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CONGRUITY CONNECTION



Cliff's Notes

When I was growing up I remember that March was one of my favorite months of the year. Part of that was because I always looked forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day. My hometown of Clinton, Massachusetts was a predominantly Irish Catholic town and so St. Patrick's Day was always a big celebration. The air was filled with many of the Irish songs: When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Danny Boy, The Unicorn, Be Thou My Vision and countless other songs celebrating the Irish heritage and culture. I always looked forward to enjoying a feast of corned beef and cabbage as well! It was a day when everyone was considered Irish for a day.

To me St. Patrick's Day has become a metaphor for the church, celebrating our oneness in Christ not just for a day but throughout our lives. Throughout the month of March we continue our Lenten journey towards the empty tomb of Easter morning. Lent affords us the opportunity to reflect on all that God has done for us in Christ. Our faith in Christ welcomes us into God's great family of faith—the Church and together as sisters and brothers we are called to share the Gospel message in our communities and to the very ends of our global neighborhood.

The New Alexandria Community Lenten Worship services will continue through the month of March and I would invite you to come and be part of these worship services. A list of the services is found in this newsletter. We will be hosting the Good Friday Community Service on March 30th.

There is a special fund raising event being help on March 18th from noon to 4 PM at the Five Guys restaurant in Murrysville. If you mention Pine Springs Camp, a portion (20%) of your order will be given to the Camp.

In the season of Lent may we celebrate our oneness in Christ and remember all that God has done for us in Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Cliff



Worship Leaders For March

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Liturgists

3/4 Janet Rugh
3/11 John Blank
3/18 Doug Stine
3/25 Debbie Perino



Those scheduled to serve Communion on March 29th are:
Linda Youngbauer Carol Miller Ronda Weinell Nancy Lauffer Phyllis Frye

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.

Separated By Space United In Prayer

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

3/4 Murrysville, First ~ Ed Gray, Pastor
3/11 Murrysville, Newlonsburg ~ Curtis Paul, Pastor
Marnie Silbert, Associate Pastor
3/18 Murrysville, Union ~ Derek Campbell, Pastor
3/25 New Alexandria, Community ~ Grafton Eliason, Interim



Worship Attendance

Worship		Sunday School		
		Youth	Adult	Total
1/28	75	3	18	21
2/4	39	2	17	19
2/11	47	5	23	28
2/18	40	2	22	24

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the Kaufman/Walters/Stewart family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Laura Marie Stewart's death. May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.

Thank You

Ron and Geri Kaufman and Ken and Nancy Walters and families wish to express their appreciation to the Congruity congregation for their concerns, cards and prayers during the recent loss of their mother, L. Marie Stewart. Thank you, Geri and Nancy

March Celebrations

Birthdays

3/2	Jason Orr	3/18	April Hawkey Richards
3/3	Janet Rugh		Dana Kaufman
3/4	Karen Dudek	3/19	Michael Kaufman
3/7	Jacob Derek		Betty Murphy
3/8	Geri Kaufman	3/20	Sandy Kemerer
	Debbie Marchelletta		Matt MacDonald
	Nancy Schweppe	3/25	Pam Foresman
3/9	Alicia D'Aurora		Lana Munsell
3/10	Ken Walters	3/26	Bill Heasley
3/11	Jessica D'Aurora	3/27	Adrian Frye
3/13	Nancy Walters	3/28	Robert Watt
3/14	Alison Derek Sullivan	3/29	Marlene Kifer
	Janet Henry	3/30	Perry Miller IV



Anniversaries

3/3/2006	Vince & Sandy Kemerer
3/28/1981	Tom & Rosemary Orr
3/29/1981	Ron & Mary Ann Kaufman

Lenten Services & Holy Week Services

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

March 7 @ 7PM ~ CUP	Charlie Brownawell, Preaching
March 14 @ 7PM ~No Walls	Wayne Duffield, Preaching
March 21 @ 7PM ~ UMC	Dan Schall Concert
March 30 @ 7PM ~ Congruity	Community Good Friday Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES at Congruity

March 25 @ 11AM ~ Palm Sunday
March 29 @ 7:30PM ~ Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Easter Morning Service @ 8AM
Easter Breakfast @ 9 AM
Easter Worship @ 11AM



Items From Session

Sarabeth Stopasnsky



The Session met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 and reports the following.

Ronda Weinell was installed before the meeting began.

Rev. Foster made 33 visits between 1/16 and 2/18 and attended events and meetings. He also baptized Andrew Michael Roemer.

Rev. Foster received permission to officiate at three weddings that will be held at the church in the next few months.

The Women's Associations request to host the World Day of Prayer Breakfast on March 3.

The PW (of the Presbytery) request for the use of Fellowship Hall on July 21, 2018 for a Tea.

Christian Ed requests to hold a breakfast after the 8:00am Easter Service.

Session approved the MIS committee's goals for special offerings during 2018:
 OGHS-\$1000.
 PENTECOST-\$400
 PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS-\$375
 JOY-\$450.

Session approved the dates for spaghetti dinners on 4/14/18 and 11/10/18 and Hoagie sales on 4/26/18 and 9/20/18.

Session approved accepting the bid of Eastern for the elevator maintenance at a 70 % savings over Schindler.

The date of the annual joint meeting of the Deacons and the Session will be Sunday March 18, 2018. This meeting will be immediately following Worship. The Session will meet after that if necessary. There will not be a Session Meeting on March 20, 2018.



Mission Phyllis Frye

Thank you all for your support of the Pancake Dinner. We made a profit of \$1150.00. You are our home team and you are greatly appreciated.

We still have room for more volunteers to go on the trip April 21-29 to Fayetteville, North Carolina. Contact Phyllis Frye (724) 468-3740 if interested.



Treasurer's Report

John Blank



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General Fund

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	To Date Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 7,569.77	
January	\$ 8,972.33	\$ 9,145.74	\$ 7,396.36	\$ (173.41)
Year to Date	\$ 8,972.33	\$ 9,145.74	\$ 7,396.36	\$ (173.41)

Online Giving
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Memorial Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 28,445.07
January	\$ 200.00		\$ 28,645.07
Year to Date	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 28,645.07

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 522.00	\$ 583.37	\$ (61.37)

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ -	\$ 287.00	\$ 287.00

Offering Totals

1/21/18	\$ 1,871.00
1/28/18	\$ 4,025.00
2/4/18	\$ 979.00
2/11/18	\$ 1,530.00
2/18/18	\$ 1,171.00

Building Maintenance

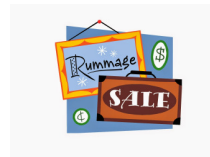
	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 1,866.86
January	\$ 180.00		\$ 2,046.86
Year to Date	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ 2,046.86

Local Mission

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 556.47
January		\$ 200.00	\$ 356.47
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 356.47

Women's Association

Phyllis Frye



World Day of Prayer Saturday, March 3, 9:30 am. Open to all women of New Alexandria Ministerium. Join us at Congruity as we pray for the country of Suriname, and enjoy a brunch and fellowship with our neighboring sisters in Christ.

Start getting your "stuff" together. The Women's Association's annual Rummage Sale will be here before you know it. It will be held on Saturday April 7, from 9am–2pm. There will also be a bake sale and lunch. So gather up your unwanted "stuff" and plan to bake something, then come and enjoy lunch with your friends. The church will be open for donations starting Monday April 2 through Friday noon.

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Sunday School at 9:45AM
Worship At 11:00AM
Please Join Us!

Church Staff and Officers

Church Staff

Pastor	Cliff Foster
Clerk of Session	Sarabeth Stopansky
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Deacon Moderator	Dave Foresman
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Tim D'Aurora
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Carol Hohman
Vince Kemerer
Carol Miller
Terry Selembo
Sarabeth Stopansky
Ronda Weinell
Linda Youngbauer

Deacons

Tom Davis
Dave Foresman
Kathy Kepple Fink
Phyllis Frye
Nancy Lauffer
Lana Munsell
Debbie Perino
Janet Rugh
Shirley Sholtz



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 to congruitynewsletter@yahoo.com