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CONGRUITY CONNECTION



Cliff's Notes

Years ago someone once told me that the older you get, the quicker time passes. If I remember correctly, I was lamenting to this person about how many more days we had left in the school year and how it seemed like an eternity before school was done for the year. As I have gotten older, I have learned that those words are true—time seems to pass so quickly. It seems to be that in the blink of an eye, we are halfway through 2017.

We will begin our summer worship at 10AM on June 4th with our celebration of Pentecost, the day we remember the outpouring of God's Spirit and the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ. Everyone is asked to wear something red that day and the sanctuary will be filled with geraniums. We will also be having a Fellowship Time following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

The New Alexandria Community Vacation Bible School will be held June 19-23 from 9AM to Noon at St. James Catholic Church. This year's theme is: *Maker Fun Factory—Created by God, Built for a Purpose*. This promises to be a fun-filled week for kids from Preschool to 5th Grade.

On June 18th we will be collecting the Tools of Hope offering on Father's Day. This is a wonderful way to honor our dads by donating to this offering to help other people in various parts of our global neighborhood. There are offering envelopes in the pews.

Even though time does seem to fly by quickly, through our faith we can echo those words of Psalm 31: 15 where the Psalmist declares to God: "My times are in your hands..." In the living of our lives, may we always be mindful of just how much God loves us and share that message with others.

Yours in Christ,
Cliff

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE

Liturgists

- 6/4 Scott McIlnay
- 6/11 Dorothy Martz
- 6/18 Ced Stopansky
- 6/25 Janet Rugh



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 June 4th are:

Tim D'Aurora, Dave Foresman, Carol Hohman, Kathy Kepple Fink & Nancy Lauffer

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:

- 6/4 Murrysville, First ~ Bill King, Interim Pastor
- 6/11 Murrysville, Newlonsburg ~ Curtis Paul, Pastor
Marnie Silbert, Associate Pastor
- 6/18 Murrysville, Union ~ Derek Campbell, Pastor
- 6/25 New Alexandria, Community ~ Grafton Eliason, Interim Pastor



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the Hohman family on the death of Carol's brother Paul.

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

4/23	46
4/30	33
5/7	40
5/14	50

Sorrow Looks Back
Worry Looks Around
Faith Looks Up



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

6/4 Kaitlin Johnston

6/6 Gale Wilhelm

6/11 Judy Wilhelm

6/13 Charles Frye
Ryan Gallagher

6/14 Sydney Hoffman

6/15 Scott Hamilton

6/16 Tom Munsell

6/17 Ashley Passante

6/18 Sophia Watt

6/21 Rosemary Orr

Jonathon Schrecengost

6/22 Beverly Kemerer

6/28 Kathy Kepple Fink

6/30 Trevor Martz

Tyler Roemer

*Happy
Birthday!*



ANNIVERSARIES

6/1/2014 Jim & Allison Sullivan

6/14/1995 Larry & Carol Zabkar

6/19/2009 Bob & Tristan Brant

6/20/1981 Bob & Nancy Schweppe

6/21/1975 Ced & Sarabeth Stopansky

GRADUATES



We will be recognizing our 2017 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.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

All women of the church are invited to a picnic at the church on Thursday June 22 at 6pm. Please bring a friend, a covered dish and a gift for stinky bingo and any other game you might want to play.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE



*Just a Reminder:

Our community VBS will be held this year at St. James Church. It is called "Fun Factory" and takes place June 19-23, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please mark your calendars to be a part of this year's VBS!! We can't wait to see you there!

Also, you can add July 16th to your calendar. That will be our annual Sunday School picnic/ outdoor worship at Boggs' Farm. More info to come in next month's newsletter!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	To Date Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 6,381.38	
January	\$ 7,698.28	\$ 9,215.93	\$ 4,863.73	\$ (1,517.65)
February	\$ 6,835.17	\$ 8,154.61	\$ 3,544.29	\$ (2,837.09)
March	\$ 9,651.38	\$ 8,032.31	\$ 5,163.36	\$ (1,218.02)
April	\$ 14,817.92	\$ 8,608.74	\$ 11,372.54	\$ 4,991.16
Year to Date	\$ 39,002.75	\$ 34,011.59		

Memorial Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 22,667.98
January	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 23,667.98
February	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 23,867.98
March	\$ 1,110.00		\$ 24,977.98
April	\$ 390.00		\$ 25,367.98
Year to Date	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -	



First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 583.37	\$ 780.63
February*	\$ 965.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 1,162.30
March*	\$ 575.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 1,153.97
April*	\$ 396.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 966.64

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T O T A L S

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 1,647.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 1,686.00

04/23/17 \$ 1,274.03
04/30/17 \$ 2,913.78
05/07/17 \$ 1,369.03
05/14/17 \$ 951.30
05/21/17 \$ 1,214.03

Building Maintenance

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,025.00
January	\$ 230.00	\$ 2,199.44	\$ 55.56
February	\$ 4,250.00	\$ -	\$ 4,305.56
March	\$ 215.00	\$ 451.00	\$ 4,069.56
April	\$ 235.00		\$ 4,304.56
Year to Date	\$ 4,930.00	\$ 2,650.44	

Local Mission

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 736.47
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 736.47
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 736.47
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 736.47
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 736.47
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 42.25	\$ 8.00	\$ 50.25

	Received	GOAL	Over/Under
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,171.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 171.00

ITEMS FROM SESSION

SARABETH STOPANSKY



Cliff made 28 visits between 4/18 and 5/15.

Session approved a year end trip for Debbie Perino's Sunday School Class to Sky Zone on Sunday, May 21st.

Session approved Congregational Life Committee's request to hold a time of fellowship after worship on June 4th. They will provide sandwiches and cake.

Session set the date for the Church picnic for Sunday, July 16th, at Boggs Hollow Farm

Session approved the bid from Clay Kaufman to mow the cemetery for 2017.

Session discussed the need of a phone tree and will ask the Communications Committee to over see the project.

If you would like to see a complete set of any session minutes please see Cliff Foster or Sarabeth Stopansky.



MUSIC

VICKI WALTERS

Choir practice is officially over on Wednesday evenings, and will resume late summer/early fall.

We would like to offer special music in place of the choir anthems for the summer schedule. If anyone would like to participate with a solo, duet, trio, quartet, or an instrumental piece, please let me know. If you know of anyone from outside the church, we would love to have them, as well!

If anyone has any special hymn requests, I'd be glad to incorporate them into the service music over the summer. Old hymns, new hymns, or contemporary, let's sing!

And last but not least, a very special Thank You to our choir members for this past season. Everyone is so dedicated and hard-working, and an absolute joy to work with! Blessings, indeed! Thank you all.

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



CHURCH STAFF AND OFFICERS

C H U R C H S T A F F

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Tom Davis
Sue Derek
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Phyllis Frye
Nancy Lauffer
Lana Munsell
Debbie Perino
Janet Rugh



Dorothy is in Monday & Thursday mornings. Cliff is in the office most mornings. Please put newsletter items in the folder at the church or email