

CONGRUITY CONNECTION



Cliff's Notes

When I was growing up, the month of June always meant one thing—the end of the school year! I remember knowing just how many days were left before school was done for that academic year. That number varied from year to year depending on how many snow days had to be made up... but there was always great anticipation whenever the calendar was turned to June.

Each year as June begins I find myself thinking about the word 'commencement' and the image of an ending and a beginning that it brings. The dictionary defines 'commencement' as being "a beginning; start; a ceremony at which academic degrees or diplomas are conferred." A few years ago the group Semisonic had a song called "Closing Time" which has a line that says "Every new beginning comes from some others beginnings end". In this season of celebrating graduations/ commencements, one chapter of our lives comes to a close as a new one opens.

Over the last few weeks I have been thinking about all of the changes that we all go through in our lives. And I'm sure that each one of us could come up with a long list of the changes that we have been through in our lives. As I have been thinking about those changes, my mind keeps bringing me back to those wonderful words in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Amidst all of the changes that we go through, Christ remains the same and I find great comfort in that and I hope you do as well.

One of the exciting things that will be happening in a couple of weeks is the New Alexandria Community Vacation Bible School, June 20-24 at Community UP Church from 9AM- noon. This year's theme is "Cave Quest"—Following Jesus the Light of the World.

In all of the changes that we go through in our lives, may we like the VBS students will learn follow Christ through all our days.

Yours in Christ,
Cliff



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE

Liturgists

E L D E R S

John Blank

Tim D'Aurora

Dave Foresman

Kathy Hamilton

Carol Hohman

Jim Kepple

Scott McInay

Terry Selembo

Linda Youngbauer



D E A C O N S

Sue Derek

Evelyn Foresman

Phyllis Frye

Sandy Kemerer

Nancy Lauffer

Debbie Perino

Jay Perino

Janet Rugh

Mim Schweppe

6/5

6/12

6/19

6/29

Sarabeth Stopansky

Tim D'Aurora

Ced Stopansky

Janet Henry



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:

6/5 Murrysville, First † Bill King, Interim Pastor

6/12 Murrysville, Newlonsburg † Curtis Paul, Pastor;
Marnie Silbert, Associate Pastor

6/19 Murrysville, Union † Dereck Campbell, Pastor

6/26 New Alexandria, Community † Grafton Eliason,
Interim Pastor

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

SUE DEREK

The Bible Study for June will be cancelled. We
will resume July 27th at 1:00 P.M

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.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

6/3	Briona Williams	6/17	Ashley Passante
6/4	Kaitlin Johnston	6/18	Sophia Watt
6/6	Gale Wilhelm	6/21	Rosemary Orr
6/11	Judy Wilhelm		Jonathon Schrecengost
6/13	Charles Frye	6/28	Kathy Kepple Fink
	Ryan Gallagher	6/30	Trevor Martz
6/14	Sydney Hoffman		Tyler Roemer
6/15	Scott Hamilton		
6/16	Tom Munsell		



ANNIVERSARIES

6/1/2014	Jim & Allison Sullivan	6/20/1981	Bob & Nancy Schweppe
6/14/1995	Larry & Carol Zabkar	6/21/1975	Ced & Sarabeth Stopansky
6/19/2009	Bob & Tristan Brant		

SUMMER WORSHIP



On June 5th we will begin our Summer Worship Hour at 10AM. There will be no Sunday School. The regular Sunday Morning schedule will resume on September 11th.

SUE BLANK'S ORDINATION

ORDINATION

Join us in worship, as the Presbytery of Redstone gathers to ordain Susan Blank to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament as a Teaching Elder. Susan graduated from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2015 and has a position as Director of Pastoral Care at Presbyterian SeniorCare in Oakmont.



Congruity Church, Sunday, June 12, 4:00 pm
Refreshments to follow.

I would like to thank my church family for all of your support and encouragement through this journey.

Sue



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulation to Roni, Emma & Jessica on their confirmation which was celebrated Sunday, May 15th. Pictured with Rev. Foster



2016 GRADUATES

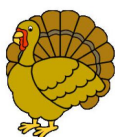


We will be recognizing our 2016 graduates in the July/August newsletter. I would like to have a photo and small write up for each student. Please email me at congruitynewsletter@yahoo.com or put it in the newsletter folder at the church. All photos will be returned. Thank you.



SUMMER MUSIC

Now that the choir is done for the summer, Vicki would be interested in anyone who would like to provide special music on a particular Sunday or knows of someone who would. Please let her know. Thank you!



WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE

The profit for the Take Out Turkey Dinner was \$1,050.00. Thank you to all that helped in any way.

The tentative date for the Women's Summer Picnic is set for June 16th at the Bogg's Farm. More info to follow after confirming.



The first "cordless" phone was made by God. It was the model called Prayer, it never lost a signal, the recharging is done by the Holy Spirit. Use anywhere... anytime....



Submitted by Evelyn Foresman



MISSION

PHYLLIS FRYE



Due to the recent flooding, storms, etc, Church World Service has expressed a really great need for hygiene kits, so the Women's Association is collecting either whole kits or items for kits. Each kit contains: 1 hand towel measuring approximately 15x28 to 16x32 (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber); 1 washcloth; 1 wide tooth comb removed from package; 1 fingernail or toenail clipper removed from package; 1 bath size bar of soap in the wrapper; 1 toothbrush in the package; 10 standard size Band-Aids. All items are to fit inside a 1 gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the air from the bag and seal. **DO NOT ADD ANY EXTRA ITEMS or TOOTHPASTE!** A tube of toothpaste of extended expiration date will be added to each kit prior to it's journey. The kits will be delivered in September on the New Windsor trip.

CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE

PAM FORESMAN



This year our community VBS will be held at C.U.P. It is called "CAVE QUEST" and it will be held June 20-24, 2016 from 9AM till 12 noon. If you are interested in helping in any way, mark your calendars to be a part of this inspirational and fun VBS!



DEACONS

PHYLLIS FRYE

TOOLS OF HOPE . . . your rainbow of caring to children and families the world over . . . The Tools of Hope offering will be received on June 15 — Father's Day

Celebrate Father's Day with a special offering. A contribution to the Church World Service Tools of Hope. Envelopes are in the church pews.

ITEMS FROM SESSIONS

JOHN BLANK

Session met on May 16, 2016 and reports the following:

- 1) Devotions were led by Tim D'Aurora
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 3) Approved the minutes of the 3/21/16 regular session meeting and the special session meetings held on 4/24/16 and 5/15/16.
- 4) Noted that Redstone Presbytery meets on 5/17/16. Dave Foresman will serve as the elder delegate with Sue Blank serving as alternate.
- 5) Noted that the goal for the Pentecost Offering is \$375 and that as of 5/15/16 \$225 had been collected.
- 6) Approved summer hours as follows: No Sunday School with Worship at 10 AM starting on 6/5/16 and continuing through 9/4/16. Regular hours for Sunday School and Worship will resume on 9/11/16.
- 7) Granted permission to Mission Partners to place a clothing recycling bin in the church parking lot.
- 8) Appointed a committee to review Congruity's property insurance.
- 9) Kathy Hamilton volunteered to take care of the cemetery planter for the summer.
- 10) Granted permission to the Kaufman's to use the shed behind the church to store their cemetery maintenance equipment.
- 11) Tentatively set July 24th for the summer outdoor worship provided arrangements can be made.
- 12) There was a discussion concerning the cross, candle sticks, and flower vases. Several elders will be looking into options for refurbishing or replacing the items.
- 13) It was decided to try and have the flags in the sanctuary cleaned.
- 14) Noted that a luncheon is being planned for following the Memorial Day service in the cemetery on Sunday 5/29/16
- 15) Noted that Sue Blank will be ordained as a Teaching Elder (Minister of the Word and Sacrament) on Sunday afternoon, June 12th, at Congruity.
- 16) Agreed to read and study Chapters G-6 and W-1 of **The Book of Order**
- 17) Completed our discussion of Chapters G-4 & 5 of **The Book of Order**
- 18) The next regular meeting of session is set for 6/20/16.

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>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 8,211.89	
January	\$ 6,686.67	\$ 8,342.32	\$ 6,556.24	\$ (1,655.65)
February	\$ 9,689.28	\$ 8,600.23	\$ 7,645.29	\$ (566.60)
March	\$ 8,486.59	\$ 8,356.32	\$ 7,775.56	\$ (436.33)
April	\$ 7,889.03	\$ 7,826.09	\$ 7,838.50	\$ (373.39)
Year to Date	\$ 32,751.57	\$ 33,124.96		

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 1,126.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 476.00
February*	\$ 1,359.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,185.00
March*	\$ 480.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,015.00
April*	\$ 348.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 713.00

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 101.00	\$ -	\$ 101.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 76.40	\$ 8.00	\$ 84.40
Change for the Future	\$ 8.41	\$ -	\$ 8.41
Per Capita	\$ 1,378.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 1,416.00

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,026.94	\$ 900.00	\$ 126.94
Pentecost	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ (375.00)
Peacemaking	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ (375.00)
Christmas Joy	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ (375.00)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

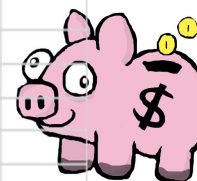
Included in General Fund Balance

Memorial Fund (Excel WKS) **\$ 21,727.98**

	From 2015	Year to Date	Balance
Elevator Fund	\$ (3,886.28)	\$ (60.00)	\$ (3,946.28)
Local Mission	\$ 2,409.47	\$ -	\$ 2,409.47
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,415.92	\$ 805.00	\$ 2,220.92

**O F F E R I N G
T O T A L S**

Maunday Thurs	03/24/16	\$ 781.00		
Easter Early	03/27/16	\$ 1,393.00		
Easter 11 AM	03/27/16	\$ 550.35		
	04/03/16	\$ 1,054.00		
	04/10/16	\$ 1,517.00		
	04/17/16	\$ 1,071.76		
	04/24/16	\$ 747.00		
	05/01/16	\$ 1,732.00		
	05/08/16	\$ 1,226.00		
	05/15/16	\$ 798.00		



MISSION INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

TIM D'AURORA

I would like to thank everyone who participated in last month's hoagie sale. Whether you sold hoagies or helped make them, you contributed to selling 189 hoagies. We were able to make a profit of \$590.00 on this sale. On a per effort basis, this fundraiser is always one of our most successful.

We have decided to participate in a clothing collection box that will be located at the lower end of the parking lot. It is through Mission Partners and we will receive a small return on the amount of clothing collected. This is expected to arrive in about a month and more information will be available in the future.

We need volunteers to be in charge of the Kid's Store on the first Sunday of each month. We are currently covered through June but will need someone for each month throughout the remainder of the year. If you are able to help, please contact Tim D'Aurora and let him know which month you can do.

Pine Springs Church Camp is currently involved in a capital campaign entitled "Faith For The Future." This will enable Pine Springs Camp to build new buildings, expand creative programming, and do more to better share the love of Jesus Christ with new and returning campers. As a church, our Session has voted to not make a direct contribution but we would like to make it possible for individuals wishing to donate to do so. We will forward any donations made in the name of Pine Springs.

Reviewing the treasurer's report through April, it is refreshing to see that we have had two positive months with receipts exceeding expenses. While we still have a negative to date balance for the year, we are in a much better position than last year at this time. We hope you will continue to show your support for the work of the church.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

TIM D'AURORA



We are currently looking for volunteers to take care of the Cemetery Planter and the landscaping around the church. Kathy Hamilton is going to work with the Planter for Memorial Day but we could use someone to step up to assist in weeding and general upkeep of the remaining grounds throughout the rest of the year. Contact Tim D'Aurora if you have an interest in participating.

Reminder: If you see something that needs attention in the church, let Tim know so the Property Committee can deal with it.

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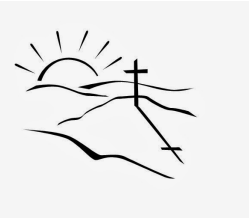
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 AM
WORSHIP AT 11:00AM
PLEASE JOIN US!



ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sunday School		
		A	Y	Total
4/24	36	8	16	24
5/1	44	11	19	30
5/8	47	8	12	20
5/15	72	10	17	27

CHURCH STAFF AND OFFICERS

Pastor	Cliff Foster
Clerk of Session	John Blank
Deacon Moderators	Debbie Perino
Treasurer	John Blank
Financial Secretary	Michelle Kepple
Church Secretary	Dorothy Martz
Music Director	Vicki Walters
Newsletter Editor	Yvonne McInay
Webmaster	John Blank

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

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