

January 2020

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CONGRUITY CONNECTION



Cliff's Notes

Can you sense the excitement filling the air as we cross over the threshold of a brand new year? The story of 2020 remains to be written and throughout these 366 days (2020 is a leap year) the question before us is how will we experience God's presence at work around us and within us? This is an exciting time of the year, there are many possibilities before us and although none of us know for us what these next 12 months hold in store for us, as people of faith we can cling to those wonderful words of Hebrews that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday as today and forever" (Hebrews 13: 8). I hope like me that you find great comfort in that verse especially as we begin to traverse the days, weeks and months of 2020 with all of its twists and turns, its ups and downs and its good and not so good days.

One of the things that I would like to share with you is that at our Session meeting on December 16th, a new Mission Statement was approved. Our new Mission Statement goes like this: "Finding God, Growing in Faith, Discovering Purpose, Making a Difference". It is my hope and prayer that this Mission Statement will remind us who we are and what we are doing as will enable us to live into these words through our mutual ministry and mission.

We will be ordaining and installing our new Elders and Deacons on January 12th. I would like to thank Carol Hohman and Carol Miller who completed their terms as Elders and Nancy Lauffer who completed her term as a Deacon. I would also like to welcome our newly elected Elders: Sarabeth Stopansky for a 2nd term, Nancy Lauffer and Matt Cunningham as they begin serving as Elders; I would also like to welcome Tom Davis and Lana Munsell for a 2nd term as Deacons and to welcome back Dorothy Brant as she begins a new term as a Deacon.

I would like to wish each and every one of you
New Year.



a very Blessed

Yours in Christ,
Cliff

Worship Leaders For January

January 5 Janet Rugh
 January 12 Doug Stine
 January 19 Rhea Summit
 January 26 Ced Stopansky



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

Those scheduled to serve Communion on January 12:

Tim D'Aurora, Kathy Hamilton, Vince Kemerer, Tom Davis, Sue Derek

Separated By Space - United In Prayer

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

January 5	Murrysville, Union	† Pete Goetschius, Moderator
January 12	New Alexandria, Community	† Jay Lewis, Moderator
January 19	New Alexandria, Congruity	† Cliff Foster, Pastor
January 26	Redstone Presbytery	† Sue Blank, Member- at- Large

CELEBRATION

Honoring Dorothy Martz



On Sunday, January 12, 2020 we will honor Dorothy Martz for her over 30 years of service as our church secretary. Please join Dorothy for a covered dish dinner following worship and please bring a dish to share!

CONGRUITY NEWSLETTER



A special thank you to Yvonne for the great job she has done keeping us informed over the past 9 years! I will now be trying my hand at it, so look for some minor changes over the next few months as I figure out how to use the program. Please continue to submit your information for next month's newsletter to the new email address congruitynewsletter@gmail.com or put it in the folder at the church by Sunday, January 19th.

-Kathy Hamilton

January Celebrations

Birthdays

1/1 Beth Dudek
Matthew C. MacDonald, Jr.
Kelly McCambridge

1/4 Mike Kepple

1/5 Kaley Foster

1/6 Emily Eidemiller

1/7 Courtney Young

1/8 Ced Stopansky
Brian Walters

1/10 Denise Eidemiller
Cheyanne Heasley

1/11 Daniel Kaufman

1/13 Jessica Foresman
Alyssa Martz

1/18 Carol Hohman

1/19 Kathleen Orr
Sara Orr

1/20 Tyler Piovesan
Alenah Thomas

1/21 Ian Derek

1/22 Trevor Derek

1/23 Keith Walters

1/24 Dorothy Brant

1/28 Kim Matvey
Jared Walters

Anniversaries



1/30/2010 Dan & Hillary Lapcevic

Worship Attendance

Worship

11/24	57
12/1	45
12/8	59
12/15	80

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual **Congregational Meeting** will be held January 26, 2020 following the church service.

Each family is asked to bring a quart of vegetable soup to the Congregational Meeting on January 26, 2020. Chipped ham BBQ sandwiches and cake will be on the menu and we will put all the soup together to serve everyone.

All 2019 committee/organization reports and financial **reports are due** in church office by January 19, 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joe and Courtney Stopansky on the birth of their daughter Margo on December 8th . Margo is the granddaughter of Ced and Sarabeth Stopansky.



Items From Session
Sarabeth Stopansky



The Session met December 16th and reports the following:

Rev. Foster thanked outgoing Elders Carol Hohman and Carol Miller for their service.

Nancy Lauffer was welcomed as an incoming Elder. Matt Cunningham will also begin a term as Elder.

Session approved the following items:

Set the date for Ordination and installation of Elders and Deacons for January 12, 2020

Approved Rev. Foster's vacation days for December 26-28 and December 30 and 31, 2019.

Adopted a new Mission Statement:

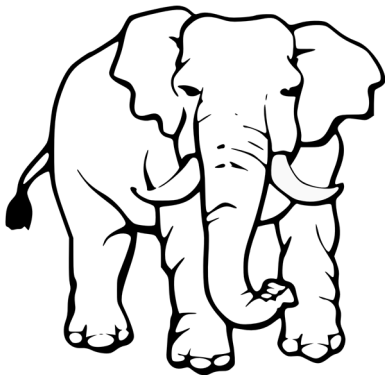
Finding God * Growing in Faith * Discovering Purpose * Making a Difference

Please remember the Annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of receiving reports and electing 2 members from the congregation at large to the 2020 Nominating Committee will be held Sunday, January 26, 2020.

Items From Deacons
Dave Forseman

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

Sunday, February 16, 2020 is Deacons' Sunday. The annual White Elephant Auction and Covered Dish Luncheon will immediately follow our worship service. Please plan to join us for this fun event which is also the Deacons' biggest fundraiser of the year!



Look for more information in upcoming bulletins, announcements and next month's newsletter.

*Mission Interpretation &
Stewardship Committee*
Tim D'Aurora



Congruity's MIS committee would like to thank everyone for all the help with the fundraisers throughout the year and for the continued support of the church. We wish everyone a happy and fruitful New Year!



Mission
Phyllis Frye

Hands-on: will meet January 16, 2020 at 12pm

Redstone Mission Team will meet on January 12, 2020 at 3pm at Phyllis Frye's home (Snow date Jan 19th) to plan the March 22-28 trip to somewhere in West Virginia and also plan for the Pancake Dinner fundraiser on February 25. Also there are tentative plans for a summer trip to West Virginia which would include youth 14 years or older.

If interested, please contact Phyllis Frye at 724 468 3740 or just show up at the meeting.

Save the date:

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 will be the Pancake Dinner fundraiser for the Redstone Mission Team. Please plan to support us!

Women's Association
Debbie Perino

The Women's Association met in December to exchange secret sister gifts and to enjoy some fellowship.

Women's Association will meet again on January 16, 2020 at 2pm at the church. All women are welcome to attend.





Treasurer's Report

by John Blank

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT November-2019

General Fund

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	Year To Date Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 12,214.89	
January	\$ 6,097.39	\$ 8,738.55	\$ 9,573.73	\$ (2,641.16)
February	\$ 4,022.93	\$ 10,022.70	\$ 3,573.96	\$ (8,640.93)
March	\$ 5,637.13	\$ 8,460.52	\$ 750.57	\$ (11,464.32)
April	\$ 8,987.70	\$ 9,291.08	\$ 447.19	\$ (11,767.70)
May	\$ 13,002.33	\$ 11,114.79	\$ 2,334.73	\$ (9,880.16)
June	\$ 13,281.89	\$ 8,550.55	\$ 7,066.07	\$ (5,148.82)
July	\$ 8,836.42	\$ 10,182.29	\$ 5,720.20	\$ (6,494.69)
August	\$ 6,993.87	\$ 7,175.81	\$ 5,538.26	\$ (6,676.63)
September	\$ 9,717.37	\$ 7,279.12	\$ 7,976.51	\$ (4,238.38)
October	\$ 7,906.11	\$ 8,097.48	\$ 7,785.14	\$ (4,429.75)
November	\$ 11,226.65	\$ 11,507.55	\$ 7,504.24	\$ (4,710.65)
Year to Date	\$ 95,709.79	\$ 100,420.44	\$ 7,504.24	\$ (4,710.65)

Memorial Fund

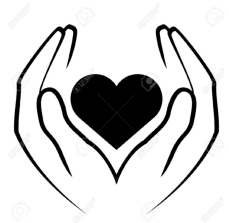
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 28,617.89
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,617.89
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,617.89
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,617.89
April	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 29,117.89
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,117.89
June	\$ 400.00		\$ 29,517.89
July	\$ 2,384.07		\$ 31,901.96
August	\$ 100.00		\$ 32,001.96
September	\$ 70.00		\$ 32,071.96
October	\$ 100.00		\$ 32,171.96
November	\$ -		\$ 32,171.96
Year to Date	\$ 3,554.07	\$ -	\$ 32,171.96

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 880.00	\$ 541.66	\$ 338.34
February*	\$ 555.00	\$ 541.66	\$ 351.68
March*	\$ 382.50	\$ 541.66	\$ 192.52
April*	\$ 480.00	\$ 541.66	\$ 130.86
May*	\$ 457.50	\$ 541.66	\$ 46.70
June*	\$ 847.50	\$ 541.66	\$ 352.54
July*	\$ 252.50	\$ 541.66	\$ 63.38
August*	\$ 305.00	\$ 541.66	\$ (173.28)
September*	\$ 332.50	\$ 541.66	\$ (382.44)
October	\$ 410.00	\$ 541.66	\$ (514.10)
November*	\$ 832.50	\$ 541.66	\$ (223.26)

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ 2,172.00	\$ 547.50	\$ 2,719.50



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

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,186.86
January	\$ 195.00	\$ -	\$ 2,381.86
February	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,610.00	\$ (98.14)
March	\$ 220.00	\$ 2,610.00	\$ (2,488.14)
April	\$ 230.00	\$ -	\$ (2,258.14)
May	\$ 5,360.00		\$ 3,101.86
June	\$ 240.00		\$ 3,341.86
July	\$ 170.00		\$ 3,511.86
August	\$ 170.00		\$ 3,681.86
September	\$ 125.00	\$ 159.00	\$ 3,647.86
October	\$ 255.00		\$ 3,902.86
November	\$ 150.00		\$ 4,052.86
Year to Date	\$ 7,245.00	\$ 5,379.00	\$ 4,052.86



Online Giving
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**Local Mission**

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 1,187.97
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
September	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
October	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.97
November(auction)	\$ 1,305.00		\$ 2,492.97
Year to Date	\$ 1,305.00	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97

Offering Totals

11/24/19	\$	2,050.00
12/01/19	\$	1,359.00
12/08/19	\$	1,884.00

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 211.00	\$ -	\$ 211.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 245.97	\$ 31.17	\$ 277.14

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,211.59	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 211.59
Pentecost	\$ 445.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 45.00
Peace/Global Witness	\$ 445.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 70.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 188.00	\$ -	\$ 188.00

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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	Debbie Perino
Music Director	Vicki Walters
Newsletter Editor	Kathy Hamilton
Webmaster	John Blank

Elders

Matt Cunningham
Tim D'Aurora
Evelyn Foresman
Kathy Hamilton
Vince Kemerer
Nancy Lauffer
Terry Selembo
Sarabeth Stopansky

Deacons

Dorothy Brant
Tom Davis
Sue Derek
Dave Foresman
Kathy Kepple Fink
Phyllis Frye
Lana Munsell
Janet Rugh
Shirley Stoltz

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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