



Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

What comes to your mind when you think about the month of October? Is it the arrival of pumpkin spice, getting to wear your favorite sweater, the cool mornings and crisp evenings, the beauty of the leaves changing colors? I am sure that we could add many other things to this list.

Over the years, I have come to appreciate and look forward to the celebration of **World Communion Sunday**. It is a day that reminds us of our oneness and unity in the Body of Christ—the Church, as we join our sisters and brothers around the world at the Lord's Table and share the sacred supper of communion. This is also the day we receive the **Peace and Global Witness Offering** (what used to be called the Peacemaking Offering). We retain 25% of this offering and this year we will be sending that portion to Welcome Home Shelter which provides a clean and safe place for families and single women who are experiencing homelessness.

Whenever I think about World Communion Sunday, I find myself thinking of the words of that song that says: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me." In the Old Testament the word for "peace" is "shalom" but in addition to peace it also means: "harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility" and it is used to say hello or goodbye. As followers of Jesus Christ who is the Prince of Peace may we endeavor to spread all of the aspects of "shalom" wherever we find ourselves—in our homes and families, our neighborhoods and communities, our places of employment and schools, in our church family and to the ends of our global neighborhood.

In the living of our lives, may we experience the "shalom", the peace that Christ offers to us through our faith in him. As we live out our faith day in and day out, may we share with those around us the peace that Christ offers all of us.

Yours in Christ,

Cliff



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SPECIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Join us Sunday October 1, 2023 for **World Communion Sunday**
- **Check inside** for Soup and Hoagie sales.
- October is **Pastor Appreciation** Month

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

October 1

Phillipians 2: 1-13

October 8

Matthew 21: 33-46

October 15

Phillipians 4: 1-9

October 22

1 Thessalonians

1: 1-10

October 29

Matthew 22: 34-46

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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 1	Delmont	Tony Catulo, Interim Pastor
Oct 8	Lower Burrell, Grace Community	Doug Marshal, Interim Pastor
Oct 15	Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert, Pastor
Oct 22	Murrysville, First	Ed Gray, Pastor
Oct 29	Redstone Presbytery	Lisa Dormire, Member-at- Large

LITURGIST FOR OCTOBER

Oct 1	Rhea Summit	Oct 22	Tim D'Aurora
Oct 8	Phyllis Frye	Oct 29	Cliff Foster
Oct 15	Debbie Perino		

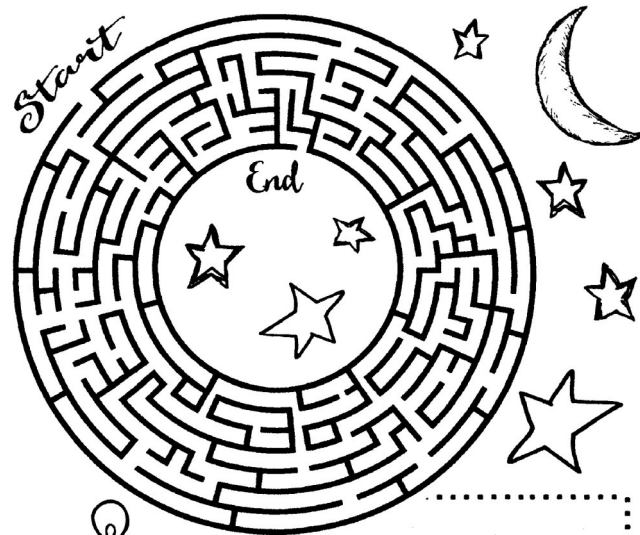
*Finding God * Growing in Faith * Discovering Purpose * Making a Difference*



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



Thy word is a
lamp unto my
feet, and a light
unto my path.
Psalm 119:105

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 congratulate Jason Orr and his wife on the birth of their son Maxwelll on August 28, 2023. Maxwell's grandparents are Tom and RoseMary Orr.



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 McIlnay
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 the Johnston family as they walk through the valley of the shadow of Chris' sister Diane's death.

And as they walk through the valley of the shadow of death of Sara's daughter, Chris' granddaughter, Alyssia's death. May God's presence give you strength and comfort in your time of loss.

A SPECIAL THANKS!

God
BLESS
You

To Reverend Foster, In honor of Pastor appreciation Month, we thank you for all you do to inspire and guide us: Finding God, growing in faith, discovering purpose and making a difference!!

In your time
of sorrow, my
Thoughts
ARE WITH YOU

ELDERS

Matt Cunningham
Tim D'Aurora
Evelyn Foresman
Phyllis Frye
Kathy Hamilton
Vince Kemerer
Nancy Lauffer
Ken Martz
Scott McInay

DEACONS

Stephanie Cunningham
Becky Davis
Sue Derek
Dave Foresman
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 did NOT meet in September.

The Session will be **meeting next on October 16th at 7PM.**

October is Pastor Appreciation month. It's a unique opportunity to show Cliff we appreciate how much he has enriched our lives and encouraged our discipleship with the love of Christ.

“Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” -Hebrews 13:7

**YOU
GOT
THIS!**

Session encourages **YOU** to do something nice for Cliff, send him an encouraging card, message him a nice greeting, or just tell him what he means to you the next time you see him!

FROM THE DEACONS BY DAVE FORESMAN

The Deacons would like to remind everyone to that there is still room on the **2023 FLOWER CHART**, 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

FUN DAY at PHYLLIS' October 15



We will be having a **Fun Day on October 15** at Phyllis Frye's home in Slickville, beginning at **2pm.**

You can ride your bike or take a stroll along the trail, you could bring your favorite board game or just chat with one another. **Ham BBQ's will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a snack to share.**

BUDGET+STEWARDSHIP+INTERPRETATION BY TIM D'AURORA



Attention all hoagie sellers and helpers, it's that time again, On Friday, October 20th, 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 will again be \$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, October 16th by calling 724-668-8319. **This continues to be a strong fundraiser to benefit our beleaguered general fund.**

I wanted to share this blog from the Stewardship Ministry News. I think it gives one great food for thought.

June 12, 2023 by Rev. Amantha Barbee

Isaiah 55:10-13

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

During the COVID-19 quarantine, we all had the opportunity to slow down and reflect. It was most unexpected and unwelcome, but it simply was a fact of life. Perhaps we explored our purpose in our quiet time. We often do that when we are forced to reevaluate our being in the world. Our text from Isaiah allows for picturesque and deep reflection.

What if that thing you did, that thing you do, caused the hills around you to burst into song or the trees to clap their hands? Notice what it did not say. It did not say other people. We cannot live to please or to impress other human beings. Our purpose is to please God. When we do that God is pleased.

Our giving is one such thing which can allow music to be sung and hands to be clapped, literally and figuratively. How many seeds can you sow today? With each seed planted comes another opportunity for a cypress or a myrtle. Your cypress may look like a beautiful worship space. Your myrtle may look like an iPad for a homebound student. Your cypress may look like teaching an investment class to underserved seniors. Your myrtle may look like reading to an orphaned child. Your memorial to the Lord may just be making your purpose be only hiring people of color over the next 12 months. What are you planting today that will provide nourishment for the hungry tomorrow? What is your everlasting sign that shall not be cut off? We pray that in listening to God's purpose you will become a source of joy for the Lord!

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

A date for a Women's Association meeting in October has not yet been determined. Watch your Sunday Bulletin for updates.

Congruity Women will be hosting PW of Redstone Presbytery on Saturday November 4. As part of this gathering, we will be collecting men's **socks, underwear and tee shirts** for Union Mission all through **October**. We have opened this up to the congregation in general.

We appreciate your support, and will be needing some help that morning as we will need to have refreshments early and also serve lunch. More details will be in the November newsletter.

CONGRUITY MISSION COMMITTEE

BY PHYLLIS FRYE

Thank you all for the very generous donations for the Hope in a Bag project. Cliff presented them at the September Presbytery meeting.

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM BY PHYLLIS FRYE

MISSION TRIP:

It is not too late to sign-up for the mission trip to St Alban's, WV the week of Oct 22-28. Cost is \$150 per volunteer or \$62.50 per day if you can't be gone the whole week. Contact Phyllis Frye (724-468-3740) if interested or for more info.

SOUP SALE:

DON'T FORGET! The **TAKE OUT SOUP SALE** orders need to be in by October 1st. We have chili, vegetarian vegetable, and chicken noodle with/without onions. Soup is \$8 per quart and includes bread and cookies. Orders may be picked up **Saturday October 7th** between 11 and 1pm or we can put them in the fridge to be picked up after church Sunday. Thank you for supporting the Redstone Mission Team as they prepare for their trip to Saint Albans, WV.



HARVEST FESTIVAL BY CHRISTIAN ED



Here it comes!
Are you ready?

Please join us and celebrate
the *Harvest Festival*
at Congruity on
Saturday, October 28, 2023
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. And as always, **“costumes are optional, smiles are required!”** oh, and bring along your friends

BEING A CHRISTIAN IS LIKE BEING A PUMPKIN. GOD PICKS YOU FROM THE PATCH, BRINGS YOU IN, AND WASHES ALL THE DIRT OFF OF YOU. THEN HE CUTS THE TOP OFF AND SCOOPS OUT ALL THE YUCKY STUFF. HE REMOVES THE SEEDS OF DOUBT, HATE, AND GREED. THEN HE CARVES YOU A NEW SMILING FACE AND PUTS HIS LIGHT INSIDE OF YOU TO SHINE FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 6, 2023: 33

August 13, 2023: 81

August 20, 2023: 35

August 27, 2023: 42

CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Cliff Foster

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Sarabeth Stopansky

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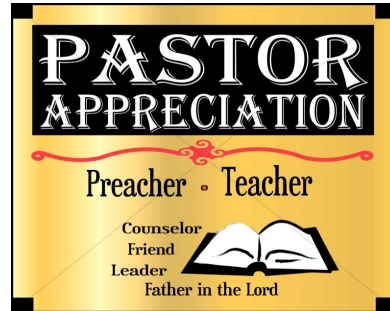
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CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER is PASTOR APPRECIATION Month!

Email Newsletter items to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

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