



# Congruity Connections

## CLIFF'S NOTES

Over the last several days I have been thinking about a line from the movie Twister where two of the characters are talking, the one character grabs a handful of dirt, checks the wind and tells the other character that they are "goin' Green". Then the whole team saddles up and goes off chasing another twister. Now hopefully we will not be chasing twisters, but I am sure that we are all anticipating hearing the words "goin' Green", indicating that we are moving into the third phase of everything re-opening in the light of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Session has decided that we will resume in-person worship once we have entered the Green phase of the process. Everyone will be notified of when we will resume worshipping together in-person. We will follow the directions of the CDC and the PA Department of Health suggestions/guidelines to ensure the safety of everyone. It is my hope and prayer that all of you are doing well in the midst of this time of social distancing and of "flattening the curve".

I am looking forward to that day when we will be "goin' Green" but until then remember those wonderful words in Genesis 31: 49, which says: "May the Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other." Until we are together again, may God's love continue to draw us closer to one another and to our God as we face the future.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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## SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

Church events will resume at the earliest and safest time. In the meantime, please reach out with God's love to support your family, friends and neighbors.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

### June 7

Psalm 8

### June 14

Romans 5: 1-8

### June 21

Matthew 10: 24-39

### June 28

Genesis 22: 1-14

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## SEPARATED BY SPACE+UNITED IN PRAYER

Please Pray for the following Redstone District 1 Pastors and congregations.

June 7	Delmont	Congregation
June 14	Lower Burrell, Grace Community	Ken Foust, Pastor
June 21	Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert, Pastor
June 28	Redstone Presbytery	Rod Murry, Honorably Retired

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

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Over the course of  
social distancing  
and no in-person  
worship services, a  
short service will be  
uploaded to the  
Congruity  
Facebook page each  
Sunday morning.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE BY TERRY SELEMBO

As June begins, we start the 12th week of the Corona virus pandemic. Even though we have moved into the yellow phase, gatherings over 25 people are still not permitted. Which impacts our Congregational Life get-togethers.

While we are waiting for the next phase, I'm hoping everyone has been trying some new recipes with what you found in your pantry. Did you know that you can eat quinoa for breakfast? SERIOUSLY.

Hopefully soon we will be able to reschedule our Who's Who... with even better pictures of a younger you... since you've had all this extra time to look through those old photos!

In the meantime... remember to... social distance...wash your hands... and wear your mask!

## JUNE CELEBRATIONS



6/23/1974	Rich & Sandy Loperfito
6/21/1975	Ced & Sarabeth Stopansky
6/20/1981	Bob & Nancy Schweppe
6/14/1995	Larry & Carol Zakbar
6/19/2009	Bob & Tristan Brant
6/1/2014	Jim & Allison Sullivan
6/6/2016	Tom & Dana Ramaley

## BIRTHDAYS



DATE	PERSON
6/4	Kaitlin Johnston
6/13	Charles Frye Ryan Gallager
6/14	Sydney Hoffman
6/15	Scott Hamilton
6/16	Tom Munsell
6/17	Ashley Passante
6/18	Sophia Watt
6/21	Rosemary Orr Jonathan Schreccengost
6/22	Beverly Kemerer
6/28	Kathy Kepple Fink
6/30	Paul Edsal Trevor Martz Tyler Roemer

## SPECIAL THANKS

We extend our THANKS to Jenn and Tess Stiteler for taking the time to weed around the church! It looks great!

## CALL FOR GRADUATES!

Please submit NAMES and their high school, college or training program for recognition in the July/August newsletter! We want to celebrate these achievements!

## **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

## **ITEMS FROM SESSION / DEACONS**

**BY SARABETH STOPANSKY**

The Session met on Monday, May 18, 2020 and reports the following:

- We will wait to start in person Worship until the state enters in to the green phase. Please watch your mail for a post card that will inform you of the date and time of our first in person worship.
- There has been a very positive response to the weekly social media meditations. Some sort of Facebook/youtube devotions will continue.
- Discussed the progress made on the pavilion.
- Cliff reported that the elevator is not working and a repairman has looked at it and sent a part out for repair.
- Session verified the following items that were approved by phone/email during the stay at home time:
- The cancellation of in person worship for 3/22/2020 and 3/29/2020.
- To apply for the CARE program.
- To use money from the memorial fund if necessary to cover day to day operations (this has not been necessary as of 5/18/2020).
- To elect Tim D'Aurora as Elder Delegate to the April 28, 2020 special Presbytery Meeting held in the parking lot of Maplewood Presbyterian Church.

Session approved the following items:

- Accepted the bid from ProSite Systems Inc. to update the Sound System. This project will use Memorial Fund money given in memory of Perry Miller.
- Voted to make Bob and Kaye Frye Affiliate Members. Bob and Kaye live in Florida but have a strong connection to Congruity. We welcome them.
- Voted to move the start of Worship to 10:00 AM for the summer months.

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

### **MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE**

The summer mission trip has been cancelled.

Look for inspiration and to be uplifted from Family Radio, 88.9 FM. It not only has good Christian music, but inspirational stories, a children's hour on Saturdays at 9am and uplifting messages all day long.

### **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE**

The Women's Association will not be meeting until further notice.

### **MEDITATION LABYRINTH BY KATHY HAMILTON**

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that represents a meandering but purposeful path. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools. This Labyrinth was built into the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France in the 13<sup>th</sup> century for religious pilgrims. Follow along with your pen as you meditate on God's word at every turn.



### **NEWS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Kudos to Bev Kemerer and Vicki Walters! They participated with over 140 members of 'Mask Makers of SW PA' (look for them on Facebook) to sew hundreds of face masks that were donated around the region. The group made over 32,000 masks in March and April for local emergency responders, hospitals, hospices, pharmacies and more.

## OFFERING TOTALS

**Apr 12, 2020**

\$1,975.00

**Apr 19, 2020**

\$3,120.00

**Apr 26, 2020**

\$1,090.00

**May 3, 2020**

\$2,363.00

**May 10, 2020**

\$1,540.00

## Corrections:

**Apr 5, 2020**

\$4,420.00

**Apr 9, 2020**

\$1,800.00



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## TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOHN BLANK

<b>General Fund</b>				
	<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>			\$ 9,980.77	
January	\$ 6,808.84	\$ 8,808.87	\$ 7,980.74	\$ (2,000.03)
February	\$ 6,148.73	\$ 10,682.57	\$ 3,446.90	\$ (6,533.87)
March	\$ 8,305.00	\$ 8,378.69	\$ 3,373.21	\$ (6,607.56)
April	\$ 12,239.08	\$ 8,151.41	\$ 7,460.88	\$ (2,519.89)
Year to Date	\$ 33,501.65	\$ 36,021.54	\$ 7,460.88	\$ (2,519.89)
<b>Memorial Fund</b>				
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 32,196.96	
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,196.96	
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,196.96	
March		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 25,696.96	
April	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ 26,021.96	
Year to Date	\$ 325.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 26,021.96	
<b>First Fruits</b>				
	<b>Received</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
January*	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 541.74	\$ 618.26	
February*	\$ 710.00	\$ 541.66	\$ 786.60	
March*	\$ 875.00	\$ 541.66	\$ 1,119.94	
April*	\$ 897.50	\$ 541.66	\$ 1,475.78	
<i>*Includes Per Capita</i>				
	<b>Previous</b>	<b>This Mnth</b>	<b>To Date</b>	
<b>*Per Capita to Date</b>	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 627.50	\$ 2,622.50	

<b>Included in General Fund</b>				
<b>Building Maintenance</b>				
	<b>NET Receipts</b>	<b>NET Expenses</b>	<b>TO DATE Balance</b>	
<i>Beginning Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ -	
January	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ 170.00	
February	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 330.00	
March	\$ 165.00	\$ -	\$ 495.00	
April	\$ 125.00	\$ 645.00	\$ (25.00)	
Year to Date	\$ 620.00	\$ 645.00	\$ (25.00)	
<b>Local Mission</b>				
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,492.97	
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97	
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97	
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97	
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97	
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97	
<b>Special Offerings</b>				
	<b>Previous</b>	<b>This Mnth</b>	<b>To Date</b>	
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	\$ 247.00	\$ -	\$ 247.00	
<b>Cents-Ability</b>	\$ 55.40	\$ 8.00	\$ 63.40	
	<b>Received</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	\$ 289.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (711.00)	
<b>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance</b>	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ 6.00	
<i>**40% to Blackburn Center ***25% Welcome Home Shelter</i>				



## **MISSION INTERPRETATION + STEWARDSHIP**

**BY TIM D'AURORA**

We are thrilled to acknowledge the tremendous response from the members and friends of Congruity Presbyterian Church. I was extremely concerned with what appeared to be a dismal future for our church with no in-person worship services for an extended period. I made the assumption that if the people weren't here to make their contributions, they would be likely to give a lot less. Everyone is proving me wrong! At the end of April, our financial situation is much healthier than expected and we took in significantly more than our expenses. Our year to date total was reduced to a negative balance of -\$2,519.89. While significant, this compares very favorably with the end of April balance last year of -\$11,767.70. Again, I commend everyone on their fantastic support and hope we maintain this momentum! We continue to ask you to prayerfully consider your continued giving.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE BY TIM D'AURORA**

Changes are happening on the church grounds. Next time you are in the neighborhood, take a look at the progress on our new outdoor pavilion!



I'm excited to report we hope to have it completed within several weeks. The pavilion was designed to complement the existing church and will be lighted and have power outlets. As always, there is a concern over finances. When the Session first approved this project, we thought the Memorial Fund account of \$32,196 would cover all associated costs. Major contributions in memory of three members totaling \$6,515.00 are designated for the pavilion, but at least \$3,000 will be used to upgrade the sound system in the sanctuary. While the initial bid for the pavilion was \$26,760, there will be additional costs for the electrical meter installation, connections and some material costs. We need to ask our members and friends to once again step up and respond for this long lasting and positive addition for our Church family. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the pavilion project by designating your check or online contribution with the word 'Pavilion'. Thank you!

**Congruity  
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Sarabeth Stopanksy

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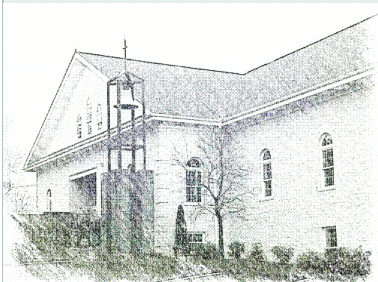
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