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CONGRUITY CONNECTION



Cliff's Notes

Each year around this time I find myself thinking about when I would go "Back to School" shopping with my parents. It was an exciting time—looking forward to seeing friends after the summer, getting used to a new class schedule (especially in the upper grades when I would have to change classes and finding those class rooms in a new building). There would also be notebooks, pens and pencils, shoes/tennis shoes, and of course new clothes. I remember spending some time figuring out what outfit I would wear on the first day of school. But it was also a time of being a little scared — not knowing what was going to happen throughout the school year, wondering how I would like my new teachers, worried about getting good grades and etc.

It occurred to me the other day that those feelings and emotions conjured up by thinking about going back to school find their way in our lives from time to time. We all experience being excited on the one hand and being scared or nervous on the other, for a variety of reasons—a new job, a new house in a new neighborhood, a new undertaking, we may be in a time of transition in our lives, moving into retirement or many other things that fill us with excitement and apprehension. At this time of the year, I often find myself thinking of these words from Colossians 3: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another... Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." Paul reminds us in this passage that our faith provides us with an outfit to wear in the living of our lives as we experience those times that make us excited and nervous.

September 10th is Rally Day and we return to our regular Sunday morning schedule. We will kick off the day with a breakfast at 9 AM, Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45AM and Worship at 11AM. I look forward to journeying together into the future.

Yours in Christ, Cliff

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Liturgists

9/3	
9/10	Phyllis Frye
9/17	Ced Stopansky
9/24	Janet Rugh



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

SEPARATED BY SPACE UNITED IN PRAYER

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

9/3 9/10	Murrysville, First ~ Murrysville, Newlonsburg ~ Curtis Paul, Pastor &
	Marnie Silbert Associate Pastor
9/17	Murrysville, Union ~ Derrick Campbell, Pastor
9/24	New Alexandria Community ~ Grafton Fliason Interim

Worship	THANK YOU
Attendance	THANK TOO

	, (11121(2)			A big thank you to all who responded to me, David
6/25	38	7/30	48	and Jay with cards, food, visiting and more with
7/2	54	8/6	46	the passing of Tony. It was very much appreciated. Tony will be missed but not
7/9	46	8/13	44	forgotten.
7/16	37	8/20	51	Debbie Perino
7/23	43	8/27	47	
7/30				



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

TERRY SELEMBO

We are hosting another Fun Day at Phyllis's (Frye)...Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 24th at 2:00pm..

The committee will be providing chipped ham barbecues and beverages... You are asked to bring a covered dish or a snack to share.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulation to: Alicia D'Aurora and Tom Harmon on the birth of their son, Wyatt Joseph who was born on July 26^{th} . Wyatt was 7 lb and 9 oz.

Congratulations to: Jim and Kristie Roemer on the birth of their son, Andrew Michael who was born on July 21st. Andrew was 7lb 6oz and 20 1/2 inches.

BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Nathan Foresman	9/18	Colton Cramer
	Matthew Schweppe	9/19	Yvonne McIlnay
9/2	Jim Blank	9/20	Dave Foresman
9/6	Cody Kaufman	9/21	Mary Ann Kaufman
	Courtney Kaufman		Joshua Wilhelm
9/7	Jimmy Carnathan	9/22	Harold Kaufman
	Julia Carnathan	9/25	John Blank
9/9	Myrah Jan Hawkey		Abigail MacDonald
9/10	Bob Schweppe Jr.	9/26	Joan Wilhelm
9/11	Allison Hufford	9/30	LaRue Gray
9/13	Bill Hufford		Sydney Swatchick





ANNIVERSARIES

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



Lion's Lunchables



Delmont, New Alexandria and Slickville Lions have come together for a project to help feed under privileged children at Metzgar grade school over the weekends during the school year. It's named Lions Lunchables Backpack. They pack backpacks during the week to give to qualifying children to take home during the weekend and have something to eat during the weekend.

List of specific items needed for Lions Lunchables Backpack. Please do not vary from the list because these are the items that fit in the backpacks. I will have a donation box labeled Lions lunchables in the greeting room. It will be collected the last Sunday of each month.

- Sunny D drink (individual serving sizes) - Capri Suns - Pop top canned soup (chicken noodle and tomato preferably) - Pop top canned pasta (raviolis, lasagna, rigatoni, etc.) - Microwaveable/individual servings of mac and cheese - Breakfast Bars - Granola Bars - Fruit cups - Pudding Cups - Individual packs of Goldfish crackers - individual packs of Cheez-its - Boxes of individual packs of oatmeal - Individual bags or boxes of cereal. All donations are truly appreciated.

Thank you,

Lion Tom Davis



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PAM FORESMAN

The Christian Ed Committee hopes you all have had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer. As Summer comes to a close we hope you are looking forward to returning to Sunday School classes at Congruity. We kick off the new season of Sunday School on Sunday, September 10th for Rally Day. Please join us at 9:00 am for a delicious Continental breakfast, Sunday School classes start at 9:45, and we will be back to our regular worship time of 11:00 am. We have six Sunday School classes with awesome teachers and they all have room for new members! So maybe you've been contemplating joining a Sunday School class, this may be your year to try one out whether you are an adult, teen, or a child, there is one for you!!



Mantle House Mission will be having an auction on Saturday September 9, at 11am at the mission at 132 S Water Street, West Newton to raise funds for the mission .There also will be a cake auction, Then on October 6 and 7 they will be celebrating their 5^{th} anniversary, also at the mission with vendors, music, etc. For more info or to donate items for the auction, call 724-872-1880.



WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

PHYLLIS FRYE

We will be having our Fall Turkey Dinner on Saturday October 14, 4-7pm. Tickets will be Adults \$10, Children 6-10 \$5, under 6 free. We will be calling people for donations to do turkeys, bake pies, donate corn, cranberries, milk, butter, Miracle Whip and coffee. Also we will be needing lots of help. Please be generous with your donations and time. "Watch next newsletter for the work schedule, there may be some changes."

RISE AGAINST HUNGER





PW in Redstone Presbytery will be having another tea next year on July 21, 2018 to help raise money for Rise Against Hunger (formally Stop Hunger Now). There will be a food packaging event, hopefully in October next year. In order to pack 20,000 meals, PW needs to raise \$6000 to fund this event. PW is also collecting gently used shoes (shoes that can be worn again). No Crocs, flip flops or work boots will be accepted. There is a box in the greeting room for the shoes.



MISSION INTERPRETATION & STEWARDSHIP

TIM D'AURORA

It has been several months since I provided any type of update of our financial condition. If you have been following the financial statements, you would have noticed that for the first five months of the year, we actually had a positive year to date balance. That is very unusual for us. Unfortunately, through July, we are now at a negative year to date balance of \$3293.90. While this isn't the greatest position to be in, it is still significantly ahead of last year. One way we can help recover, is by everyone participating in this month's hoagie sale. It's pretty simple. The more hoagies we sell, the more money goes to the church's bottom line. If you are able to sell, spread the word, come and help assemble, that will be great. If you are only able to buy a hoagie or two, that would still help. We are meeting at 6:00 on Thursday September 21 to assemble the hoagies and they will be ready to begin pickup at 6:30. Help would definitely be appreciated. Orders are due by Monday, September 18 and can be submitted to Tim at 724-668-8319. We will once again have traditional Italian with or without onions and Turkey and Swiss. They will be \$5.00 and there is an order form elsewhere in the newsletter. Our goal is to sell over 200 hoagies. This used to be an average sale for us, but we haven't been able to achieve this for several sales. We need you to help!

ITEMS FROM SESSION

SARABETH STOPASNSKY



The session met on August 21, 2017 and reports the following items:

Cliff made 55 visits and conducted one wedding and the memorial service for Tony Perino.

44 people took Communion on August 6, 2017.

Session approved the following items:

Rev. Foster's request for vacation from October 5-12, 2017. This will include one Sunday. The Rally Day Breakfast to kick off the Sunday School Year - This will start at 9:00AM on September 10th

Sunday School teachers for the up coming year

PreK-1st Rhea Summitt 2nd-5th Debbie Perino Jr-Sr High Dave Foresman Mustard Seed **Becky Davis** Good Will Cliff Foster

The Baptism of Andrew Michael Roemer, son of James and Kristie Roemer at a date to be determined.

The Women's Association will hold a Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

The Congregational Life will sponsor a Covered Dish Dinner on Sunday, October 29, 2017 following Worship.

The church will order three copies of Presbyterians Today and 10 Copies of the 2017-2019 Book of Order.

If you would like to see a complete copy any Session minutes please see Rev. Foster or Sarabeth Stopansky

Nominating Committee News

The Nominating Committee will soon be starting their work to put together a slate of officers for 2018. We will need at least 1 Elder and 2 Deacons. If you are interested in serving Congruity in either capacity please see any member of the committee. The members of this years committee are:

Evey Anderson Dottie D'Aurora Sue Derik Dorothy Martz Sarabeth Stopansky, Chairperson

TREASURER'S REPORT

JOHN BLANK

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General Fund							200
NET		NET		Actual	To Date		
Receipts		E	Expenses	Balance	Balance	$\widetilde{\Theta}^{\Theta}$ \mathbf{x}	
Adjusted Balance as	of J	•			\$ 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			
May	\$	4,936.29	\$	8,818.05	\$ 7,490.78	\$ 1,109.40	
June/July	\$	14,880.05		19,283.35	\$ 3,087.48	\$ (3,293.90)	
Year to Date	\$	58,819.09	\$	62,112.99			
Memorial Fund							
		Receipts	E	Expenses	Balance		
Adjusted Balance as	of J	lanuary 1			\$ 22,667.98		0.5.5.5.1.1.6
January	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$ 23,667.98		OFFERING
February	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$ 23,867.98		TOTALS
March	\$	1,110.00	\$	-	\$ 24,977.98		
April	\$	390.00	\$	-	\$ 25,367.98		06/25/17 6 1 210 02
May	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 25,367.98		06/25/17 \$ 1,319.03
June/July	\$	-			\$ 25,367.98		07/02/17 \$ 1,443.03
Year to Date	\$	2,700.00	\$	-			07/09/17 \$ 2,434.00
First Fruits							07/16/17 \$ 896.06
		Received		Pledged	Balance		07/23/17 \$ 2,001.03
January*	\$	1,364.00	\$		· -		07/30/17 \$ 1,346.03
February*	\$	965.00	\$				
March*	\$	575.00	\$				08/06/17 \$ 1,979.03
April*	\$	396.00	\$				08/13/17 \$ 1,057.78
May	\$	365.00	\$				08/20/17 \$ 1,849.03
June/July	\$	700.00	\$	1,166.66	\$ 281.65		
*Includes Per Capita							
		Previous	1	This Mnth	To Date		

\$ - \$ 1,686.00

Actual

NET

Building Maintenance

*Per Capita to Date \$ 1,686.00

	Receipts			xpenses	Balance
Adjusted Balance as	of Ja	anuary 1			\$ 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
June/July	\$	320.55	\$	882.50	\$ 1,408.17
Year to Date	\$	5,415.55	\$	6,032.38	
Local Mission					
	l	Receipts	E	xpenses	Balance
Adjusted Balance as	of Ja	anuary 1			\$ 736.47
January	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 736.47
February	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 736.47
March	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 736.47
April	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 736.47
May	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 736.47
June/July	\$	20.00	\$	-	\$ 756.47
Year to Date	\$	20.00	\$	-	

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Special Offerings						
	F	revious	T	his Mnth	1	o Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$	160.00	\$		\$	160.00
Cents-Ability	\$	79.12	\$	46.50	\$	125.62
Sudan Abundance Grant	\$		\$	10.00	\$	10.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	1,171.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	171.00
Pente cost	\$	85.75	\$	400.00	\$	(314.25)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$	•	\$	•	\$	-

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CHURCH

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

CHURCH STAFF AND OFFICERS

ELDERS

STAFF

		ELDERS	DEACONS	
		Tim D'Aurora	Tom Davis	
Pastor	Cliff Foster	Dave Foresman	Sue Derek	
Clerk of Session	Sarabeth Stopansky	Kathy Hamilton	Evelyn Foresman	
Asst. Clerk	Tim D'Aurora Sue Derek	Carol Hohman	Kathy Kepple Fink	
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Church Secretary	Dorothy Martz	Terry Selembo	Lana Munsell	
Music Director	Vicki Walters	Sarabeth Stopansky	Debbie Perino	
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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