



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

The other day I found myself thinking about our upcoming celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 4, 2020. You may know that World Communion Sunday was begun at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1940 as an ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing churches together in Christian Unity. World Communion Sunday is also the day when we receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering and we keep 25% of the offering to be given to a local organization (The Hope Center or the Blackburn Center) in their peacemaking work in our area.

The theme of this year's Peace and Global Witness Offering is taken from 2 Thessalonians 3: 16: "May the God of peace... give you peace at all times in all ways." In the promotional material for this Offering, I found these words: "On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table, in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God, with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together."

In the midst of the Corona virus pandemic we continue to rediscover what it means to be the Church in the midst of a time of social distancing, wearing masks, hand washing and doing all we can do to "flatten the curve" of Covid 19. May we continue to discover what it means for us to be the Church, together as we continue Christ's ministry and mission in these unprecedented days.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Join us for in-person worship on Sunday
- Some Church events have been temporarily postponed and will resume at the earliest and safest time.

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

October 4
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11
TBA

October 18
TBA

October 25
Matthew 22:34-46

For a printed copy,
please call the church
office at
724-668-7740

SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

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

Oct 4	Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert, Pastor
Oct 11	Murrysville, First	Ed Gray, Pastor
Oct 18	Murrysville, New- lonsburg	Curtis Paul, Pastor
Oct 25	Redstone Presby- tery	Cliff Buell, Honorably Retired

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES FOR
SEPTEMBER

Over the course of
our time of social dis-
tancing, a short med-
itation with Pastor
Cliff has been up-
loaded to the Con-
gruity Facebook page
each Sunday morn-
ing.

CHRISTIAN ED

Sunday School has been suspended until further notice, so try
out this New Testament books word search, compliments of
word-game-world.com

MATTHEW	THESSALO- NIANS
MARK	TIMOTHY
LUKE	TITUS
JOHN	PHILEMON
ACTS	HEBREWS
ROMANS	JAMES
CORINTHI- ANS	PETER
GALATIONS	LETTER OF JOHN
EPHESIANS	JUDE
PHILIPPIANS	REVELATION
COLASSI- ANS	



OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS



Date	Anniversaries
10/4/2014	James & Angela Kaufman
10/12/1991	Bill & Lisa Heasley
10/13/2012	Frank & Jessica Tarpay
10/14/1995	Dave & Pam Foresman
10/17/1992	Tim & Caroline D'Aurora
10/17/1998	Dan & Elaine Kaufman
10/18/2003	Shawn & Vivian Schweppe
10/20/2007	Ryan & Rebecca Boggs
10/28/2006	Becky & Larry Swatchick

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Date	Person
10/2	Tom Davis Ken Martz
10/5	Jessica Tarpay
10/10	Wil Hamilton
10/11	Darrell D'Aurora Clayton Kirkpatrick
10/12	Christopher Schrecengost
10/13	Dylan McDonald
10/18	Scott McInay
10/19	Laura Blank
10/21	Kelly Karstaedt Kristie Roemer
10/22	Vinton Hoffman
10/25	Tylor McDonald
10/29	Sally Ott
10/31	Daniel Frye Jr

CHEERS!

To Brittany Fink and Michael Kepple on their wedding, September 26, 2020. Michael is the third child of Michelle and Jim Kepple.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Amelia Rose Rader, daughter of Joshua and Alyssa (Martz) Rader July 24, 2020.

Magnolia (Maggie) Mae Kaufman, daughter of James and Angie Kaufman September 19, 2020.



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, September 21, 2020 and reports the following:

The Christian Ed Committee is going to put together packets to be mailed to all the children monthly while Sunday School is not in session.

The Personnel Committee will be meeting with all the staff in the next month to perform annual reviews via conference call.

Tim D'Aurora reported that he had reviewed the churches insurance policy with Keith Moyer and also added the pavilion to the policy.

The Property Committee will check the oil tank at the Manse before cold weather, so oil can be purchased if necessary.

The Safety Committee reported that Debbie is updating the Church Directory. Please contact Debbie with any additions or corrections.

Nancy Lauffer reported the Women's Association is having a take-out Turkey dinner on October 10th. They will need help on both the 9th and 10th. Contact a member if you can help.

Session approved:

Becky Davis's request for the Mustard Seed Class to meet on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. They will wear masks and practice social distancing.

MIS Committee's request to hold a Hoagie Sale at a date to be determined.

MIS request to make a \$50.00 donation to each of the following fire Departments: Forbes Road, Slickville and New Alexandria. The money will come out of the Local Mission budget.

Session decided by consensus that all meetings in the Church building will be held in Fellowship Hall until further notice. This includes all classes, Bible Studies, Committees, Session, Deacon's and Women's Association, plus any outside groups.

The Session of Congruity Presbyterian Church reminds everyone that Masks must be worn by everyone while they are in the Church building unless you have a medical condition that prohibits you from wearing a mask.

Session will NOT be meeting in October 2020. Any pressing business will be conducted by email/phone.

MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Redstone Mission Team received a **thank you** card from Root International for all the donations given and for the work done at their mission.

Some of us are planning another trip Sept 30 to Root to take the bedding and winter outerware you have so generously donated. Thank you

Congruity will NOT be participating in the Operation Christmas Child program this year. If you would like to build a shoebox or make a donation, you may go onto the Operation Christmas Child website www.samaritanspurse.org to find out more and where to drop it off locally. for ways to participate – there are many ways to give.

MIS reports that we are currently collecting for the **Peace and Global Witness Program**. We keep 25% of this offering and it alternates between the Blackburn Center and the Welcome Home Shelter. Our goal this year is \$375.00. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Please note that the blue PDA buckets are out in the back of the Sanctuary. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is helping in the west with the wildfire problem and in the south with the weather disasters.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

TAKE-OUT TURKEY DINNER

Saturday Oct 10, 2020

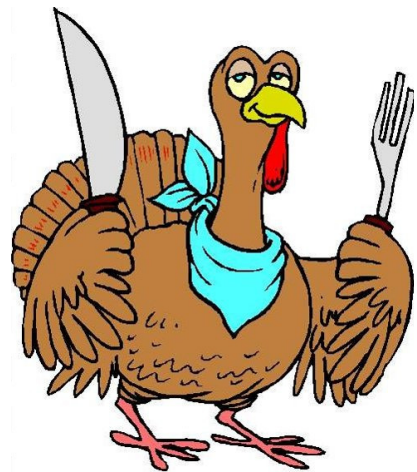
pick-up will be from 3-6 pm,

cost is \$10 per individual meal

RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID !

Tickets are limited to 200 and may be purchased by calling Debbie at 724 396-5777 or the church at 724 -668 -7740. The **pick-up "window"** will be at the end of the sidewalk at the lower entrance the building.

WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR OR COME INTO THE BUILDING.



OFFERING TOTALS

August 2, 2020

\$914.00

August 9, 2020

\$675.00

August 16, 2020

\$1,605.00

August 23, 2020

\$945.00

August 30, 2020

\$1,575.00

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOHN BLANK

General Fund

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	To Date 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	\$ -	\$ 22,960.88	\$ 12,980.11
May	\$ 6,984.71	\$ 6,922.59	\$ 23,023.00	\$ 13,042.23
June	\$ 8,421.40	\$ 7,318.93	\$ 24,125.47	\$ 14,144.70
July	\$ 6,468.69	\$ 6,449.75	\$ 24,144.41	\$ 14,163.64
August	\$ 7,430.96	\$ 7,572.39	\$ 24,002.98	\$ 14,022.21
Year to Date	\$ 78,307.41	\$ 64,285.20	\$ 24,002.98	\$ 14,022.21
Due on PPP Loan			\$ (15,500.00)	\$ (15,500.00)
*** Paycheck Protection Program Loan			\$ 8,502.98	\$ (1,477.79)

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
June	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 5,681.00	\$ 21,785.96
July	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 21,045.96
August	\$ 120.00	\$ 16,260.00	\$ 4,905.96
Year to Date	\$ 4,130.00	\$ 31,421.00	\$ 4,905.96

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
June*	\$ 512.50	\$ 541.66	\$ 1,087.46
July	\$ 160.00	\$ 541.66	\$ 705.80
August*	\$ 402.50	\$ 541.66	\$ 566.64

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 2,932.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 2,975.00

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 247.00	\$ -	\$ 247.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 117.40	\$ 8.00	\$ 125.40

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 384.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (616.00)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ 6.00

Included in General Fund			
<u>Building Maintenance</u>			
	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
June	\$ 225.00		\$ 240.00
July	\$ 135.00		\$ 375.00
August	\$ 280.00		\$ 655.00
Year to Date	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 655.00
<u>Local Mission</u>			
	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
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,492.97

ATTENDANCE
August 2, 2020:
25
August 9, 2020:
21
August 16, 2020:
26
August 23, 2020:
27
August 30, 2020:
25

MISSION INTERPRETATION + STEWARDSHIP BY TIM D'AURORA

Everyone is quick to point out that 2020 has certainly been like no other year before it. There have been many challenges and hurdles along the way. I'm pleased to report that financially, we have weathered this storm far better than anticipated. At the end of August this year, if we exclude the PPP Loan received, we have a year to date balance of -1,477.79. This continues to compare very favorably to the end of August balance in 2019 of -6,676.63. Once again, **thanks to everyone for their continued support.**

We do have some financial challenges ahead. As many of you are aware, some major repair work was done on the **elevator** and it was out of service for much of the summer. It is back in service but our cost for the repairs was \$5,554.62. Obviously, this was not an anticipated cost and we are asking anyone who is able to make a special donation to please do so to help offset this major expense. Please designate your gift to 'building expense'. Every little bit helps.

We are trying to confirm a date for a **hoagie sale**. This time, we will be meeting on a Friday to assemble the hoagies, and will be at a few locations selling additional hoagies on Saturday. The tentative date is November 6 for assembly and additional sales will be on Saturday, November 7th. We are waiting on confirmation on sales sites.

As we begin to work on our **2021 budget**, MIS is asking any committee that is looking for a change in their budget line to please notify either Tim or Cliff by October 18th.

**CONGRUITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Cliff Foster

CLERK OF SESSION:
Sarabeth Stopanksy

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

CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Newsletter items should be emailed to
congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

CHURCH DIRECTORY BEING UPDATED

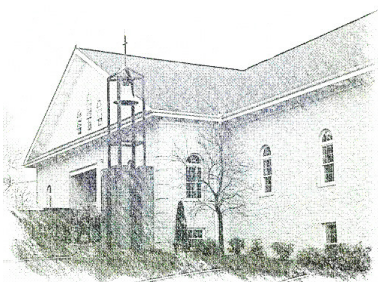
We are working on updating the **Church Directory**. Any new changes in addresses or phone numbers/emails can be directed to Debbie in the office. **UNSURE?** You can view a copy at the office window.

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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**Please Join us for
Worship 11:00 am**

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