



Congruity Presbyterian
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Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

As you read these words, we have begun our journey through the new year of 2023. I am sure that we have wondered what these next twelve months may have in store for us and we may even still be keeping the resolutions that we made. The air is filled with excitement as we begin a new year, isn't it?

The other day I found myself thinking about the nation of Israel as they were about to enter the Promised Land ending their years of Exile wandering in the wilderness. In a sense we have been wandering in an exile of sorts these last nearly three years during the global pandemic of Covid 19 which social distancing and experiencing those times of isolation. It is my hope and prayer that in 2023 like the nation of Israel, we might experience entering the Promised Land as God guides us through these next twelve months and beyond.

As we stand on the threshold of 2023 and look towards the unknown future, the Promised Land that God is calling us towards, may we remember that Emmanuel—God is with us—have come and Christ calls us to follow him in the living of our lives. May we continue to be the people God calls us to be and to be doing the things that God wants us to be doing in our communities and to the end of our global neighborhood. May our stewardship—the giving of our time, talents and treasures be a proclamation to those around us, that we are following God into the unknown future, and we are doing our part to be building God's kingdom. The Good News for us is that God is with us, and God is within us, and in God's presence we can enter the Promised Land of 2023 and beyond knowing that we go not alone—our Loving God is right there with us through each and every step along the way.

I want to wish each of you a very Blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Congruity's Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 29, 2022 with soup and bbq sandwiches to follow.

WEEKLY WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

January 1

Matthew 2: 13-23

January 8

Matthew 3: 13-17

January 15

John 1: 29-42

January 22

Matthew 4: 12-23

January 29

Micah 6: 1-8

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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.

Jan 1	Murrysville, First	Ed Gray, Pastor
Jan 8	Murrysville, New- lonsburg	Curtis Paul, Pastor Travis Webster, Assoc. Pastor
Jan 15	Murrysville, Union	Lynn Mance, Commissioned Pastor
Jan 22	New Alexandria, Community United	Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor
Jan 29	Redstone Presbytery	Lisa Dormire, Member-at- Large

LITURGIST FOR JANUARY

Jan 1	Cliff Foster	Jan 22	Caroline D'Aurora
Jan 8	Rhea Summit	Jan 29	Ced Stopansky
Jan 15	David Foresman		

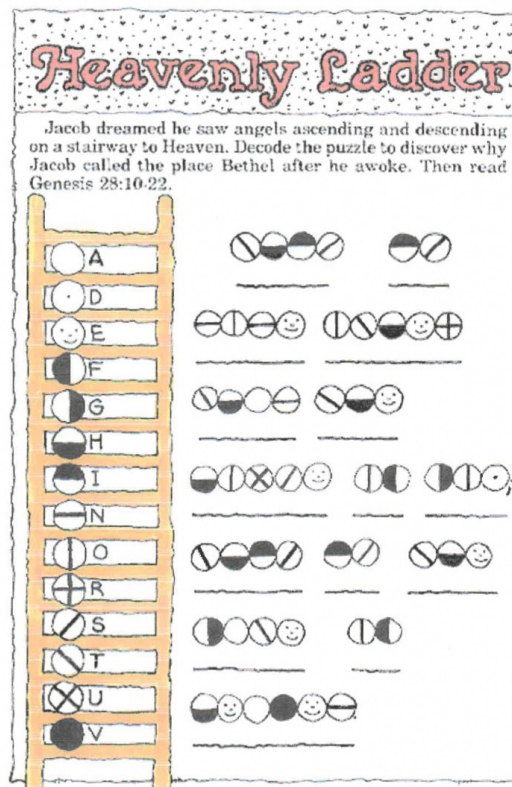
*Finding God * Growing in Faith * Discovering Purpose * Making a Difference*

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



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
1/30/2010	Dan & Hillary Lapcevic



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Date	Person
1/1	Beth Dudek Matthew C. MacDonald, Jr. Kelly McCambridge
1/4	Mike Kepple
1/5	Kaley Foster
1/6	Emily Eidemiller
1/7	Courtney Young
1/8	Ced Stopansky Brian Walters
1/10	Denise Eidemiller Cheyanne Heasley
1/11	Daniel Kaufman
1/13	Jessica Foresman Alyssa Martz Rader
1/18	Carol Hohman
1/19	Kathleen Orr Sara Orr
1/20	Tyler Piovesan Alenah Thomas
1/21	Ian Derek
1/22	Trevor Derek
1/23	Keith Walters
1/24	Dorothy Brant
1/28	Kim Matvey Jared Walters

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!



IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Summit family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of the death of Rhea's mother Dorothy Rutstein's death.

We extend our sympathy to Sharon Rubrecht and her family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of the death of her aunt, Roberta.

May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.

May time
help the hurt
just as *Memories*
fill the
Heart

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sophia Watt on her recent graduation from Arizona State University.

A SPECIAL THANKS!

To: Sarabeth Stopansky for her years as an elder serving on Session. She will continue to serve as our Clerk of Session.

To: Dorothy Brant, Lana Munsell and Tom Davis for their service as Deacons.

To: Matt Cunningham, Tim D'Aurora, and Nancy Lauffer to serve as Elders and Becky Davis as a Deacon during the next year.

ELDERS

Matt Cunningham

Tim D'Aurora

Evelyn Foresman

Phyllis Frye

Kathy Hamilton

Vince Kemerer

Nancy Lauffer

Ken Martz

Scott McIlnay

DEACONS

Stephanie Cunningham

Becky Davis

Sue Derek

Dave Foresman

Terry Selembo

Cedric Stopansky

ITEMS FROM SESSION BY S. STOPANSKY

The session met on December 19, 2022 and reports the following:

- * Approved the minutes of the December 4, 2022 Congregational Meeting on behalf on the Congregation.
- * Set January 29, 2023 as the date for the Congregational Meeting to approve annual reports and elect 2 members at large for the nominating committee for 2023. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Lunch will be provided.
- * Set January 15, 2023 as the date as reports from all committees and organizations are to be turned into the church office.
- * Approved the Treasurer's Report from November. Approved transferring funds from Helen Seanor fund to cover expenses, and discussed the state of church finances.
- * Gave Tim D' Aurora the authority to speak to Comcast and try try to negotiate the cost of internet/ phone bill for the church.
- * Approved the Deacon's request to hold a White Elephant Auction and covered dish dinner after church on February 12, 2023.
- * Discussed the lack of children attending Sunday School. Attendance has been lacking since the pandemic. If anyone had ideas please reach out to Dave Foresman.
- * Approved a request from Matt and Stephanie Cunningham to start a group for younger folks in the congregation/ community. Details to follow. Watch the Facebook page and website for details too.
- * Voted giving the Clerk of Session and Moderator of Deacons voice but no vote at all session meetings.

The next Session meeting is January 16, 2023

ON THE COVER

This is an image from one our beautiful windows in the sanctuary. This window depicts the **Dove**, God's promise of new beginnings. **Genesis 8:11.**

Take time to reflect on our windows and God's word.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME....?

CONGRUITY shared Communion on Sunday Dec 19th. Please join us in 2023 for the days we celebrate joining in Christ's body.

Jan 8—Baptism of the Lord

Feb 19-Transfiguration of the Lord

Apr 6— Maundy Thursday

May 23-Pentecost

Aug 6-Summer Communion

Oct 1-World Communion Sunday

Nov 26-Christ the King

Dec 24-Fourth Sunday in Advent



MISSION COMMITTEE BY PHYLLIS FRYE



There will be a Congruity Mission Committee meeting after church on Sunday January 8, 2023.

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM BY PHYLLIS FRYE

There will be a **meeting** of the Redstone Mission team on **Sunday January 8, 2023 at 2pm** at Phyllis Frye's home, 162 Main Street, Slickville Pa 15684, (Snow date of Jan 15) to discuss where to go on our next trip, and to plan a work trip to ROOT International to do some needed ceiling repairs.



We will also be planning for a Pancake Dinner fundraiser for Feb 21, 2023. If interested in going on a trip, or for more info, contact Phyllis at 724-468-3740.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2023

Reports from committees and organizations are due to the church office by Sunday, January 15, 2023. Treasurer's please have your books ready for the Auditors to exam by January 15, 2023. Auditors for 2023 are Jim Kepple, George Kepple and Tom Davis.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

"A success!" for the second year of the simple, informal **TEA** held for women of the church by the Women's Association.

It was a nice relaxing time for fellowship, catching up, and getting better acquainted with some of the women in the church. It was quite a spread, and more attended than our first one last year. Thank you to all those who helped and those 21 women who attended.



OFFERING TOTALS

Nov 6, 2022

\$1,910.00

Nov 13, 2022

\$1,435.00

Nov 20, 2022

\$2,820.00

Nov 27, 2022

\$665.00

ONLINE GIVING
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REMINDER to ONLINE GIVERS:

Any on-line giving is not reported by the financial secretary on your statements. For tax purposes you can log into your account to obtain a record of your on-line donations. Please remember that any on-line donations are not deposited into Congruity's bank account until the first banking day of the next month.

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)
September	\$ 5,169.92	\$ 10,719.69	\$ 1,097.62	\$ (8,437.74)
October	\$ 7,949.21	\$ 7,985.74	\$ 1,061.09	\$ (8,474.27)
November	\$ 8,539.78	\$ 8,387.77	\$ 1,213.10	\$ (8,322.26)
Year to Date	\$ 91,790.54	\$ 100,112.80	\$ 1,213.10	\$ (8,322.26)

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
September	\$ -		\$ 3,448.50
October	\$ -		\$ 3,448.50
November	\$ -		\$ 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
September	\$ 440.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,202.50
October	\$ 230.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 932.50
November	\$ 505.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 937.50

*Includes Per Capita

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

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
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
September	\$ 220.00		\$ 3,656.10
October	\$ 150.00		\$ 3,806.10
November			\$ 3,806.10
Year to Date	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 976.00	\$ 3,806.10

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
September	\$ -		\$ 1,792.97
October	\$ -		\$ 1,792.97
November	\$ -		\$ 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	\$ 115.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 136.00
Presby Disaster Assistance*	\$ 1,014.00	\$ -	\$ 1,014.00

*\$235.00 Ukraine

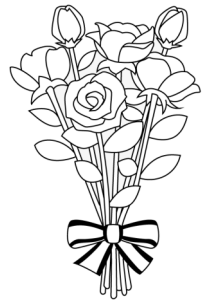
	Received	GOAL	Balance
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 873.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (127.00)
Pentecost ***	\$ 465.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 65.00
Peace Global Witness **	\$ 232.50	\$ 375.00	\$ (142.50)
Christmas Joy	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)

**25% - Welcome Home Shelter

***40% - Blackburn Center

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR 2023

Per capita for 2023 is \$44 per member, please note this on your tithe.

ATTENDANCE**Nov 6, 2022:** 27**Nov 13, 2022:** 31**Nov 20, 2022:** 36**Nov 27, 2022:** 34**SUNDAY FLOWERS**

The Deacons would like everyone to know that the **2023 FLOWER CHART** is 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.

CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Cliff Foster

CLERK OF SESSION:
Sarabeth Stopansky

ASST. CLERK: Ken Martz

DEACON MODERATOR:
Dave Foresman

TREASURER:
Caroline D'Aurora

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:
Lana Munsell

CHURCH SECRETARY:
Debbie Perino

MUSIC DIRECTOR:
Vicki Walters

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
Kathy Hamilton

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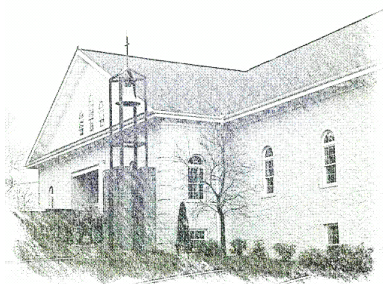
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