



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

The other day I found myself thinking about the question that Alan Jackson asked 20 years ago, “Where were you when the world stopped turnin’ that September day?” On the one hand it is hard to believe that it has been twenty years since we watched in horror at those planes flew into the twin towers, the Pentagon and flight 93 crashed at that field in Shanksville. But on the other hand, we have pledged to never forget all those who lost their lives on that beautiful sunny September morning.

As I write these words, we are seeing the devastation that the earthquake brought to Haiti, we have seen Afghanistan fall into the hands of the Taliban and we are hearing the surging Covid numbers from the Delta variant. It may feel like the world has stopped turning once again. We may echo the words of David in Psalm 13, which is a Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies: *“How long, O Lord? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?”* However David ends this Psalm with these words: *“But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.”*

In the midst of these uncertain times as we live in unprecedented days, our faith enables us to know how Alan Jackson in that song answered his own question: *“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.”* May we be filled with the love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ as we journey into the future knowing that we go not alone... God is always with us and we have one other, our sisters and brothers, because together we are the Body of Christ—the Church.

Yours in Christ,

Cliff



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Sunday Services will now be at 11 am** for the Fall—Winter Season.
- Continue following safety recommendations, **in-person worship is back in full force!**

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

September 5

Mark 7: 24-37

September 12

James 3: 1-12

September 19

Mark 9: 30-37

September 26

James 5: 13-20

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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.

Sept 5	Murrysville Union	Sue Washburn, Interim
Sept 12	New Alexandria, Community	Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor
Sept 19	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
Sept 26	Redstone Presbytery	Chuck MacPherson, Honorably Retired

LITURGIST FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 5	Phyllis Frye
Sept 12	Dave Foresman
Sept 19	Cliff Foster
Sept 26	Rhea Summit

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES

A short meditation
with Pastor Cliff is
being uploaded to the
Congruity Facebook
page each Sunday
morning.



RALLY DAY SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE

The Christian Ed Committee hopes you are having a very relaxing summer. With FALL waiting just around the corner, we have a great announcement to make: **Sunday School Classes will RESUME !**

RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 12th and we invite everyone to come support a new school year after missing it for over a year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. **Rally Day starts at 9am with a delicious Continental Breakfast, followed by 9:45 Sunday School Classes , and the 11 am return to Worship.**

Mark your calendars for RALLY DAY and a blessed Sunday School year!



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Date	Anniversaries
9/3/1983	Keith & Rose Ann Orr
9/13/1969	Tom & Karen Dudek
9/13/1986	Jim & Michelle Kepple
9/16/2006	Glenn & Helen Hawkey
9/25/1999	Dan & Adrian Frye

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Date	Person
9/1	Nathan Foresman Matthew Schweppe
9/2	Jim Blank
9/6	Cody Kaufman Courtney Kaufman
9/7	Jimmy Carnathan Julia Carnathan
9/9	Myrah Jan Hawkey
9/10	Bob Schweppe Jr.
9/11	Allison Hufford
9/13	Bill Hufford
9/18	Colton Cramer
9/19	Yvonne McIlroy Magnolia Mae Kaufman
9/20	Dave Foresman
9/21	Mary Ann Kaufman Joshua Wilhelm
9/22	Harold Kaufman
9/25	John Blank Abigail MacDonald
9/26	Joan Wilhelm
9/30	LaRue Gray Sydney Swatchick

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Heasley family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Scott's death. May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.

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

THANK YOU

Kathy Hamilton expresses her gratitude to the Congruity Family for the well-wishes after the loss of her mother Nancy Douglass in June.

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

Session met Monday, August 16, 2021, and made the following decisions:

- Approved Rally Day for September 12, 2021 with a breakfast at 9AM, Sunday School classes at 9:45AM and worship at 11AM.
- Approved Baptism of Magnolia Mae Kaufman for September 19, 2021, she is the daughter of James and Angie Kaufman.
- Heard that the Women's Association will not be having a Fall Turkey Dinner.
- Approved gifts of \$75 each to the 3 local Fire Departments Slickville, Forbes Road and New Alexandria from Local Mission funds.
- Set Work Days for Cemetery for September 11 and October 9 beginning at 9AM.

Next Meeting will be on Monday, September 20, 2021.

CONGRUITY WORK DAY

We are having **two workdays** to clean up Congruity Cemetery on **September 11 and October 9**. If you are able to help, please bring work gloves and any gardening tools that you have, such as pruning shears, branch cutters, shovel, rake, wheelbarrow, yard cart, etc. We plan to **start each day at 9 AM**. Please contact Ken Martz (ken.d.martz@gmail.com) or Tim D'Aurora (gambletd@earthlink.net) with questions or for more information.





MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

MIS has set **Sunday, September 19** as **MISSION SUNDAY**.

We will start the morning with a special mission project for our Sunday School children, packing hygiene kits. Then during our morning worship we will hear a presentation from **Becky Vogan of ROOT International** (shown left with Phyllis Frye). Also, **Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter**, is to commission the Red-



stone Mission Team going to West Virginia in October. We will follow that with a covered dish dinner during which there will be time to talk to Becky. There will be a Redstone Mission Team meeting after lunch.

Congruity kids will be packing **hygiene kits** on MISSION SUNDAY which contain an adult or child's pre packaged toothbrush, 6oz tube toothpaste, washcloth and a wrapped bar of soap in a regular(not pleated) quart zip-lock bag. If anyone would like to **donate** any of these items or whole kits, there will be a box in the greeting room of the church. These kits will be taken to Tuba City, Navajo Nation and to Juarez, Mexico by ROOT International.

WOMENS ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

After all expenses were paid, the Women's Association made a profit of \$1908.02 from the **Rummage-Bake Sale**. We want to thank all those who helped in any way, from those who donated "stuff", to those who baked, to those who set up and worked during the week and cleaned up after. A special thanks to those who helped take our left-overs to ROOT International and Goodwill and to Mission Partners who took our clothes. It always amazes me the response we get when we ask for help. **THANK YOU!**

The Women's Association has decided to NOT have a Fall Turkey Dinner this year, but to have a take-out dinner in the spring.

OFFERING TOTALS

June 6 2021

\$1,190.00

June 13, 2021

\$1,415.00

June 20, 2021

\$1,185.00

June 27, 2021

\$1,030.00

July 4, 2021

\$1,475.00

July 11, 2021

\$1,005.00

July 18, 2021

\$1,120.00

July 25, 2021

\$1,430.00

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TREASURER'S REPORT BY JOHN BLANK

General Fund

Adjusted Balance as of January 1

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

Year to Date

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance	YR To Date Balance
			\$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)
May	\$8,176.57	\$9,879.14	\$11,504.91	\$(10,489.13)
June	\$6,242.30	\$7,788.74	\$9,958.47	\$(12,035.57)
July	\$7,209.92	\$8,147.26	\$9,021.13	\$(12,972.91)
Year to Date	\$50,339.53	\$63,312.44	\$9,021.13	\$(12,972.91)

Memorial Fund

Adjusted Balance as of January 1

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

Year to Date

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
			\$4,905.96
January	\$-	\$-	\$4,905.96
February	\$-	\$-	\$4,905.96
March	\$25.00	\$-	\$4,930.96
April	\$925.00	\$-	\$5,855.96
May	\$-	\$-	\$5,855.96
June	\$-	\$-	\$5,855.96
July	\$-	\$-	\$5,855.96
Year to Date	\$950.00	\$-	\$5,855.96

First Fruits

January*

February*

March*

April*

May*

June*

July*

*Includes Per Capita

	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
May*	\$426.45	\$500.00	\$302.45
June*	\$205.00	\$500.00	\$7.45
July*	\$535.00	\$500.00	\$42.45

	Previous	This Month	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$1,826.90	\$170.00	\$1,996.90

**Included in
General Fund**

**Building
Maintenance**

	NET Receipts	NET Expenses	TO DATE 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
May	\$367.30	\$-	\$524.80
June	\$537.30	\$-	\$1,062.10
July	\$380.00	\$-	\$1,442.10
Year to Date	\$2,294.60	\$852.50	\$1,442.10

Local Mission

	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
May	\$-	\$-	\$2,342.97
June	\$-	\$-	\$2,342.97
July	\$-	\$-	\$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	\$66.57	\$8.00	\$74.57
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$239.00	\$-	\$239.00
	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,104.25	\$1,000.00	\$104.25
Pentecost ***	\$487.11	\$400.00	\$87.11

***25% Welcome Home Shelter

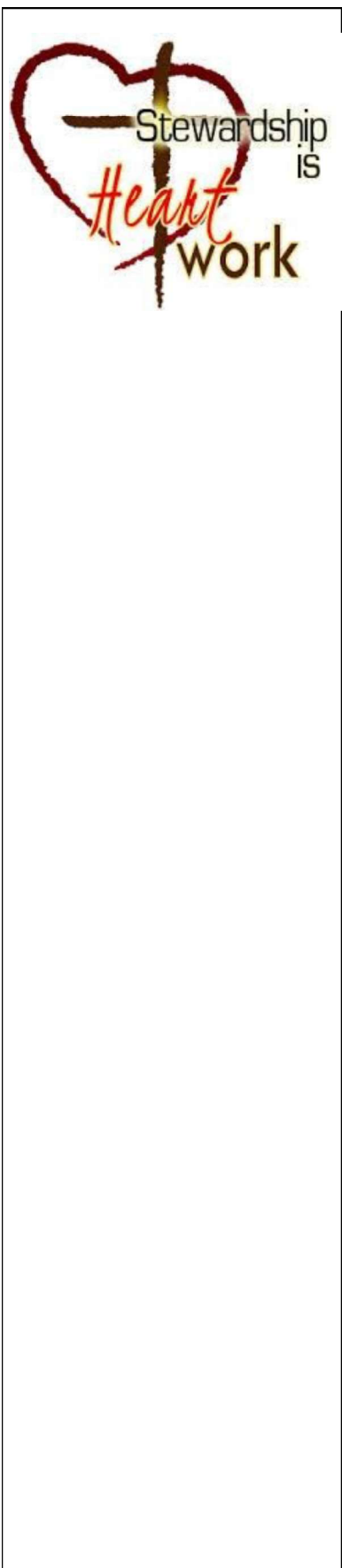
ATTENDANCE

June 6 2021:	31
June 13, 2021:	28
June 20, 2021:	28
June 27 2021:	38
July 4, 2021:	25
July 11, 2021:	32
July 18, 2021:	30
July 25, 2021:	30



**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.



MISSION INTERPRETATION + STEWARDSHIP

BY TIM D'AURORA

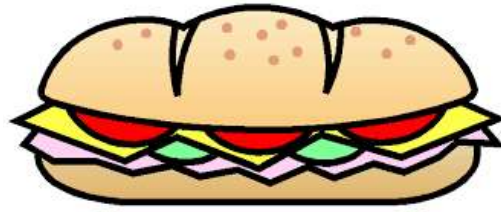
The hot, humid, hazy days of summer may soon be gone, but as I write this, it's still pretty hot and humid. September, however, seems to bring back a sense of purpose for the church. It's when activities gear up and we're back to our normal schedules. Well MIS doesn't want to let you feel left out. On the heels of our most successful hoagie sale ever, we are planning our final one of 2021. We will be meeting on **Friday September 24 at 5:00 pm to assemble** the hoagies and in addition to our orders, we will be selling at several locations again on Saturday. **Please have your orders in to Tim at 724-668-8319 by Monday evening on the 20th.**

Our most recent hoagie sale in July was a tremendous success thanks to the greater than expected number of orders. Please do the same great job selling. In July, we made **300 hoagies** and made a profit for the general fund of over \$1,000. That's fantastic. I want to thank everyone who made that possible. Those of you who sold did a great job. I know a few felt there numbers were down, but when combined with everyone, we had **orders for over 180**. Then on the evening we met to assemble the hoagies, it started a little slow and I thought we were in for a long night. But several more people showed up and it turned out to be a great crew. Then on Saturday, we had **3 locations selling** the remainder of the hoagies. We learned a few things and I think we can be a little more aggressive this time and do an even better job. Please use the order form found in the newsletter or in the Greeting Room at the back of the sanctuary. **It only works with everyone's help.**

I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't bring our current financial situation to everyone's attention. Please take a look at the financial report John provides. Unfortunately, it shows a trend in the wrong direction. Our general fund is in the negative by \$12,972.91 for the year. While we generally start to do a little better in the fall, we have a lot of ground to make up. Our First Fruits is just staying even with the budget and that is after we reduced our goal for this year. Please prayerfully consider your giving and, if possible, do what you can to help reduce our deficit.

On a positive note, we voted to donate \$75 each to the 3 local fire departments to support the great work they do. This money comes from our local mission fund.

Congruity Presbyterian Church



Hoagie Order Form

September 24, 2021

Pick up after 6:30

Additional hoagies will be available on Saturday the 25th at the First Commonwealth Bank in New Alexandria, at the BP at Rts 22 & 819, and hopefully at the Rite Aid in Delmont, as well.

Traditional Italian w/or w/o onions: Ham, bologna, cooked salami, provolone, american cheese, lettuce, tomato (bagged separately)

Turkey & Swiss: Turkey, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato

Hoagies are on delicious Brick Oven buns and are \$6.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Italian w</u>	<u>Italian w/o</u>	<u>Turkey</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Orders are to be turned in to Tim D'Aurora by Monday, September 20 at 724-668-8319. Let's all work to make this a successful sale!

CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Cliff Foster

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Sarabeth Stopansky

ASST. CLERK: Tim D'Aurora

DEACON MODERATOR:
Dave Foresman

TREASURER: John Blank

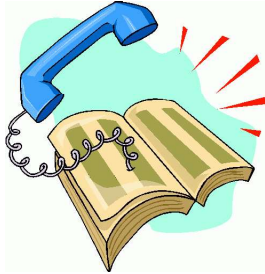
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CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



NEW DIRECTORY

Debbie will be putting together a new Church Directory in the near future. If there are any changes to your address or contact information, please let the Church office know.

Email Newsletter items to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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