

July & August 2017

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CONGRUITY CONNECTION



Cliff's Notes

I don't know about you, but I am tired of all of the rain that we have been having lately! I have always enjoyed hearing a rainstorm at night as the raindrops hit the roof or sitting on the front porch during a storm—as the song goes “those are a few of my favorite things”. We have had rain or a rain shower just about every day and like me, you are looking forward to enjoying beautiful summer days.

One of the things that we are going to be putting together throughout the summer months is a Phone Tree. With the elimination of home delivery of the Tribune Review, it has come to our attention that sometimes people in the church are not aware of some of the things that may be going on. There is a sign-up sheet in the Greeting Room, if you would like to be part of this new phone tree (which is not to be confused with the Women's Association Prayer Chain phone list). We will call people when there has been a death of a church member or if for some reason worship is canceled or to convey other important information.

I would also remind you that our annual Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic will be held on July 16th at the Boggs Hollow Farm beginning at 10:30AM. This is always a nice day as we enjoy the covered dishes, talking to one another around the pool while the swimmers enjoy themselves, and of course there is always a game of Stinky Bingo.

The Deacon's End of the Summer Picnic is scheduled for August 27th in Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, rolls and beverages will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.

I hope that you have a wonderful summer and that you enjoy some time of rest and relaxation and recreation. Summer is always a fun-filled time and I look forward to seeing you in church.

Yours in Christ,
Cliff

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY & AUGUST

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Liturgists

7/2 Cliff Foster
7/9 Caroline D'Aurora
7/16 Outdoor Worship
7/23 Tim D'Aurora
7/30 Evelyn Foresman
8/6 Dave Foresman
8/13 Ronda Weinell
8/20 Doug Stine
8/27 Sarabeth 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 serving Communion on August 6th are:
Linda Youngbauer, Sarabeth Stopansky, Kathy Hamilton, Janet Rugh and Phyllis Frye

SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

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

7/2 New Alexandria, Congruity ~ Cliff Foster, Pasto
7/9 New Kensington ~ Wendy Keys, Pastor
7/16 Vandergrift ~ Neal Galley, Pastor
7/23 Apollo, Poke Run ~ Pete Goestchius, Pastor
7/30 Redstone Presbytery ~ Chuck MacPherson, Honorably Retired
8/6 Avonmore ~ Larry Armstrong, Stated Supply
8/13 Delmont ~ Caroline Vickery, Pastor
8/20 Lower Burrell, Grace Community ~ Ken Foust, Pastor
8/27 Lower Burrell, Puckety ~ Kirk Orr, Pastor



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

TERRY SELEMBO

It's that time of year...Time for the annual church picnic at Boggs Hollow Farm!!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 16th. The worship service will begin at 10:30am, followed by a covered dish luncheon. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

Remember to bring (in addition to your covered dish) a chair, a gift for stinky bingo and last but not least, your swimsuit (please make sure your swimsuit has no buckles or zippers as they could damage the pool liner).

DEACONS

SUE DEREK



The Deacons will not be meeting in July so our next Deacon meeting is August 20th.

END OF SUMMER PCNIC

We will also be holding the end of summer picnic on Sunday August 27th after church. It will be a covered dish with the deacons providing hot dogs, buns and beverage. Lets have a good turn out...even though we don't want to celebrate the end of summer.

BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Bill Karstaedt		Ruth Thompson	8/14	Carol Miller	
7/2	Rylee Kirkpatrick	7/21	Jessica Carnathan	8/15	Tom Kepple	
7/3	Brennan Foster		Shania Thompson		Chris Johnston	
	Heather Kaufman	7/22	Sue Bish		Sara Johnston	
	Ryle Kirkpatrick	7/24	Carol Zabkar	8/16	Cara Kaufman	
	Robert Young	7/26	Gary Kulick	8/18	Jim Kepple	
7/6	Katie Frye	7/29	Debbie Perino		Amy Stine	Happy E
7/9	Doug Stine	7/31	Eric Heasley	8/19	Becky Davis	
7/11	Michelle Kepple		Ken Sellinger, Sr.	8/21	Titina Ott	
7/12	Betty Lou Carr	8/7	Tracy McDonald	8/20	Dana Flowers	
	Cliff Foster	8/8	Kayla Kirkpatrick		Stacey Burns	
	Hillary Lapcevic	8/12	Marjorie Aaron	8/29	Tim D'Aurora	
7/15	BJ Johnston		Linda Sellinger		Ryan Schweppe	
7/16	Mark Writt	8/13	Evey Anderson	8/31	Jeremiah Kaufman	
7/20	Evelyn Foresman		Keith Orr			
	Alex Swatchick		Amber Sellinger			

Happy Birthday!



ANNIVERSARIES

CONGRATULATIONS NICOLE



7/15/1978	Fred & Hope Sehring
7/25/2009	Anthony & Ashley Passante
7/7/2012	Wes & Kayla Kirkpatrick
7/30	Delbert & Ruth Thompson
8/3/1991	Ken & Missy Martz
8/3/1973	Ken & Nancy Walter
8/10/2000	Scott & Yvonne McIlnay
8/14/1964	Perry & Carol Miller
8/18/1973	Rich & Linda Youngbauer
8/19/1972	John & Sue Blank
8/26/1989	Bob & Tracey McDonald

Receives Degree

Nicole Perino of Greensburg received a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from Indiana University of Pennsylvania at graduation ceremonies held in Indiana, PA. Nicole is the daughter of David Perino and Brenda Crosby Lovis of Greensburg, PA. Granddaughter of Tony and Debbie Perino. She has been accepted to Gannon University in Ruskin, Florida where she will pursue a doctorate in Physical Therapy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JOHN BLANK

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
May	\$ 4,936.29	\$ 8,818.05	\$ 7,490.78	\$ 1,109.40
Year to Date	\$ 43,939.04	\$ 42,829.64		

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
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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
May	\$ 365.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 748.31

*Includes Per Capita

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

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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
May	\$ 165.00	\$ 2,499.44	\$ 1,970.12
Year to Date	\$ 5,095.00	\$ 5,149.88	

05/28/17 \$ 1,128.03
06/04/17 \$ 2,043.03
06/11/17 \$ 1,151.03
06/18/17 \$ 964.60

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
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 736.47
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 50.25	\$ 8.00	\$ 58.25

	Received	GOAL	Over/Under
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,171.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 171.00
Pentecost	\$ 85.75	\$ 400.00	\$ (314.25)

ITEMS FROM SESSION

SARABETH STOPASNSKY



Cliff made 27 visits between 5/16/2017 and 6/116/2017.

Cliff and Kathy Hamilton attended the May meeting of Redstone Presbytery on May 16, 2017.

There will be a special Presbytery Meeting on August 3, 2017 at Maplewood Presbyterian Church. Dave Foresman was elected Elder Delegate.

Session approved the use of Congruity as a neutral pulpit on Sunday, July 2, 2017. Cliff will serve as liturgist that day.

Session gave permission to Cliff to perform the marriage ceremony of Gabrielle Emerick and Brandon Hemes on Saturday, July 29, 2017.

Session approved the Congregational Life committee's request to hold a fellowship afternoon on Sunday, 24, 2017. This will be held at Phyllis Fries.

Session voted to cancel the July Meeting of the Session. The next meeting will be August 21, 2017.

Cliff will try to have the phones tree put together for August. Please read Cliff's article for more details.

Session approved the Deacons End of the Summer Picnic for August 27th in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to see a complete copy of any Session Minutes please see Cliff or Sarabeth.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE



The Women's Association will not meet in July, but will resume August 17 at 2pm. We will be studying excerpts from the Daily Bread. If, during the summer when you are doing your devotions, you come across one the "jumps out at you" or hits the nail on the head", turn down the corner of the page and bring it and your Bible to the Women's meeting. One that caught my eye, was June 14. In it was a paraphrase from the Message, by Eugene Peterson of Matthew 11: 25-30. I don't know how he got that out of it, but I liked it.

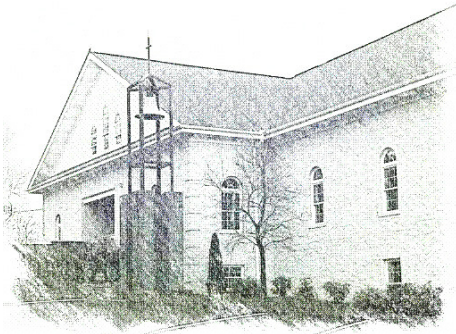
MISSION TEAM

PHYLLIS FRYE

The Redstone Mission Team has been asked to attend the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 23 at the 10:45 service as part of their Mission Sunday. Chuck MacPherson will do a presentation with a talk and pictures..

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E L D E R S

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Tom Davis
Sue Derek
Evelyn Foresman
Kathy Kepple Fink
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