



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

I would like to wish all the dads a happy Father's Day as well as to all the men who have provided a role-model or guidance to others. The other day, I found myself thinking about my own dad and reflecting on what we call "Howard's Rules". My dad was a firefighter in my hometown, and he gave us rules to follow to ensure our safety and the safety of our home and to a wider extent our community. Those rules included a whole gamut of areas, things like it was ok to leave outdoor Christmas lights on but not the tree when we were not home to always having a box of baking soda handy for a grease fire in the oven or on the stove. I remember always having clothes ready to jump into in the middle of the night, if we had to evacuate the house in a hurry, almost like a firefighter's bunker gear. I find myself thinking about "Howard's Rules" quite often and the lessons that I learned and continue to learn from my dad.

The other day it occurred to me that like my dad, Jesus gave us many lessons for us to put into effect in our lives to help us live out our faith as we traverse the road of life. In Matthew 22 we read of a lawyer who asked Jesus a question: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'." (Matthew 22: 36-39). Alan Jackson in his song "Where Were You" has this line: "But I know Jesus and I talk to God And I remember this from when I was young ... Faith, hope, and love are some good things He gave us ... And the greatest is love."

In the living of our lives, may we incorporate these words of Jesus, this powerful "Rule" into our lives. Can you image just for a moment the impact we could make in the world by loving God with our whole being and loving one another as ourselves!

Yours in Christ,

Cliff



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Sunday Services will now be at 10 am** for the Summer Season.
- Following safety recommendations, **in-person worship is limited in number.**

WEEKLY WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

June 6

Mark 3:20-35

June 13

I Samuel 15:34-16:13

June 20

Mark 4:35-41

June 27

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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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.

June 6 New Alexandria, Len Morgan, Commissioned

June 13 New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, Pastor
Congruity

June 20 New Kensington Wendy Keys, Pastor

June 27 Redstone Presbytery Sue Blank, Member-at-large

LITURGIST FOR JUNE

June 6 Tim D'Aurora June 20 Cliff Foster

June 13 Dave Foresman June 27 Sarabeth 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 to DECODE the FATHER'S DAY message

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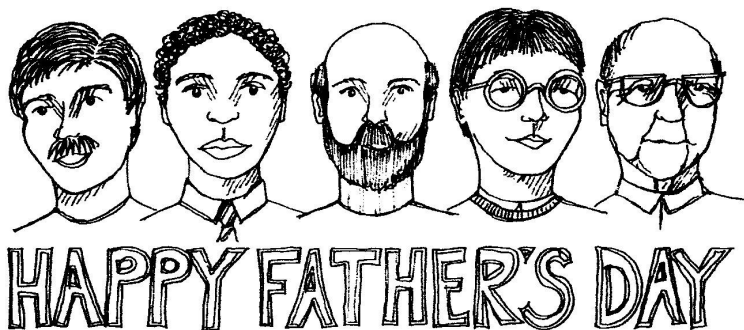
JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
6/1/2014	
6/6/2016	Jim & Allison Sullivan
6/14/1995	Tom & Dana Ramaley
6/19/2009	Larry & Carol Zabkar
6/20/1981	Bob & Tristan Brant
6/21/1975	Ced & Sarabeth Stopansky
6/23/1974	Rich & Sandy Loperfeto
6/23/1984	Bob & Nancy Schweppe



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
6/4	Kaitlin Johnston
6/13	Charles Frye Ryan Gallagher
6/14	Sydney Hoffman
6/15	Scott Hamilton
6/16	Tom Munsell
6/17	Ashley Passante
6/18	Sophia Watt
6/21	Rosemary Orr Jonathon Schrecengost
6/22	Beverly Kemerer
6/30	Paul Edsal Trevor Martz Tyler Roemer



REMEMBER!

FATHER'S DAY is Sunday June 20th.

THANK YOU!

Joyce McAdams thanks Cliff and the Congregation for their cards and prayers during her illness.

Carol Hohman thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

CONGRATS!

We extend our congratulations to the Kifer family as they celebrate the birth of **Jameson Ryan Frazier**, great-grandson of Nancy Kifer who was born on April 10, 2021.

We celebrate the birth of **John Mason McDonald**, son of Tyler and Lorraine who was born on April 22, 2021.



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 did not hold a regular meeting this month. But the Session reminds everyone that Worship will be at 10:00 AM starting Sunday, June 6th.

The session welcomes OUR new CHURCH members: John Blank, Jill Blank, Abby Romeo and Alex Swatchick.

While the first Sunday in December seems a long way off, it is never too early to start to think of a slate of officers. If you have any suggestions for prospective candidates for Elder or Deacon please talk to Terry Selembo, the chair of the 2021 Nominating Committee.

The next regular Session meeting is Monday, June 21st at 7:00PM

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the following families who have recently lost loved ones:

To the **Thompson family** as they walk through the valley of the shadow of the death of Ruth's brother Butch's death.

To the **Hohman family** as they walk through the valley of the shadow of the death of Carol's brother-in-law Bill's death.

To the **Kaufman family** as they walk through the valley of the shadow of the death of Dorothy's mother's Violet's death.

May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.

May time
help the hurt
just as *Memories*
fill the
Heart

MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

Redstone Mission team will have a **team meeting on Sun June 13 at 3pm** at Phyllis Frye's home to make plans for a possible fall trip. If interested please contact Phyllis Frye 724-468-3740

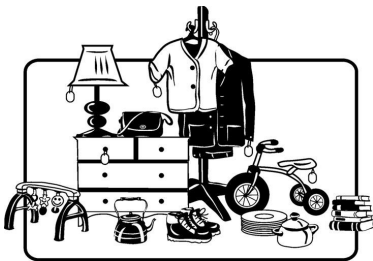
Redstone Mission Team spent two fulfilling days at ROOT International in Mercer Pa. There were four volunteers. Along with packing items to send to WV, El Paso, and the Navajo Nation, the volunteers did anything from cooking, painting, repairing furniture, sweeping the barn, bottle feeding the lambs, cleaning out the basement and whatever else needed to be done. WE had a wonderful time with the Vogan family. Their hospitality and gratitude were outstanding. The team plans to go back in the near future and we hope to get more volunteers.



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 Women's Association will be holding 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 ONLY the week of the sale itself. The decision to hold a possible lunch and bake sale are still pending



Rummage Sale

The Women's Association will have their Christmas Party on Thursday, July 15 to reveal our SECRET SISTERS and to select new ones. There will be more info in the July newsletter.

OFFERING TOTALS

Apr 4, 2021

\$1,523.00

Apr 11, 2021

\$832.00

Apr 18, 2021

\$1,090.00

Apr 25, 2021

\$975.00

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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)
April	\$ 5,675.18	\$ 10,420.52	\$ 13,207.48	\$ (8,786.56)
Year to Date	\$ 28,710.74	\$ 37,497.30	\$ 13,207.48	\$ (8,786.56)

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
April	\$ 925.00	\$ -	\$ 5,855.96
Year to Date	\$ 950.00	\$ -	\$ 5,855.96

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
April*	\$ 302.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.00

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 1,316.90	\$ 382.50	\$ 1,699.40

MISSION INTERPRETATION + STEWARDSHIP

BY TIM D'AURORA

Since we didn't have a report in last month's newsletter, I wanted to update everyone. The final numbers are in for our hoagie sale and thanks to everyone's hard work, we were able to make our largest profit to date of \$815.50. We look forward to your participation in our next hoagie sale on July 30 and 31.

The next item I wanted to update everyone on is how we did on our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We had a goal of \$1000.00 and I am very pleased to report that we exceeded that goal thanks to your generosity.

At the time of this newsletter, our Pentecost offering was still significantly behind our \$400.00 pledge. Hopefully, we will make up the shortfall on this special offering.

Included in General Fund			
<u>Building Maintenance</u>			
	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)
April	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 157.50
Year to Date	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 852.50	\$ 157.50
<u>Local Mission</u>			
	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
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,342.97

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
	\$		
Souper Bowl of Caring	152.00	\$ -	\$ 152.00
	\$		
Cents-Ability	42.57	\$ 8.00	\$ 50.57
	\$		
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	129.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 229.00
	Received	GOAL	Balance
	\$		
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,104.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 104.25
Pentecost ***	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)

***25% Welcome Home Shelter

PROPERTY COMMITTEE BY TIM D'AURORA

We would like to thank our Township Supervisors for allowing us the use of three picnic tables for our pavilion. They are currently surplus from the Seanor Farm Park pavilion.

ATTENDANCE

Apr 4, 2021:	46
Apr 11, 2021:	39
Apr 18, 2021:	35
Apr 25, 2021:	32



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

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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 to let us know of any high school, technical school or college graduates we can recognize in upcoming newsletters.

Email Newsletter items to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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