

# CONGRUITY CONNECTION



## *Cliff's Notes*

### ***"Come to the Table..."***

Are there any more inviting words than being called to the table? Whether it is a special family holiday gathering or a weekday suppertime, being called to the table is a reminder that we are part of a family, even if we are an invited guest. "Come to the table" indicates that all is ready and that it is now time to share in the meal and in the dinnertime conversation. There are many ways in which we are invited to "Come to the table"... such as "Dinner is ready", "Come and get it", and perhaps one that has special meaning to you and to your family.

Whenever we hear those words of invitation, we know that we will soon be enjoying whatever it is filling the house with wonderful aromas... it invites us to pause in the midst of the busyness of daily life and gather around the table with family and friends and to interact with one another. Over the last few weeks, we have been hearing Minute for Missions about the Peace and Global Witness Offering (what was formerly known as the Peacemaking Offering). We will be receiving this special Offering on World Communion Sunday (October 2<sup>nd</sup>); you will recall that our church retains 25% of this offering to be used locally for ministry of peacemaking and reconciliation.

For me, it is significant that we receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday... the one Sunday morning when our sisters and brothers around the world are invited to "Come to the Table" and share the Sacrament of Communion. This is one of my favorite celebrations of the Lord's Supper because together the global Church of Jesus Christ breaks the bread and shares the cup, remembering all that Christ—the Prince of Peace has done for us. Jesus invites us to "Come to the Table" and to share the Lord's Supper in remembrance of him.

Over the last few weeks, we have heard many news reports of bombings and shootings, of violence and mayhem erupting, the air is filled with tension. But into our world comes invitation to "Come to the Table", to come and share the Sacrament of Communion, and to be remembering our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

So "Come to the Table"... I'll see you there!

Yours in Christ,  
*Cliff*



## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

### 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

10/2 Dave Foresman  
10/9 Ronda Weinell  
10/16 John Blank  
10/23 Janet Henry  
10/30 Doug Stine



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 serving Communion on October 2nd are:  
Carol Hohman      Scott McInay      Jim Kepple



## SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

### 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

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

10/2 New Alexandria, Congruity † Cliff Foster, Pastor  
10/9 New Kensington † Wendy Keys, Pastor  
10/16 Vandergrift † Neal Galley, Pastor  
10/23 Apollo, Poke Run † Pete Goetschius, Pastor  
10/30 Redstone Presbytery † Cliff Buell, Honorably Retired

## SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the Munsell/Mika  
family on the death of Lana's dad Ed's death. May God's  
presence bring you comfort and strength in your time of  
loss.

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

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### BIRTHDAYS

10/2	Tom Davis	10/19	Laura Blank
	Ken Martz	10/21	Kelly Karstaedt
10/5	Jessica Tarpay		Kristie Roemer
10/9	Doyle Martz	10/22	Vinton Hoffman
10/10	Will Hamilton	10/25	Tylor McDonald
10/11	Darrell D'Aurora	10/28	Dorothy Martz
10/12	Christopher Schrecengost	10/29	Sally Ott
10/13	Dylan McDonald	10/31	Daniel Frye
10/16	Ronda Weinell		
10/18	Scott McInay		



### ANNIVERSARIES

10/12/1991	Bill and Lisa Heasley	10/17/1998	Dan & Elaine Kaufman
10/13/2012	Frank and Jessica Tarpay	10/18/2003	Shawn & Vivian Schweppe
10/14/1995	Dave & Pam Foresman	10/20/2007	Ryan & Rebecca Boggs
10/15/1964	Tony & Debbie Perino	10/28/2006	Becky & Larry Swatchick
10/17/1992	Tim & Caroline D'Aurora		

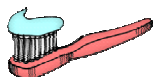
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50TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
RON AND  
DOROTHY  
9/24/66**



### NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

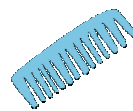
SUE DEREK

Our last Bible Study will be October 26th, 1:00-2:00 in the Women's Sunday school classroom.



## MISSION

PHYLLIS FRYE



Hats off to our young people who, one Sunday morning in September, during Sunday School, to serve the mission of Jesus Christ, packed 70 hygiene kits, each including a hand towel, wash cloth, comb, nail clippers, soap, tooth brush and Band-Aids. These kits, along with 17 other kits donated by members of the congregation were delivered to Church World Service in New Windsor, MD by a team of 16 from Redstone, of which 8 worked at the SERRV store inspecting and pricing crafts from around the world and 8 at the warehouse where hygiene, school, and other kits are repacked and boxed up to get shipped out to wherever they are needed. In one day, the warehouse people packed around 270 boxes weighing 60-80 pounds each, depending what was in the boxes. Thanks to all who donated kits or helped in any way with this project and thanks to Thrivent Financial for the Action team grant to help fund 70 of the kits.

The Redstone Mission team is selling BonTon Community Days coupon books for \$5 each. The sale is November 9-12 and includes bonus buys, yellow and black dot sales and a \$10 coupon. See Phyllis Frye

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due November 7. Brochures will be in the greeting room with info on how to pack them. These boxes are distributed all over the world, along with a Bible lesson book telling the children about Jesus



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PAM FORESMAN

Ahhh Fall, a time for cooler days, warmer clothes, colorful falling leaves, pumpkin everything, apple cider, and yes Congruity's Harvest Festival!! Join us on Saturday, October 29th at 6:00 pm for our annual Harvest Festival and Bonfire. We'll have marshmallows and hot dogs to roast over the bonfire, games for the young people and the young at heart, and snack foods brought by one and all! So please come for good eats, great fellowship, and lots of fun!

Be sure to bring your friends and relatives, a favorite snack to share, and a lawn chair to sit on outside by the bonfire. Remember, costumes are optional,

## DEACONS

DEBBIE PERINO

On October 2, there will be a Hunger Walk at Keystone Park. 1:00 PM. Cliff will have forms if you want to walk. There will also be a covered dish after walk. Come walk with us, its lots of fun.

# ITEMS FROM SESSION

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Session met on September 19, 2016 and reports the following:

- 1) Devotions were led by Terry Selembo
- 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 8/15/16 regular session meeting and the minutes of the 8/21/16 special session meeting.
- 5) Noted that Redstone Presbytery meets on 9/20/16 from 10 AM to 2 PM @ Pine Springs Camp. No elder is able to serve as delegate
- 6) Noted that there will be a training on the new Child Protection Policy following worship on 9/25/16
- 7) Noted that there is a Fun Day sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee for the afternoon of 9/25/16 @ Phyllis Frye's Home
- 8) Noted that a Hoagie Sale is scheduled for 9/22/16 with orders due by 9/19/16
- 9) Noted that the Personnel Committee will be meeting with employees for annual reviews
- 10) Noted that the Nominating Committee will begin work on a slate of candidates for various offices. Volunteers are welcome
- 11) Noted that the Turkey Dinner is scheduled for 10/8/16
- 12) Approved the Harvest Festival sponsored by the Christian Education Committee (10/29/16 @ 6 PM)
- 13) Noted that we still need someone to learn how to run the projection system as a backup for John
- 14) Discussed the Facility Use Policy noting that we have not been enforcing many of the stipulations in the policy. After discussion there were some minor changes in the policy including a "post use" inspection.
- 15) Did a quarterly review of Rev. Foster's goals
- 16) Set a Congregational Meeting for 12/4/16 for the purpose of approving the pastor's terms of call, receiving the budget, electing various officers, and electing the nominating committee for 2017.
- 17) Approved a vacation request for Rev Foster for Sunday 10/16/16
- 18) Agreed to read and study Chapters W-5 of **The Book of Order**
- 19) Completed our discussion of Chapters W-4 of **The Book of Order**
- 20) The next regular meeting of session is set for 10/17/16.

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, to bear witness, 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. (4/1805)

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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## 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)
August	\$ 6,923.19	\$ 7,616.68	\$ 298.14	\$ (7,913.75)
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 59,670.13</b>	<b>\$ 67,583.88</b>	<b>\$ 298.14</b>	<b>\$ (7,913.75)</b>

## 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)
August	\$ 440.00	\$ 650.00	\$ (251.00)

\*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	\$ 101.00	\$ -	\$ 101.00
<b>Cents-Ability</b>	\$ 127.09	\$ 18.00	\$ 145.09
<b>Change for the Future</b>	\$ 8.41	\$ -	\$ 8.41
<b>Per Capita</b>	\$ 1,492.00	\$ -	\$ 1,492.00

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

## **Included in General Fund Balance**

Memorial Fund (Excel WKS) **\$ 22,447.98**

	From 2015	Year to Date	Balance
Local Mission	\$ 2,409.47	\$ (250.00)	<b>\$ 2,159.47</b>
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,415.92	\$ 1,350.00	<b>\$ 2,765.92</b>



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

08/07/16	\$ 1,151.00
08/14/16	\$ 1,889.00
08/21/16	\$ 796.50
08/28/16	\$ 1,731.25
09/04/16	\$ 1,207.00
09/11/16	\$ 1,671.00
09/18/16	\$ 1,975.10



## MISSION INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

TIM D'AURORA

Thanks to everyone who participated in our recent hoagie sale. While our sales were down, it still is an easy fundraiser that helps the general fund. This time we sold 160 hoagies and our profit will be approximately \$490. We appreciate all who bought, sold, and especially those who helped assemble hoagies this time. Our next big fundraiser is our Spaghetti Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 12. We will have a sign up sheet for donations in the Greeting Room and also we are looking for donations for our baskets for the basket auction. See Tim D'Aurora with donations.

I know it sometimes sounds like a broken record but we need to prayerfully consider our current giving level. Hopefully, we will have increased attendance now that summer is over and this will result in an increase in donations. We have some significant ground to make up. At the end of August, we have **spent** \$7,913.75 **more** that we have **collected**. Obviously, this is not a situation that can continue indefinitely. We ask that you help in any way you can.

## WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

DEBBIE PERINO



FALL TURKEY DINNER Saturday October 8, 4-7p.m. Adults \$9, Children 6-12, \$4; Children under 6, free. Contact Janet Rugh, 724-668-7652 or the church, 724-668-7740, for reservations (a must). We will be putting tables in place Sunday, October 2nd after church, Peeling potatoes Friday at 6p.m. with help needed all day Saturday. We especially need servers for the dining room. We have a group coming in on Thursday to set up tables as a community project (God bless them). Turkeys and stuffing supplies may be picked up at the church on Tuesday, late morning. Someone will be at the church as early as 7:30 on Saturday morning, so if you are an early riser, there will be jobs available early in the morning (we fill the containers for the take-outs (at least 125) in the morning). Please be generous with your donations, time and talents (dishwashing is a very necessary and important talent). The profits from these dinners are used mainly to support the mission of Jesus Christ and also to help support our own church. Remember as a kid, singing "We Are the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church Together"? As Christians, we are all responsible for spreading the word of Jesus Christ and also of supporting our church. This is a good time to come out and work and enjoy the fellowship of other believers and do your part. On behalf of the Congruity Women's Association, we thank you for all your help.



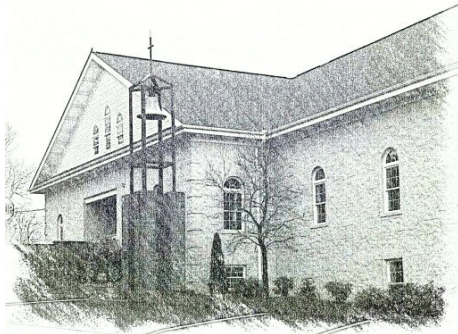
The Sunday School  
Classes assembling  
Hygiene Kits







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



### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sunday School		
		Adult	Youth	Total
8/28	43			
9/4	32			
9/11	44	11	20	31
9/18	59	10	19	29

### 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 McIlnay
Webmaster	John Blank

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

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