

CONGRUITY CONNECTION



Cliff's Notes

If you listen closely, you can almost hear the ringing of the school bell in the distance. It is hard to believe that the summer is winding down! There may be those who are singing the words of that Staples commercial—"It's the most wonderful time of the year" referring to back to school time. We have had a hot and humid summer and as I write these words, the humidity has broken and it is a lovely day. When I was growing up I remember this time of the year was always filled with mixed emotions—excited about going back to school, seeing my friends and also a feeling of dread because it meant hours of back-to-school shopping, trying on clothes and arguing with my parents about what sort of clothes I wanted to get as opposed to the clothes they wanted me to get and having to set an alarm to make sure I didn't miss the bus.

Overall, it was always an exciting time especially now when I look back on those good old days. I hope that that same sense of excitement is felt by all as we resume our regular Sunday morning schedule on September 11th. We will be kicking off the day with a breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9AM, and then Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45M and worship at 11AM. Our worship service on September 11th will include giving Bibles to several of our young people.

There is a line in the song "Closing Time" by Semisonic which says "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." As the summer months come to a close and we begin a new year, it is my hope and prayer that we are filled with a sense of excitement as we live into whatever it is God has planned for us as a church family and for us as individuals. One of the assurances that we have is that no matter where we go, no matter what twist and turns we encounter along the way, no matter what... we are never alone because Christ has promised to always be with us. So as we help fill backpacks with notebooks, pens and pencils, crayons and markers... as we set up a dorm room, as we send our loved ones out into the work force, may we sense God's presence in all that we do.

I look forward to see you on Sunday mornings and together may we discover that this is indeed "the most wonderful time of the year".

Yours in Christ,



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Liturgists

9/4 Tim D'Aurora
9/11 Sarabeth Stopansky
9/18 Carolyn D'Aurora
9/25 Ced Stopansky



If you would like to serve as a liturgist please see Cliff.



SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

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

9/4 Murrysville, First † Bill King, Interim Pastor
9/11 Murrysville, Newlonsburg † Curtis Paul, Pastor
Marnie Silbert, Associate Pastor
9/18 Murrysville, Union † Dereck Campbell, Pastor
9/25 New Alexandria, Community † Grafton Eliason,
Interim Pastor



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



Mim Schweppe has a new address that we would like to share with everyone:

Mim Schweppe
Westminster Place
1215 Hulton Road Apt 229
Oakmont PA 15139

BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Nathan Foresman	9/13	Bill Hufford
	Matthew Schweppe	9/18	Colton Cramer
9/2	Jim Blank	9/19	Yvonne McInay
9/6	Cody Kaufman	9/20	Dave Foresman
	Courtney Kaufman	9/21	Mary Ann Kaufman
9/7	Jimmy Carnathan		Joshua Wilhelm
	Julia Carnathan	9/22	Harold Kaufman
9/9	Myrah Jane Hawkey	9/25	John Blank
9/10	Bob Schweppe Jr.		Abigail MacDonald
9/11	Allison Hufford	9/26	Joan Wilhelm



ANNIVERSARIES



9/3/1983	Keith & Rose Ann Orr
9/13/1969	Tom & Karen Dudek
9/13/1986	Jim & Michelle Kepple
9/16/2006	Glenn & Helen Hawkey
9/24/1966	Ron & Dorothy Martz
9/25/1999	Dan & Adrian Frye
9/26	Mark & Ann Gaertner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PAM FORESMAN



Well, here we are getting ready for Fall again and usually I say, "I can't believe Summer went so fast!" but this year I think a lot of us are looking forward to Fall! It's been a long, hot, humid Summer and many of us are ready for shorter days and cooler weather. This is a back-to-school time of year which here at Congruity also means RALLY DAY! Please join us as we embark on another year of Sunday School, choir starts up again, and our worship time returns to the 11:00 am time.

RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 11, 2016. We start at 9:00 am with a delicious Continental breakfast and time for fellowship. And then it's on to our Sunday School classes at 9:45 am followed by our church service at 11:00 am.

We have classes for all ages with fantastic teachers and all classes have room for new members! So come, have a great breakfast, check out our Sunday School classes, and stay to worship with us! Let's make this an awesome RALLY



ADULT CHANCEL CHOIR

VICKI WALTERS

The Adult Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at 7:00 PM. We happily invite any and all to come join us in our ministry of song! Listening to the congregation sing some of our hymns on Sunday mornings, we know that there are many wonderful voices hiding in the pews! Come join in the fun, we'd love to have you!



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



On September 25th we will be hosting a "Fun Day at Phyllis's" The Event will be a Bike Ride, walk, jog or just hanging out at Phyllis's. For those who want to just stay at Phyllis's, please bring your favorite board game. If the weather should not cooperate for the outside plans, a board game is welcome for all. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. Congregational Life will provide Ham BBQ, buns and water. We are asking for sides, salads, snack or dessert. Dinnertime will be when anyone feels like eating. A sign up sheet will be at the back of the Church so we will have an idea of how much BBQ to buy. Dave Foresman has a trailer or carrier if assistance is needed to transport bikes. Phyllis has a few bikes at her house that can be used. Please contact either one if you should need.

The address of Phyllis is: 162 Main Street, Slickville , PA. 15684

SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the following families who have recently lost loved ones:

The Kifer family on the death of Dan...

The Stopansky family on the death of Sarabeth's cousin Penny...

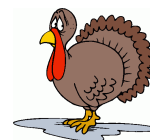
The Derek family on the death of Steve's Aunt Virginian...

The Stine Family on the death of Cheryl...

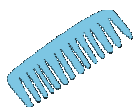
Lauffer/Zundel family on the death of Nancy's cousin...

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

DEBBIE PERINO

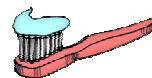


Save the date: Fall Turkey Dinner ~ Saturday October 8. We will be needing help and we need YOU ! This will be a sit down dinner, so we will need all the help we can get. Tickets are Adults \$9. Children (6-12) \$4 Children under 6 free. We will be calling for donations, so please be generous with your donations of items and time. We will need people to do turkeys, and donations of pies, corn, cranberries, applesauce, Miracle Whip (must be Miracle Whip brand), milk, butter and coffee (regular and decaf). Tables will be put in place on the Sunday before, set tables Thursday, time tba, potato peeling party Friday, 6pm, help all day Saturday Our potato lady has announced her retirement (again), so we will need a replacement to cook and mash potatoes. Also we need some strong arms in the kitchen to help with the heavy lifting. Be a cheerful giver (2Corinthians 9;7) and do not weary of well doing(Genesis 6:9).



MISSION

PHYLLIS FRYE



With all the disasters in the south and elsewhere, there is a great need for hygiene kits. Congruity has been collecting either completed kits or items for the kits. We have received a Thrivent Action Team (grant) for \$250 to buy more supplies for more kits. These will be assembled at Hands-on on Thursday, September 15 at noon. If you would still like to donate items or make a monetary donation for even more kits or to help pay postage, that would be appreciated. You are welcome to come out and help us.

Operation Christmas Child boxes (through Samaritan's Purse) are due at the church November 7. There will be more info in October's newsletter.

Redstone Mission team, as such, does not have plans for a trip at this time, but there are some other trips going out, if interested. Westminster Presbyterian is planning a trip the end of October through Samaritan's Purse. Contact person: Katy Doran 724 853 8584. Also, Third Presbyterian in Uniontown is in Baton Rouge the end of August, but is planning more trips to West Virginia and Louisiana in the future, also through Samaritan's

TREASURER'S REPORT

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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)
May	\$ 7,517.18	\$ 8,704.18	\$ 6,651.50	\$ (1,560.39)
June	\$ 5,233.15	\$ 8,166.58	\$ 3,718.07	\$ (4,493.82)
July	\$ 7,245.04	\$ 9,971.48	\$ 991.63	\$ (7,220.26)
Year to Date	\$ 52,746.94	\$ 59,967.20		

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
May	\$ 430.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 493.00
June*	\$ 351.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 194.00
July	\$ 415.00	\$ 650.00	\$ (41.00)

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 101.00	\$ -	\$ 101.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 119.09	\$ 8.00	\$ 127.09
Change for the Future	\$ 8.41	\$ -	\$ 8.41
Per Capita	\$ 1,492.00	\$ -	\$ 1,492.00

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,026.94	\$ 900.00	\$ 126.94
Pentecost	\$ 411.82	\$ 375.00	\$ 36.82
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 351.00	\$ -	\$ 351.00

Included in General Fund Balance

Memorial Fund (Excel WKS) **\$ 21,837.98**

	From 2015	Year to Date	Balance
Elevator Fund	\$ (3,886.28)	\$ (1,406.40)	\$ (5,292.68)
Local Mission	\$ 2,409.47	\$ (250.00)	\$ 2,159.47
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,415.92	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,765.92

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

06/19/16	\$ 810.00
06/26/16	\$ 1,143.00
07/03/16	\$ 1,791.00
07/10/16	\$ 1,231.00
07/17/16	\$ 829.00
07/24/16	\$ 678.00
07/31/16	\$ 1,227.00
08/07/16	\$ 1,151.00
08/14/16	\$ 1,889.00



MISSION INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP



TIM D'AURORA

As we conclude our summer vacations, we realize that we have some ground to make up. Unfortunately, this summer was devastating to our financial balance. We went from a deficit at the end of May of -\$1560.39 to a deficit at the end of July of -\$7220.26 with August expected to be even worse.

Obviously, we have a long way to go to just get back to even. One way to help is to participate in the upcoming Hoagie Sale. On Thursday, September 22, we will be meeting at 6:00pm to assemble hoagies that can be picked up after 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity for us to reduce this deficit with your involvement. We need people to **sell, sell, sell** these delicious hoagies. Buy some for your family and ask your neighbors and coworkers. Since we bag the lettuce and tomatoes separately, the hoagies don't get soggy. They are still great a couple of days later. We have averaged between 180-200 for the last several sales but our goal for this sale is 225. There is a sales form in this newsletter and orders should be turned in to Tim D'Aurora at 724-668-8319 by Monday evening. We also need people to join us on Thursday to put our hoagies together. The more help we get, the quicker we are finished. This fundraiser will benefit the general fund.

Make sure to keep our schedule free for our next spaghetti dinner to be held on Saturday, November 12. We will again be holding a basket drawing. We would appreciate donations of baskets and items to be added to other

Safety Policy for Children, Youth & Vulnerable Adults

In June the Session adopted a comprehensive "**Safety Policy for Children, Youth & Vulnerable Adults.**" This policy covers all employees and volunteers who work within our worshipping community. In part the policy states:

In order to provide a safe community for children and adults, the church requires all employees and volunteers working with children and youth to comply with this Safety Policy adopted by the Session of the Congruity Presbyterian Church. All employees and volunteers will be under the supervision of the Pastor.

To meet the training requirements Christian Ed has scheduled a training event for Sunday 9/25/16 following worship. This should take only about 15 minutes. All Sunday School teachers, employees, elders, and deacons should try to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

The Sunday School teachers which were approved at the last Session meeting are as follows:

Nursery:	Evelyn Foreman
Elementary:	Janet Henry and Phyllis Frye
Middle School:	Debbie Perino
Jr./Sr. High:	Dave Foresman
Women's Sunday School Class:	Becky Davis
Adult Sunday School Class:	Rev. Cliff Foster
Sunday School Superintendent:	Evelyn Foresman

Our Sunday School classes begin at 9:45AM and everyone is invited.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Matt and Megan Schweppe on the birth of their daughter Lydia Marie who was born on August 23th. We also congratulate grandparents Bob and Nancy Schweppe and great-grandmother Mim Schweppe.

ITEMS FROM SESSION

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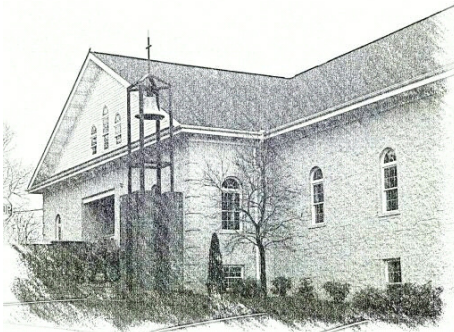
Session met on August 15, 2016 and reports the following:

- 1) Devotions were led by Kathy Hamilton
- 2) Approved the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Moderator's Reports
- 3) Noted that the General Fund is depleted.
- 4) Approved the minutes of the 6/20/16 regular session meeting.
- 5) Noted that \$351 raised for PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) with the Blue Buckets.
- 6) Referred letter from Debbie Perino to the Property Committee
- 7) Referred letter from the Ligonier Highland Games to the Congregational Life Committee
- 8) Noted that Redstone Presbytery meets on 9/20/16 from 10 AM to 2 PM @ Pine Springs Camp
- 9) Approved Sunday School teachers for the 2016-2017 term
- 10) Approved a Fun Day sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee for the afternoon of 9/25/16 @ Phyllis Frye's Home
- 11) Noted that a Hoagie Sale is scheduled for 9/22/16 with orders due by 9/19/16
- 12) Noted that the Manse Inspection was completed on 6/13/16
- 13) Noted that the elevator was inspected on 8/10/16
- 14) Noted that the Personnel Committee will be meeting with employees for annual reviews
- 15) Noted that the pianos in Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary were tuned in June
- 16) Noted that the Nominating Committee will begin work on a slate of candidates for various offices. Volunteers are welcome
- 17) Agreed to read and study Chapters W-4 of **The Book of Order**
- 18) Completed our discussion of Chapters W-2 and W-3 of **The Book of Order**
- 19) The next regular meeting of session is set for 9/19/16.

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.

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Therefore we focus on living as a loving family. Fellowship and worship will be the heart of our loving, caring church. (4/18/05)

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



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

6/26	41	7/31	28
7/3	32	8/7	38
7/10	33	8/14	40
7/17	30	8/21	33
7/24	28	Outdoor Worship	



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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