



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

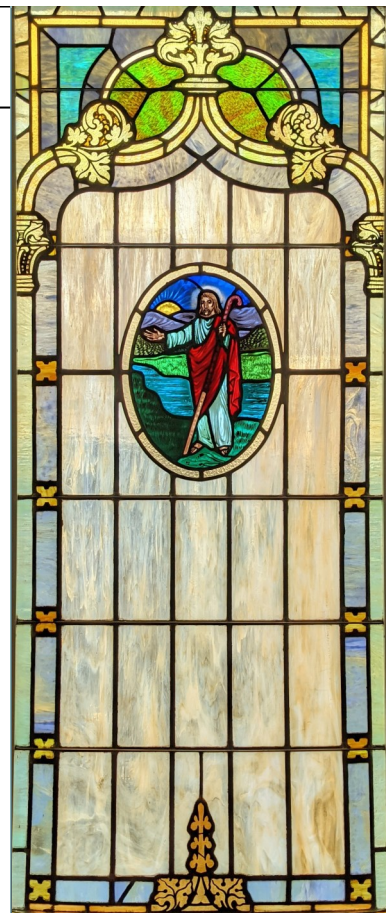
The other day I was remembering the summers when I was growing up. There is an inground pool at my parent's house, so during the summer months that was the place where my relatives and friends spent a lot of time. My parents hosted a big family picnic every July 4th and it was always a wonderful time of catching up with one another, enjoying a wonderful meal and of course time spent swimming and playing with my cousins.

I am sure that all of us have many wonderful memories of summer activities and of spending time with family and friends. We often refer to the church as being a family. Through our faith in Christ, we are brothers and sisters of one another and together we are to be about the business of sharing the Good News of the Gospel to all those around us. Together we are the visible body of Christ in this community and together we are called to continue our ministry and mission to this community and to the very ends of our global neighborhood.

During worship we sometimes sing the song "Part of the Family" by Jim Manley. The refrain of that song goes like this: "Come in, come in and sit down You are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family." I hope that you know that you are an important part of the fabric of who we are as the body of Christ in this community. May we be drawn closer to one another as sisters and brothers in God's family of faith and closer to God in our journey of faith.

As we enjoy special times with our families this summer, may we be reminded that we are "Part of the Family" of our congregation. I look forward to seeing you in church.

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 2

Genesis 22: 1-14

July 9

Matthew 11: 16-19;
25-30

July 16

Matthew 13: 1-9;
18-23

July 23

Romans 8: 12-25

July 30

Romans 8: 26-39

August 6

Matthew 14: 13-21

August 13

Matthew 14: 22-33

August 20

Genesis 45: 1-15

August 27

Romans 12: 1-8

SEPARATED BY SPACE + UNITED IN PRAYER

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

July 2	Lower Burrell, Grace Community	Doug Marshall, Interim
July 9	Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert, Pastor
July 16	Murrysville First	Ed Gray, Pastor
July 23	Murrysville, New- lonsburg	Curtis Paul, Pastor; Travis Webster, Associate Pastor
July 30	Redstone Presbytery	Ross Bash, Honorably Retired
August 6	Murrysville, Union	Bob Ruefle, Pastor
August 13	New Alexandria Community United	Len Morgan, CP
August 20	New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster, Pastor
August 27	Redstone Presbytery	Sue Blank, Honorable Retired

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP
SERVICES

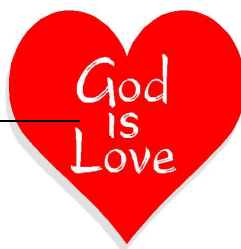
A short meditation
with Pastor Cliff is
being uploaded to the
Congruity Facebook
page each Sunday
morning.

LITURGIST FOR JULY and AUGUST

July 2	Cliff Foster	August 6	Tim D'Aurora
July 9	Sarabeth Stopansky	August 13	Phyllis Frye
July 16	Dave Foresman	August 20	Cliff Foster
July 23	Rhea Summit	August 27	Caroline D'Aurora
July 30	Ced Stopansky		

JULY-AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Date	Anniversaries
7/4/2014	Tim & Titina Adams
7/4/2015	Joe & Courtney Stopansky
7/7/2012	Wes & Kayla Kirkpatrick
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 McIlnay
8/10/2018	Matt & Stephanie Cunningham
8/18/1973	Rich & Linda Youngbauer
8/19/1972	John & Sue Blank
8/26/1989	Bob & Tracey McDonald



IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Johnson family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of John's brother Larry's death. May God's presence give you comfort and strength in your time of loss.

*A Special Prayer
that you'll be
blessed with
tender care,
warm thoughts
from friends
& most of all,
God's healing
touch.*

CONGRATS!

We congratulate Tom and Elyse Hamilton on their recent marriage, June 24, 2023. May God bless you as you begin your journey as husband and wife.



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.

FROM THE DEACONS SUBMITTED BY DAVE FORESMAN

On **Sunday, August 27th**, immediately following our worship service, is the

“End of Summer Picnic” !

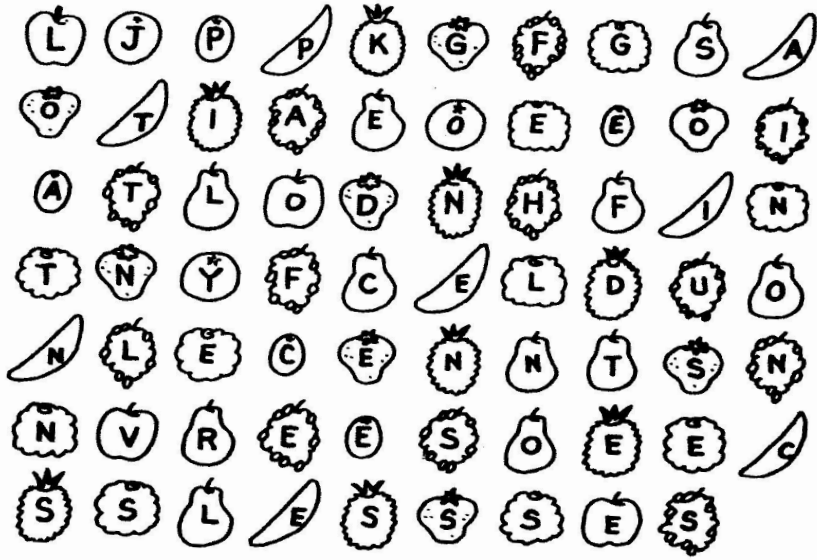
We ask that everyone **bring a covered dish to share**. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided by the Deacons. We can't wait to see you all there!



KIDZ CORNER SUBMITTED BY PAM FORESMAN

Mixed Fruit

The fruit below is mixed up. Write the letters from the apples on the first set of blanks below to find one fruit of the Spirit. Then do the same for the oranges, lemons, bananas, pineapples, strawberries, grapes, raspberries, and pears. The first fruit shown is an apple, the second is an orange, the third is a lemon, and so on, to help you know which fruit is which. Read Galatians 5:22-23 (ICB).



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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

Tim D'Aurora

Evelyn Foresman

Phyllis Frye

Kathy Hamilton

Vince Kemerer

Nancy Lauffer

Ken Martz

Scott McInay

DEACONS

Stephanie Cuning-
ham

Becky Davis

Sue Derek

Dave Foresman

Terri Selembo

Cedric Stopansky

ITEMS FROM SESSION BY SARABETH STOPANSKY

The Session met on June 19, 2023 and reports the following:

Approved the Baptism of Michael Kash Kepple. Michael is the son of Mike and Brittany Kepple, the grandson of Jim and Michelle Kepple and the great grandson of George Kepple.

Approved Cliff's request for vacations from July 17-23.

Approved an additional Spaghetti Dinner to be held the beginning of August.

Approved Congregational Life's request to go to an Altoona Curve game.

Approved collecting items for Bags of Hope. See the article for a list of items being collected.

Approved the Redstone Mission Team's use of the kitchen for a Soup Sale in October.

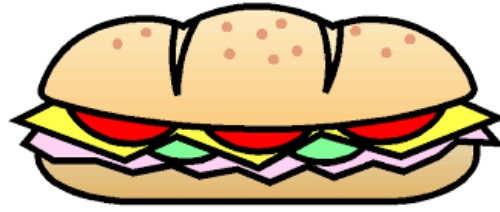
Voted to cancel the July Session meeting.

Approved the Deacon's End of Summer Picnic to be held on August 27th.

Congregational Life is sponsoring a trip to the Altoona Curve. We are looking at a game in August. Please check the Facebook page, it church bulletin.

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

Congruity Presbyterian Church



Hoagie Order Form

July 14, 2023

Pick up after 6:30

Additional hoagies will be available on Saturday the 15th at the First Commonwealth Bank in New Alexandria, and 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

Now with **MORE MEAT & CHEESE**, Hoagies are **\$8.00**

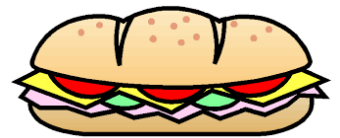
<u>Name</u>	<u>Italian w</u>	<u>Italian w/o</u>	<u>Turkey</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Orders are to be turned in to Tim D'Aurora by Monday, July 10th at 724-668-8319.
Let's all work to make this a successful sale!

BUDGET+STEWARDSHIP+INTERPRETATION BY TIM D'AURORA

Since this newsletter covers 2 months, we want to make everyone aware of our upcoming activities. As you can see from the financial reports, any positive we saw from April has been wiped away. Unfortunately, May saw a negative \$2,631 hit on our general fund. This technically leaves us with a negative general fund balance. And as we go into our summer months, we normally see even less giving while our expenses remain fairly constant. So we need to appeal to everyone to do what they can to help out. In an effort to raise additional funds, we are adding a hoagie sale in July and a spaghetti dinner in August. Obviously, we need to do all we can to make both of these fundraisers as successful as possible.

On Friday, July 14th, we will get together to assemble hoagies beginning at around 4:30. Last time, we had a nice turnout to help and we hope everyone can show up again as we hope to do an additional 25 hoagies. The hoagie price went up by a dollar because we are adding more meat and cheese. At \$8.00, this is still a great value for the quality of the hoagie everyone receives. Pickup begins at 6:00pm. On Saturday, we will sell additional hoagies at First Commonwealth Bank in New Alexandria and at the BP at Five Points starting at around 10:00 am. As always, this sale is only as successful as **YOU** make it. So get out there and sell, sell, sell and then help with the assembly. Please turn in your orders to Tim by Monday, July 10th by calling 724-668-8319.



On Saturday, August 12th, we will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner. There will be a donation signup sheet in the Greeting Room. We will also be looking for donations of baskets for the basket raffle. This is a major part of this fundraiser so please participate if you can. There is a concern that since its during the summer, there might be a drop in interest. We need your help to keep this from happening.

As always, help on the day of the dinner is appreciated, especially with cleanup. Let Tim know if you are able to help.

The replacement of the old part of the roof should be happening during July. As a reminder, we are accepting donations to the building maintenance account for this major expense. Any amount is appreciated, but it has been suggested that for \$40, you can symbolically purchase a bundle of shingles. Obviously, you aren't actually buying the shingles, but your donation is going to the cost of replacing the roof. Please mark your donation as roof expense or building maintenance.

We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help cover this major cost.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE BY SARABETH STOPANKSY



Congregational 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. Contact the church office at 724-668-4650 for ticket information and price. Price should be about \$20, depending on the number that go.



Emma Kaufman

Emma Kaufman is a graduate of Greensburg Salem High School and will be attending La Roche University for early elementary education and special education with a focus on autism. She will also be playing volleyball.



Jessica D'Aurora

Jessica D'Aurora graduated in 2009 with a doctorate in pharmacy from Duquesne University. Since then, Dr. D'Aurora has opened a healthcare clinic and pharmacy for the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe in Virginia to bring healthcare to the underserved and indigenous populations. Jessica now works at a hospital for the state of Virginia as a pharmacist specializing in mental health awareness. With these experiences, she went back to school and obtained a master's degree in healthcare administration (MHA) and is graduating in the class of 2023 from Louisiana State University – Shreveport. Dr. D'Aurora hopes to further her commitment to her patients by becoming a pharmacy director.

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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**

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)
May	\$ 5,892.36	\$ 8,530.14	\$ (391.24)	\$ (11,221.06)

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
May	\$ 330.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,005.00

*Includes Per Capita

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Cents-Ability	\$ 98.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 152.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ -	\$ 251.00	\$ 251.00 Total
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 391.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,021.00 Total
Pentecost	\$ -	\$ 335.00	\$ 335.00

	Year to Date	Income	Expense	Year to Date Balance
<u>Fund Accounts</u>	From 2022			
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,448.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,448.50
Local Mission	\$ 1,792.97	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 1,812.97
Building Maintenance	\$ 4,201.10	\$ 1,075.00	\$ -	\$ 5,276.10

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM BY PHYLLIS FRYE

Redstone Mission Team has selected the week of Oct 22-28, 2023 for their fall mission trip to St Alban's, WV. They will also have a **soup sale fundraiser on October 7, 2023**. There will be more info in the September newsletter.

WOMENS ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The Women's Association will not meet in July. They will resume meeting on **August 10 at 1pm**, with chapter 3 of the book study, **Growing Older and Wiser**.

HOPE IN A BAG COLLECTION

The Addiction Ministry Network of Redstone Presbytery is sponsoring a presbytery-wide collection by asking congregations to contribute some or all of the items listed on the flyer below and bring them to our Presbytery meeting on September 26 at the Latrobe Presbyterian Church.

Thank you!

Bobbie Shaffor
Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Addiction Ministry Network
of the Presbytery of Redstone and

HOPE IN A BAG



Addiction takes away everything.



Hope in a Bag started when Renah's Uncle Mike died from a drug overdose. Renah from Smithton at the age of 12 started collecting toiletries and other small items for people who entered addiction treatment. Making the choice to enter treatment for addiction is a big step. Unfortunately, many people try to "get clean" without the simple things like soap, razors, or a toothbrush. The Addiction Ministry Network of Redstone Presbytery is sponsoring a presbytery-wide collection by asking congregations to contribute some or all the items listed below and **bring them to our Presbytery meeting in September 26 in Latrobe.**

YOU CAN HELP!

Please consider donating the following items for recovery

Small Bible
Pens and Pencils
Journals
Cards
Soap/Body Wash

Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Razors
Feminine Hygiene Products

Dental Floss
Nail Clippers
Q-Tips
Small Blankets
Hardack Candies

ATTENDANCE

May 7, 2023: 34
May 14, 2023: 29
May 21, 2023: 25
May 28, 2023: 28

KIDZ CORNER ANSWER KEY:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience,
Kindness, Goodness, Faith-
fulness, Gentleness, Self-
Control

CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Cliff Foster

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Sarabeth Stopansky

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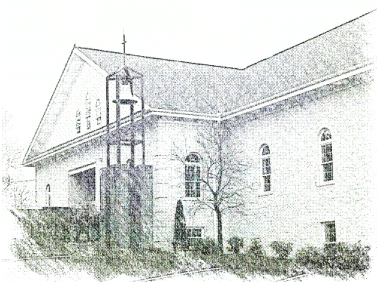
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