



Congruity Presbyterian Church

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Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

The other day I found myself thinking about the various months of the year and the various events and activities that are associated with each month. I would be hard pressed to decide which month is my favorite because each month has its own unique special-ness. As a person of Irish heritage and lineage, March has always been a special month with the anticipation of a feast of corned beef and cabbage, my grandmother's Irish soda bread and wearing something green.

This year the month of March finds us journeying through the season of Lent. Lent is a period of preparation for Easter, it is a forty-day period excluding Sundays of thinking about and reflecting on all that Christ has done for us. Usually we have held weekly Lenten services at the various churches in the New Alexandria community, but because of the Covid pandemic we have decided not to have these weekly services this year. The annual Dan Schall concert will be held at the UMC church on April 6th at 7PM.

During the Lenten Season the church will be open on Wednesday afternoons from 1-4 PM for anyone who would like to spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection. As we journey through the season of Lent, we will experience the symphony of springtime burst forth all around us with the renewal of life. May this special time of the year bring renewal to each of us as we once again remember all that Christ has done for us. Another thing that will be taking place this month is that Daylight Savings begins on March 13 as we spring ahead an hour. In the midst of the renewal of life that will take place before our eyes in the coming weeks, it is my hope and prayer that each of us in our journey of faith will experience renewal and rejuvenation because of all that Christ has done for us.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Ash Wednesday Worship** is at Community UP on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7pm

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

March 6

Luke 4: 1-3

March 13

Genesis 15: 1-12

March 20

Luke 13: 1-9

March 27

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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.

March 6 Murrysville First Ed Gray, Pastor

March 13 Murrysville, New-
lonsburg Curtis Paul, Pastor
Travis Webster, Assoc.Pastor

March 20 Murrysville, Union Sue Washburn, Interim

March 27 Redstone Presbytery Cliff Buell, Honorably Retired

LITURGIST FOR MARCH

March 6 Dave Foresman

March 13 Rhea Summit

March 20 Cliff Foster

March 27 Debbie Perino

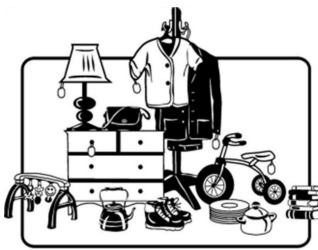
*Finding God * Growing in Faith * Discovering Purpose * Making a Difference*

WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES

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



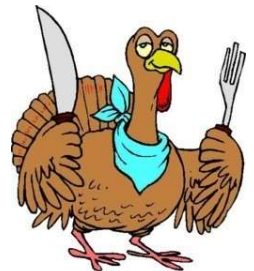
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE



The RUMMAGE SALE-BAKE-SALE is
April 2, 2022, 9am-2pm. Please do not bring
items to the church until Monday March 28.

We do not have room to store things ahead of
time this year. Also we will need help all dur-
ing the week from 8am-3pm and Saturday
8am til clean-up is finished.

Sat. May 7, 2022 will be the spring Take-out
Only TURKEY DINNER. Details will be in the
April newsletter.



MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
03/02/1957	Bob & Kay Frye
3/3/2006	Vince & Sandy Kemerer
3/28/1981	Tom & Rosemary Orr
3/29/1981	Ron & Mary Ann Kaufman



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
3/2	Jason Orr
3/3	Janet Rugh
3/4	Karen Dudek
3/7	Jacob Derek
3/8	Geri Kaufman
	Debbie Marchelletta
	Nancy Schweppe
3/9	Alicia D'Aurora
3/10	Ken Walters
3/11	Jessica D'Aurora
3/13	Nancy Walters
3/14	Alison Derek Sullivan
3/18	April Hawkey Richards
	Dana Kaufman
3/19	Michael Kaufman
	Betty Murphy
3/20	Sandy Kemerer
	Matt MacDonald
3/24	Colten Tarpay
3/25	Pam Foresman
	Lana Munsell
3/26	Bill Heasley
3/27	Adrian Frye
3/28	Robert Watt
3/29	Marlene Kifer
3/30	Perry Miller IV



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the **Haines/Law family** as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Danene's father Dean's death. May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.

IN LOVING
memory

THANK YOU

We wish to express our thanks to all who contributed to the **Souper Bowl of Caring** on February 13, 2022, we collected \$330 which will be given to the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity.

ELDERS

Matt Cunningham
Evelyn Foresman
Phyllis Frye
Kathy Hamilton
Vince Kemerer
Nancy Lauffer
Ken Martz
Scott McInay
Sarabeth Stopansky

DEACONS

Dorothy Brant
Stephanie Cunningham
Tom Davis
Sue Derek
Dave Foresman
Glenn Henry
Lana Munsell
Terry Selembo
Cedric Stopansky

ON THE COVER

As Easter approaches, this is an image from one of our beautiful windows in the sanctuary. This window depicts Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he went to pray while his disciples kept watch. **Mark 14: 32-36.**

ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The session met on February 21st and reports the following.

The Souper Bowl of Caring collection totaled \$330.00 and approximately 50 pounds of food. The money will go to the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

The Women's Association has set the date of the Rummage Sale for April 2nd and the Take-out Turkey Dinner for May 7.

The Deacons reported that they are working on the price list for Easter flowers. Watch the bulletin for more details.

The Mission Committee was able to help a local family replace their furnace, using some funds from Local Mission Fund.

Session approved the following:

Set the goals for the special offerings for 2022. They are One Great Hour of Sharing \$1000, Pentecost \$400. Peace and Global Witness \$375. Christmas Joy \$400.

Approved 3 Hoagie Sales for 2022 and one Spaghetti Dinner. Dates to be announced.

Approved a joint program between Congruity and the New Alexandria Lions Club. The program will include Fun Days. A time where kids from the community can get together for fun and games in a safe environment. More details will be available soon.

The next Session meeting will be Sunday, March 20th immediately following worship. This will be a joint meeting with the Deacons.

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.

Many Thanks from the Congruity Deacons



EASTER FLOWERS BY THE DEACONS



Order forms will be available for EASTER FLOWERS coming up soon. These forms will be located in the church pews, but you can also contact the church office at 724-668-7740, Reverend Foster, or any Deacon to place an order.

REPORT FROM THE REDSTONE MISSION TEAM

BY PHYLLIS FRYE

There is still room for more volunteers to go on the REDSTONE MISSION TEAM'S April 24-30 trip to Summersville, WV. Cost to go to WV is \$300 with the volunteer paying \$150 and the balance coming out of the team fund; and you are expected to help with the soup sale fund-raiser. **Contact Phyllis if interested, 724-468-3740 .**



The REDSTONE MISSION TEAM is sponsoring a Take-out Only SOUP SALE on Sat March 19, at Congruity Church. There will be Vegetarian Vegetable and Chili (which are both gluten free) and Chicken Noodle (with or without onions) at \$5 for a pint and \$8 for a quart. Pick up is at the church from 12-3pm. Orders must be placed by Sunday March 13. To order, please call the church office at 724-668-7740, or Phyllis Frye 724-468-3740. There will also be a sign up sheet in the greeting room at the church. Thank you. We appreciate your support as the proceeds will benefit the mission team going to West Virginia the end of April.

MISSION SUBMITTED BY PHYLLIS FRYE

WANTED! Those with a heart for mission to become involved on the MISSION COMMITTEE of our church. (This is unrelated to the Redstone Mission team which includes members of many churches in Redstone Presbytery and is involved in disaster assistance and reconstruction in poverty areas.)

This committee is under Session and is responsible for the development of mission within the congregation, including programs already in place and developing new projects that would meet the needs of the church and community at large. If interested, or have any questions or suggestions, or if you see a need that we might help with, please contact Phyllis Frye (724-468-3740) or call the church (724-668-7740).

OFFERING TOTALS

Jan 2, 2022

\$352.00

Jan 9, 2022

\$814.00

Jan 16, 2022

\$430.00

Jan 23, 2022

\$812.00

Jan 30, 2022

\$2,298.00



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	To Date Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 9,535.36	
January	\$ 18,247.97	\$ 8,771.09	\$ 19,012.24	\$ 9,476.88
Year to Date	\$ 18,247.97	\$ 8,771.09	\$ 19,012.24	\$ 9,476.88

Memorial Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,873.50
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,873.50
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,873.50

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 1,192.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 692.50
*Includes Per Capita			
	Previous	This Month	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ -	\$ 812.50	\$ 812.50

Building Maintenance

	NET Re- ceipts	NET Expenses	Actual Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,637.10
January	\$ 250.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 2,560.10
Year to Date	\$ 250.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 2,560.10

Local Mission

	Re- ceipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,117.97
January	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,817.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,817.97

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Cents-Ability	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
Presby Disaster Assistance	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

CONGRATULATIONS!



A special congratulations goes out to SUE BLANK on her retirement. Thank you for your ministry!

BUDGET + STEWARDSHIP + INTERPRETATION

The newly formed Budget and Stewardship Interpretation Committee reminds everyone that the 2022 **per capita apportionment** for each member is **\$43.00**.

The per capita apportionment that we remit to the Presbytery covers 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.

ATTENDANCE

Jan 2, 2022:	21
Jan 9, 2022:	25
Jan 16, 2022:	21
Jan 23, 2022:	17
Jan 30, 2022:	42

KIDZ KORNER SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN ED



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.

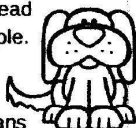
JESUS' DISCIPLES

The names of Jesus' disciples are listed below. Write the letter of the correct disciple's name in front of each statement on the left. Answers may be used more than once or not at all.

Then, see how many of the names (in bold) that you can find in the word search.

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|---|---|
| ___ I was a tax collector. (Matt. 9:9) | A. Peter (also called Simon) |
| ___ I betrayed Jesus. (Matt. 10:4) | B. Andrew |
| ___ I denied Jesus three times, but later repented. (Matt. 26:69-75) | C. James |
| ___ I was Peter's brother. (John 1:40) | D. John |
| ___ We were brothers, the sons of Zebedee. (Mark 1:19-20) | E. Philip |
| ___ I said that I would not believe that Jesus was risen until I saw the print of the nails in His hands. (John 20:24-28) | F. Bartholomew (also called Nathanael) |
| ___ I beat Peter in a foot race to the empty tomb. (John 20:6-10) | G. Thomas |
| ___ Jesus asked me where we should buy bread for 5,000 people. (John 6:5-7) | H. Matthew |
| ___ My name means "Twin". | I. James (the Lesser) |
| | J. Jude (also called Thaddeus) |
| | K. Simon the Zealot |
| | L. Judas (Iscaiot) |

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CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



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Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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Worship 11:00 am**

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