



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

I don't have to tell you that we are living in some unprecedented days: the global Covid 19 pandemic as well as recent events that have drawn attention to the problem of systemic racism in our nation. Like the Psalmist we too ask the question: "How long, O Lord?" (Psalm 13) As I have been thinking about this question and several other related questions, I keep going back to those powerful words in Galatians 3: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3: 28)

It is my hope and prayer that our oneness in Christ will enable us to find answers to the many questions that we are wrestling with as a nation and within our global neighborhood. I hope that we might be able to live into those words that Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but the the content of their character."

I would invite you during the summer months to spend some time reflecting on those wonderful words from Romans 5 where Paul writes: "We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." May God's love see us through these unprecedented days! I hope you have an enjoyable summer.

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 FOR JULY

July 5

Romans 7: 15-25a

July 12

Matthew 13: 1-9,
18-23

July 19

Romans 8: 12-25

July 26

Genesis 29: 15-28

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SEPARATED BY SPACE+UNITED IN PRAYER

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

July 5	Murrysville, First	Ed Gray, Pastor
July 12	Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul, Pastor
July 19	Murrysville, Union	Sue Washburn, Interim
July 26	Redstone Presbytery	Becca Siddle, Member-at-Large
August 2	New Alexandria, Community	Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor
August 9	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
August 16	New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys, Pastor
August 23	Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius, Pastor
August 30	Redstone Presbytery	Ross Bash, Member- at-Large

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP MEDITATIONS FOR AUGUST

August 2

Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

Matthew 14: 22-33

August 16

Genesis 45: 1-15

August 23

Romans 12: 1-8

August 30

Exodus 3: 1-15

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE BY TERRY SELEMBO

The June newsletter typically informed us of the upcoming Church Picnic in July to be held at Boggs Hollow Farm. Unfortunately, this year, it has had to be canceled like so many other group gatherings during this pandemic. Instead, try to remember some of our past Church picnics. The wonderful outdoor Worship service, the amazing grilled hot dogs, the even more amazing covered dishes, the fun that people had in the swimming pool, and last but not least, the ever amazing STINKY BINGO! Let's look forward to NEXT July, when hopefully we won't have to social distance and wear a mask.

In the meantime... stay safe... social distance...wash your hands... and wear your mask!

JULY CELEBRATIONS

July Anniversaries

Date	Anniversaries
7/4/2014	Tim & Titina Adams
7/4/2015	Joe & Courtney Stopansky
7/7/2012	Wes & Kayla Kirkpatrick
7/15/1978	Fred & Hope Sehring
7/25/2015	Nick & Brandy Guthrie
7/25/2009	Anthony & Ashley Passante
7/30	Delbert & Ruth Thompson



July Birthdays

Date	Person
7/1	Bill Karstaedt
7/2	Rylee Kirkpatrick
7/3	Brennan Foster, Heather Kaufman, Thaddeus Piovesan, Robert Young
7/6	Katie Frye
7/9	Doug Stine
7/11	Michelle Kepple
7/12	Betty Lou Carr, Cliff Foster, Hillary Lapcevic
7/15	BJ Johnston
7/16	Sharon Rubrecht, Mark Writt
7/20	Evelyn Foresman, Alex Swatchick, Ruth Thompson
7/21	Jessica Carnathan, Andrew Roemer Shania Thompson
7/22	Sue Bish
7/24	Carol Zabkar
7/26	Gary Kulick
7/29	Debbie Perino
7/31	Eric Heasley, Ken Sellinger, Sr.



WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The **Stopansky** family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Ced's uncle **Steve's** death.

The **Henry** family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of **Janet's** death.

The **Martz** family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of **Dorothy's** death.

Sympathy



May God's presence bring you comfort and strength in your time of loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

The Family of
Betty Lou Carr
invites everyone to
join them in the
Fellowship Hall
after Sunday
Service **July 12,**
2020 to wish Betty
Lou a very Happy
90th Birthday!
Light refreshments
will be served.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to
Krystal and Jason
Maciupa on the
birth of their
daughter Savannah
Grace who was
born on 6/22/2020
at 7:14PM and was
7lb 13oz and 20.5
inches long.



AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August Anniversaries	
Date	Anniversaries
8/3/1991	Ken & Missy Martz
8/4/1973	Ken & Nancy Walter
8/4/2013	Jim & Kristie Roemer
8/8/2015	Jason & Krystal Maciupa
8/10/2000	Scott & Yvonne McInay
8/10/2018	Matth & Stephanie Cunningham
8/18/1973	Rich & Linda Youngbauer
8/19/1972	John & Sue Blank
8/26/1989	Bob & Tracey McDonald



August Birthdays	
Date	Person
8/1	Rhea Summit
8/7	John Johnson, Tracy McDonald
8/8	Kayla Kirkpatrick
8/10	Carole Johnson
8/12	Marjorie Aaron, Linda Sellinger
8/13	Evey Anderson, Keith Orr, Terry Selembo, Amber Sellinger
8/14	Carol Miller
8/15	Tom Kepple, Chris Johnston, Sara Johnston
8/16	Cara Kaufman, Sandy Loperfito
8/18	Jim Kepple, Amy Stine
8/19	Becky Davis
8/21	Titina Ott
8/22	Stacey Burns, Dana Flowers, Mason Tarpay
8/29	Tim D'Aurora, Ryan Schweppe
8/31	Jeremiah Kaufman



MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

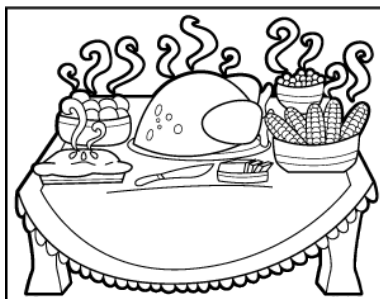
ROOT International, a faith-based mission based in Mercer, PA (similar to CWS, but on a much smaller scale) was to pick up our left-overs from our rummage sale, which as you know, did not happen. However, maybe we can help them in another way. ROOT has a great need for **clean, used, or new linens**, including bedding (pillows, sheets, blankets), and **OUTER winter wear** (coats, hats, boots, scarves, mittens) in men, women and children's sizes. Please bag any linens and OUTER winter wear and bring them to the church by the **end of August**. We may need volunteers to deliver these items to Mercer (there is a really good restaurant there). ROOT delivers goods to the Appalachian Project in WV, a children's project in Ghana and El Paso, TX where ROOT has a base from where they supply missions in Mexico and the Navajo Nation.



There is also a great need for **school supplies**, which will soon be on sale. There will be a box in the greeting room for the school supplies **until August 9th**. Then they will be used to fill backpacks for our Sunday School kids. Any leftovers will go to ROOT International.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Women's Association is considering doing a **take-out only turkey dinner** on Saturday, October 10, 2020 with a limited number of reservations. Reservations would be a must! Watch for more info in the September newsletter.



NEWS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

After reading the June publication and Kathy Hamilton's entry about the Labyrinth, Bob Frye reports:

“My wife Kay, was instrumental in the construction of the Labyrinth at our PassaGrille church in St Petersburg Fl. In order to be sure the refurbishing was a replica of the Chartres Cathedral Labyrinth she traveled to Chartres and spent a week researching and walking the original sight. The refurbishing was a success and her experience was one she will never forget.”

Thanks, Bob!

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

Session did not meet in June. If any pressing business arises, the session will hold an email/phone meeting.

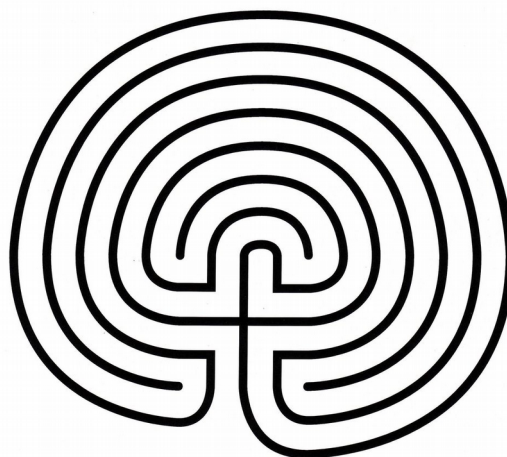
The newly formed **Congruity Safety Committee** did meet on June 15th. They are looking into ways to make our church building a safer environment for everyone. Plans are in the works for a few changes and updates. Look for more information in the next newsletter. If there is something you would like addressed by this committee, please contact one of the Safety Committee members: Dave Foresman, Cliff Foster, Phyllis Frye, Nancy Lauffer and Sarabeth Stopansky.

I hope this finds you all enjoying the warmer weather. At the Stopansky house, a lot of our time is spent in our sunroom. During this this time of social distancing we have dubbed it 'The Refuge'. In that room I feel like I am in a safe space. One of my favorite Bible verses is **Jeremiah 19:16**, "My Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble". May you all find a space where you can feel the love and refuge of the Lord.

ONE MORE MEDITATION LABYRINTH

BY KATHY HAMILTON

This labyrinth, carved in a stone, marked the pilgrimage route to the 6th to 12th century monastic settlement at Glendalough Ireland. Follow along with your pen as you meditate on God's word at every turn.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Owen Eidemiller is a 2020 graduate of Greensburg-Salem High School, and will be attending Westmoreland County Community College in the fall to study Cyber Security. He is the son of Denise and Erik Eidemiller.



Natalie Perino is a graduate of PA Cyber School 2020. She is the daughter of David Perino and Brenda Lovis, and granddaughter of Debbie Perino.



Nicole Perino is a graduate of Gannon University in Ruskin FL with a degree in Doctor of Physical Therapy. She is the daughter of David Perino and Brenda Lovis and granddaughter of Debbie Perino.



Daniel Frye Jr graduated from Greensburg-Salem High School where he attended Westmoreland Vo-tech. He will be entering the electrical field. Daniel is the son of Dan and Adrian Frye and the grandson of Phyllis Frye and Wilson Frye and Dante and Karen Dellezze.

OFFERING TOTALS

May 17, 2020

\$1,415.40

May 24, 2020

\$1,030.00

May 28, 2020

\$1,030.00

Jun 7, 2020

\$3,476.00

Jun 14, 2020

\$1,460.00

Jun 21, 2020

\$727.00

Online giving
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TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOHN BLANK

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT -2020				
General Fund				
	NET	NET	Actual	To Date
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance	Balance
<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)
PPP Loan ***	\$ 15,500.00			
May	\$ 6,984.71	\$ 6,922.59	\$ 23,023.00	\$ (2,457.77)
Year to Date	\$ 55,986.36	\$ 42,944.13	\$ 23,023.00	\$ (2,457.77)
*** Paycheck Protection Program Loan				
Memorial Fund				
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance	
<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	
May	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 24,731.96	
Year to Date	\$ 525.00	\$ 7,990.00	\$ 24,731.96	
First Fruits				
	Received	Pledged	Balance	
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	
May*	\$ 182.50	\$ 541.66	\$ 1,116.62	
*Includes Per Capita				
	Previous	This Mnth	To Date	
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 2,622.50	\$ 92.50	\$ 2,715.00	

Included in General Fund

Building Maintenance

	NET	NET	TO DATE
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted 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)
May	\$ 40.00		\$ 15.00
Year to Date	\$ 660.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 15.00

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Local Mission

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<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
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97

<u>Special Offerings</u>				
		Previous	This Mnth	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring		\$ 247.00	\$ -	\$ 247.00
Cents-Ability		\$ 63.40	\$ 8.00	\$ 71.40
		Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing		\$ 329.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (671.00)

MORE: CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Sophia Watt graduated from Greensburg Central Catholic High School and will be attending Arizona State to study Forensic Psychology. She is the daughter of Bob and Joelyn Watt.

Leah Addison a 2020 graduate of PA Cyber School. She is the daughter of Dawn and Greg Kaufman and Chuck Addison.



Talia Selembo graduated from Charlotte-Mecklenburg VHS in Charlotte, NC and will be attending Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC in the fall. She is the daughter of Priscilla and George Selembo Jr., and the granddaughter of Terry and the late George Selembo Sr.

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CHURCH STAFF

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CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Congruity's congregation was welcomed back to the Church on June 7th, 2020. Please consider joining us as we worship together, but you will notice some changes as we will continue to take precautions to keep our members safe!

Email newsletter items to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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