



Congruity Presbyterian
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Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

As I write these words I find myself thinking back over the past year of 2021. Throughout 2021 we continued our journey through the uncharted ways of the ongoing global pandemic; we have grown accustomed to news of surges and variants; we continue to live into the new realities of life; we continue to hope and pray that life will return to a sense of normalcy; and we wait to see what that will look like.

As we look forward to the beginning of a new year, I find myself reflecting on the newness that 2022 has in store for us... as we stand on the threshold of this new year the horizon is a clean slate ready to be filled in with many activities, accomplishments, and a plethora of possibilities. None of knows for sure what the new year holds in store for us, but we can be assured in the good days and not so good days and those days in between that we have been given the promise that we are never alone because Christ promises us "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

We are entering into a new year and before our lives and calendars become chock-full of events and activities, I would like each of us to keep in mind the assurance that is ours because of our faith and to keep in mind the words of Jesus that "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God." (Luke 18: 26) The biblical account reminds us that our God is in the business of making possible what seems impossible: barren women giving birth... a virgin conceiving and giving birth to the Christ Child... a dry path through the sea... Peter walking on the water and countless other examples of how God makes possible what for us as humans seem impossible, may we keep in mind that God calls us to follow wherever God leads us as we journey into this new year and as we face all that lies before us, especially as we pray that the global pandemic will come to an end.

I want to wish each of you a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Congruity's Congregational Meeting** is on Sunday, January 30, 2022

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

January 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14

January 9

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

January 16

John 2:1-11

January 23

Luke 4:14-21

January 30

I Corinthians 13

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SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

Please Pray for the following Redstone District 1 Pastors and congregations.

Jan 2	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
Jan 9	New Kensington	Wendy Keys, Pastor
Jan 16	Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius, Pastor
Jan 23	Avonmore	Lisa Sticker, clerk of Session
Jan 30	Redstone Presbytery	Ross Bash, Member-at-Large

LITURGIST FOR JANUARY

Jan 2	Rhea Summit	Jan 23	Cliff Foster
Jan 9	David Foresman	Jan 30	Tim D'Aurora
Jan 16	Caroline D'Aurora		

*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

BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT

Use your Bible to fill in all of these blanks.

- ☐ The last book of the Bible _____
- ☐ The book after Daniel _____
- ☐ The first book of the New Testament _____
- ☐ The first word in the Bible _____
- ☐ The last word in the Bible _____
- ☐ The first book named for a woman _____
- ☐ The 20th book of the Bible _____
- ☐ The 2nd book named for a woman _____
- ☐ The book before Jonah _____
- ☐ The last book of the Old Testament _____
- ☐ The book of the Bible with the shortest title _____
- ☐ The 2nd book of the Old Testament _____

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Date _____ Anniversaries _____

1/30/2010 Dan & Hillary Lapcevic



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
1/1	Beth Dudek

Matthew C. MacDonald, Jr.

Kelly McCambridge

1/4 Mike Kepple

1/5 Kaley Foster

1/6 Emily Eidemiller

1/7 Courtney Young

1/8 Ced Stopansky

Brian Walters

1/10 Denise Eidemiller

Cheyenne Heasley

1/11 Daniel Kaufman

1/13 Jessica Foresman

Alyssa Martz Rader

1/18 Carol Hohman

1/19 Kathleen Orr

Sara Orr

1/20 Tyler Piovesan

Alenah Thomas

1/21 Ian Derek

1/22 Trevor Derek

1/23 Keith Walters

1/24 Dorothy Brant

1/28 Kim Matvey

Jared Walters

CONGRATS!!!

We extend our congratulations to Stacey and Alex Burns on the birth of their daughter **Sophie Louise, December 12, 2021**. This is the 6th grandchild for Michelle and Jim Kepple!



ON THE COVER

You may have noticed a change in the photo on the newsletter cover page. This is an image from one of our beautiful windows in the sanctuary. This window depicts the **Dove**, God's promise of new beginnings. **Genesis 8:11**.

Take time to reflect on our windows and God's word.

ELDERS

Matt Cunningham

Evelyn Foresman

Phyllis Frye

Kathy Hamilton

Vince Kemerer

Nancy Lauffer

Ken Martz

Scott McIlnay

Sarabeth Stopansky

DEACONS

Dorothy Brant

Stephanie Cunningham

Tom Davis

Sue Derek

Dave Foresman

Glenn Henry

Lana Munsell

Terry Selembo

Cedric Stopansky

ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The session met on December 20th and reports the following:

Tim D'Aurora and Terry Selembo were thanked for their 6 years of service as Elders.

The Personnel Committee reported that they had met with all support staff and all 2022 contracts have been signed.

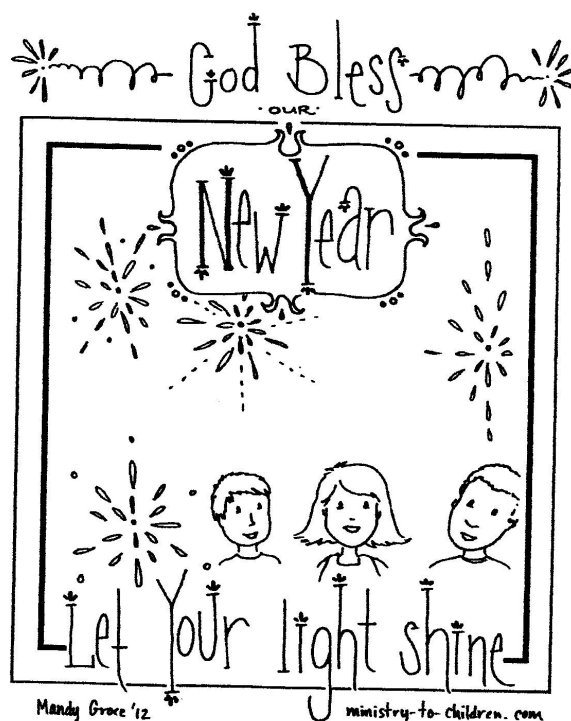
The auditors will be notified that the books of all church organizations need reviewed prior to the January Congregational Meeting on the 30th. Treasurers please make sure your book are available by the date requested.

The church committees are being reorganized, all committees need members, please consider joining one committee. See Rev Foster for list of committee responsibilities if you are interested.

Approved the following:

- * Vacation for Rev. Foster December 27-31. No Sundays involved
- * Communion dates for 2022
- * Baptism of Addie Ickes for January 30, 2022.
- * Voted to split MIS committee into 2 Committees, Mission Committee and Stewardship and Finance Committee.

The next Session meeting is January 17, 2022



MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

There will be a **meeting** of the Redstone Mission team on **Sunday January 9, 2022 at 3pm** at Phyllis Frye's home, 162 Main Street, Slickville Pa 15684, to plan trips to where God only knows and to make plans for (hopefully) a Pancake Dinner on March 1, 2022.



The Pancake Dinner helps cover costs for food, travel and registration expenses in order to keep volunteer costs down. Our trips in the last several years have been within driving distance in order to eliminate plane fares and van rentals and also allows flexibility for those who may not be able to go for a full week. So pray about it and maybe this will be where God is sending you this year.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

"Let's have another one next year!" was a comment heard several times at the simple, informal **TEA** held for women of the church by the Women's Association.



It was a nice relaxing time for fellowship, catching up, and getting better acquainted with some of our "newer" ladies. It proves we don't always have to have months and months of planning to have a successful gathering. We pulled this off in three weeks with just a few quick meetings after church. Thank you to all those who helped and those 17 women who attended.

OFFERING TOTALS

Nov 7, 2021

\$920.00

Nov 14, 2021

\$565.00

Nov 21, 2021

\$4,190.00

Nov 28, 2021

\$721.00

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



REMINDER to ONLINE GIVERS:

Any on-line giving is not reported by the financial secretary on her statements. For tax purposes you can log into your account to obtain a record of your on-line donations. Please remember that any on-line donations are not deposited into Congruity's bank account until the first banking day of the next month.

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)
November	\$ 6,315.83	\$ 10,142.02	\$ 4,848.66	\$ (17,145.38)
Year to Date	\$ 81,369.60	\$ 98,514.98	\$ 4,848.66	\$ (17,145.38)

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
November	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 2,873.50
Year to Date	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 3,382.46	\$ 2,873.50

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 890.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 390.00
February*	\$ 502.40	\$ 500.00	\$ 392.40
March*	\$ 859.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 751.90
April*	\$ 602.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 854.40
May*	\$ 426.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 780.85
June*	\$ 205.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 485.85
July*	\$ 535.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 520.85
August*	\$ 1,117.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,138.35
September	\$ 240.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 878.35
October	\$ 475.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 853.35
November*	\$ 472.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 825.85
December			

*Includes Per Capita

Previous	This Mnth	To Date
\$ 2,124.40	\$ 42.50	\$ 2,166.90

*Per Capita to Date

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
November	\$ 195.00	\$ -	\$ 2,457.10
Year to Date	\$ 3,309.60	\$	\$ 2,457.10

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

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$	\$ -	\$ 152.00
Cents-Ability	\$	\$ -	\$ 158.57
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$	\$ -	\$ 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
Christmas Joy	\$	\$ 400.00	\$ (290.00)

**40% to Blackburn Center

***25% Welcome Home Shelter

ATTENDANCE

Nov 7, 2021: 30

Nov 14, 2021: 25

Nov 21, 2021: 37

Nov 28, 2021: 27

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: Ken Martz

DEACON MODERATOR:
Dave Foresman

TREASURER: John Blank

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:
Michelle Kepple

CHURCH SECRETARY:
Debbie Perino

MUSIC DIRECTOR:
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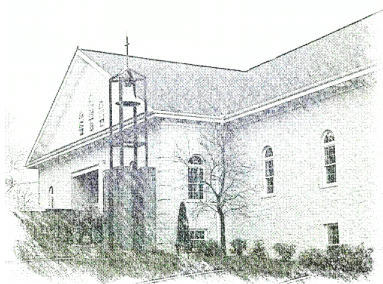
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