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Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

Whenever I think about the month of May, I often find myself thinking about my hometown in Massachusetts. I remember the weeks leading up to Memorial Day were always busy as my dad would put together flowers for the graves of family members in the local cemeteries. Those flowers would be placed on the graves prior to the Memorial Day Parade that made stops at the two cemeteries in my hometown—Woodlawn Cemetery and St. John's Cemetery. After the parade on Memorial Day, I remember those cemeteries being filled with people who were catching up with one another and spending some time visiting with one another before we headed home for hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill.

Over the last several years, we have hosted the local Veterans who come to the church cemetery for the Memorial Day ceremony. We spend a few moments honoring and remembering those who died on the various battlefields so that we might continue to enjoy the freedoms that we have in our great nation. On Memorial Day we are reminded of the high price that was paid for our freedom by those brave men and women who gave their lives for us.

As we have watched the news reports coming out of Ukraine over the last several weeks we have seen the destruction and devastation as well as the heroic stance of the Ukrainians standing up against the Russian forces. In a way it is similar to the Minutemen standing up to the British soldiers at Lexington and Concord as "the shot heard round the world" was fired. As we prepare for Memorial Day and as we continue to witness the resolve of the Ukrainian people and their President, I would encourage all of us to keep those words for Jesus from John 15: 13 "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." So we thank those in our nation's history who gave their lives on the various battlefields for our freedom as well as for those who are standing strong on today's battlefields to preserve freedom. May God continue to bless us all.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Come for the **Memorial Day** service **Sunday May 29th.**

WEEKLY WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

May 1

John 21: 1-19

May 8

Psalm 23

May 15

Revelation 21: 1-6

May 22

John 5: 1-9

May 29

John 17: 20-26

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the church office at
724-668-7740

SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

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

May 1	Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschiuss, Pastor
May 8	Avonmore	Wendy Keys, Moderator
May 15	Delmont	Tony Catulo, Interim
May 22	Lower Burrell, Grace Community	Doug Marshal, Interim
May 29	Redstone Presbytery	Ken Foust, Honorably Retired

LITURGIST FOR APRIL

May 1	Tim D'Aurora	May 22	Caroline D'Aurora
May 8	Rhea Summit	May 29	Cliff Foster
May 15	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

Faith

Faith is believing without seeing.

Shade in every shape with a word that contains the letters J, L, M or Y. Write the resulting 5-letter word and arrange the words from its letter shapes to create its definition, according to Paul.

SURE	ALL	WHAT	JURY	OF	WE	JOY
MERCY	OF	AM	WE	FOR	LIE	CERTAIN
MY	HOPE	AND	LOVE	PLEA	WHAT	BY
PAL	LOW	MEN	YOU	ILL	JAIL	DO
						TRY

" _____ IS _____

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
5/3/1980	Steve & Sue Derek
5/5/2007	Mike & Kerstin Stellato
5/10/1986	Scott & Kathy Hamilton
5/14/1983	Gary & Tammy Kulik
5/16/1998	Tom & Becky Davis
5/25/2014	Alex & Stacey Burns



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
5/1	Dave Bish
	Lisa Kaufman
5/2	Nancy Lauffer
5/3	Larry Swatchick
5/12	Roni Kaufman
5/15	Lucha Batera
	Ron Kaufman
	Linda Youngbauer
5/16	Bryce Kaufman
5/17	Linda Hazlett
	Joelyn Watt
5/18	Susan Blank
5/19	Ivy Sullivan
5/20	Cindy Karstaedt
5/23	Rose Ann Orr
5/24	Jennifer Carnathan
5/28	Becky Swatchick



IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Stine/Friedly family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Amy Stine's passing. May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.



THANK YOU!

We wish to express our thanks to all who donated items for the Ukraine Relief drive. Cliff's car was full of items that we dropped off at St. Vincent College. Thank you for your generosity.

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

This is an image from one of our beautiful windows in the sanctuary. This window depicts the Anchor, reminding us of God's commitment and steadfastness. **Hebrews 6:19**

ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The session met on Monday, April 18th for their monthly meeting and reports the following.

Approved the Baptism of John Mason McDonald for June 12, 2022.

Approved Cody Kaufman's bid for mowing the cemetery 7 times at a cost of \$400 per mowing (price includes trimming 5 times also) and mowing the church yard at \$50 per weekly mowing as needed.

Approved the Mission Committee's request to hold the first Fun Day for May 21st.

Approved the Mission Committee's request to start taking a meal to the Union Mission in Latrobe once a month.

The next Session meeting will be Monday, May 16th.

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU !

The REDSTONE MISSION TEAM sent a 'Thank you for your support of our 'Soup-Sale' fund raiser for our trip to West Virginia the end of April, not only by buying our soup, but letting us use your facilities for our sale. In doing that, you are helping us fulfill our mission to Jesus Christ. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.'

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

RUMMAGE SALE—ANOTHER SUCCESS!!!

Thanks to all who helped in any way, the Women's Association made a total profit of a little over \$2000 from the Rummage sale. And if you saw that well stocked table of baked goods, it was all sold out before the end of the day with a profit of \$368 just from the bake sale. We still have some left-over rummage to take to Root International but not til mid May or June and will appreciate volunteers to help deliver it.

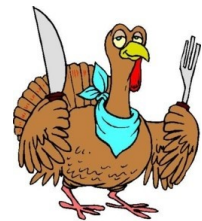
NEXT UP—TAKE OUT TURKEY DINNER!!!

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. Only 250 tickets will be pre-sold—so reserve yours now!.

Tickets are ADULTS \$12 CHILDREN \$8

Donations of jellied cranberries, canned corn, and Miracle Whip are appreciated—just let Deb Perino (724-668-7740) know by May 1st what you can donate.



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.

REPORT: The Congruity Mission Committee discussed and are planning a **Kid's Fun Day May 21** (see separate article) with Becky Davis as head of this program. It will be in partnership with the New Alexandria Lions Club. There was also a discussion about serving a meal one weekend day each month and some possible projects to serve Union Mission. If you know of any needs in the church or community at large, or have any suggestions for mission opportunities please contact Phyllis Frye or Cliff. This committee is open to anyone in our church family.



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

Mar 6, 2022

\$1,245.00

Mar 13, 2022

\$760.00

Mar 20, 2022

\$2,275.00

Mar 27, 2022

\$570.00



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KIDZ KORNER
ANSWER:

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of what we hope for
and certain of what
we do not see.

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
March	\$ 6,082.13	\$ 10,132.96	\$ 14,712.49	\$ 5,177.13
Year to Date	\$ 33,953.52	\$ 28,776.39	\$ 14,712.49	\$ 5,177.13

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
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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
March	\$ 736.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,357.50

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 516.50	\$ 1,937.50

Building Maintenance

	NET Receipts	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
March	\$ 135.00		\$ 2,875.10
Year to Date	\$ 565.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 2,875.10

Local Mission

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,117.97
January	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,817.97
February	\$ -		\$ 1,817.97
March	\$ -		\$ 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	\$ 51.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 59.00
Presby Disaster Assistance*	\$ 100.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 335.00
*\$235.00 Ukraine			

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 281.23	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (718.77)

FIRST EVER—KIDS FUN DAY !!!

BY BECKY DAVIS



Inviting ALL KIDS, ages 5 to 17 to join us at Congruity Presbyterian Church for a day of fun, crafts, games, and refreshments!

Saturday May 21st, from 2pm to 4pm

Reservations are recommended, but not required. Call 724-668-8064 by May 14th.

This 'no judgement' fun day is sponsored by the New Alexandria Lions Club and Congruity Presbyterian Church, as a way to provide a safe place for kids to gather and socialize.

REPORT FROM REDSTONE MISSION TEAM

BY PHYLLIS FRYE

Please keep the **REDSTONE MISSION TEAM** in your prayers as they serve the residents of West Virginia the week of April 24-30 in the name of Jesus Christ.

CONGRUITY LENDING LIBRARY

BY SARABETH STOPANKSY

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.



ATTENDANCE

Mar 6, 2022:	28
Mar 13, 2022:	22
Mar 20, 2022:	40
Mar 27, 2022:	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:
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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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