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CONGRUITY CONNECTION



Cliff's Notes

As we prepare and anticipate our Thanksgiving celebration, I'm sure that each one of us has a favorite part of our annual feast—a succulent side dish, a palate pleasing pie, or some other component. Over the next year, one of the words that you will be hearing a lot is “gratitude”. Our Stewardship emphasis throughout the year will be on expressing our gratitude to God for all that God has given to us. The other day I looked up the word “gratitude” and found this definition: “The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.”

I like that definition and it is my hope and prayer that together we live into that definition as a means of expressing our thanks to God for all that God has done for us. I would also like to share some quotes I found about “gratitude”:

“Gratitude turns what we have into enough.” – Anonymous

“Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.” – Henri Frederic Amiel

“I’ve had a remarkable life. I seem to be in such good places at the right time. You know, if you were to ask me to sum my life up in one word, gratitude.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, may we be filled with an attitude of gratitude for all that God has done for us and that God continues to do for us.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 18th at 7PM at No Walls Ministry.

In this season of Thanksgiving, May we express our gratitude to God in a variety of ways for all that God has done for us.

Yours in Christ,
Cliff



Worship Leaders For November

11/4 Doug Stine
 11/11 Ced Stopansky
 11/18 Rhea Summit
 11/25 Sarabeth Stopansky



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

Those scheduled to serve Communion on November 25th are:

Tim D'Aurora Carol Hohman Sarabeth
 Stopansky Dave Foresman Nan-
 cy Lauffer

Separated By Space United In Prayer

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

11/4 Lower Burrell, Grace Community ~ Ken Foust, Pastor
 11/11 Lower Burrell, Puckety ~ Doug Marshall, Interim Pastor
 11/18 Murrys ville, First ~ Ed Gray, Pastor
 11/25 Murrys ville, Newlonsburg ~ Curtis Paul, Pastor
 Marnie Silbert, Associate Pastor



Worship Attendance

Worship		Sunday School		
		Youth	Adult	Total
9/23	57	13	25	38
9/30	54	8	22	30
10/7	55	9	22	31
10/14	48	4	24	28
10/21	48	1	20	21



Christian Ed Committee

Pam Foresman

****Mark Your Calendars!!****

The Congruity Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018. As in the past several years, the program will be during the worship service with the covered dish meal immediately following church. After the meal there will be a visit from a special friend straight from the North Pole!

Please watch for more information in upcoming church bulletins and in the December newsletter.

~ We hope you all have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving from the Christian Ed. Committee! ~



November Celebrations

Birthdays

11/9 Tammy Kulik
 11/11 Madeline Burns
 Brandy Sellinger
 11/14 Mike Marchelletta
 11/18 Erik Eidemiller
 Erin Kaufman
 11/20 Ron Kaufman
 11/21 Katrina Kaufman
 11/22 Tyler Johnston
 11/23 Jen Hufford
 Deana Karstaedt
 11/24 Wes Kirkpatrick
 Delbert Thompson
 11/25 Jon Hamilton
 Vivian Schweppe
 11/26 Vince Kemerer
 Sarabeth Stopansky
 Virgil Walters
 11/29 Bob Kaufman



Anniversaries



11/1/2014 Matthew & Megan Schweppe
 11/7/1976 Bill & Cindy Karstaedt
 11/20/1965 Chuck & Mary Lou Heasley



Fun Day at Phyllis' s

Mission

Phyllis Frye

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due by November 4th. Brochures and boxes are in the greeting room of the church. A regular shoebox (cardboard or plastic) may be used.

There will be a mission team meeting on November 11th at 3pm at Phyllis Frye's home, 162 Main St, Slickville to make plans for a trip in the spring . We need to pick a week so that those who have jobs can put in for time off. With so many disasters happening all over the country, our options are wide open, although we have been going somewhere within driving distance. For more info, contact Phyllis at 724-468-3740.

Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee

Tim D'Aurora



Are you hungry? Well on Saturday, November 10, from 4:00 to 6:30, we can satisfy that hunger. Yes, it's time for our semi-annual Spaghetti Dinner. Following in the grand tradition of the great Italian chef Geno Brantini, we will be offering delicious spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert for only \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6 to 12, and kids 5 and under eat for free. We will also once again have our exciting basket raffle. So grab your friends and neighbors and join us for this important fundraising event. Our goal is to serve over 200 people. We can achieve this with your help.

In addition to bringing people with you to eat, there are a few more ways we hope you can contribute. We need donations of ingredients. There is a sign-up list in the Greeting Room at church. It has everything from 3 lb boxes of thin spaghetti to Chinnet plates to cakes. We also need help on the day of the dinner. Starting around 2:30 for set up and especially around 6:00 to 6:30 for clean up, we could use you. Usually clean up is when we need help the most. Another very important way to help is by donating a basket (doesn't actually have to be a basket). If you are unable to put together enough for a complete basket you can still donate items we can combine to make complete baskets. This portion of the dinner has been increasingly successful and with your help we can make it the best ever. If you are donating a basket or even just items to finish other baskets, please let Tim D'Aurora know. He can be reached at 724-668-8319. Let's make the effort to make this our most successful ever!

*Thank
you*

Women's Association

Phyllis Frye

Even though our ticket sales were down from former years, thanks to all of you who generously answered the call for donations, we made over \$2,400 to help us carry on the mission of Jesus Christ. We thank everyone who gave us their time to help us. Did you notice the young people helping and how hard they worked? We appreciate each and everyone who helped in any way. This was a great time to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Items From Session

Sarabeth Stopansky



The Session met on October 15, 2018 and reports the following:

Cliff made 22 visits and enjoyed some vacation time in his home town, while there he attended and participated in the 125th celebration of the Clinton Presbyterian Church. Cliff is a son of the Clinton Congregation.

The Session granted Cliff permission to officiate at the October 27, 2018 wedding of David Licardi and Heydi Sanchez. The ceremony will take place at their home.

The Session approved Cliff's vacation request for December 3-7. Tim D'Aurora reported on the September Presbytery Meeting. Sarabeth Stopansky was elected Elder Delegate to the November Meeting.

The Session approved the Baptisms of Carrie Minemyer and her children Aubrie, Odessia and Gauge at a date to be determined.

Session approved, December 16th as the date of the Christmas Program and Party.

The Nominating Committee reported that their work is almost done and they are confident to have a full slate of officers to be presented for election at the December 2nd Congregational Meeting.

MIS reported that the Hoagie Sales was very successful.

The Congregation received a check from Watt Trucking for 250.00 for Congruity's contribution to the refreshments for the truck show. The money will go into the General Fund.

If you would like to see complete minutes from any Session Meeting please see Cliff Foster or Sarabeth Stopansky



	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)
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)
September	\$ 11,356.09	\$ 8,058.12	\$ 1,263.78	\$ (6,305.99)
Year to Date	\$ 70,738.49	\$ 77,044.48	\$ 1,263.78	\$ (6,305.99)

Memorial Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<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
September	\$ -	\$ 864.62	\$ 27,855.45
Year to Date	\$ 275.00	\$ 864.62	\$ 27,855.45

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
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)
September*	\$ 295.00	\$ 583.33	\$ (408.01)

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ 2,132.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 2,173.00

(INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND)
Building Maintenance

Online
Giving

	NET	NET	Actual
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
-			
<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
September	\$ 535.00		\$ 1,501.86
Year to Date	\$ 4,785.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 1,501.86



Local Mission

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<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
September (Auction)	\$ 831.50		\$ 1,187.97
Year to Date	\$ 831.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,187.97

Offering Totals

9/23 \$1,091
 9/30 \$2,003
 10/7 \$1,471
 10/14 \$ 738
 10/21 \$1,251

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Month	To Date
			\$
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 225.00	\$ -	225.00
			\$
Cents-Ability	\$ 131.00	\$ 8.00	139.00

	Received	GOAL	Bal- ance
Pentecost	\$825	\$400	\$425
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,018.31	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 18.31
Peace/Global Witness	\$ \$109	\$ 375.00	(\$266.00)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00

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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
Asst. Clerk	Tim D'Aurora
Deacon Moderator	Dave Foresman
Treasurer	John Blank
Financial Secretary	Michelle Kepple
Church Secretary	Dorothy Martz
Music Director	Vicki Walters
Newsletter Editor	Yvonne McInay
Webmaster	John Blank

Elders

Tim D'Aurora
Kathy Hamilton
Carol Hohman
Vince Kemerer
Carol Miller
Terry Selembo
Sarabeth Stopansky
Linda Youngbauer

Deacons

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

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

