner. Also we will be setting up another work day at Mantle House in the future.

Question ~~ What is a seven letter word ~

Preceded by God  
Greater than God  
Rich don't need it

Poor people have it  
More evil than the Devil  
Eat it and you die

Answer ~ NOTHING

Anonymously Submitted

## MISSION INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

TIM D'AURORA

Ready, Set, Go!!! That's what November feels like. We have several big events happening. First up is our often annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. This auction benefits our Local Mission Fund and we need you to make it successful. We are lucky to have the donated services of Bill Anderson as our auctioneer and he always makes it a fun and enjoyable evening. Plan on attending and bringing a friend to spread out the fun. Food and drink will be available. The auction will be in Fellowship Hall and will begin at 6:00pm. Also, there is still time to make a donation. Contact Tim at 724-668-8319 if you need help.



Our next big event will be the Spaghetti Dinner to be held the following Saturday on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Invite your family and friends to join you in enjoying a delicious spaghetti dinner with salad, bread, and dessert served from 4:00 to 6:30pm. Don't forget to participate in our basket drawing for a chance to win some great items. This dinner benefits our general fund. Please be sure to mark your donations on the donation list in the Greeting Room by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have decided to not have our traditional Stewardship Campaign. While it is important for everyone to prayerfully consider their giving and for Congruity in particular to ask for those that can to increase this giving, we felt it deserved our efforts for the entire year to keep our thoughts focused on this vital area of concern. Though we aren't going through a long description explaining where our money is going and why we need to increase our donations, we will still provide the opportunity for everyone to make a pledge for 2015. Please detach the bottom portion of this page and either drop it in the collection plate or mail it to the church with the front clearly marked for "financial secretary only" to protect your personal information.

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### **-2015 Estimate of Giving**

Pledge frequency:    ☐ Weekly    ☐ Monthly    ☐ Yearly

Pledge amount:     General Fund     First Fruits     Building Fund

Name:

Address:



## STOP HUNGER NOW



Sue Derek works at a weigh station at SHN



Dick & Evy Anderson add their ingredients to the bag at SHN



Danny & Katie Frye setting up power for bag sealers



Phyllis & Katie packing meals



## NEW WINDSOR



Katie Frye inspecting school kits at CWS warehouse



## MISSION

PHYLLIS FRYE

The Redstone Mission Team has chosen the week of April 12-18, 2015 for their next mission trip. Only God knows where we will be going; He will let us know probably some time in January. If you think you might want to go with us, or need to find out more info, Contact Phyllis Frye (724 468 3740) or Judy Koontz (724 668 2843). Meanwhile you can support us by purchasing a Bon Ton Community Days Coupon book for \$5, which the team keeps. Community Days are Friday and Saturday, November, 14 & 15. See Phyllis Frye for booklets and mark your calendar for February 17, 2015 for the Team's Pancake Dinner.

Twenty two women and girls went to New Windsor, Md. to work in the SERRV Store and Church World Service Warehouses. Besides working, we were able to have a very interesting tour and video of the beginnings of both operations. CWS Warehouse volunteers inspected and repacked school kits (199 boxes @ about 80#each), while SERRV workers inspected goods brought in from artists all over the world. Just a note: If you plan to work at the warehouse, take some "young ones" with you. They do a LOT of the heavy lifting (thanks, Katie and Gali). And to "get away from it all"? a trip to Baugher's for ice cream.

Thank you from Judy Koontz



Hi Everyone,

I am pleased to announce that we packed 42,306 meals for STOP HUNGER NOW and the \$13,357.27 paid for all those meals plus 10 sawyer Water Filters. I can't thank you enough for all the time and prayers to make the Meal Event Happen. We had about 200 volunteers including friends, family, teachers, scouts, Mission Team members, Presbyterian Women and members . But it was lots of shoes and textiles and Yard Sale items and Tea tickets and Hunger Walk sponsors and God's help that really made the difference. For all of you that came and packed the meals, I hope you told someone else about your experience and if you have a red shirt, please wear it and be ready to share about STOP HUNGER NOW! THANK YOU!!!! Judy Koontz

Congruity's piggy bank brought in \$55.39 and those that volunteers from Congruity included Sue Derek, Janet Rugh, Evy and Dick Anderson and their daughter's family of four, and Katie and Danny Frye, who went early and helped set up and Phyllis Frye.





## ITEMS FROM SESSION

JOHN BLANK

Session met on October 20, 2014 and reports the following:

- 1) Linda Youngbauer led us in devotions reading from Luke 11: 1-4
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 3) Rev. Foster and Carol Hohman reported on the 9/16/14 meeting of Redstone Presbytery
- 4) The next meeting of Redstone Presbytery is set for 11/18/14
- 5) Noted that the Deacons have set the following dates:
  - a. 11/13/14 for the Harvest Home Ingathering
  - b. 11/29/14 for the Hanging of the Greens @ 10:00 AM
- 6) Noted that the Christian Education Christmas Program will be on 12/14/14
- 7) Christian Ed reported that Bibles will be presented to children in grades 4-6
- 8) The Personal Committee reported that they have completed the annual review with all employees
- 9) Worship Committee reported that there is a signup sheet for submitting articles for the Advent Booklet.
- 10) The Nominating Committee is working on a list of nominations for officers to be elected at the December Congregational meeting. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer you should contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Jim Kepple.
- 11) Session reviewed information from the Book of Order concerning Active Membership and will be looking at the membership rolls in November.
- 12) Agreed to read and study Chapters G 5-6 of the Book of Order for the November session meeting.
- 13) Noted that the next regular session meeting is moved to 11/17/2014.

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)
May	\$ 6,114.77	\$ 8,978.00	\$ 3,900.52	\$ (10,540.01)
June	\$ 7,787.15	\$ 6,410.59	\$ 5,277.08	\$ (9,163.45)
July	\$ 4,862.94	\$ 8,269.37	\$ 1,870.65	\$ (12,569.88)
August	\$ 7,255.17	\$ 8,192.92	\$ 932.90	\$ (13,507.63)
September	\$ 15,592.96	\$ 10,017.57	\$ 6,508.29	\$ (7,932.24)

**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)
May	\$ 468.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (860.00)
June	\$ 675.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (910.00)
July	\$ 573.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (1,062.00)
August	\$ 532.00	\$ 725.00	\$ (1,255.00)

September \$ 1,226.65 \$ 725.00 \$ (753.35) (Includes \$543.65 Hoagie Sale)

	<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>	\$ 144.80	\$ 18.40	\$ 163.20
<b>Change for the Future</b>	\$ 100.79	\$ 13.00	\$ 113.79

	<b>Received</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	\$ 984.02	\$ 900.00	\$ 84.02
<b>Pentecost</b>	\$ 401.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1.00
<b>Peacemaking</b>	\$ 110.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (290.00)

**Included in General Fund Balance**

Memorial Fund (Excel WKS) **\$20,182.08**

	<b>From 2013</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Elevator Fund	\$ 175.00	\$ (175.00)	\$ -
Local Mission	\$ 1,739.50	\$ 800.00	\$ <b>2,539.50</b>
Building Maintenance	\$ (289.56)	\$ 1,835.00	\$ <b>1,545.44</b>

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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			Offering
			Adult	Youth	Total	
9/21	47	8	18	26	\$1,137.00	
9/28	43	4	18	22	\$1,202.50	
10/5	49	1	16	17	\$2,330.61	
10/12	34	6	16	22	\$990.00	
10/19	44	13	14	27	\$1,029.00	



Dorothy is in Monday & Thursday mornings.

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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