



# Congruity Connections

## CLIFF'S NOTES

The other day I was thinking that it is hard to believe that we have been dealing with the Covid 19 global pandemic for a year now. On the one hand it seems like it has been a lot longer than twelve months but on the other hand it feels like one long never-ending day, almost like the premise of the movie Groundhog Day. This has truly been an unprecedented experience for all of us especially as we practice social distancing, wear masks, wash our hands frequently and now wait to get our vaccinations.

We are in the midst of the Season of Lent as we continue our journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem to face the events of Holy Week and to experience the wonderful news of Easter, that the crucified Christ is alive, that Christ has risen from the dead! The older I have gotten, the more I have come to appreciate the Lenten Season because of the hope that awaits us at the end of Lent, much like the arrival of spring with the flowers breaking through the soil and the symphony of renewed life around us... the anticipation of seeing our first robin... warmer temperatures and on March 14<sup>th</sup> the beginning of Daylight savings.

As we anticipate the arrival of Spring and as we experience the renewal of life all around us. I would encourage you to keep in mind the wonderful words of Hebrews 13: 8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This verse reminds us that in the uncertainty of our world, the one true constant is our Lord Jesus Christ, and we have the assurance that Christ has promised to always be with us no matter what.

Yours in Christ,

*Cliff*



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## SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Join us for EASTER Service at 10 am, Sunday April 4, 2021
- Following safety recommendations, **in-person worship is limited in number.**

WEEKLY WORSHIP  
MEDITATIONS

**March 7**  
John 2: 13-22

**March 14**  
John 3: 14-21

**March 21**  
Hebrews 5: 5-10

**March 28**  
Mark 11: 1-11

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the church office at  
724-668-7740

SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

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

Mar 7	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
Mar 14	New Kensington	Wendy Keys, Pastor
Mar 21	Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius, Pastor
Mar 28	Redstone Presby- tery	Becca Siddle, Member-at-Large

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP  
SERVICES

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 sus-  
pended until  
further notice.  
What have you  
learned about  
being a child of  
God?

**Circle these  
words in the  
puzzle:**

**PRAY WORD  
TALK READ  
JESUS BIBLE  
GOD INVITE  
SAVIOR**



## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
3/3/2006	Vince & Sandy Kemerer
3/28/1981	Tom & Rosemary Orr
3/29/1981	Ron & Mary Ann Kaufman



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
3/2	Jason Orr
3/3	Janet Rugh
3/4	Karen Dudek
3/7	Jacob Derek
3/8	Geri Kaufman
	Debbie Marchelletta
	Nancy Schweppe
3/9	Alicia D'Aurora
3/10	Ken Walters
3/11	Jessica D'Aurora
3/13	Nancy Walters
3/14	Alison Derek Sullivan
3/18	April Hawkey Richards
	Dana Kaufman
3/19	Michael Kaufman
	Betty Murphy
3/20	Sandy Kemerer
	Matt MacDonald
3/24	Colten Tarpay
3/25	Pam Foresman
	Lana Munsell
3/26	Bill Heasley
3/27	Adrian Frye
3/28	Robert Watt
3/29	Marlene Kifer
3/30	Perry Miller IV
	David Perino



## THANK YOU!!!!

I wish to thank the Deacons and members of the Congruity Congregation for your recent Holiday gift. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

-**Vicki Walters**, Congruity Music Director

Thank you to the Congruity Congregation for the generous Christmas Gift. It was very much appreciated.

-**Deb Perino**, Congruity Secretary

Thank you very much. I would like to thank everyone in the Congruity congregation for the gift of money.

Thank you, **Ken Moyer**, Congruity Custodian

I would like to thank the congregation for the generous gift that was recently given to me by the Deacons on behalf of the congregation. Your thoughtful generosity is greatly appreciated.

Love, **Cliff Foster**, Pastor

ELDERS

Matt Cunningham

Tim D'Aurora

Evelyn Foresman

Vince Kemerer

Nancy Lauffer

Ken Martz

Scott McIlnay

Terry Selembo

Sarabeth Stopansky

DEACONS

Dorothy Brant

Tom Davis

Sue Derek

Dave Foresman

Kathy Kepple Fink

Glenn Henry

Lana Munsell

Janet Rugh

Cedric Stopansky

ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The session met on Monday, February 22, 2021 and reports the following:

- Approved the baptism of Savannah Grace Maciupa for March 14th. Savannah is the daughter of Jason and Krystal Maciupa and granddaughter of Gary and Tammy Kulick.
- Approved Rev. Foster's vacation request for March 15th and 16th.
- Approved MIS committee's request to form a sub committee that will focus strictly on mission. Also approved hoagie sales for April, July and September with exact dates to be announced.
- Approved the Worship Committee's recommendation to only have one service on Easter at 10:00 AM.

Christian Ed Committee reported that they are still sending packets to all Sunday School students

Set the date for the annual joint meeting of Session and Deacons for Sunday, March 21st, immediately following worship. This meeting is required by the Book of Order.

Cancelled the March 22nd Session Meeting.

If you would like to have a complete set of minutes Please see Cliff or Sarabeth .

SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

The Deacons want to remind everyone that the **2021 Flower Chart** is posted in the Greeting Room. Please sign you name to the chart or call the Church office to put your name on the list. Flowers cost \$40, payable to the Congruity Deacons. **Export Floral** is now providing the arrangements.



- Many thanks from the Congruity Deacons

## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE



February 26	UMC	Len Morgan preaching
March 3	CUP	Wayne Duffield preaching
March 10	Congruity	Sharron Waltenbaugh preaching
March 17	No Walls	Charlie Brownawell preaching
March 24	UMC	Dan Schall Concert
April 2	Congruity	Good Friday Service

Services start at 7:00 pm. Maundy Thursday April 2 and Easter Sunday April 4 services will be at individual congregations.

## HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!!!

We would like to wish Bob Frye a Happy Belated Birthday! His birthday was February 27<sup>th</sup> and was left off the list in last month's Newsletter.



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE BY TERRY SELEMBO

It's hard to imagine that on March 16th it will be one year since Pennsylvania placed "stay at home" restrictions on all of us because of a global pandemic. Needless to say... it has altered all of our lives.

Unfortunately, the Congregational Life Committee still cannot safely have a large group gathering.

No one is able to predict what the future holds for us this year. Hopefully we are nearing the end of this pandemic. Then maybe we will be able to return to a "normal" way of life.

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



**OFFERING TOTALS**

**Jan 3, 2021** No in-person worship

**Jan 10, 2021**

\$2,165.00

**Jan 17, 2021**

\$600.00

**Jan 24, 2021**

\$1,632.00

**Jan 31, 2021**

\$250.00

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**CONTRIBUTIONS for TAX PURPOSES**

If you made any donation to Congruity using the **on-line** electronic contribution site, you can find your tax information on the site. It will NOT be listed on the information that you get from the financial secretary.

**TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOHN BLANK**

**General Fund**

	<b>NET Receipts</b>	<b>NET Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Balance</b>	<b>YR To Date Balance</b>
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 21,994.04	
January	\$ 8,549.71	\$ 9,591.83	\$ 20,951.92	\$ (1,042.12)
Year to Date	\$ 8,549.71	\$ 9,591.83	\$ 20,951.92	\$ (1,042.12)
Due on PPP Loan			\$ -	\$ -
*** Paycheck Protection Program Loan			\$ 20,951.92	\$ (1,042.12)

**Memorial Fund**

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 4,905.96
January			\$ 4,905.96
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,905.96

**First Fruits**

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Balance</b>
January*	\$ 890.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 390.00
*Includes Per Capita			
	<b>Previous</b>	<b>This Mnth</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>*Per Capita to Date</b>	\$ -	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00

<b>Included in General Fund</b>			
<b><u>Building Maintenance</u></b>			
	<b>NET Receipts</b>	<b>NET Expenses</b>	<b>TO DATE Balance</b>
-			
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ -
January	\$ 470.00	\$	\$ 20.00
Year to Date	\$ 470.00	\$	\$ 20.00
<b><u>Local Mission</u></b>			
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,342.97
January			\$ 2,342.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97

**Special Offerings**

	<b>Previous</b>	<b>This Mnth</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Cents-Ability</b>	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
	<b>Received</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>Balance</b>

# MISSION INTERPRETATION + STEWARDSHIP

BY TIM D'AURORA

ATTENTION mission minded folks! The MIS Committee is branching out. There will now be a sub-committee that will focus on **MISSION**. We are excited to see what opportunities are out there for Congruity. If you would like to be part of this sub-committee please see Tim, Phyllis or Ced.



We also need folks that have a passion for **STEWARDSHIP** to help out on that new sub-committee. Please see Tim if you are interested in serving on this new sub-committees of MIS!

Please remember your **per capita** commitment. This year it is again **\$42.50 per person** and represents the amount that is our share of Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly costs. We record and track this under First Fruits on our Financial Report. Please make this donation separately from your normal giving and mark your payment per capita.



## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE LENDING LIBRARY

Remember we have started a new lending library at Congruity for members and friends of the congregation that share a passion for reading. Most of the books currently in the collection are novels: mysteries; romance; best sellers; and a few science fiction and historical books. The library is set up on the honor system, take a few books at a time, keep them as long as you like. Currently the library is in Cliff's office., but when it expands enough, it will move to a more permanent location.

If you have any books you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church office. If you have any questions call Cliff.

## ATTENDANCE

**Jan 3, 2021:** No in-person worship

**Jan 10, 2021:** 25

**Jan 17, 2021:** 32

**Jan 24, 2021:** 28

**Jan 31, 2021:** 18



## GOOD WITH NUMBERS?

Congruity is looking for someone who loves numbers and is willing to learn the **Treasurer** duties from John Blank. If you would like to learn more about how you can serve the church this way, please send an email to [congruitynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:congruitynewsletter@gmail.com) or talk to anyone on Session.

**CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**CHURCH STAFF**

PASTOR: Cliff Foster

CLERK OF SESSION:  
Sarabeth Stopansky

ASST. CLERK: Tim D'Aurora

DEACON MODERATOR:  
Dave Foresman

TREASURER: John Blank

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:  
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Debbie Perino

MUSIC DIRECTOR:  
Vicki Walters

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:  
Kathy Hamilton

WEBMASTER: John Blank

**CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER**

**CALL for COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Please let the Church office or any of the Deacons know the names of any Congruity members currently attending College or Career School.

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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