

Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

When I was growing up, I remember thinking how cool was it that I heard the hymn we sang from time to time in church “Morning Has Broken” being played on radio on one of stations I listened to. Cat Stevens had recorded this song in the early 1970’s. This has always been one of my favorite hymns/songs.

The other day I found myself thinking about the excitement in the air that the arrival of spring is bringing to us. It seems to me that as the symphony of spring is bursting forth around us is a wonderful image for us to hold onto as we are beginning to emerge from the Covid 19 global pandemic. We are not out of the grip of the coronavirus yet, but with the vaccines being more readily available and more people being vaccinated we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel starting to shine. As the signs of spring surround us—buds on the trees, the flowers poking up through the ground, the grass turning green, the warmth of the sunshine there is a feeling of hope and renewal in the air. I found myself thinking of those words of Alexander Pope, “Hope springs eternal” especially considering that we will soon be celebrating Easter and rejoicing in the glorious Good News that the tomb is empty, that Christ is alive!

In the days of April, may we keep in mind these words from third verse of “Morning Has Broken”: “Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the mourning Born of the one light Eden say play! Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God’s recreation Of the new day!” I would like to wish each of you a very Happy Easter!

Yours in Christ,



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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

April 4

Mark 16: 1-8

April 11

John 20: 19-31

April 18

1 John 3: 1-7

April 25

John 10: 11-18

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.

April 4	Avonmore	Caroline Vickery, Temporary Supply
April 11	Delmont	Tony Catullo, Interim
April 18	Lower Burrell, Grace Community	Ken Foust, Pastor
April 25	Redstone Presby- tery	Marnie Silbert, Honorably Re- tired

LITURGIST FOR APRIL

April 4	Dave Foresman
April 11	Sarabeth Stopansky
April 18	Tim D'Aurora
April 25	Ced Stopansky

*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 suspended until further notice. Try out
this EASTER WORD HUNT

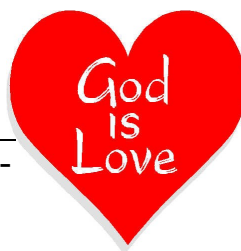
Find the angel's words from
Matthew 28:5-7, up, down,
sideway, diagonal and back-
wards. Multiples of the
same word are hidden once.

THE ANGEL SAID TO THE
WOMEN, 'DO NOT BE
AFRAID, FOR I KNOW
THAT YOU ARE LOOKING
FOR JESUS, WHO WAS
CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT
HERE. HE HAS RISEN,
JUST AS HE SAID. COME
AND SEE THE PLACE
WHERE HE LAY. THEN
GO QUICKLY AND TELL
HIS DISCIPLES: 'HE HAS
RISEN FROM THE DEAD'.

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APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
4/7/1984	Darrell & Diane D'Auro-ra
4/13/2005	Michael & Kim Matvey
4/27/1969	Ron & Geri Kaufman
4/27/2002	Bob & Mimi Kaufman



CONGRATS!

We offer our congratulations to Allison (Hufford) and Renauldo Hawkins on the birth of their child Bishop, February 25, 2021 .



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
4/2	Ashley Bish
4/6	Elaine Kaufman Meryle Kaufman
4/7	Alyssia Thomas
4/8	William Kaufman
4/9	Jill Blank John Blank III
4/11	Rich Youngbauer
4/15	Missy Martz
4/16	Lisa Heasley
4/17	Colton Boggs Phyllis Frye
4/18	Steve Derek Dan Lapcevic
4/19	Christine Kuzmkowski
4/20	Shirley Stoltz
4/23	Mimi Kaufman
4/26	Sue Derek
4/30	Tom Hamilton



IN SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out to the Kepple, Gwynn and Fink families on the passing of Kathy.

May the *love* of those
help you around you
through the
days ahead.

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 and Deacons held their annual joint meeting as required by the Book of Order on March 21, 2021.

Seven elders and eight deacons were present.

Committee assignments were reviewed. All committees especially the Mission Committee can use members. If you are interested in joining any Committee please contact any elder or deacon for a list of committees and their responsibilities.

After some discussion the Session voted 6-1 to gradually resume singing on Easter. The guidelines are as follows:

1. We will sing one verse of each hymn.
 2. The hymns will be on the screen, so congregants do not need to use the hymnals.
 3. The greeting room will be set up with a row of chairs for anyone that is not comfortable singing at this time.
 4. MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES
- Remember the proper way to wear a mask is with it covering both your mouth and nose.

Please take note that there will only be one service on Easter. The service will start at 10:00.

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 your 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

MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

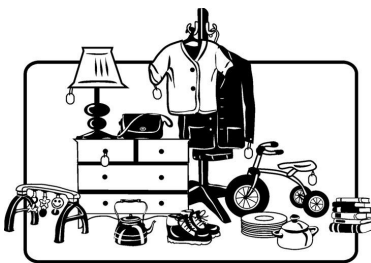
We are hoping that by June or July we can all have our vaccinations and resume in-person meetings to discuss our way forward. With all the weather related disasters this year, the needs are greater. We know there are opportunities in West Virginia and some of the team would like to spend some time at ROOT International in Mercer PA.

Keep your eyes and ears open to the needs immediately around us and let Phyllis know. We would like to be able to check into these as soon as possible.

WOMENS ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Congruity Women's Association will be meeting, in-person, and masked, on Thursday April 15 at 2pm. Along things to be discussed are a possible rummage sale, a clean up day, and if we can safely have an event to reveal our secret sisters!

We hope you can join us.



Please give Phyllis (724-468-3740) or Debbie (724-396-5777) a call if you are interested in donating SMALL items for a possible rummage sale. Date is yet to be determined.

Rummage Sale



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

OFFERING TOTALS

Feb 7, 2021

\$1,420.00

Feb 14, 2021

\$965.00

Feb 21, 2021

\$1,830.00

Feb 28, 2021

\$463.00

ONLINE GIVING
QR CODE



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

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	YR To Date Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 21,994.04	
January	\$ 8,549.71	\$ 9,591.83	\$ 20,951.92	\$ (1,042.12)
February	\$ 6,713.68	\$ 8,645.45	\$ 19,020.15	\$ (2,973.89)
Year to Date	\$ 15,263.39	\$ 18,237.28	\$ 19,020.15	\$ (2,973.89)
*** Paycheck Protection Program Loan			\$ 19,020.15	\$ (2,973.89)

Memorial Fund

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

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 890.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 390.00
February*	\$ 324.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 214.00

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 425.00	\$ 297.40	\$ 722.40

Included in General Fund

Building Maintenance

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	TO DATE Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ -
January	\$ 470.00	\$	\$ 20.00
February	\$ 145.00	\$	\$ (237.50)
Year to Date	\$ 615.00	\$	\$ (237.50)

Local Mission

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,342.97
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97

Special Offerings

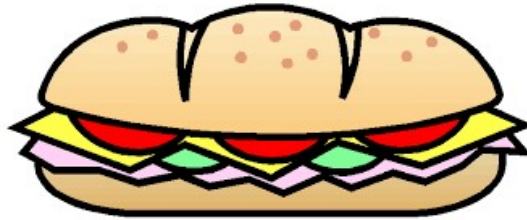
	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ -	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 8.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 26.00

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (850.00)
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$	\$ -	\$ 119.00

MISSION INTERPRETATION + STEWARDSHIP

BY TIM D'AURORA

It's that time of the year. The time when we need to be more involved and active in the life of our Church. One way to do that is to participate in this year's first Hoagie Sale. We will once again be meeting on Friday, April 23 at 5:30pm to assemble the hoagies. We will again be taking additional hoagies to First Commonwealth Bank in New Alexandria and the BP at Five Points to sell to the general public on Saturday. We are also hoping to find another location in Delmont as well. We need your help. First to **Sell, Sell, Sell**. There is an order form in this newsletter as well as additional copies in the Greeting Room at church. Then we need help to assemble the hoagies. The more the merrier. We hope to be making around 250 hoagies so we could use more bodies than usual. Finally, we could use a couple of people to help sell hoagies on Saturday. Last time we were there from around 10:00am to around noon and were able to sell almost all the hoagies. Let Tim know if you would be willing to help at a location.



I thought I would include one more reminder about the Per Capita collection. Remember, it is per person, not per family and is \$42.50 each. This should be over and above your normal giving. This is the money that supports our higher levels of church government and the Presbytery's mission involvement. We seem to be somewhat behind our collections from last year.

Also, we have a long way to go to reach our \$1,000 goal for the One Great Hour of Sharing special collection. We will be collecting this through the end of April. Please give generously.



ATTENDANCE

Feb 7, 2021: 27

Feb 14, 2021: 16

Feb 21, 2021: 28

Feb 28, 2021: 26



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 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:
Michelle Kepple

CHURCH SECRETARY:
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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

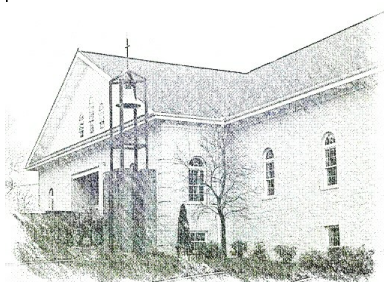
The Confirmation Class will begin on April 11, 2021 at 10AM. Any young person aged 12 or older are invited to be part of the class which will be received into membership on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021. Please see Cliff for more information.

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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Worship 11:00 am**

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