



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

When you think of October, what comes to your mind? Do you look forward to the beauty of the Fall foliage as the leaves turn various colors? Are eagerly anticipating enjoying your favorite Pumpkin Spice coffee drink or other seasonal baked items? Are you planning what costume to wear this year or what sort of treats to give to the tricker or treaters? Perhaps you are looking forward to the cooler weather and to wearing your favorite sweaters. Maybe you are looking forward to our annual bonfire on October 29th. But we begin October by celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 2nd, an event that began at nearby Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933. We will join our sisters and brothers around the world in celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

As I was thinking about World Communion Sunday, one of the things that I appreciate about being Presbyterian is that we are connected to one another. I recently experienced this when I got to meet Rev. Rick Peters, a former minister of our congregation who was in the area and he stopped by the church to visit. Rick served Congruity from 1969- 1974. Congruity was his first call out of seminary. He was very impressed by the addition, and it



Rev Peters tests out the old pulpit

was wonderful to hear stories about when he served our congregation as minister. It was also interesting to make connections in several other ways like we both attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, he grew in up in the Mount Lebanon UP Church and I had done a year of field education in that congregation, and there were other mutual connections. I am grateful for our connectedness with our Presbyterian family.

Paul uses the image of the various parts of the human body to talk about the Body of Christ—the Church. I think that is very appropriate since we are indeed connected to one another and each of us are an important part of the Church, Christ's body at work in the world. May our connectedness enable us to continue to be about the business of building God's kingdom throughout our global neighborhood.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Join us Sunday October 2, 2022 for **Communion**

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

October 2

Luke 17: 5-10

October 9

Luke 17: 11-19

October 16

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

October 23

Joel 2: 23-32

October 30

Luke 19: 1-10

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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.

Oct 2	Murrysville, New- lonsburg	Curtis Paul, Pastor Travis Webster, Assoc. Pastor
Oct 9	Murrysville, Union	Lynn Mance, Moderator
Oct 16	New Alexandria, Community United	Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor
Oct 23	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
Oct 30	Redstone Presbytery	Ross Bash, Member-at-Large

LITURGIST FOR OCTOBER

Oct 2	Sarabeth Stopansky	Oct 23	Caroline D'Aurora
Oct 9	Dave Foresman	Oct 30	Cliff Foster
Oct 16	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 CORNER SUBMITTED BY PAM FORESMAN

Not to Fear

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Revelation 22:6-7. Start with box A. Put the first letter of the object in that box on the line provided. Then do the same with boxes B, C, D, etc.



Whether we fall asleep in the Lord, or are caught up with Him in the clouds, there's nothing to fear.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
10/4/2014	James & Angela Kaufman
10/12/1991	Bill & Lisa Heasley
10/13/2012	Frank & Jessica Tarpay
10/14/1995	Dave & Pam Foresman
10/17/1992	Tim & Caroline D'Aurora
10/18/2003	Shawn & Vivian Schweppe
10/20/2007	Ryan & Rebecca Boggs
10/28/2006	Becky & Larry Swatchick



CONGRATS!

We extend our belated congratulations to Jason and Krystal Maciupa on the birth on their daughter, Layla Rose who was born on April 1, 2022. Layla is the grand-daughter of Gary and Tammy Kulik and the sister of Savannah.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
10/2	Tom Davis Ken Martz
10/5	Jessica Tarpay
10/10	Wil Hamilton
10/11	Darrell D'Aurora Clayton Kirkpatrick
10/12	Christopher Schrecengost
10/13	Dylan McDonald
10/18	Scott McInay
10/19	Laura Blank
10/21	Kelly Karstaedt Kristie Roemer
10/22	Vinton Hoffman
10/25	Tylor McDonald
10/27	Mary Lou Heasley
10/29	Sally Ott
10/31	Daniel Frye Jr



IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Fran Hayes and her family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of her mother Jane's death. May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.

Thoughts
In your time
of sorrow, my
ARE WITH YOU

A SPECIAL THANKS!

To Reverend Foster, In honor of Pastor appreciation Month, we thank you for all you do to inspire and guide us!

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

A lesson of faith, when Jesus invites Peter to walk on water, is the subject of one of the beautiful medallion windows in the church sanctuary. Look up Matthew 14: 28-31 to learn more.

ITEMS FROM SESSION

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY

The session met on Monday, September 19th and reports the following:

* Rev. Foster appointed a special committee to look into the cost of repairing/ replacing the roof of the sanctuary, and securing bids for the project. The committee is Tim D'Aurora, Dave Foresman, Ken Martz and Cedric Stopansky.

* It was reported the church received a check for \$585.24 from Watt Trucking for helping with the food concession stand at their truck show.

* Rev Foster reported that Fellowship Hall is rented out the 2nd Tuesday of every month to District 3 Wrestling, October 30th and December 3rd for parties.

* The next Hoagie sale will be October 14th. Hoagies will also be sold at local locations on the 15th.

* Session approved the annual Bonfire for October 29th. Kids Fun day will be part of this.

* Session approved November 20th for Harvest Home Sunday. The Deacons will be collecting food from now to November 20th.

* Session approved the Baptism of Layla Rose Maciupa for some Sunday in October or November. Layla is the daughter of Krystal and Jason Maciupa and granddaughter of Gary and Tammy Kulik.

The Session will be meeting next on October 17th at 7PM.

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.



- KID'S FUN DAY will be held in conjunction with the Harvest Bonfire on Sat Oct 29.

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM BY PHYLLIS FRYE

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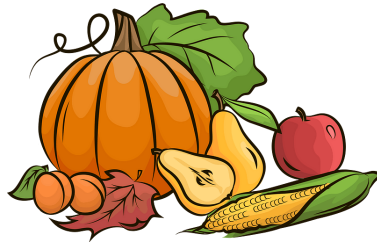
Redstone Mission Team is collecting individual hand sanitizers, school supplies, and socks of all colors and sizes to be taken to West Virginia when they go on their mission trip on Oct 23.

SOUP SALE:

Thank you also for all the support we have gotten for our soup sale to help fund our trip to WV. Please remember to pray for us as we travel, for the work we do and for the homeowners whom we serve.



CHRISTIAN ED BY PAM FORESMAN



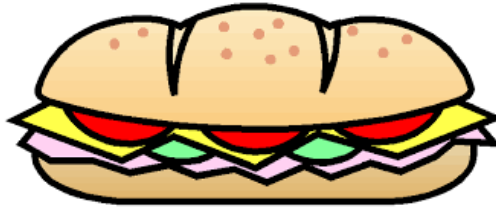
HERE it comes! Are you READY?

Please join us and celebrate the HARVEST FESTIVAL at Congruity on October 29, 2022 starting at 6:00 pm!

There will be fun games for the young and young at heart, a big bonfire to sit by and enjoy or to roast hot dogs, marshmallows or make yummy s'mores, and a variety of other delicious snacks (we ask that each family bring a favorite snack to share!) The Harvest festival is a great time for fun and fellowship ~ so bring a snack to share & a lawn chair if you want to sit by the bonfire.

As always, "costumes are optional, smiles are required!" oh, and bring along your friends and family !!!

Congruity Presbyterian Church



Hoagie Order Form

October 14, 2022

Pick up after 6:30

Additional hoagies will be available on Saturday the 15th at the First Commonwealth Bank in New Alexandria, at the BP at Rts 22 & 819.

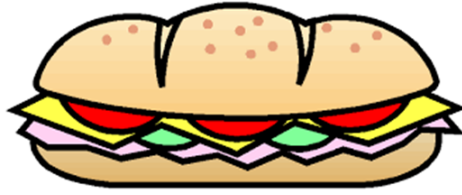
Traditional Italian w/ or w/o onions: Ham, bologna, cooked salami, provolone, american cheese, lettuce, tomato (bagged separately)

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

Hoagies are on delicious Brick Oven buns and are \$7.00

<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, October 10th at 724-668-8319.
Let's all work to make this a successful sale!



Hoagies, Hoagies, Hoagies

Attention all hoagie assemblers, lettuce, onion and tomato baggers!!! Attention all hoagie sellers!!

We need you!

We will be having our last hoagie sale of the year on **Friday, October 14**. We will be meeting on at 5:00 pm to assemble the hoagies. We will again be taking additional hoagies to First Commonwealth Bank in New Alexandria and the BP at Five Points 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, October 10th. **As you can see on the order form, we had to raise the price to \$7.00**. This was due to the increased costs of our buns and the meat and cheese. Actually, everything in the hoagie has increased. But most everyone else has increase their hoagies as well. Even at \$7.00, we are cheaper than most. Then we need help to assemble the hoagies. The more the merrier. We hope to be making around 250-300 hoagies so we could use more bodies than usual. Finally, we could use a couple of people 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. Let Tim know if you would be willing to help Friday evening and if you are able to help at a location. This is a great opportunity to generate some income for the General Fund.

Also, we are looking at holding a spaghetti dinner for **early in November**. Just wanted to give advanced notice that we will be looking for donations and baskets for that.



OFFERING TOTALS

August 7, 2022

\$1,245.00

August 14, 2022

\$1,495.00

August 21, 2022

\$1,305.00

August 28, 2022

\$540.00

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THANK YOU!

A big thanks to Watt's Truck Show for their \$585.24 donation to the church. And to Phyllis Frye, Matt and Steph Cunningham, Becky Davis, Ced Stopansky, Terry Selembo and Sue Derek for helping out at the food booth. Cliff also gets credit for 'supervising' and staying out of the way.

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)
August	\$ 7,812.40	\$ 8,051.03	\$ 6,647.39	\$ (2,887.97)
Year to Date	\$ 70,131.63	\$ 73,019.60	\$ 6,647.39	\$ (2,887.97)

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
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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
August*	\$ 583.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,262.50

*Includes Per Capita

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
<u>*Per Capita to Date</u>	\$ 2,424.50	\$ 88.00	\$ 2,512.50

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 4 Deacons, plus 1 auditor.** 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
August	\$ 275.00	\$ 649.00	\$ 3,436.10
Year to Date	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 976.00	\$ 3,436.10

Local Mission

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 2,117.97
January	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,817.97
February	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,917.97
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,917.97
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,917.97
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,917.97
June	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,692.97
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,692.97
August	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,792.97
Year to Date	\$ 200.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,792.97

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Mnth	To Date
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ 330.00
Cents-Ability	\$ 91.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 99.00
Presby Disaster Assistance*	\$ 435.00	\$ 214.00	\$ 649.00
*\$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

***40% - Blackburn Center

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Women's Association announces that there will be NO Turkey Supper this fall. Please watch for notices for one in the Spring!

ATTENDANCE

August 7, 2022: 26

August 14, 2022: 33

August 21, 2022: 21

August 28, 2022:25

PROPERTY COMMITTEE
BY KEN MARTZ

Please put **9 am November 5th** on your calendars for a church and manse workday!



CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Cliff Foster

CLERK OF SESSION:
Sarabeth Stopansky

ASST. CLERK: Ken Martz

DEACON MODERATOR:
Dave Foresman

TREASURER: John Blank

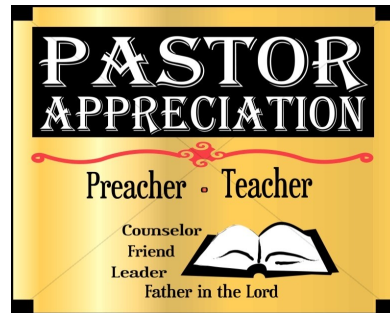
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OCTOBER is PASTOR APPRECIATION Month!

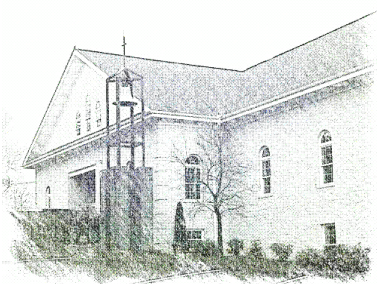
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Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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