



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

One of the things that I enjoy on summer evenings is sitting on the porch. The other night as I took a break from the book I was reading, I found myself watching all of the various birds that were flying around. Some like robins and a hawk or two I could easily identify, but I was fascinated with the other types of birds who were soaring around, landing on a tree branch or on the grass. Some would sing or make unique sounds. As I was watching all those birds, I found myself thinking about those words in Matthew 6:26 which says “Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

The summer months of July and August are a time for rest, relaxation or recreation and perhaps even a time to watch the birds. During the summer months we are afforded the opportunity to spend some time reflecting on how much we are loved by God and how much God values each and every one of us. As I write these words, I find myself thinking that this comprises the job description of the Church—to proclaim in word and deed the intrinsic value of each and every person because God loves all of us so much that God sent Christ into the world. As we live into our job description as the Church we embody the words of the hymn “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love”. As we strive to fulfill our job description as the Body of Christ may we remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 25: “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” May we remember that each of us are valuable in the eyes of God.

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER!

Yours in Christ,

Cliff



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Sunday Services will now be at 10 am** for the Summer Season.

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

July 3

2 Kings 5: 1-14

July 10

Amos 7: 7-17

July 17

Amos 8: 1-12

July 24

Luke 11: 1-3

July 31

Hosea 11: 1-11

August 7

Luke 12: 32-40

August 14

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

August 21

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

August 28

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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724-668-7740

SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

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

July 3	Murrysville, Union	Sue Washburn, Interim
July 10	New Alexandria, Community	Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor
July 17	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
July 24	Redstone Presbytery	Becky Maiman, Member-at- Large
July 31	New Kensington	Wendy Keys, Pastor
August 7	Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius, Pastor
August 14	Avonmore, First	Weekly pulpit supply
August 21	Delmont	Tony Catullo, Interim Pastor
August 28	Redstone Presbytery	Rod Murray, Honorable Re- tired

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES

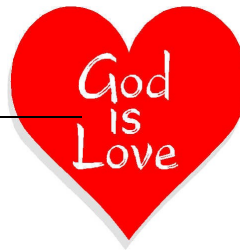
A short meditation
with Pastor Cliff is
being uploaded to the
Congruity Facebook
page each Sunday
morning.

LITURGIST FOR JULY and AUGUST

July 3	Cliff Foster	August 7	Sarabeth Stopansky
July 10	Rhea Summit	August 14	Ced Stopansky
July 17	Tim D'Aurora	August 21	Caroline D'Aurora
July 24	Phyllis Frye	August 28	Cliff Foster
July 31	Dave Foresman		

JULY-AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
7/4/2014	Tim & Titina Adams
7/4/2015	Joe & Courtney Stopansky
7/7/2012	Wes & Kayla Kirkpatrick
7/15/1978	Fred & Hope Sehring
7/25/2015	Nick & Brandy Guthrie
7/25/2009	Anthony & Ashley Passante
7/30	Delbert & Ruth Thompson
8/3/1991	Ken & Missy Martz
8/4/1973	Ken & Nancy Walter
8/4/2013	Jim & Kristie Roemer
8/8/2015	Jason & Krystal Maciupa
8/10/2000	Scott & Yvonne McIlroy
8/10/2018	Matt & Stephanie Cunningham
8/18/1973	Rich & Linda Youngbauer
8/19/1972	John & Sue Blank
8/26/1989	Bob & Tracey McDonald



CONGRATS!

We extend our congratulations to Joshua and Alyssa Rader on the birth of their son **Jackson Alexander Rader** who was born on June 10, 2022. The maternal Grandparents are Kenny and Missy Martz.



Katie Ann Frye

Katie Ann Frye graduated from Morehead State University with a Bachelor of Science in geology- earth systems. She will be starting her career as a staff geologist at American Geotechnical & Environmental Services in the King of Prussia office. Katie is the daughter of Dan and Adrian Frye and granddaughter of Dan and Karen Deletezze and Phyllis Frye.

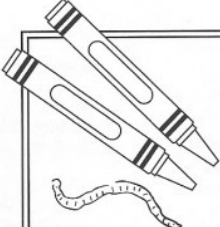


FROM THE DEACONS SUBMITTED BY DAVE FORESMAN

We are so happy to announce that on **Sunday, August 28th**, following our worship service, the **“End of Summer Picnic”** will be returning! We ask that everyone bring a covered dish to share. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. We can’t wait to see you all there!




KIDZ CORNER SUBMITTED BY PAM FORESMAN




Just for **KIDS**

Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!
Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible. 

*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 _____	Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____	1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____	Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____	Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
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Leviticus 11:22 _____	
Deuteronomy 7:20 _____	

M O T H S G N A T B H

A N T A L L C H P E O

G R A S S H O P P E R

G F C R I C K E T S N

O L S P I D E R S B E

T E C L O C U S T D T

S A E F K A T Y D I D

G F L I E S W O R M S

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

JULY-AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person	Date	Person
7/1	Bill Karstaedt	8/1	Rhea Summit
7/2	Rylee Kirkpatrick	8/7	John Johnson
7/3	Brennan Foster		Tracy McDonald
	Heather Kaufman	8/8	Kayla Kirkpatrick
	Robert Young	8/10	Carole Johnson
7/6	Katie Frye	8/12	Marjorie Aaron
7/9	Doug Stine		Linda Sellinger
7/11	Michelle Kepple	8/13	Evey Anderson
7/12	Betty Lou Carr		Keith Orr
	Cliff Foster		Terry Selembo
	Hillary Lapcevic		Amber Sellinger
7/13	Thaddeus Piovesan	8/14	Carol Miller
7/15	BJ Johnston	8/15	Tom Kepple
7/16	Sharon Rubrecht		Chris Johnston
	Mark Witt		Sara Johnston
7/20	Evelyn Foresman	8/16	Cara Kaufman
	Alex Swatchick		Sandy Loperfito
	Ruth Thompson	8/18	Jim Kepple
7/21	Jessica Carnathan	8/19	Becky Davis
	Andrew Roemer	8/21	Titina Ott
	Shania Thompson	8/22	Stacey Burns
7/22	Sue Bish	8/23	Mason Tarpay
7/24	Carol Zabkar	8/29	Tim D'Aurora
	Amelia Rose Rader		Ryan Schweppe
7/26	Gary Kulick	8/31	Jeremiah Kaufman
7/29	Debbie Perino		
7/31	Eric Heasley		
	Ken Sellinger, Sr.		



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

The session met on June 20th and reports the following:

The session was informed that the roof of the church will need replaced in the near future. We will begin the process of getting bids and exploring funding options.

Ken Martz informed the session that he will be setting up a couple work days for the cemetery in the fall. Dave Foresman will be doing some painting and small repairs at the manse.

Phyllis Frye informed the Session that the Mission Committee will be taking a meal to the Union Mission on July 10th.

* Approved giving \$75.00 donations to the Slickville VFD, the New Alexandria VFD, and Forbes Road VFD.

* Approved the date of the Women’s Association Christmas In July for July 21st starting with a covered dish dinner at 6:PM.

* Approved the date of the Deacons End of Summer Cookout for August 28th , immediately following worship.

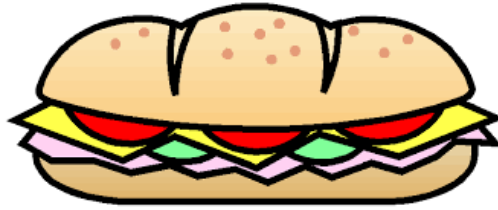
* Approved vacation days for Cliff for June 28th and July 21-24.

The Session will not meet in July, the next meeting will be August 15th at 7PM.

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Redstone Mission Team is currently making plans for a fall trip to wherever God sends us. Watch for more info in the Sept newsletter.

Congruity Presbyterian Church



Hoagie Order Form

July 29, 2022

Pick up after 6:30

Additional hoagies will be available on Saturday the 30th at the First Commonwealth Bank in New Alexandria, at the BP at Rts 22 & 819, and hopefully at the Rite Aid in Delmont.

Traditional Italian w/or w/o onions: Ham, bologna, cooked salami, provolone, american cheese, lettuce, tomato (bagged separately)

Turkey & Swiss: Turkey, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato

Hoagies are on delicious Brick Oven buns and are \$6.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Italian w</u>	<u>Italian w/o</u>	<u>Turkey</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Orders are to be turned in to Tim D'Aurora by Monday, July 25 at 724-668-8319.
Let's all work to make this a successful sale!

OFFERING TOTALS

May 1, 2022

\$895.00

May 8, 2022

\$2,315.00

May 15, 2022

\$475.00

May 22, 2022

\$1,601.00

May 29, 2022

\$1,073.00

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ON THE COVER:

One of the beautiful windows at Congruity, depicting Jesus teaching and healing. This one is located in the reception room at the end of the hallway. **Luke 6: 17-19**

Correction: last month's window verse was 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
May	\$ 8,804.79	\$ 9,173.94	\$ 10,563.80	\$ 1,028.44
Year to Date	\$ 49,576.96	\$ 48,548.52	\$ 10,563.80	\$ 1,028.44

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
May	\$ 125.00		\$ 3,428.50
Year to Date	\$ 555.00	\$ -	\$ 3,428.50

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
May*	\$ 388.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,524.50

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Month	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ 2,281.50	\$ 43.00	\$ 2,324.50

WOMENS ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Congruity Women's Association will have its annual **Christmas -in-July picnic/party** for all the women of the church on Thurs July 21 at 6pm at the church. It will begin with a covered dish dinner. We will be revealing our secret sisters, playing some games and just have a relaxing time celebrating Jesus' birth without all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. So **bring a \$10 gift** for your secret sister and if you don't have a secret sister, bring a \$10 grab bag gift, a covered dish and a friend (and if you have a game to share that would be nice).



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
May	\$ 235.00		\$ 3,380.10
Year to Date	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 3,380.10

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
May	\$ -		\$ 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	\$ 67.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 75.00
Presby Disaster Assistance*	\$ 335.00	\$ -	\$ 335.00

*\$235.00 Ukraine

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 873.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (127.00)
Pentecost ***	\$ 235.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (165.00)

***40% - Blackburn Center

HOAGIE SALE BY TIM D'AURORA

There will be another Hoagie Sale at the end of July. We will be meeting on Friday, July 29th at 5:30pm to assemble the hoagies. We will again be taking additional hoagies to First Commonwealth Bank in New Alexandria, the BP at Five Points, and hopefully the Rite Aid in Delmont to sell to the general public on Saturday.

We need your help. First to **Sell, Sell, Sell**. There is an **order form** in this newsletter as well as additional copies in the Greeting Room at church. Turn these order forms in to Tim either at church or by calling your totals in by Monday evening, July 25th. We need help to assemble the hoagies, and to help sell hoagies on Saturday. Last time we were there from around 10:00am to around noon and were able to sell all the hoagies. This is a great opportunity to generate some income for the General Fund.

ATTENDANCE

May 1, 2022:	26
May 8, 2022:	30
May 15, 2022:	26
May 22, 2022:	28
May 29, 2022:	31



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

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Kathy Hamilton

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Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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