



Congruity Presbyterian Church

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Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

A few weeks ago I was in a store and as I walked past an endcap filled with boxes of the Valentine's Day cards that we gave to our classmates when I was in elementary school. I remember decorating a box to hold those cards and looking forward to the class party and then reading all of those cards that would be given to me from my classmates. I remember filling those cards out for each of my classmates and picking the right card for each of them.

During the month of February our attention is drawn to those special and significant people in our lives as we celebrate Valentine's Day. So with cards, gifts, or perhaps a special meal we will remind those significant people in our lives just how much we love and appreciate them, although we know that this is something that we do not only on February 14th but throughout the year. As we think about those we love throughout this month, I would encourage you to read 1 Corinthians 13, Paul's great chapter on love and to think about what Paul writes about love.

It is my hope and prayer that throughout this month and always that we will experience the love of God reaching out and embracing us and reminding us in the words of our beloved neighbor Mr. Rogers that "you are special." Let us remember that God loves us and accepts us as we are. May we always remember just how much God loves us and all that God has done for us. Let us remember that we are indeed loved.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Congruity's Deacon Sunday** is on Sunday, February 20, 2022

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

February 6

Isaiah 6: 1-8

February 13

Luke 6: 17-26

February 20

Genesis 45: 3-11,15

February 27

Luke 9: 28-38

For a print copy, call
the church office at
724-668-7740

SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

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

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|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Feb 6 | Delmont | Tony Catulo, Interim |
| Feb 13 | Lower Burrell,
Grace Community | Doug Marshall, Interim |
| Feb 20 | Lower Burrell,
Puckety | Brian Kilbert, Pastor |
| Feb 27 | Redstone Presbytery | Sue Blank, Member-at-Large |

LITURGIST FOR FEBRUARY

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| February 6 | Sarabeth Stopansky |
| February 13 | Cliff Foster |
| February 20 | Congruity Deacons |
| February 27 | Phyllis Frye |

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

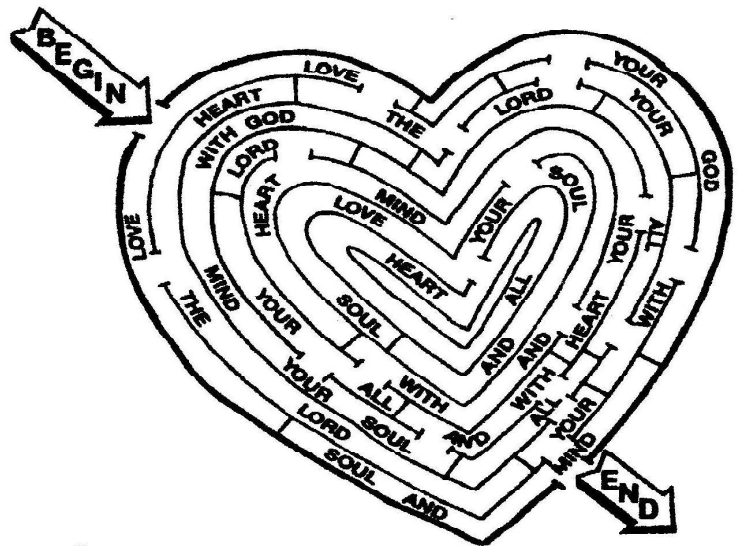
WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES

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



KIDZ KORNER SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN ED

Find the
correct
path
through,
and write
the words
as you find
them on the
blanks be-
low.



“ _____

_____” Matthew 22:37

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
2/1	Charlotte Foresman
2/3	Dan Frye
2/4	Kathy (Blank) Todd Jeff Karstaedt
2/7	Dottie D'Aurora
2/8	Tom Dudek
2/9	Elijah Miller
2/17	Austin Heasley
2/18	Ken Sellinger, Jr.
2/20	Arlin Smith Kathy Schrecengost Soule
2/21	Daniel Witt
2/22	Elise Bish Diane D'Aurora
2/25	Clay Kaufman
2/25	Brian Kaufman
2/27	Stephanie Cunningham
2/27	Bob Frye



THANK YOU !!!

I would like to express my thanks for the generous gift that was given to me this Christmas. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
~ Cliff Foster

I would like to thank the congregation of Congruity Church for their most generous Christmas gift. And, I am very appreciative of the thoughts and prayers for my recent eye surgeries. Thanks to all!

~ Vicki Walters, Congruity Music Director

I would like to thank everyone in the Congruity congregation for the gift of money.

~ Ken Moyer, Congruity Custodian

Thank you to the Deacons and Congregation for the generous and much appreciated gift of money.

~ Debbie Perino, Congruity Secretary.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Murphy/Hower family on the death of Betty Murphy's son-in-law Jim Hower's death. May God's presence give you comfort in your time of loss.

IN LOVING
memory

LAST CALL! 

Please call the church office ASAP with any changes or updates to your contact information for the new **Church Directory**.

Debbie will be printing them soon, and we want to make sure we have everyone's **current home or cell phone number and email** so everyone can be reached in case of an emergency or scheduling change.

Leave Debbie a message at 724-668-7740.

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

ON THE COVER

You may have noticed a change in the photo on the cover.

This is an image from one of our beautiful windows in the sanctuary. This window depicts the **Cross and Crown**, God's assurance that although there will be trials, there will also be rewards. **James 1:12.**

ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The session met on January 24th, 2022 and reports the following:

Discussed that the views on the Facebook scripture, prayer and sermon service are consistently over 60, with 156 views on Christmas Eve

Held the Annual meeting of the Trustees and elected Ken Martz president and Sarabeth Stopansky secretary for 2022.

Approved the two new committee descriptions for Mission and Budget-Interpretation-and-Stewardship.

Approved the 2021 statistical report that will be sent to the General Assembly.

Approved The Mission Team's use of Fellowship Hall on March 18 and 19 for a soup sale and take out event.

Approved use of funds from the local mission fund to help a local family with a furnace installation.

Voted to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 13. All money collected will go to the Westmoreland County Foodbank.

Next Session meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2022

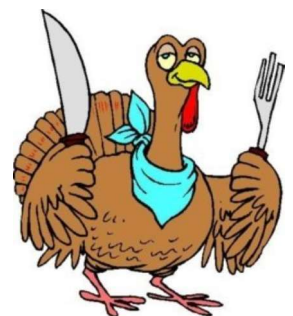
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE



The Women's Association has set **April 2nd** as the date for their **Rummage Sale** (covid pending).

Please do not bring rummage until the week of the sale. **Watch for the March newsletter for more information.**

ALSO, keep reading the newsletter — the Women's Association is also planning a **Take-Out Turkey Supper** sometime this spring!



MISSION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

REPORT FROM THE REDSTONE MISSION TEAM:

Redstone Mission Team has set the week of **April 24-30 for a trip to Summersville, WV**. Cost for a trip to WV has been increased to \$300 per person due to increased costs of building materials, so volunteers will pay \$150 with the balance coming out of the team fund. We are still open for new volunteers. **Please contact Phyllis Frye, 724-468-3740 for more information.**



SWITCHING PANCAKES for SOUP TAKEOUT!

The Mission Team will NOT be having their Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner again this year, but will instead hold a **Take-out Only Soup Sale at Congruity Church on Saturday, March 19**. There will be a planning meeting for the soup sale on Feb. 13 at 3pm at Congruity, so if you are interested in going on the trip, you are expected to help with this fund-raiser. **Watch for more information in the March newsletter.**

BUDGET + STEWARDSHIP + INTERPRETATION

The committee formerly known as **Mission Interpretation and Stewardship** has been split into two newly formed committees—Budget and Stewardship Interpretation Committee and the Mission Committee. We are reminding everyone that the 2022 **per capita apportionment** for each member is **\$43.00**. The per capita apportionment that we remit to the Presbytery to cover their operating costs as well as the costs for the Synod of the Trinity and the General Assembly. You will see this recorded and tracked under the First Fruits on our Financial Reports. We ask that you indicate this as your per capita payment.

DEACONS BY DAVE FORESMAN

The Deacons would like everyone to know that the **2022 FLOWER CHART** is posted in the greeting room. Please sign your name to the chart or call the church office to get your name on the list. Floral arrangements are made by Export Floral and cost \$40 payable to Congruity Deacons.



OFFERING TOTALS

Dec 5, 2021

\$2,141.00

Dec 12, 2021

\$1,085.00

Dec 19, 2021

\$840.00

Dec 24, 2021

\$3,370.00

Dec 26, 2021

\$766.50



ONLINE GIVING
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**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)
December	\$ 13,151.90	\$ 8,482.44	\$ 9,518.12	\$ (12,475.92)
Year to Date	\$ 94,521.50	\$ 106,997.42	\$ 9,518.12	\$ (12,475.92)

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
December	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 235.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 560.85

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 2,166.90	\$ 340.00	\$ 2,506.90

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
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
December	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ 2,637.10
Year to Date	\$ 3,489.60	\$ 852.50	\$ 2,637.10

<u>Local Mission</u>			
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			
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	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 2,117.97
September	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,117.97
October	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,117.97
November	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,117.97
December	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,117.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 2,117.97

<u>Special Offerings</u>			
	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 152.00	\$ -	\$ 152.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 158.57	\$ 16.00	\$ 174.57
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 376.00	\$ 423.00	\$ 799.00
	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,104.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 104.25
Pentecost ***	\$ 487.11	\$ 400.00	\$ 87.11
Peace Global Witness **	\$ 400.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 25.00
Christmas Joy	\$ 420.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 20.00

**40% to Blackburn Center

***25% Welcome Home Shelter

ATTENDANCE

Dec 5, 2021:	33
Dec 12, 2021:	34
Dec 19, 2021:	32
Dec 24, 2021:	66
Dec 26, 2021:	14



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:
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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