



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

As you read these words we will be in the midst of the Season of Advent. Advent has been defined as being “the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.” This is truly a wonderful and special time of the year as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and receive God’s gift to us of the Christ Child wrapped in strips of rags and laying in that Bethlehem manger.

I’m sure that each one of us has what seems to be a never-ending list of things that we need to get done: decorating our homes, sending out cards, baking cookies, shopping for gifts and then wrapping those gifts and so many other things. The air is filled with excitement of looking forward to and anticipating gathering with family and friends... of hearing our favorite Christian carol or song... seeing the awe and wonder of this season in the eyes of the children as Christmas gets closer... and the joy of giving and receiving gifts.

In the midst of this very special time of the year, “the most wonderful time of the year” as the song reminds us, comes the words of the prophet Isaiah that reminds us of the reason of the season: “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...” (Isaiah 9: 6). As we journey towards the Bethlehem stable this Advent season, let us prepare to receive God’s loving gift to us of the Christ child, who is Emmanuel which means “God with us”. May we always remember that through our faith, that God and Christ are always with us, no matter what we may encounter along the road of life.

I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Congruity’s Annual Congregational Meeting** is on Sunday, December 5, 2021
- **Christmas Eve Service** is at 7:30p December 24, 2021
- Continue following safety recommendations, **in-person worship is back in full force!**

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Date	Anniversaries
12/23/1957	Harold & Meryle Kaufman

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Date	Person
12/4	Kathy Hamilton
12/6	Caroline D'Aurora
12/7	Sue Aaron
12/10	Bob McDonald
12/12	Greg Kaufman
12/15	Jay Perino
12/17	John Aaron
12/18	Owen Eidemiller
	Marty Kuzmkowski
12/20	Terri Hoffman
12/22	Kerstin Stellato
12/23	Fred Sehring
12/25	JESUS
12/27	Joe Stopansky
12/28	Alex Kuzmkowski
12/30	Jenn Stiteler
12/31	Tessa Stitler
12/31	Michael Jobe
	Jill Hogue

CONGRATS!!!

We extend our congratulations to Amber and Nate VanZuiden who were married on November 5, 2021!



IN SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Stephanie Cunningham and her family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of her grandfather Chester's death.

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

Thoughts
In your time of sorrow, my
ARE WITH YOU

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 Monday, November 15th and reports the following:

*Set the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting or December 5th immediately following worship.

*Approved December 6th and 7th as vacation days for Rev. Foster.

*Elected John Blank as Treasurer for 2022 and Caroline D'Aurora as Assistant Treasurer.

*Elected Sarabeth Stopansky as Clerk of Session for 2022 and Ken Martz as assistant clerk.

*Voted on a recommendation for the Pastor's terms of call for 2022.

*Approved the 2022 budget with the exception of the pastor's terms of call for 2022, (the congregation will vote on those December 5th).

*Approved the slate of officers for 2022. The slate will be voted on at the December 5th Congregational Meeting.

*Voted to have the children of the congregation take part in the worship service on December 19th.

Ken Martz reported that there have been 2 workdays in the cemetery. There will be additional workdays next spring.

FROM THE DEACONS:

The Deacons would like to say THANK YOU to all who donated or helped with the **Harvest Home** food collection for the month of November. Because of all the food and other non-perishables you brought in, we were able to divide it up to several families in need on November 21.

Thank you again for your generosity and concern for these families.



The deadline to order **Christmas Poinsettias** is December 19th. The cost of the poinsettias is \$9.00.



MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE



There will be a mission **team meeting** on **Sunday Jan 9, 2022** . The meeting will include planning trips for the coming year and to plan for a possible **Pancake Dinner**. Watch for more info in the January newsletter.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

AN INVITATION to all women and girls in our church family:

The Women's Association has decided to change their December meeting from Thursday to **Sunday December 12 at 3pm** and have a get-together in the form of a **TEA**. This would be a simple, informal tea for any of the women and girls of the church. There will be no charge and all you need to do is make a reservation to either Terry Selembo (724-668-7577) or Phyllis Frye (724-468-3740) by Thursday Dec 9, and bring your own tea cup.

We want this to be a relaxing time during the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season and enjoy the fellowship of other women in our church family and get a chance to know each other better.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DEC 5, 2021

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons and other positions in the Church; approve Terms of Call for the Minister for 2022; and to receive the 2022 Budget will be held on Sunday, **December 5, 2021** immediately following the worship service. Please attend if you are able.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please contact the church office **this month** at 724-668-7740 to make any final **changes or additions** to the directory.

OFFERING TOTALS

Oct 3, 2021

\$1,088.00

Oct 10, 2021

\$910.00

Oct 17, 2021

\$380.00

Oct 24, 2021

\$2,005.00

Oct 31, 2021

\$730.00



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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)
September	\$ 8,175.36	\$ 4,621.61	\$ 11,542.28	\$ (10,451.76)
October	\$ 7,856.45	\$ 10,723.88	\$ 8,674.85	\$ (13,319.19)
Year to Date	\$ 75,053.77	\$ 88,372.96	\$ 8,674.85	\$ (13,319.19)

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
September	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 6,055.96
October	\$ -	\$ 872.46	\$ 5,183.50
Year to Date	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 872.46	\$ 5,183.50

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
September	\$ 240.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 399.95
October	\$ 475.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 374.95

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ 2,124.40	\$ -	\$ 2,124.40

Included in General Fund			
Building Maintenance			
	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
September	\$ 155.00	\$ -	\$ 1,962.10
October	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 2,262.10
Year to Date	\$ 3,114.60	\$	\$ 2,262.10

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
September	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,117.97
October	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 158.57
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$	\$ 10.00	\$ 376.00
	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 104.25
Pentecost ***	\$	\$ 400.00	\$ 87.11
Peace Global Witness **	\$	\$ 375.00	\$ 25.00

**40% to Blackburn Center

***25% Welcome Home Shelter

ATTENDANCE

Oct 3 2021: 30
Oct 10, 2021: 56
Oct 17, 2021: 24
Oct 24, 2021: 31
Oct 31, 2021: 33



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



Email Newsletter items to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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