



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

Several weeks ago as I was driving somewhere, it struck me that the windshield is much larger than the side mirrors or the rearview mirror in my vehicle. I am challenged by that image because our windshields provide us with a wider view of where we are going and the things that are around us. The rearview mirror and the side mirror are smaller and give us a glimpse of what is behind us or beside us. I think it is important for us to keep our eyes pointed to where we are going as opposed to where we have been. Paul puts it this way in Philippians 3: 13-14: "but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

By the time you read these words, our kids and grandkids head back to school, as we resume our normal Sunday morning schedule on September 11th with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 AM and Worship at 11 AM, as our schedules and calendars become chockful of meetings and activities, may we continue to be looking out our windshields to where we are heading as we endeavor to follow Christ into those places where we can minister to others in his name. I like those words of Frederick Buechner who once said: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." It is at that intersection where we are engaged in continuing the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ.

As we enter the fall may we press forward following where Christ is leading us as we continue our journey of faith along the road of life.

Yours in Christ,

Cliff



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Sunday Services will now be at 11 am** for the Fall and Winter starting September 11th.

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

Sept 4

Jeremiah 18 : 1-11

Sept 11

Luke 15 : 1-10

Sept 18

Psalms 79 : 1-7

Sept 25

Luke 16 : 19-31

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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.

Sept 4	Lower Burrell, Grace Community	Doug Marshall, Interim
Sept 11	Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert, Pastor
Sept 18	Murrysville, First	Ed Gray, Pastor
Sept 25	Redstone Presbytery	Becca Siddle, Member-at-Large

LITURGIST FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 4	Rhea Summit
Sept 11	Tim D'Aurora
Sept 18	Phyllis Frye
Sept 25	Ced Stopansky

*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 CORNER SUBMITTED BY PAM FORESMAN

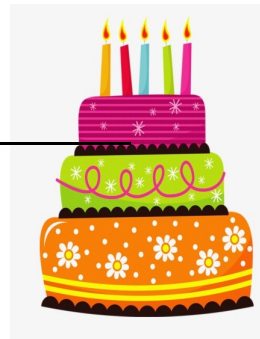


SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Date	Anniversaries
9/3/1983	Keith & Rose Ann Orr
9/13/1969	Tom & Karen Dudek
9/13/1986	Jim & Michelle Kepple
9/16/2006	Glenn & Helen Hawkey
9/25/1999	Dan & Adrian Frye

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Date	Person
9/1	Nathan Foresman Matthew Schweppe
9/2	Jim Blank
9/6	Cody Kaufman Courtney Kaufman
9/7	Jimmy Carnathan Julia Carnathan
9/9	Myrah Jan Hawkey
9/10	Bob Schweppe Jr.
9/11	Allison Hufford
9/13	Bill Hufford
9/18	Colton Cramer
9/19	Yvonne McInay
9/20	Dave Foresman Chuck Heasley
9/21	Mary Ann Kaufman Joshua Wilhelm
9/22	Harold Kaufman
9/25	John Blank Abigail MacDonald
9/26	Joan Wilhelm
9/30	LaRue Gray Sydney Swatchick

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Chuck and Austin Heasley for making improvements in the back left part of the cemetery.

CONGRATS!

We extend our congratulations to Dakota and Samantha Haines who were married on September 3, 2022.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!



Lucha Batera graduated from CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) High School in Pittsburgh June 19th 2022. She is currently working on a farm in Azlea Oregon. In January 2023 she will be attending Pacific Northwest Carpenters Union in Portland Oregon. Lucha plans to pursue an apprenticeship in carpentry. She is the daughter of Allison Derek Sullivan and the granddaughter of Sue and Steve Derek.



SPECIAL REPORT BY KATHY HAMILTON

The **new pavilion at the Congruity** was dedicated June 26, 2022. Congruity Memorial Funds were used to fund the construction. Some of the memorial funds were given in memory of George Selembo Jr, Ron and Dorothy Martz, Bob Ott, and Perry Miller III. Thank you to all who contributed to the memorial fund and who attended the dedication Ceremony in honor of those we miss.



OTT FAMILY



CAROL MILLER WITH BECKY DAVIS



MARTZ FAMILY



TERRI SELEMBO WITH CINDY KARSTADT



PAVILION



DEDICATION SERVICE

SPECIAL REPORT BY JOHN BLANK

Fifty Years and Still Going or Time Flies When You're Having Fun

Recently Sue and I celebrated our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. If you do the math you will find that Sue was a child bride! The years have flown by. We've been blessed with three wonderful children and seven amazing grandchildren. All of them are very different, special in their own way, and we love them dearly.

I was raised in the Lutheran tradition and Sue was brought up in the Methodist church. We became Presbyterians mostly by accident of geography. God certainly opened a door for us here. We have both been blessed to have many opportunities to serve our Lord through PCUSA.

Often, we are asked where we met and usually, we just say IUP. But there is more to it than that. I was a senior chemistry major and had a job as a lab assistant for a couple of the Home Economics chemistry labs. (Sue was a Home Economics major.) Sue was in one of those labs, but I didn't really notice her at that time. A few weeks into the semester I got a phone call from Sue. She needed some help with her chemistry and had been talking with one of my fraternity brothers. He gave her my phone number. When she called, I didn't realize that she was in one of those chemistry labs.

The tutoring went well, and one thing led to another. By Halloween we were dating. As time went on and we met each other's families and grew together we joined in marriage on August 19, 1972. I am continually grateful that God put Sue into my path and that I chased her until she caught me. It should be noted that Sue got a C that semester in chemistry and in the spring semester with me busy student teaching and not able to do much tutoring, she got an A. Go figure.

However, there is more to the story. Several years after we were married, I was cleaning out some old files and I ran across what can be best described as a "seating chart" for that Home Ec. Chemistry lab. I showed it to Sue and after looking it over she asked, "Why do some of the girls have stars beside their names? Why do some have more stars than others? **AND** why are there no stars by my name?" I was at a loss for words of explanation. In my defense Sue came to that lab each week straight from her Phys Ed class wearing those stupid gym uniforms required for all coeds and with her hair in pigtails.

Fifty years of fun ensued. They've just flown by.

We have an engraved flagstone in one of our flower beds that reads, "Grow old along with me. The best is yet to come!" I think for us that says it best.

Time does fly when you're having fun.



RALLY DAY SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Ed. Committee hopes you all had a wonderful and relaxing Summer, and now with kids going back to school and Fall just around the corner, it's time for Rally Day at Congruity! **RALLY DAY is Sunday, September 11, 2022** and is the start of a new Sunday School year. We will start the day with a delicious Continental Breakfast at 9:00 am, followed by Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 am, and a return to our 11:00 am time for Worship. We hope you all come for this kick-off to Sunday School!



Mark your calendars for SEPTEMBER 11 for Rally Day and a blessed Sunday School year!

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
Lana Munsell
Terry Selembo
Cedric Stopansky

ON THE COVER

Jesus blessing the children is the subject of one of the beautiful windows in the church. Look up Mark 10: 15, Luke 18: 15-17, and Matthew 19: 13-15 to learn more.

ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The Session met on August 15, and reports the following:

- * Heard the Budget and Finance Committee's report. The committee has started work on the 2023 Budget.
- * Was informed that the Nominating Committee will begin their work soon.
- * Since we need to replace the roof over the sanctuary, the Property Committee will be holding a meeting soon to discuss getting bids and how to finance this large project.

Approved the following:

- * Christian Ed Committee's request to hold a Rally Day breakfast on Sunday, September 11th.
- * Sunday School teacher and substitute list for the upcoming year.
- * Mission Committee report including the following dates, September 17th for the next fun day and September 25th for the next dinner to Union Mission.
- * Request from the Redstone Mission Team to use Fellowship Hall on September 30th and October 1st for a soup sale.
- * Leasing a new copier, as the copier in the office needs a new drum, and unfortunately that part is no longer made.

The Session will be meeting next on September 19th at 7PM.

FROM THE DEACONS

As part of the New Alexandria ministerium, Congruity will be taking part in the **Hunger Walk**, which will be held on Sunday, **September 25, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Keystone State Park**. Please join us for a walk around the lake or just come to cheer on and support those walking!

For more info or to sponsor a walker, contact Cliff.

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM BY PHYLLIS FRYE

MISSION TRIP:

Redstone Mission Team has set the week of Oct 23-29 for a **fall mission trip to Hampdon, WV**, located in southwestern WV, near the Kentucky border. Cost is \$300, with the volunteer paying \$150 and the rest coming out of the team fund. We still have room for more volunteers. If interested, **contact Phyllis Frye**, 724-468-3740. The team will be having a **SOUP SALE** to help with expenses related to the trip (registration, food, travel, etc). Please support us both with prayer and soup orders.

SOUP SALE:

Redstone Mission Team is having a **TAKE-OUT only Soup SALE** on Sat Oct 1, 2022, pickup time from 12-3pm, \$8 per quart. This is **PRE-ORDER only**. There will be chili, vegetarian vegetable, and chicken noodle. Chicken noodle will be both with or without onion. Orders will include homemade cookies and Brick Oven bread. **Orders must be in by Sun, Sept 25**. There is an order form included in the newsletter or call the church (724-668-7740), or sign up in the greeting room.



MISSION COMMITTEE BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The church's **Mission Committee** has several projects underway:

- We are currently **collecting school supplies** for our Sunday School kids with any extras sent ROOT International. We will be collecting until Sept 11.
- Church members will have participated in the **food booth** at Watt's Truck show on Aug 20.
- **KID'S FUN DAY** will resume on Sat Sept 17. Activities will include making pizza and dessert. There will be fliers put out.
- Church members will be taking a meal in to **Union Mission** on Sun Sept 25 at noon. This involves cooking beforehand for about 25 residents, delivering, serving, and clean-up. If anyone is interested in helping with this in any way, (helping that day, donating food items, making dessert) please **contact either Phyllis Frye or Becky Davis**. Plans are to take a meal in at least every other month.



OFFERING TOTALS

June 5, 2022

\$1,375.00

June 12, 2022

\$972.00

June 19, 2022

\$885.00

June 26, 2022

\$4,308.00

July 3, 2022

\$845.00

July 10, 2022

\$715.00

July 17, 2022

\$485.00

July 24, 2022

\$570.00

July 31, 2022

\$498.00

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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
June	\$ 8,555.12	\$ 8,420.32	\$ 10,698.60	\$ 1,163.24
July	\$ 4,187.15	\$ 7,999.73	\$ 6,886.02	\$ (2,649.34)
Year to Date	\$ 62,319.23	\$ 64,968.57	\$ 6,886.02	\$ (2,649.34)

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
June	\$ 20.00		\$ 3,448.50
July			\$ 3,448.50
Year to Date	\$ 575.00	\$ -	\$ 3,448.50

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
June	\$ 520.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,544.50
July	\$ 135.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,179.50

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ 2,424.50	\$ -	\$ 2,424.50

NOMINATING COMMITTEE BY S. STOPANSKY

It is once again time for the Nominating Committee to begin looking for folks to serve as Elders and Deacons. **We will need at least 2 Deacons, plus 1 auditor.**

A big thank you to Michelle Kepple who has served faithfully as financial secretary for so many years. She will help show the new financial secretary the ropes.

If you are interested in serving our congregation in any of these offices please see Sarabeth Stopansky committee chair or Becky Davis, Dave Foresman or Pam Foresman.

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
June	\$ 275.00		\$ 3,655.10
July	\$ 155.00		\$ 3,810.10
Year to Date	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 3,810.10

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
June	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,592.97
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,592.97
Year to Date	\$ -	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,592.97

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ 330.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 83.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 91.00
Presby Disaster Assistance*	\$ 435.00	\$ -	\$ 435.00
*\$235.00 Ukraine			

	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 873.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (127.00)
Pentecost ***	\$ 465.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 65.00

**25% - Welcome Home Shelter

ATTENDANCE

June 5, 2022:	34
June 12, 2022:	42
June 19, 2022:	33
June 26, 2022:	61
July 3, 2022:	21
July 10, 2022:	32
July 17, 2022:	24
July 24, 2022:	17
July 31, 2022:	25

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Women’s Association Christmas in July party was a fun filled time for all those in attendance. The women have decided to discontinue secret sisters.



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

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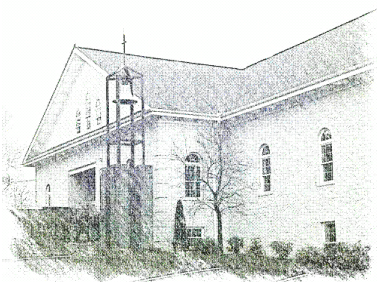
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