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# *CONGRUITY CONNECTION*



## *Cliff's Notes*

Over the last several years, the month of October has become one of my favorite times of the year. The month begins with the celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 7<sup>th</sup> where we will join our sisters and brothers throughout our global neighborhood at the Lord's Table sharing the Sacrament of Communion. For me, this is one of the most powerful Communion celebrations of the year as we break the bread and pour the cup, remembering God's love for the entire world—past, present and future—shown to us in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I also look forward to the cooler weather and seeing the dazzling display of the various colors of the leaves, getting to wear a favorite sweater or a pair of corduroys. And many people enjoy the plethora of Pumpkin Spice items available. October also means time for the Turkey Dinner which will be on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

There is also something special happening this month—October is the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Congruity Presbyterian Church. Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> will be a time of celebration for our congregation. We will be dedicating a new outdoor sign that the Session has ordered. We are planning a covered dish dinner. We are also going to put together a display of collectables from over the years, so if you have any photos, videos, CD's, copies of the various cookbooks produced throughout the years, Bibles that were presented to you as a child, commemorative plates, and whatever else you can think of. There will be a place to display everything. We know that God has blessed our church family with many wonderful cooks and many wonderful recipes have been shared in the various cookbooks throughout the years. It would be nice if some of the covered dishes were from one of those cookbooks and we will put a card near that dish indicating whose recipe and which cookbook it was from.

Throughout the month of October as we celebrate and remember our 235 years of ministry and mission, I would ask you to keep those words from Hebrews 12: 1-2 in mind: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..."

Let us remember where we have been, where we are today and where we are going as we continue to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in our mutual ministry and mission. Happy 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



Yours in Christ,  
*Cliff*

## *Worship Leaders For October*

10/7 Dave Foresman  
 10/14 Evelyn Foresman  
 10/21 Tim D'Aurora  
 10/28 Phyllis Frye



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

Those scheduled to serve Communion on October 7th are: Vince Kemerer Carol Miller Debbie Perino Lana Munsell

## *Separated By Space United In Prayer*

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

10/7 New Kensington ~ Wendy Keys, Pastor  
 10/14 Apollo, Poke Run ~ Pete Goetschius, Pastor  
 10/21 Avonmore ~ Larry Armstrong, Stated Supply  
 10/28 Delmont ~ Caroline Vickerty, Pastor



## *Welcome*

We welcomed Raelynn Marie McDonald into our church family through the Sacrament of Baptism on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Raelynn is the daughter of Tylor McDonald and Lorraine Skelly who was born on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



## *Sympathy*



## *Worship Attendance*

	Worship	Sunday School	Youth	Adult	Total
8/26	67				
9/2	41				
9/9	67				
9/16	80				

We extend our sympathy to the following families:

The Aaron/Grubach family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Sue's mother Dorothy's death.

The family of Chris Johnston as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Chris's father.

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

# October Celebrations

## *Birthdays*

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



## *Anniversaries*



10/4/2014 James & Angela Kaufman  
10/12/1991 Bill & Lisa Heasley  
10/13/2012 Frank & Jessica Tarpay  
10/14/1995 Dave & Pam Foresman  
10/17/1992 Tim & Caroline D'Aurora  
10/17/1998 Dan & Elaine Kaufman  
10/18/2003 Shawn & Vivian Schweppe  
10/20/2007 Ryan & Rebecca Boggs  
10/28/2006 Becky & Larry Swatchick



## *Christian Ed Committee*

*Pam Foresman*



What does apple cider, colored falling leaves, bonfires, fun games, Halloween music, yummy snacks, cooler nights, and s'mores all have in common? Well, they all occur in the Fall and we usually find them all at Congruity's Harvest Festival!! I don't know about you, but it's one of my favorite activities that we do at Congruity!

\* If you enjoy sitting around a bonfire chatting and roasting hot dogs and marshmallows then you'd love the Harvest Festival!

\* If you like sampling different snacks made by our church members, then this is the activity for you!

\* And if you love taking part in games or watching your children participate in games, the Harvest Festival is the place to be!

Oh by now you must be wondering when we are having this awesome festival and what you can bring to it--

The Harvest Festival is on October 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Please bring a favorite snack to share and a lawn chair for sitting by the bonfire. Bring any friends and family too, the more the merrier!

Rhea and Becky are going to be on hand a hour early for a children's hour. They are going to be making special treats for the evening.

Costumes are optional but smiles are required! We're looking forward to seeing you there!



## *Items From Session*

*Sarabeth Stopansky*

The Session met on September 17, 2018 and reports the following:

Cliff made 24 visits and attended several church and Presbytery functions. He officiated the September 2nd wedding of Kaylyn Gwynn and Christopher Wojnarowski. He baptized Raelyn Marie McDonald on September 16th.

Tim D'Aurora will be Elder Delegate to the September 18th meeting of Redstone Presbytery.

Plans for the 235th Celebration Dinner and Sign Dedication on October 28th were discussed. Look for more information in Cliff's Notes. In preparing for the celebration the Session has read the History of Congruity.

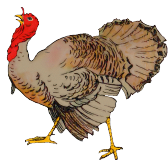
Session approved the following: Cliff's request to officiate the wedding of Ashley Dick and Gerald Pope on October 20, 2018 at Lakeview in Greensburg.

*Mission*  
*Phyllis Frye*



The date for the Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event is Saturday, October 20, from 10am-12pm. To register go online to <http://events.stophungernow.org/CUP>. There will also be a sign-up sheet at CUP the day of the event. PW in Redstone has raised enough money to package 20,000 meals. This is a good project for families because even children can do this. It is fun and challenging.

It is time to think about filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Collection dates are November 12-19. Watch soon for brochures in the greeting room at the church. Please have your box at the church by Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.



## *Women's Association*

*Phyllis Frye*

We will be having our Fall Turkey Dinner on Saturday October 13, 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.

## *Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee*

*Tim D'Aurora*

Yes, September was a pretty busy month. But it was also a fairly successful one. We held an auction for our Local Mission Fund and did a hoagie sale for our General Fund. And as you can see from our financial report, we gained a little ground in our General Fund. Unfortunately, we can't say the same for our First Fruits. We definitely need to prayerfully consider our giving regarding First Fruits since we are now behind our budgeted amount.

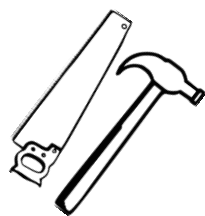
We held the auction on Saturday, September 15. I have to admit, I was disappointed in both the amount we had to auction and in the level of participation at the auction. In the future, I hope to have a lot more participation in soliciting donations and more member attendance at the auction itself. That being said, with some last minute donations from several non-members, and the help of great auctioneering by Bill Anderson, we still were able to raise over \$800.00 for our depleted Local Mission Fund.

I was not disappointed by the participation with our hoagie sale. Even with an increase in the price, you guys did a great job selling. Dave & Pam Foresman sold 55 hoagies and Michelle Kepple sold over 30. We ended up selling 230 hoagies! Outstanding!!! Equally as impressive was the amount of help that came to help assemble the hoagies. We tell everyone that we start at 6, but usually several people are there by 5:30. I was starting to get a little nervous when there were only a few of us by 5:45. But that was short lived. We had a great crew show up and everything went very smoothly. I really want to thank everyone for the extra effort. The final costs aren't in yet, but it looks like we will make between \$700 and \$800. That is fantastic!!

I did want to remind everyone that we are now set up to accept electronic donations with your debit/credit cards or other methods. Details are available on our website. This is an easy and convenient way to give if you are not the cash or check type of person. It is especially useful if you are going to be away and still want to give.

Just as a reminder, we are still in a pretty dire financial situation. Hopefully, as we go into the holiday season, our attendance will be up and so will our donations. Please continue to prayerfully consider if you are able to do more.





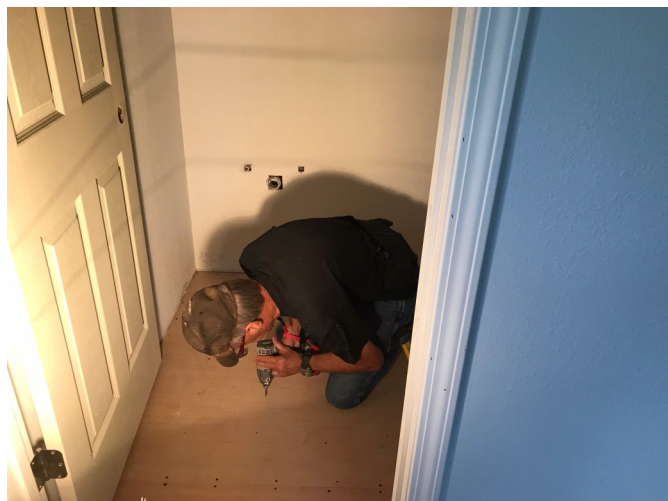
## *Mission Trip*

*Phyllis Frye*



For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.  
Matthew 18:20

We started out with a team of six, then it went down to five, then four, then at the last minute, three. But we said we'd be there, so we went. Plans were to finish a small porch and build a roof over it, but because of the possibility of rain from Hurricane Florence, plans where changed .We were to paint trim in a small, three bedroom house but before we could paint we had to get it ready. Patti and Phyllis caulked and caulked and caulked nail holes and the edges of trim around floors, walls, doors and windows. Ced and Gary (the job-coordinator for WVMAC for Greenbriar County) laid trim and flooring and put sinks in two bathrooms and cut and fit closet and room doors. Ced replaced countless electrical outlets and switches while the women washed down all the woodwork, cleaned windows and doors and cleaned out all the construction leftovers and debris. Patti, Ced, and Gary replaced a number of ceiling fans and fixtures. Since the back deck was where the saw was, we cleaned up at least a bushel of sawdust. We never did get to paint, but the house is ready for the next group to do it; that and the plumbing. We had lots of fun while we worked. There is always something to do. You would be surprised what you can learn to do. The next group of seventeen (ages 15-86) is coming next week. There have been at least seventeen groups this year working on eighteen houses. Those will be all completed by the end of the season. We drove around the area and there are still a lot of houses and businesses that haven't been touched. We will be having a meeting in November to plan the spring trip. There are so many places to go, so pray about it. This just may be the year for you to go. The more hands, the more work we can do. Hope to see you in November.







# Treasurer's Report

John Blank



## General Fund

	<b>NET Receipts</b>	<b>NET Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Balance</b>	<b>To Date Balance</b>
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 7,569.77	
January	\$ 8,972.33	\$ 9,145.74	\$ 7,396.36	\$ (173.41)
February	\$ 5,912.32	\$ 9,030.81	\$ 4,277.87	\$ (3,291.90)
March	\$ 8,043.97	\$ 9,013.81	\$ 3,308.03	\$ (4,261.74)
April	\$ 9,674.34	\$ 8,704.09	\$ 4,278.28	\$ (3,291.49)
May	\$ 5,887.00	\$ 7,812.13	\$ 2,353.15	\$ (5,216.62)
June	\$ 6,708.96	\$ 9,733.22	\$ (671.11)	\$ (8,240.88)
July	\$ 5,926.25	\$ 8,158.97	\$ (2,903.83)	\$ (10,473.60)
August	\$ 8,257.23	\$ 7,387.59	\$ (2,034.19)	\$ (9,603.96)
Year to Date	\$ 59,382.40	\$ 68,986.36	\$ (2,034.19)	\$ (9,603.96)

## Memorial Fund

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 28,445.07
January	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 28,645.07
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,645.07
March	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 28,720.07
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,720.07
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,720.07
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,720.07
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,720.07
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,720.07
Year to Date	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 28,720.07

## First Fruits

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Balance</b>
January*	\$ 522.00	\$ 583.37	\$ (61.37)
February*	\$ 1,143.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 498.30
March*	\$ 843.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 757.97
April*	\$ 524.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 698.64
May*	\$ 480.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 595.31
June	\$ 250.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 261.98
July	\$ 520.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 198.65
August	\$ 265.00	\$ 583.33	\$ (119.68)

\*Includes Per Capita

	<b>Previous</b>	<b>This Mnth</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b><u>*Per Capita to Date</u></b>	\$ 2,132.00	\$ -	\$ 2,132.00





**(INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND)**  
**Building Maintenance**

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	<b>NET Receipts</b>	<b>NET Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Balance</b>
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<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 1,866.86
January	\$ 180.00		\$ 2,046.86
February	\$ 210.00		\$ 2,256.86
March	\$ 215.00		\$ 2,471.86
April	\$ 305.00		\$ 2,776.86
May	\$ 140.00		\$ 2,916.86
June	\$ 210.00		\$ 3,126.86
July	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 736.86
August	\$ 230.00		\$ 966.86
Year to Date	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 966.86

*Offering Totals*

8/26	\$1,569
9/2	\$1,578
9/9	\$1,925
9/16	\$2,296

**Local Mission**

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 556.47
January	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 356.47
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 356.47

**Special Offerings**

	<b>Previous</b>	<b>This Mnth</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00
<b>Cents-Ability</b>	\$ 118.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 131.00

	<b>Received</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	\$ 1,018.31	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 18.31
<b>Pentecost</b>	\$ 825.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 425.00

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*Worship at 11:00AM*  
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