

Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

I am sure that like me, you have experienced that irritating and the frustration of those times when you have a song or a chorus stuck in your head. There is even a name for it: "an earworm". As we are all aware, it is hard to get that song or chorus out of your mind, isn't it? Recently I have had an earworm and it is the song "Dry Bones". The song is based on Ezekiel 37, and it describes all of the various bones being connected to one another in the proper order. One of the lines that is repeated throughout the song is "A dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones Now hear the word of the Lord".

I am always amazed whenever I think about the intricacy of the way the human body is put together, how all of the parts go together to make it possible for us to walk and move. It is like what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12 comparing the church, the body of Christ to the human body and how all of the various parts work in concert so that we can be doing the things that God wants us to be doing in the world. I am scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on October 12th, and I would appreciate your prayers all goes well with the surgery and the recovery.

I think that may be one of the reasons that song is stuck in my head, but another reason is that we are celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 3rd, that day when we join our siblings around the world at the Lord's Table and share the sacrament of Communion together. This is one of my favorite days to celebrate communion and to affirm our oneness and unity in the body of Christ. I give thanks to God that we are siblings in God's great family of faith and that together we are engaged in our mutual ministry and mission.

Yours in Christ,

Cliff



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **World Communion Sunday** is October 3.
- **Congruity's Harvest Festival** is Saturday October 30 starting at 6pm
- Continue following safety recommendations, **in-person worship is back in full force!**

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

October 3

Hebrew 2:5-12

October 10

Psalms 22:1-15

October 17

Mark 10:35-45

October 24

Mark 10:46-52

October 31

Ruth 1:1-18

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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.

Oct 3 New Kensington Wendy Keys, Pastor

Oct 10 Apollo, Poke Run Pete Goetschius, Pastor

Oct 17 Avonmore

Oct 24 Delmont Tony Catullo, Interim

Oct 31 Redstone Presbytery Becca Maiman, Member-at-Large

LITURGIST FOR SEPTEMBER

Oct 3 Sarabeth Stopansky Oct 24 Ced Stopansky

Oct 10 Tim D'Aurora Oct 31 Rhea Summit

Oct 17 Janet Rugh

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES

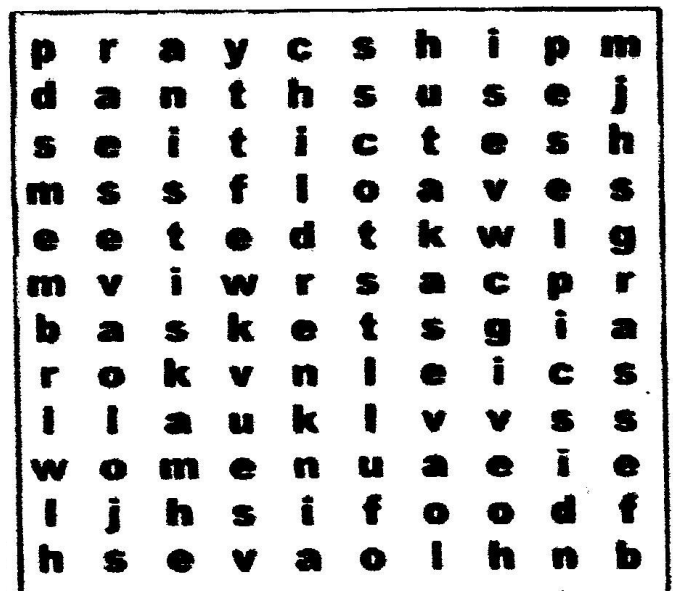
A short meditation
with Pastor Cliff is
being uploaded to the
Congruity Facebook
page each Sunday
morning.



KIDZ KORNER SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN ED

Try this 'Feeding the 5000' Word Search.

Jesus	Woman
Ship	Children
Sick	Give
Cities	Food
Desert	
Loaves (5)	
Twelve	
Baskets	
Five	
Fish (2)	
Disciples	
Grass	
Sit	
Pray	
Eat	
Full	
Man	



OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS



Date	Anniversaries
10/4/2014	James & Angela Kaufman
10/12/1991	Bill & Lisa Heasley
10/13/2012	Frank & Jessica Tarpay
10/14/1995	Dave & Pam Foresman
10/17/1992	Tim & Caroline D'Aurora
10/17/1998	Dan & Elaine Kaufman
10/18/2003	Shawn & Vivian Schweppe
10/20/2007	Ryan & Rebecca Boggs
10/28/2006	Becky & Larry Swatchick

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
10/2	Tom Davis Ken Martz
10/5	Jessica Tarpay
10/10	Wil Hamilton
10/11	Darrell D'Aurora Clayton Kirkpatrick
10/12	Christopher Schrecengost
10/13	Dylan McDonald
10/18	Scott McIlnay
10/19	Laura Blank
10/21	Kelly Karstaedt Kristie Roemer
10/22	Vinton Hoffman
10/25	Tylor McDonald
10/29	Sally Ott
10/31	Daniel Frye Jr



IN SYMPATHY

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

The **Aaron family** on the loss of Sue's brother Tom Grubach.

The **MacDonald family** on the loss of Becky's brother.

The **Johnson family** on the loss of John's aunt.

May God's presence give you comfort and support in your time of loss. Our thanks and prayers are with you.

CONGRATS

We extend our congratulations to **Henry and Sakena Kalp** who were married August 28, 2021.

Congratulations to **Ian and Christy Derek** who were married September 18, 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 met, Monday, September 20th, and reports the following:

- Approved the Sunday School teachers for the 2021-2022 year. They are Becky Davis, Dave Foresman, Cliff Foster and Rhea Summit.
- Approved vacation for Rev. Foster from October 12-25. He will be having knee replacement surgery.
- Approved a bonfire for October 30th.
- Approved Harvest Home Sunday for November 21st. Session reminds folks of the next cemetery work day will be October 9th.

There will not be an in person Session meeting in October, next meeting will be November 15th.

Even though it's not until November, we would like to give everyone a heads up on an upcoming event. **November 21st, 2021 is Harvest Home at Congruity.** This is when we collect non-perishable food items all throughout the month of November and then distribute them to needy families in the area. If you know of such a family please contact the church office at 724-668-7740 or any Deacon with the names and addresses of the families in need.

Thanks so much! From the Deacons

CONGRUITY WORK DAY

We are having **our 2nd workday** to clean up Congruity Cemetery on **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 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

Mission Sunday went very well. We started out the day packing hygiene kits for ROOT International. Although there was only one child there, she and the adults pitched in and packed over 300 kits. It was good fellowship, followed by worship, where aside from the usual service, Becky Vogan from ROOT International did a presentation

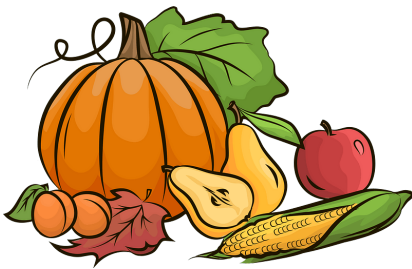


and Skip Noftzger commissioned the Redstone Mission Team going to West Virginia in October. It was followed by lunch and later, a Redstone Mission Team meeting. Thank you to all who donated in any way to make this possible.



CHRISTIAN ED BY PAM FORESMAN

Rally Day was September 12 and it went very well. We had a delicious Continental breakfast and then Sunday School. There were a nice amount of adults who came for the adult class but only one child was there (she was in Rhea Summit's class). We hope to have more children coming to Sunday School as the weeks pass. On September 19th, every one in Sunday School (a bunch of adults and only one child again) helped put together bags of toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths and soap to be taken and distributed to needy families by ROOT International.



Happy Fall Y'all! One of the activities many of us look forward to the most in the Fall is coming up very soon! We weren't able to have it last year but it's back this year...it's our **Harvest Festival!** There will be fun games for the young and young-at-heart, a blazing hot bonfire to sit by and enjoy or to make S'mores, roast hot dogs and/or marsh-

mallows over, and also various "covered dish" snacks that we ask each family to bring to share. So, plan on spending the evening with us on **Saturday, October 30th, starting at 6:00** and bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a wonderful time for fellowship, snacks, and Fall fun! All that we ask is that you bring a favorite snack to share and a lawn chair if you want to sit by the bonfire.

Costumes are optional, smiles are required! We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

OFFERING TOTALS

August 1, 2021

\$1,420.00

August 8, 2021

\$750.00

August 15, 2021

\$2,570.00

August 22, 2021

\$1,125.00

August 29, 2021

\$880.00

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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)
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)
August	\$ 8,682.43	\$ 9,715.03	\$ 7,988.53	\$ (14,005.51)
Year to Date	\$ 59,021.96	\$ 73,027.47	\$ 7,988.53	\$ (14,005.51)

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
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,855.96
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,855.96
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,855.96
August	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 5,905.96
Year to Date	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,905.96

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
May*	\$ 426.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 302.45
June*	\$ 205.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 7.45
July*	\$ 535.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 42.45
August*	\$ 1,117.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 659.95

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 1,996.90	\$ 127.50	\$ 2,124.40

MISSION INTERPRETATION STEWARDSHIP BY TIM D'AURORA

This is the last reminder about the 2021 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 still seem to be somewhat behind for the year, so please check your records to see if you have already given.

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	\$	\$ 20.00
February	\$ 145.00	\$	\$ (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
August	\$ 365.00	\$ -	\$ 1,807.10
Year to Date	\$ 2,659.60	\$	\$ 1,807.10

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
August	\$ -	\$	\$ 2,117.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$	\$ 2,117.97

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$	\$ -	\$ 152.00
Cents-Ability	\$	\$ 8.00	\$ 82.57
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$	\$ -	\$ 239.00
	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 104.25
Pentecost ***	\$	\$ 400.00	\$ 87.11

***25% Welcome Home Shelter

ATTENDANCE

August 1 2021: 33

August 8, 2021: 29

August 15, 2021: 41

August 22 2021: 27

August 29, 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:
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CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



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Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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