



Congruity Connections

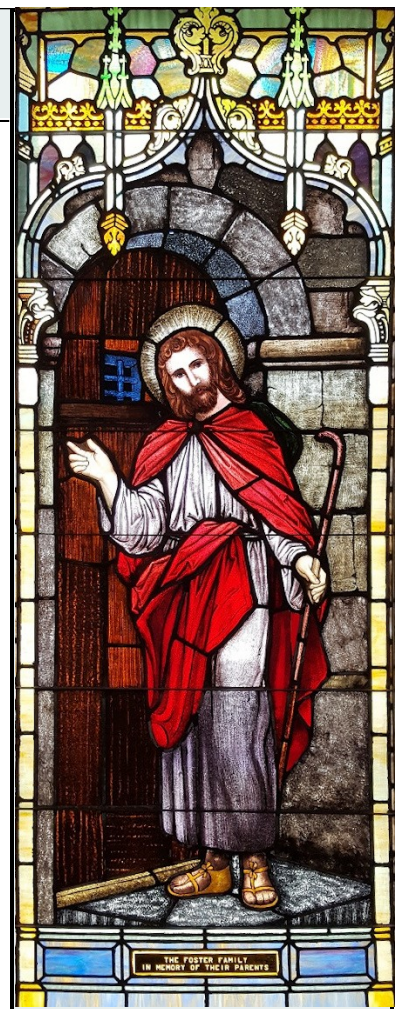
CLIFF'S NOTES

Over the last few days I have found myself thinking about our upcoming celebration of Pentecost on June 5, 2022. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church of Jesus Christ. We remember the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, there was a sound of a rush of wind, tongues of fire rested on the disciples who began to speak in various languages as they shared the Gospel message with all those who were in Jerusalem. The story of Pentecost is a powerful story and I think that it speaks as loudly today as it all those years ago.

I think we can see some similarities to the disciples in the Book of Acts and us today as we celebrate Pentecost. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out and literally changed the course of human history with the Gospel message. As we look towards a post-Covid future there are several questions for us to think about: How will we answer our call to go into all the world to make disciples? What will the landscape look like as we engage in ministry and mission? What lessons have we learned over the last couple of years that will impact how we are the Church in the future? One of the things that we have learned over the last couple of years is that we have been challenged and the words "we never did it that way before" must likely no longer apply to us as we have creatively discovered new ways to worship, conduct meeting and be engaged in the business of building God's kingdom in our communities in the midst of a global pandemic.

When Peter preached on Pentecost he used Joel 2 as his text—which includes these words: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." What are our dreams and visions as we look towards the future? Are we living in the midst of another Pentecost as God's Spirit is pushing us to a new understanding of what it means to be the Church of Jesus Christ? How will we be faithful to our calling in the midst of a changed landscape? Just as the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit went out and changed the world, will we change the world for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a post-Covid world? As we journey into a post-pandemic future, may we be filled with God's Spirit as we shared the Gospel message to all those around us. As we gather on June 5, 2022, I would remind you to wear something red as we celebrate Pentecost.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Come for the **Pentecost** service **Sunday June 5th**. Remember to wear **RED**.

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

June 5

Acts 2: 1-21

June 12

Roman 5: 1-5

June 19

I Kings 19: 1-15

June 26

Galatians 5: 1,13-25

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724-668-7740

SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

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

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|---------|-----------------------------|--|
| June 5 | Lower Burrell,
Puckety | Brian Kilbert, Pastor |
| June 12 | Murrysville, First | Ed Gray, Pastor |
| June 19 | Murrysville,
Newlonsburg | Curtis Paul, Pastor
Travis Webster, Assoc. Pastor |
| June 26 | Redstone Presbytery | Chuck MacPherson,
Honorably Retired |

LITURGIST FOR JUNE

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|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| June 5 | Sarabeth Stopansky | June 19 | Ced Stopansky |
| June 12 | Dave Foresman | June 26 | Debbie Perino |

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES

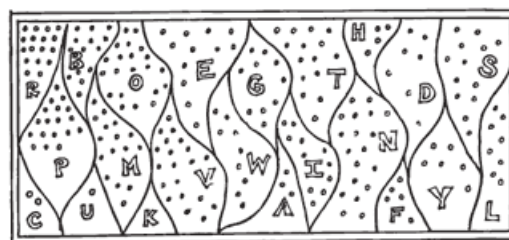
A short meditation
with Pastor Cliff is
being uploaded to the
Congruity Facebook
page each Sunday
morning.



KIDZ KORNER SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN ED

What Happened at Pentecost?

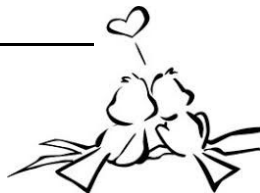
Count the number of dots in each space. Then use the letters to
decode the message below about what happened at Pentecost.
Check your work with Acts 2:4.



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JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
6/1/2014	Jim & Allison Sullivan
6/6/2016	Tom & Dana Ramaley
6/4/1995	Larry & Carol Zabkar
6/19/2009	Bob & Tristan Brant
6/20/1981	Bob & Nancy Schweppe
6/21/1975	Ced & Sarabeth Stopansky
6/23/1974	Rich & Sandy Loperfito



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/4	Kaitlin Johnston
6/13	Charles Frye Ryan Gallagher
6/14	Sydney Hoffman
6/15	Scott Hamilton
6/16	Tom Munsell
6/17	Ashley Passante
6/18	Sophia Watt
6/21	Rosemary Orr Jonathon Schrecengost
6/22	Beverly Kemerer
6/30	Paul Edsal Trevor Martz Tyler Roemer



CONGRATS!

We extend our congratulations to Matt and Megan Schweppe on the birth of their daughter **Lyndsey Mae** who was born on April 19, 2022.

We extend our congratulations to Ryan and Devon Pavliak on the birth of their son, **Damon Wyatt** who was born on May 21, 2022



THANK YOU!

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for all of the cards, delicious meals and goodies, the puzzles and especially all of the prayers during my recent knee replacement surgery and recovery. Thank you for your ministry to me in this time.

Cliff Foster

A SPECIAL THANK YOU! BY TIM D'AURORA

I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who helped with our **MAY HOAGIE SALE**. Due to some last minute changes, there was some confusion with the date. And I missed putting it in again in the May newsletter. Hopefully, we can correct that moving forward. While we knew going into it that it would be a smaller than normal sale, with great participation from so many, we still sold 180 hoagies and made a profit of over \$600.00. Since we only had one location to sell from on Saturday, we limited the amount of extra hoagies we planned to make. But we still had some solid orders that helped out. And we really appreciate everyone who came to help assemble the hoagies. It was great to see some familiar faces and especially gratifying to see some new ones. We hope you can continue to help in the future.

Our next sale should be toward the end of July. We want to confirm a date when we can secure the First Commonwealth location in New Alexandria since it is our best selling spot. Details will be in the July newsletter.

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

Things have changed since I was first ordained an Elder in 1975. Back then if business came up in between regular meetings, special meetings had to be called to take care of specific items. Now with all the technical advances meetings for specific items can be taken care of by email or text or phone call. That is exactly what the Session did in May. We did not meet in person, but voted on a couple items via email or phone call. They are:

- * approved to change the start time of Worship to 10:00 AM. This will begin on June 5, 2022 and continue through September 4, 2022.
- * approved Rev. Foster's request to officiate at a wedding on September 3, 2022.
- * set the date for the dedication of the pavilion for Sunday, June 26, 2022. This will be held immediately following worship. Light refreshments will be served.

The Nominating Committee will be starting their work over the summer. We will need both Elders and Deacons. If you would like to serve please contact this year's chairperson - Sarabeth Stopansky.

According to the policy of our denomination the Session of a congregation elects the treasurer. We are looking for a new Treasurer. John Blank had faithfully done this job for many years but would like to step down. If you know of anyone willing to serve in this vital position please see any Session member. If you would like to see complete minutes from any Session meeting please see Sarabeth or Cliff.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Women held a meeting and the following were elected: **President/Treasurer - Phyllis Frye, Secretary - Debbie Perino.** The meetings will now be held the fourth Sunday after worship service.



The **Christmas in July Party** will be held Thursday, July 21st at 6PM Covered dish dinner with secret sisters revealed and new ones picked. **All women of the church are invited.**

Another Success Turkey Take-Out! Although orders were down, the Women's Association made \$1200 on their take out turkey Dinner, plus we took a generous amount to Union Mission. The rest of the turkey and stuffing was frozen for a later time. It was one of the smoothest run dinners. Thanks to all
4 who helped with time and donations.



FIRST EVER—KIDS FUNDAY !!

BY BECKY DAVIS



Our first **Kids Fun Day** was held on May 21st and although it started out with only 2 kids, eventually 4 more joined us, giving us a total of 6 children. We all had lots of fun. We held it downstairs in Fellowship Hall and it started out with two of the children playing badminton against a couple of the adults. Next, some of the kids and adults held some wheelchair races, they painted some wooden decorations like tulips, trucks, etc., and some board games were. Pizza for all was provided by the **Lions Club**. All in all, our first Kids Fun Day was a successful and enjoyable one.

We are planning the next **Kids Fun Day for September 17th from 2-4 pm**. We would love to have higher attendance for that one! *Watch for more details coming soon.*



CONGRUITY LENDING LIBRARY BY SARABETH STOPANKSY

Summer is here and what better way to spend a quiet summer afternoon or evening than with a cool glass of iced tea or lemonade and a good book? We have received a donation of books that are perfect for **light summer reading**. We now have several books by Beverly Lewis and Jannette Oke.



Beverly Lewis is an author who was born in Lancaster PA. She spent part of her youth in the Pennsylvania Dutch farmland. Many of her books are based on the simple life of the Amish folks of that area. **Jannette Oke** grew up on a farm in the Canadian prairie. She had won awards for Christian fiction. The Hallmark Channel series “When Calls the Heart” is based on a series written by Mrs Oke.

The books will be placed in the library by June 1st. You can stop after church or call Sarabeth at 724-831- 8112 to make arrangements to visit the library at another time.

OFFERING TOTALS

Apr 3, 2022

\$924.00

Apr 10, 2022

\$1,486.65

Apr 14, 2022

\$505.00

Apr 17, 2022

\$1,028.00

Apr 24, 2022

\$1,180.00



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ON THE COVER

This is an image from one our beautiful windows in the sanctuary. This window depicts Jesus standing at the Door, reminding us that all we have to do is open the door to Him. **Revelations 3:20**

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
April	\$ 6,818.65	\$ 10,598.19	\$ 10,932.95	\$ 1,397.59
Year to Date	\$ 40,772.17	\$ 39,374.58	\$ 10,932.95	\$ 1,397.59

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
April	\$ 380.00		\$ 3,303.50
Year to Date	\$ 430.00	\$ -	\$ 3,303.50

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
April*	\$ 779.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,636.50

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
*Per Capita to Date	\$ 1,937.50	\$ 344.00	\$ 2,281.50

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM REPORT

BY PHYLLIS FRYE



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
April	\$ 270.00		\$ 3,145.10
Year to Date	\$ 835.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 3,145.10

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
April			\$ 1,817.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,817.97

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ 330.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 59.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 67.00
Presby Disaster Assistance*	\$ 335.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 435.00
*\$235.00 Ukraine			

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 848.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (152.00)

ATTENDANCE

Apr 3, 2022:	36
Apr 10, 2022:	30
Apr 14, 2022	25
Apr 17, 2022:	49
Apr 24, 2022:	24

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM REPORT CONTINUED

In April, the Redstone Mission Team made a trip to **Summersville WV** where they completed several projects on a double-wide home tearing down a small porch, raising the floor, rebuilding the railing and adding a 16ft wheelchair ramp.

We also covered the back half of the shingled roof with metal roofing, redid all the vents, and finished putting metal trim around the roof. Work included some skirting around the back. After that project was complete, some of the team worked on closing in the underside of the roof on a building next to the church which is used as a food pantry, while some of the women drove 35 min away to Richwood to help sort clothes at mission called 'Start-up'. This is run by the Nicholas County Empowerment Corp and includes a food kitchen, food pantry, counselling, therapy programs and a thrift store.

The team was 12 volunteers from six churches, including two retired ministers with no affiliation. Some of the team went on Saturday and did the grocery shopping and were able to join the host church and enjoy "Holy Humor" Sunday followed by a picnic lunch at Summersville Lake. We started each day at 6 or 7 am with breakfast and were ready for work by 8am. Working until 4pm, we stopped for showers and supper, then devotions and some free time. It was a very rewarding week.

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

SOME
Super **Heroes**
Don't have
CAPES...
They are
called **DAD**

Email Newsletter items to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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