



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

One of the threads that is woven into the fabric of my life is being the son of a firefighter. Hearing the tones of a call coming in on the scanner at all hours of the day or night was part of my life when I was growing up. The camaraderie that exists among firefighters is a strong bond. This is very evident when a firefighter dies in the line of duty. On May 11th, my cousin Rob died after a 3-year long battle with cancer. Rob was a firefighter on Worcester Fire Department for 29 years in Massachusetts and his cancer is believed to be a result of line of duty. I was not able to attend his funeral, but I saw many pictures of the service and how many firefighters dressed in their Class A uniforms lined the streets to honor his service to the community. I am sure that each of us have seen a funeral service of a line of duty death of a public servant—a police officer, a firefighter, and military personnel. Those services are very moving.

Over the last few weeks, I have been thinking about the images of my cousin Rob's funeral service. I find myself thinking of those words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 12 where Paul is talking about the body of Christ—the Church and in verse 26 he says, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." I think this is a wonderful image for us to hold onto of the Church... of each one of us being there for one another no matter what we may be going through.

As we live into our call to be the Church in this community in a post-pandemic world, may that image that Paul gives us and the image of the camaraderie among public servants enable us to continue to be there for one another. May we living into our call to be the body of Christ—the Church at work in our world today.

I would also like to wish all the dads a very Happy Father's Day. I would also like to wish all of the graduates success in all your future endeavors.

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Remember that **Sunday Services** through the summer starting June 4, are at **10am**

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

June 4

Matthew 28: 16-20

June 11

Genesis 12: 1-9

June 18

Romans 5: 1-8

June 25

Matthew 10: 24-39

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724-668-7740

SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

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

June 4	Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius, Pastor
June 11	Avonmore, First	Brenda Barnes, Moderator
June 18	Delmont	Tony Catulo, Interim Pastor
June 25	Redstone Presbytery	Becca Siddle, Member-at-large

LITURGIST FOR JUNE

June 4	Phyllis Frye	June 18	Cliff Foster
June 11	Tim D'Aurora	June 25	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

BibleWise
Dads and Sons - Match Dads with their Sons



Dads

- ___ 1. Abraham
- ___ 2. Isaac
- ___ 3. Jacob
- ___ 4. Elkanah
- ___ 5. Moses
- ___ 6. Manoah
- ___ 7. Joash
- ___ 8. David
- ___ 9. Jesse
- ___ 10. Zacharias
- ___ 11. Noah
- ___ 12. Boaz

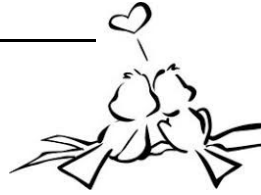
Sons

- A. Gideon
- B. Samson
- C. David
- D. Joseph
- E. Esau
- F. John the Baptist
- G. Samuel
- H. Obed
- I. Shem
- J. Isaac
- K. Gershom
- L. Solomon

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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 Gallager
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



A SPECIAL THANK YOU! BY TIM D'AURORA

I wanted to thank everyone who helped make our latest HOAGIE SALE a success. We did a good job selling. **We exceeded our presale quantity from last time by more than 20.** That meant we had less to sell on Saturday. We had a great crew to help assemble hoagies including several that aren't even members and we owe them a ton of appreciation. And Becky, Thom, Dot, and her friend Sue did a great job in the rain on Saturday selling the remainder within an hour.

We sold 250 hoagies and will probably try to do even more in July when we do another one. It looks like we will make a profit of around \$800 which is one of our best ever. The new hoagie buns were slightly larger than our previous ones, so we are looking at our options to add more meat and raise the price a little. Almost everyone else selling hoagies are at least \$8.00 so we should be fine. **More details to follow!**



CALL FOR GRADUATES!

Please submit any recent graduate announcements for the July-August edition of Congruity Connections. Include a photo and attach it with name, dates, certificate or degree, and possible future plans in an email to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com, or deliver to the church office.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWER KEY:

1.J, 2.E, 3.D, 4.G,
5.K, 6.B, 7.A, 8.L,
9.C, 10.F, 11.I, 12.H,

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

ON THE COVER

This is an image from one of 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**

ITEMS FROM SESSION/DEACONS

BY SARABETH STOPANSKY/DAVE FORESMAN

The session met on Monday, May 15th and report the following.

Lindsey Mae Schweppe was Baptized on April 23, 2023 and added to the Baptized members roll.

Sarabeth Stopansky will take the minutes to be read before the May 23, 2023 Presbytery Meeting. She will also be Elder Delegate to the meeting as well.

The roof replacement committee received 3 bids for replacing the roof. Session voted to accept the bid of \$15,800 from Big Run Roofing from Reynoldsville, PA

Next Session meeting will be June 19th at 7:00PM

Session reminds everyone that starting June 4, 2023 Worship will begin at 10:00 AM

BUDGET+STEWARDSHIP+INTERPRETATION

BY TIM D'AURORA

If you look at the financial reports, you will notice that thanks to 5 Sundays and Easter, our receipts exceeded our expenses by almost \$140.00. This was certainly a positive though we remain \$8,583.28 in the negative year to date. The other positive was our **First Fruits** remained ahead of budget by \$1,175. And we exceeded our goal for the **One Great Hour of Sharing** as we collected \$1,021. **Great job, everyone!!**

The final profit from the **Spaghetti Dinner** turned out to be \$1,184. Considering the lower than expected turnout, this was a great result. Thanks again to everyone who helped.



SANCTUARY ROOF: We awarded the job of replacing the older part of the church roof to Big Run Roofing who had the lowest bid of \$15,800. While this is a lot of money, it is a good bit under our initial estimates. We still need everyone's help.

If you are able, we would appreciate your donations earmarked for the building fund. Even if you don't feel you can give a lot, it was suggested you "buy a bundle of shingles". The average bundle of shingles is around \$40. Obviously, you wouldn't be actually buying shingles, but symbolically, this makes for a worthwhile contribution. Please prayerfully consider doing what you are able. **We will keep everyone up to date on where we are on this fundraising goal.**

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM REPORT

BY PHYLLIS FRYE

Redstone mission Team will have a meeting on **Sun June 11 at 2pm** at Phyllis Frye's home to decide on a date for a fall trip to wherever God sends us. For more info, contact Phyllis at 724-468-3740. Here is a summary of April's Mission Trip by Chuck MacPherson:

The Redstone Roofers and Rampers Return

- To Wild and Wonderful West Virginia!

April 16 - 21, 2023.

For this [latest] mission trip (see May's Congruity Connections for photos), we traveled to St. Albans, near Charleston. It was a great location - the St. Albans Presbyterian Church is only a few minutes away from our work site at 627 Rust Street. Just a word about the house we worked on. It was a gift to the community from Eugene Hezekiah Washington. When it is finished, the plan is for it to be a kind of halfway house with a focus on those who are trying to break the cycle of substance abuse. The need in the community for this kind of ministry was brought home to us by the presence just up the lane of a very large homeless encampment.

The house needs a bit of work, but Jack Rogers our coordinator was helpful in pointing us towards how to bring things up to par. Our time there was spent addressing both structural issues, and working to make the house more livable.

Our excellent engineering department of Dave, Ed, and Cedric spent a bunch of their time straightening a back wall, and tidying up some siding issues. We had a painting crew of Sylvia, Patty, Lynne, and Becky who not only dressed up some furniture, they also worked on a porch/ramp. Sue and Chuck had fun framing out windows and using power tools.

The weather was great, and we were blessed with what we felt was a fruitful trip. A real bonus was that we were able to spend time with the Hezekiah House 'sponsor,' Pastor Michael Poke of the St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church. We were impressed with his commitment and enthusiasm for serving Christ. By the way, the concept of this house was based on one that was started in Baltimore by a priest whose brother served the community in St. Albans.

We were blessed to enjoy the hospitality of Pastor Mark, Mike the custodian, Christina the office manager, all of the St. Albans Church, and we met a very special waitress - Kylie of Shucker's Restaurant. Many thanks are owed to the folks back home who helped us by sponsoring, supporting and praying for our time away. All in all, we feel we were able to keep the focus on the future of ministry in the Charleston area, as well as in Redstone Presbytery. We are grateful to the Lord who gave us the opportunity to share the love and grace we have received.

Blessings,

Chuck Mac



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



ONLINE GIVING QR CODE

ATTENDANCE

Apr 2, 2023: 41

Maundy Thursday

Apr 6, 2023: 17

Apr 9, 2023 40

Apr 16, 2023: 24

Apr 23, 2023: 60

Apr 30, 2023: 22

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

There will be no regular meeting of the Women's Association in June or July. We will resume our meetings on August 10 with chapter 3 in the study book, Growing Older and Wiser.

Another Successful Turkey Supper! **THANK YOU ALL** who made our Buffet-Take-out Dinner such a success. It was good to have a seated dinner again and people didn't seem to mind having the buffet line. We still have some glitches to work out, but all in all, it was a success. We served about 200 diners, divided equally between buffet and take out and with all the food and monetary donations, we made a profit of \$2004.10 to put toward the Women's Association's commitment to serve Jesus Christ. Thank you again.

PICNIC: All women of the church (and friends) are invited to the **Women's picnic** at the church on **Thursday June 15 at 6pm**. So bring a covered dish and a friend and come out for a nice relaxing evening of fellowship. If you have a group game you want to play, you are welcome to lead that.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE BY SARABETH STOPANKSY



Save the date: Congressional Life is planning a trip to see an **Altoona Curve Baseball** game, on **Sunday, August 6th**. It is an afternoon game so we will leave after church. Details of ticket information and price will be in the July/ August newsletter.

HELP CELEBRATE PINE SPRINGS CAMP 75TH!

Do you remember going to Pine Springs Camp once a year for a summer worship service? We had a lot of great times there. Now you can relive those times as we help **celebrate Pine Springs 75th Anniversary**. On **Sunday, July 16th**, Redstone Presbytery is hosting a worship service at the Log Cabin Chapel at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic there. You are asked to bring your own chair. Please let Cliff or Tim know if you are planning on attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY CAROLINE D'AURORA

General Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Actual Balance	Year to Date Balance
<i>Adjusted Balance as of January 1</i>			\$ 10,829.82	
January	\$ 7,884.65	\$ 9,374.38	\$ 9,340.09	\$ (1,489.73)
February	\$ 8,812.88	\$ 10,196.69	\$ 7,956.28	\$ (2,873.54)
March	\$ 5,532.40	\$ 11,381.81	\$ 2,106.87	\$ (8,722.95)
April	\$ 9,604.30	\$ 9,464.63	\$ 2,246.54	\$ (8,583.28)
	\$ 97,197.45	\$ 106,209.05		

First Fruits

	Received	Pledged	Balance
January*	\$ 1,462.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 962.00
February*	\$ 639.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,101.00
March *	\$ 340.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 941.00
April*	\$ 734.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,175.00

*Includes Per Capita

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Cents-Ability	\$ 74.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 98.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ -	\$ 251.00	\$ 251.00 Total
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 391.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,021.00 Total

Included in General Fund Balance

<u>Fund Accounts</u>	From 2022	Income	Expense	Balance
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,448.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,448.50
Local Mission	\$ 1,792.97	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 1,812.97
Building Maintenance	\$ 4,201.10	\$ 575.00	\$ -	\$ 4,776.10



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**. Our book cart outside the sanctuary is now overflowing!

You can stop after church or call Sarabeth at 724-831- 8112 to make arrangements to visit the library at another time.

CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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

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