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# CONGRUITY CONNECTION



## *Cliff's Notes*

What comes to your mind when you think about February? Is it Groundhog Day when Phil makes his annual prognostication of how much longer winter will last based on whether or not he sees his shadow? It might be watching the Super Bowl and being more interested in the commercials because the Steelers are not playing. Is it Valentine's Day when we give a card or gift to that special person in our lives? Is it the return of the NASCAR season with the running of the Daytona 500 and other events leading up to the BIG race? Or perhaps it is looking forward to the Deacons Annual White Elephant Sale and all the fun and laughs of that event, which will be held this year on February 24<sup>th</sup> following Worship. For the shortest of the months in the year, February has many activities and special events, doesn't it?

I mentioned last month in my article that throughout 2019 we will be hearing a lot about the theme of generosity. I find myself thinking in this month associated with love—of how grateful I am for all those I love and for all those who love me. I would like to challenge each of us to find some means of expressing our appreciation, thankfulness and gratitude for those special people in our lives more than just on Valentine's Day—but throughout the entire year. In thinking about this challenge, I find myself giving thanks to God for all those who love and care for me even in spite of my shortcomings and failures, my quirks and foibles. I am also humbled to know that I am loved by God so much that Christ came to give his life for all of us and in Christ we experience the depth of God's love as God's loving arms embrace us.

A number of years ago Andraé Crouch recorded a song called "My Tribute (To God Be The Glory)" which was one of his best known compositions. The song begins with these words: "How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love for me; the voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and every hope to be, I owe it all to Thee. To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory, for the things He has done." May these words inspire us to express our thanks and gratitude to those in our lives.



Yours in Christ,  
*Cliff*

## Worship Leaders For February

2/3 Sarabeth Stopansky

2/10 Ced Stopansky

2/17 Rhea Summit

2/24 Deacon Sunday



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

## Separated By Space United In Prayer

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

2/3 Lower Burrell, Grace Community — Ken Foust, Pastor

2/10 Lower Burrell, Puckety — Doug Marshall, Interim

2/17 Murrys ville, First — Ed Gray, Pastor

2/24 Rodney Murray — Honorably Retired



## Worship Attendance

Worship		Sunday School		
		Youth	Adult	Total
12/23	65	7	24	31
12/24	102	Christmas Eve		
12/30	41	7	18	25
1/6	43	8	20	28
1/13	53	7	21	28
1/20	Church Cancelled			

## Thank you

To the Congruity Congregation

Thank you very much for the gift of money.

Ken Moyer



♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

# February Celebrations

## *Birthdays*

- 2/1 Charlotte Foresman
- 2/3 Dan Frye
- 2/4 Kathy (Blank) Todd  
Jeff Karstaedt
- 2/7 Dottie D' Aurora
- 2/8 Tom Dudek
- 2/9 Elijah Miller
- 2/17 Austin Heasley
- 2/18 Ken Sellinger, Jr.
- 2/20 Arlin Smith  
Kathy Schrecengost  
Soule
- 2/21 Daniel Writt
- 2/22 Elise Bish  
Diane D' Aurora
- 2/25 Clay Kaufman
- 2/25 Brian Kaufman



## *Congratulations*

We congratulate Kaley Foster who was pinned at the Pinning Ceremony on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. We wish you good luck in your upcoming nursing boards.



## *Mission Team Pancake Dinner*

*Phyllis Frye*

The Pancake Dinner to help support the Redstone Mission Team will be held on (Fat, Shrove) Tuesday, March 5 from 4-7pm. We will be serving regular and blueberry pancakes, sausage, plain and cheesy eggs, fruit, juice, coffee, etc. Adults \$7, children 6-12 \$3, and children under 6 free. There will be baskets for the silent auction. Tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds will go to the Redstone Mission team for their trip to Ronceverte, WV at the end of March. There will be a sign-up sheet at the church for donations of food items needed. Please come out and support us.



## *Items From Session*

*Sarabeth Stopansky*

Session met 1/21/19 and reports the following.

Rev. Foster reported that he made 36 visits. He was also very pleased with the attendance of the Christmas Eve Service, for the first time in several years there were over 100 folks in attendance. Rev. Foster also took seven days of vacation . He went to New York to see his daughter's pinning ceremony. Kaley completed her nursing degree. He also went to Massachusetts to be with his sister, Lil, during her recent surgery.

The Session read the minutes of the Deacons, Woman's Association and Christian Ed. Committee as required by the Presbytery. All minutes were in order.

Session approved the following:

Date for Deacon Sunday and White Elephant Auction will be February 24, 2019

Date for the Mission Team's Pancake Dinner will be Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Date for the Woman's Association Rummage Sale for Saturday, April 6, 2019

A Lenten Bible Study will be led by Rhea Summit. Watch the bulletin for details

The sound system was looked at and a company will be giving the Property Committee bids and options to update it.

If you would like to see a complete set of minutes please see Rev. Foster or Sarabeth Stopansky

## Women's Association

Phyllis Frye



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 6, 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 1st through Friday noon.



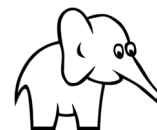
## Mission

Phyllis Frye

There are still openings for the Redstone Mission Trip to Ronceverte, WV, March 24-30. If you think you might be interested, contact Phyllis Frye (724 468 3740) and also plan to help at the pancake dinner.

## Deacon's

Dave Foresman



The Deacons' White Elephant Auction and Covered Dish Luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 24th following worship. Please remember that this is the only fundraiser the Deacons have all year. We would really appreciate everyone's support. We hope to see you there for this fun activity!

# Treasurer's Report by John Blank

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## General Fund

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	Year 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)
October	\$ 10,302.66	\$ 7,604.24	\$ 3,962.20	\$ (3,607.57)
November	\$ 9,068.50	\$ 11,140.86	\$ 1,889.84	\$ (5,679.93)
December	\$ 19,099.72	\$ 8,721.74	\$ 12,267.82	\$ 4,698.05
Year to Date	\$ 109,209.37	\$ 104,511.32	\$ 12,267.82	\$ 4,698.05

## 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
October	\$ 1,377.02	\$ 864.63	\$ 28,367.84
November	\$ 120.00	\$ 179.95	\$ 28,307.89
December	\$ 310.00		\$ 28,617.89
Year to Date	\$ 2,082.02	\$ 1,909.20	\$ 28,617.89

## 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*	\$ 336.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 367.01)
October*	\$ 471.00	\$ 583.33	\$ (479.34)
November	\$ 335.00	\$ 583.33	\$ (727.67)
December* **	\$ 1,311.00	\$ 583.33	\$ -

\*Includes Per Capita

\*\* \$445 from General Fund

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

**Online Giving**  
**QR Code**

	<b>NET</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<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	\$ 175.00		\$ 2,951.86
June	\$ 175.00		\$ 3,126.86
July	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 736.86
August	\$ 230.00		\$ 966.86
September	\$ 515.00		\$ 1,481.86
October	\$ 240.00		\$ 1,721.86
November	\$ 260.00		\$ 1,981.86
December	\$ 205.00		\$ 2,186.86
Year to Date	\$ 5,470.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 2,186.86



**Local Mission**

***Offering Totals***

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>		
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 556.47	12/23	\$2,834
January	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 356.47	12/24	\$3,914
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47	12/30	\$1,105
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47	1/6	\$1,754
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47	1/13	\$1,493
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47	1/20	Cancelled
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47		
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47		
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.47		
September (Auction)	\$ 831.50	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97		
October	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97		
November	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97		
December	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97		
Year to Date	\$ 831.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,187.97		

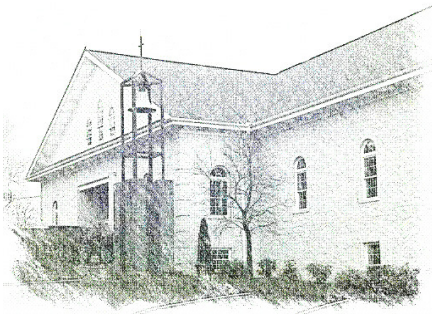
**Special Offerings**

	<b>Previous</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00
<b>Cents-Ability</b>	\$ 185.36	\$ -	\$ 185.36

	<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
<b>Peace/Global Witness</b>	\$ 359.00	\$ 375.00	\$ (16.00)
<b>Christmas Joy</b>	\$ 313.00	\$ 450.00	\$ (137.00)
<b>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance</b>	\$ 417.00	\$ -	\$ 417.00

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*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 McIlnay
Webmaster	John Blank

### *Elders*

Tim D'Aurora
Evelyn Foresman
Kathy Hamilton
Carol Hohman
Vince Kemerer
Carol Miller
Perry Miller
Terry Selembo
Sarabeth Stopansky

### *Deacons*

Tom Davis
Sue Derek
Dave Foresman
Kathy Kepple Fink
Phyllis Frye
Nancy Lauffer
Lana Munsell
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](mailto:congruitynewsletter@yahoo.com)