



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

The last stop on my recent vacation was in Gettysburg. Driving around the battlefield, I found myself comparing what happened on those 3 days in July 1863 with what is taking place in our nation today. We as a nation were engaged in the Civil War based on differences of opinion and today as a nation we are divided and there is a verbal war of hate-filled rhetoric and negativity.

Perhaps as you are reading these words this year's election will be completed and it is my sincere hope and prayer that we might take a lesson from history and remember the civility and dignity that was extended to both sides at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia when the Civil War ended. During the years of the Civil War we were a divided nation but with grace, civility and dignity shown to both sides we were able to heal the division and to once again be a united nation.

Ann Weems in her poem "Where Is the Church" which is in many respects a prayer writes this powerful line: "The Church of Jesus Christ is where we can disagree while still holding hands." I really like this line and I find myself being challenged by it in the midst of the divisiveness that surrounds us, that as the Church we are called to show the world that we can indeed hold hands with one another even when we disagree with one another because we have been made one through our faith in Jesus Christ. That line from Ann Weems reminds me of the words of the song/hymn we sing from time to time: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" which says: "We will work with each other, We will work side by side, We will work with each other, We will work side by side..."

Together may we show the world that we can hold hands even when we disagree because of Christ who makes us one.

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

November 1

Matthew 5: 1-12

November 8

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25

November 15

Matthew 25: 14-30

November 22

Matthew 25: 31-46

November 29

Mark 13: 24-37

For a print copy, 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.

Nov 1	Murrysville, Union	Sue Washburn, Interim Pastor
Nov 8	New Alexandria, Community	Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor
Nov 15	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
Nov 21	New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys, Pastor
Nov 29	Redstone Presby- tery	Lisa Dormire, Redstone Pres- bytery, Member-at-Large

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES FOR NO-
VEMBER

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 SUBMITTED BY PAM FORESMAN

Sunday
School has
been suspend-
ed until fur-
ther notice, so
try out this
word puzzle,
compliments
of 'Bible Ac-
tivities for
Special Days'
by Betty
DeVries &
Mary Loeks.



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Date	Anniversaries
11/1/2014	Matthew & Megan Schweppe
11/7/1976	Bill & Cindy Karstaedt
11/20/1965	Chuck & Mary Lou Heasley

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



11/9	Tammy Kulik
11/11	Madeline Burns Brandy Sellinger
11/14	Mike Marchelletta
11/18	Erik Eidemiller Erin Kaufman
11/20	Matt Cunningham Ron Kaufman
11/21	Katrina Kaufman
11/22	Tyler Johnston
11/23	Jen Hufford Deana Karstaedt
11/24	Wes Kirkpatrick Delbert Thompson
11/25	Jon Hamilton Vivian Schweppe
11/26	Vince Kemerer Sarabeth Stopansky Virgil Walters
11/29	Bob Kaufman

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Moyer family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of the valley of the death of Keith and Ken's aunt, Charlotte Bortz. May God's presence bring you comfort and strength in your time of loss.

THANK YOU!

A Big Thank You from **Betty Lou Carr** for all the thoughts, prayers and cards while she was hospitalized.

Cliff Foster sends out thanks to the congregation and Deacons for the generous gift for Pastor Appreciation Month!

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/PHYLLIS FRYE

The Session did not meet in person in October. The next in person meeting will be on November 16, 2020. Agenda items will include receiving and approving the 2021 Budget, recommending to the congregation the 2021 Terms of Call for the Minister at the December 6, 2020 Congregational meeting and approving the Nominating Committee report of the slate of Elders and Deacons and other offices.

Congruity Deacons will be holding **Harvest Home** on Sunday, November 22. Food items may be brought to the church anytime after October 25. A donation box will be placed outside the front door for donations if you are not comfortable coming into the church building at this time. This box will be emptied daily and added to the other donations. Or you can call the church (724-668-7740) to arrange a drop off time or to make arrangements for a pick up. If you know of a needy family in the area, please contact the church with their name and your phone number.

There is still room on the flower charts for altar flowers for Nov and Dec. Cost is \$40. Call the church office if interested.

Orders will be taken in December for Christmas poinsettias.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

THANK YOU to all who supported the Women's Association in any way, whether it be monetary donations, purchasing tickets, etc. We made a profit of \$2088 to help us fulfill our mission to Jesus Christ.

The Women's Association has decided to cancel their Christmas party this year. Everyone will keep the same secret sister until next summer when, hopefully, a safer get-together can happen.

OFFERING TOTALS

Sept 6, 2020

\$1,695.00

Sept 13, 2020

\$1,110.00

Sept 20, 2020

\$1,155.00

Sept 27, 2020

\$970.00

**ONLINE GIVING
QR CODE**



TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOHN BLANK

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>NET Receipts</u>	<u>NET Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Balance</u>	<u>YR To Date Balance</u>
<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
September	\$ 5,333.60	\$ 7,625.08	\$ 21,711.50	\$ 11,730.73
Year to Date	\$ 83,641.01	\$ 71,910.28	\$ 21,711.50	\$ 11,730.73
Due on PPP Loan			\$ (15,500.00)	\$ (15,500.00)
*** Paycheck Protection Program Loan			\$ 6,211.50	\$ (3,769.27)

<u>Memorial Fund</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<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
September	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,905.96
Year to Date	\$ 4,130.00	\$ 31,421.00	\$ 4,905.96

<u>First Fruits</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Balance</u>
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
September	\$ 240.00	\$ 541.66	\$ 264.98

*Includes Per Capita

	<u>Previous</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 2,975.00	\$ -	\$ 2,975.00

<u>Special Offerings</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 247.00	\$ -	\$ 247.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 125.40	\$ 8.00	\$ 133.40
	<u>Received</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>Balance</u>
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 384.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (616.00)
Pentecost **	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)
Peacemaking ***	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00	\$ (300.00)
Christmas Joy	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 6.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 81.00

**40% to Blackburn Center

***25% Welcome Home Shelter

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
September	\$ 5,140.00	\$ 5,999.32	\$ (204.32)
Year to Date	\$ 6,440.00	\$ 6,644.32	\$ (204.32)

<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
September	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,342.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,342.97

ATTENDANCE

September 6,

2020: 19

September 13,

2020: 32

September 20,

2020: 21

September 27,

2020: 24

MISSION INTERPRETATION + STEWARDSHIP BY TIM D'AURORA

Calling all hoagie team members.

Whether you are able to sell or help assemble hoagies, we need you!

Please check out the order form in this newsletter and turn those orders in to Tim by Tuesday evening November 3rd. Then we could use all hands on deck on **Friday, November 6**. We will start at 5:30 and please wear a mask. Hoagies can be picked up starting at 6:30.

This year, in addition to our filling everyone's hoagie orders, we will be selling additional hoagies on **Saturday, November 7** in the **First Commonwealth Bank parking lot** in New Alexandria from 10 am until we are sold out. If anyone is interested in helping to sell on Saturday at the Bank, please let Tim know.

As you can see from the financial statements, September wasn't a very good month. Expenses exceeded receipts by \$2,291.48 and First Fruits missed our budgeted goal by \$301.66. Those are our largest deficits since the pandemic began. Hopefully, this will not be indicative of our financial position for the remainder of the year. Many years, we have a very strong November and December to erase any shortfall but with Covid numbers continuing to increase, we likely will not have increased holiday attendance to help with that.

**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

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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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