



# Congruity Connections

## CLIFF'S NOTES

With the arrival of the month of May we enter what is often called "the very berry month of May" by Eat'n Park restaurant chain. This is the month when they feature their delicious Strawberry pie, perhaps like me you look forward to enjoying a piece of that pie each year. In addition to that tasty treat, May brings with it some other wonderful celebrations. These are celebrations that remind us we have much to be thankful and grateful for in our lives.

Mother's Day is on May 9 and we will once again be receiving the Blanket Sunday offering in honor of our mothers or those significant women in our lives whose love and care have shaped us into the persons we are today and who we will become.

Pentecost Sunday is on May 23 and we celebrate the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ. We remember that day when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples and the Gospel message spread throughout the world. We ask that everyone wear something **RED** on Pentecost. We will also be receiving the Confirmation Class and other interested persons into membership as part of our worship service that day. In light of the Covid 19, we are living into our new reality of what it means to be the church during a global pandemic and how God's Spirit continues to work in and through and among us as we continue our ministry and mission.

And finally, May 31 is Memorial Day. It is a day when we remember those brave men and women who paid the ultimate price of giving their lives on the various battlefields throughout our history to ensure that we continue to enjoy the freedom that is ours in our great nation. We offer our thanks and gratitude to those brave men and women.

Yours in Christ,

*Cliff*



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## SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Join us for PENTECOST Service at **11 am**, Sunday May 23, 2021
- Following safety recommendations, **in-person worship is limited in number.**

## WEEKLY WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

### May 2

Acts 8:26-40

### May 9

I John 5:1-6

### May 16

John 17:6-19

### May 23

Acts 2:1-21

### May 30

Isaiah 6:1-8

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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.

May 2	Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert, Pastor
May 9	Murrysville, First	Ed Gray, Pastor
May 16	Murrysville, New- lonsburg	Curtis Paul, Pastor Travis Webster, Assoc. Pastor
May 23	Murrysville, Union	Sue Washburn, Interim
May 30	Redstone Presby- tery	Ross Bash, Member-at-Large

## LITURGIST FOR MAY

May 2	Cliff Foster	May 23	Phyllis Frye
May 9	Sarabeth Stopansky	May 30	Ced Stopansky
May 16	Dave Foresman		

*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 to  
find the **10 HARPS**  
and **12 CROWNS** in  
this puzzle.

Golden harps are sounding,  
Angel voices sing,  
Heaven's gates are opened,  
Opened for the King.  
Jesus, King of Glory,  
Jesus, King of Love,  
Is gone up in triumph  
to his throne above.

-Frances R. Havergal, 1871



## MAY CELEBRATIONS



Date	Anniversaries
5/3/1980	Steve & Sue Derek
5/5/2007	Mike & Kerstin Stellato
5/10/1986	Scott & Kathy Hamilton
5/14/1983	Gary & Tammy Kulik
5/16/1998	Tom & Becky Davis
5/25/2014	Alex & Stacey Burns

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



Date	Person
5/1	Dave Bish Lisa Kaufman
5/2	Nancy Lauffer
5/3	Larry Swatchick
5/11	Everett Piovesan
5/12	Roni Kaufman
5/15	Lucha Batera Ron Kaufman Linda Youngbauer
5/16	Bryce Kaufman
5/17	Linda Hazlett Joelyn Watt
5/18	Susan Blank
5/19	Ivy Sullivan
5/20	Cindy Karstaedt
5/23	Rose Ann Orr
5/24	Jennifer Carnathan
5/28	Becky Swatchick

## REMEMBER!

**MOTHER'S DAY** is Sunday May 9th.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** is May 23, so please join the celebration by wearing **RED**.

**GERANIUM ORDERS** for Pentecost Sunday are due by May 16. The cost of the geraniums are \$4.50 each. Checks should be made payable to Congruity Deacons.

## 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

Glenn Henry

Lana Munsell

Janet Rugh

Cedric Stopansky

## ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The session met on April 19, 2021 and reports the following:

Rev. Foster reported that there are 4 young people in this year's Confirmation Class. They will join the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

Session approved the following:

Property Committee's recommendation to accept the bid from Eric and Cody Kaufman to mow the cemetery and church lawn for 2021.

Worship Committee's recommendation to move Worship to 10:00 AM from June 6th through September 5th.

Approved the Women's Association Summer Picnic/ Christmas in July for July 15th and the Rummage Sale for August 7th, with use of Fellowship Hall starting August 2nd for collecting and sorting donations.

Rev. Foster's vacation request for May 13-17. This includes one Sunday. Please note there will not be a Session Meeting on May 17th.

Session will meet on Sunday, May 23rd at 10:30 AM.

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.

We have just received a request from **ROOT International** for help sometime in the **first two weeks of May**. It would involve sorting and packing items for shipping, plus anything else that may need done. The Root house is located on a sheep farm and it is lambing time, so, since we are flexible and versatile, hard telling what else we may be doing. This is just in the making and details haven't been ironed out yet.



If you might be interested, please contact Phyllis Frye (724-468-3740). Since Root is only about two hours away in Mercer, I don't know whether it will be a one day trip or several days. It's close enough that we can pretty much set our own schedules.

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



### Rummage Sale

The Women's Association has decided to hold their **RUMMAGE SALE** on **Saturday, August 7, 2021** at the church. **SMALL ITEMS** may be brought to the church beforehand and put either in the third floor or in one of the back old Sunday school rooms. Please do not leave items in fellowship hall. **LARGE ITEMS** should be dropped off the week of the sale itself.

The Women's Association is planning to have a get-together on Thursday, July 15 to reveal our **SECRET SISTERS** and to pick new ones. There will be more info in the June newsletter.



## OFFERING TOTALS

**Mar 7, 2021**

\$1,355.00

**Mar 14, 2021**

\$1,615.00

**Mar 21, 2021**

\$1,375.00

**Mar 28, 2021**

\$1,273.00

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**TAXES DUE  
MAY 15!**

## 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)
March	\$ 7,772.17	\$ 8,839.50	\$ 17,952.82	\$ (4,041.22)
Year to Date	\$ 23,035.56	\$ 27,076.78	\$ 17,952.82	\$ (4,041.22)
*** Paycheck Protection Program Loan			\$ 17,952.82	\$ (4,041.22)

### Memorial Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 4,905.96
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,905.96
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,905.96
March	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 4,930.96
Year to Date	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 4,930.96

### First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 890.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 390.00
February*	\$ 324.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 214.00
March*	\$ 859.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 573.50

\*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ 722.40	\$ 594.50	\$ 1,316.90



## 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

Included in General Fund			
<b><u>Building Maintenance</u></b>			
	NET	NET	TO DATE
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
-			
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ -
January	\$ 470.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 20.00
February	\$ 145.00	\$ 402.50	\$ (237.50)
March	\$ 145.00	\$ -	\$ (92.50)
Year to Date	\$ 760.00	\$ 852.50	\$ (92.50)
<b><u>Local Mission</u></b>			
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,342.97
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97
February	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97

#### **Special Offerings**

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	\$ 152.00	\$ -	\$ 152.00
<b>Cents-Ability</b>	\$ 26.00	\$ 16.57	\$ 42.57
<b>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance</b>	\$ 119.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 129.00
	Received	GOAL	Balance
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (370.00)

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Mar 7, 2021:** 35  
**Mar 14, 2021:** 58  
**Mar 21, 2021:** 34  
**Mar 28, 2021:** 28



#### **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

**CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER**

**CALL FOR GRADUATES!**

Please call the church office 724-668-7740 or send an email to [congruitynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:congruitynewsletter@gmail.com) to let us know of any high school, technical school or college graduates we can recognize in upcoming newsletters.

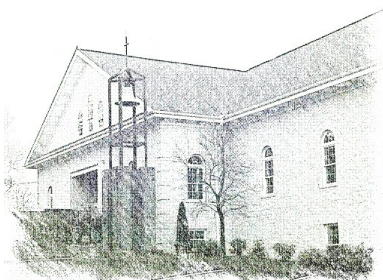
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Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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