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Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

The month of April brings with it a renewed sense of hope and expectation, doesn't it? The signs of spring are all around us with the renewal of life. The Pirates have begun a new season full with expectation that this could be a play-off year and perhaps even a World Series victory, then there is the deadline for filing our taxes. But most importantly on April 17th we will celebrate Easter and the glorious Good News that the tomb is empty, that Jesus Christ is alive! On the Tuesday following Easter, April 19th, I will be having my rescheduled knee replacement surgery, and I would appreciate your prayers.

The other day I found myself thinking about something we used to recite when I was growing up: "What do April showers brings... May flowers". I have always liked that saying and not just because I grew up in Massachusetts where the Mayflower landed but because this saying conveys to me the hope that is ours because of our faith in Christ. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

The Good News for us is that we are an Easter people! The tomb is empty, Jesus Christ is alive! As the symphony of spring continues around us, may our faith enable us to be transformed into new creations through our faith in Christ.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Come Celebrate **Easter** at Congruity, April 17, 2022. **Service starts at 10 am**

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

April 3

John 12 : 1-8

April 10

Luke 19 : 28-40

April 17

Luke 24 : 1-12

April 24

TBA

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.

April 3	New Alexandria, Community	Len Morgan, CP
April 10	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
April 17	New Kensington	Wendy Keys, Pastor
April 24	Redstone Presbytery	Lisa Dormire, Member-at-large

LITURGIST FOR APRIL

April 3	Ced Stopansky
April 10	Cliff Foster
April 17	Sarabeth Stopansky
April 24	Dave Foresman

*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.



DEACONS BY DAVE FORESMAN



The Deacons would like everyone to know that there is still room on the **2022 FLOWER CHART**, 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

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.



APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
4/7/1984	Darrell & Diane D'Aurora
4/13/2005	Michael & Kim Matvey
4/27/1969	Ron & Geri Kaufman
4/27/2002	Bob & Mimi Kaufman



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
4/2	Ashley Bish
4/6	Elaine Kaufman Meryle Kaufman
4/7	Alyssia Thomas
4/8	William Kaufman
4/9	Jill Blank John Blank III
4/11	Rich Youngbauer
4/15	Missy Martz
4/16	Lisa Heasley
4/17	Colton Boggs Phyllis Frye
4/18	Steve Derek Dan Lapcevic
4/19	Christine Kuzmkowski
4/20	Shirley Stoltz
4/23	Mimi Kaufman
4/26	Sue Derek
4/30	Tom Hamilton



PLEASE CHECK YOUR DIRECTORY ENTRY.

The DRAFT of the new **Congruity Directory** is at the receptionist's window. Please stop by, check your entry, mark any changes, or place a check mark next to it if it is okay!

ANSWERS FROM KIDZ KORNER, P7:

1. angel
2. Joseph of Arimathea
3. Guards at Jesus' tomb
4. Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, other women
5. centurion

CALL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS BY THE DEACONS

If you know any Congruity members currently attending college or career schools, please provide their name and contact information to any of the Deacons or to the church office.

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

He is Risen! This is an image from one of our beautiful windows in the sanctuary. This window depicts the risen Christ. He is Risen Indeed!
John 20 : 11-18

ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The session met on Sunday, March 20th for their annual joint meeting with the Deacons and reports the following.

Topics discussed included volunteering for church committees, and returning to serving the Bread and Cup instead of the prepackaged Elements. The prepackaged Elements will still be available for those who wish to continue with using them.

The Session met afterwards and approved Rev. Foster's vacation request for April 19- May 4th. This is for his knee replacement surgery.

The next Session meeting will be Monday, April 18th.

CONGRUITY LENDING LIBRARY

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY

During the pandemic we started a LENDING LIBRARY! It started out with 50 books in Cliff's office. But it has grown to over 250! It is now located in the Sunday school classroom off the Fellowship Hall with several genres of books: biographies; mysteries; history; science fiction; and best-selling novels.

There is no book sign out, and no time limit to keeping books. Bring one, leave one or even keep one, if you like it. Stop by after church or call the office and someone can arrange to have it open during the week. There are even comfortable chairs to sit in while looking through the selections.

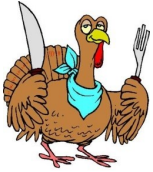
Elder Ken Martz enjoys a classic read.



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.

HELP IS NEEDED all during the week from 9am-3pm and Saturday 8am til clean-up is finished. Baked goods should be at the church by 8am Saturday.



TAKE-OUT TURKEY DINNER is Saturday May 7, 2022. Pick-up time is 3 - 6pm at Congruity Church. Tickets must be purchased in advance before Wed April 27 by calling Debbie Perino at 724-396-5777 or the church office at 724-668-7740. Tickets are limited to 250. **ADULTS \$12 CHILDREN \$8.**

We are **ACCEPTING DONATIONS** of corn, cranberry sauce, Miracle Whip, butter and lots and lots of milk. We also need people to donate cakes (9x13 or larger) that can be cut into at least 12 pieces. Monetary donations also accepted. If you would like to donate, please contact Phyllis Frye at 724-468-3740 before April 22. There will also be a sign-up sheet at church.

We will also need help setting up and serving. Watch for more information in the May newsletter.

MISSION SUBMITTED BY PHYLLIS FRYE

WANTED! Those with a heart for mission to become involved on the **MISSION COMMITTEE** of our church.



We are looking for volunteers with a heart for mission to be on this committee.

We have some plans in the workings. One is to work in conjunction with the New Alexandria Lions to form a youth program where we can provide an environment where they can feel safe and loved without fear of being bullied. Another is to help provide help and meals to Union Mission in Latrobe on the weekends.

There have been some other suggestions and we are open to new ones. If you are interested in being part of this committee contact Phyllis Frye. For more info on the youth program, contact Becky Davis at 724-668-8064. You will need to have or obtain clearances to volunteer on this program.

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**. 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 when you tithe..

OFFERING TOTALS

Feb 6, 2022

\$532.00

Feb 13, 2022

\$1,545.00

Feb 20, 2022

\$700.00

Feb 27, 2022

\$1,472.00



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	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
February	\$ 9,623.42	\$ 9,872.34	\$ 18,763.32	\$ 9,227.96
Year to Date	\$ 27,871.39	\$ 18,643.43	\$ 18,763.32	\$ 9,227.96

Memorial Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,873.50
January	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,873.50
February	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 2,923.50
Year to Date	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 2,923.50

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 1,192.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 692.50
February*	\$ 928.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,121.00

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ 812.50	\$ 608.50	\$ 1,421.00

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
February	\$ 180.00		\$ 2,740.10
Year to Date	\$ 430.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 2,740.10

Local Mission

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

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ -	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 8.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 51.00
Presby Disaster Assistance	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00

REPORT FROM REDSTONE MISSION TEAM

BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The **REDSTONE MISSION TEAM** thanks you all for your support of Redstone Mission Team’s Soup sale in March. The sale, along with your very generous donations raised roughly \$1,600 toward our trip to WV the end of April.



ATTENDANCE	
Feb 6, 2022:	20
Feb 13, 2022:	30
Feb 20, 2022:	26
Feb 27, 2022:	32



KIDZ KORNER SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN ED



Give yourself five points if you can guess correctly with only the first clue; three points if you can guess on the second clue; and one point if you can guess after the third clue.

- My appearance was like lightning.
My clothes were white as snow.
I rolled the stone away from the entrance to Jesus’ tomb and sat on it.
Who am I? _____ Points: _____
- I am a rich man from Arimathea.
I am a follower of Jesus.
Jesus was placed in the unused cave, which was to be my tomb.
Who am I? _____ Points: _____
- We were Pilate’s soldiers.
We were sent on a spooky assignment.
Something happened that so frightened us that we shook and became like dead men.
Who were we? _____ Points: _____
- We followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs.
From a distance, we watched Jesus die.
Early on Easter morning, we brought spices to Jesus’ tomb to preserve his body.
Who were we? _____ Points: _____
- It was my job to watch Jesus die.
I felt the earthquake, saw rocks split, and saw dead people come alive when Jesus died.
I said, “Surely he was the Son of God!”
Who am I? _____ Points: _____

REQUEST FOR BIDS: MOWING

Congruity is looking for someone who loves to mow!

Please send a bid for mowing the church and cemetery grounds by **April 18th** to the Church office. If you have any questions, please call the office at 724-668-7740

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

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CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Email Newsletter items to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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