



Congruity Presbyterian Church

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Congruity Connections

CLIFF'S NOTES

We are commencing on a journey through the brand new year of 2024. In the early days of January, before our calendars become chockfull of activities and events, appointments and commitments, vacations, and celebrations... I think it is important to spend some time thinking about how in this new year we might allow our faith to grow and deepen. Some of us make new year's resolutions to help us become better or healthier people, we may desire to stretch ourselves by learning something new or by incorporating something new into our daily lives, we may want to read through the Bible or read more books or volunteer some of our time to a local charity.

In thinking about my own resolutions for the new year, I found myself thinking about something found in Isaiah 43:19 where the Lord says: *"I am about to do a new thing..."* I am excited to see what it is that God is going to be doing in the days of 2024. It is my hope and prayer that as we traverse our way through these 366 days (yes 2024 is a leap year) that we might be amazed and astonished like the various characters in the nativity story were when they encountered the Christ Child. Like them, as we journey through the uncharted days and weeks and months of 2024 may we be amazed at what God is doing in and through and all around us.

As we strive to keep the resolutions that we have made for the new year, let us always remember that we are loved and accepted by God with all our flaws and imperfections. As we begin 2024, may the words of the 3rd verse of "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" be our guide: "We will work with each other, We will work side by side... And they'll know we are Christians by our love." Together may we discover the new thing that God will be doing. I wish each of you a very Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ, *Cliff*



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SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Congruity's Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 28, 2024 with soup and bbq sandwiches to follow.

WEEKLY WORSHIP
MEDITATIONS

January 7

Mark 1: 4-11

January 14

John 1: 43-51

January 21

Mark 1: 14-20

January 28

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

For a print copy, call
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 7	Delmont	Tony Catulo, Interim
Jan 14	Lower Burrell, Grace Community	Skip Noftzger, Interim
Jan 21	Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert, Pastor
Jan 28	Redstone	Becky Maiman, Member-at-Large

LITURGIST FOR JANUARY

Jan 7	Rhea Summit
Jan 14	David Foresman
Jan 21	Phyllis Frye
Jan 28	Cliff Foster

*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.



A SPECIAL THANKS!

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

We wish to thank Vince Kemerer for his service as an Elder and Dave Foresman for his service as a Deacon.

We welcome as Elders: Scott McInay and Ken Martz who are beginning their second terms; and Dave Foresman who begins his first term as an Elder. We welcome Becky Davis and Ced Stopansky who are beginning their second terms as Deacons and Vince Kemerer who begins his first term as a Deacon.



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!



Forever
IN OUR
HEARTS
IN LOVING MEMORY

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

ELDERS

- Matt Cunningham
- Tim D'Aurora
- Dave Foresman
- EvelynForesman
- Phyllis Frye
- Kathy Hamilton
- Nancy Lauffer
- Ken Martz
- Scott McIlnay

DEACONS

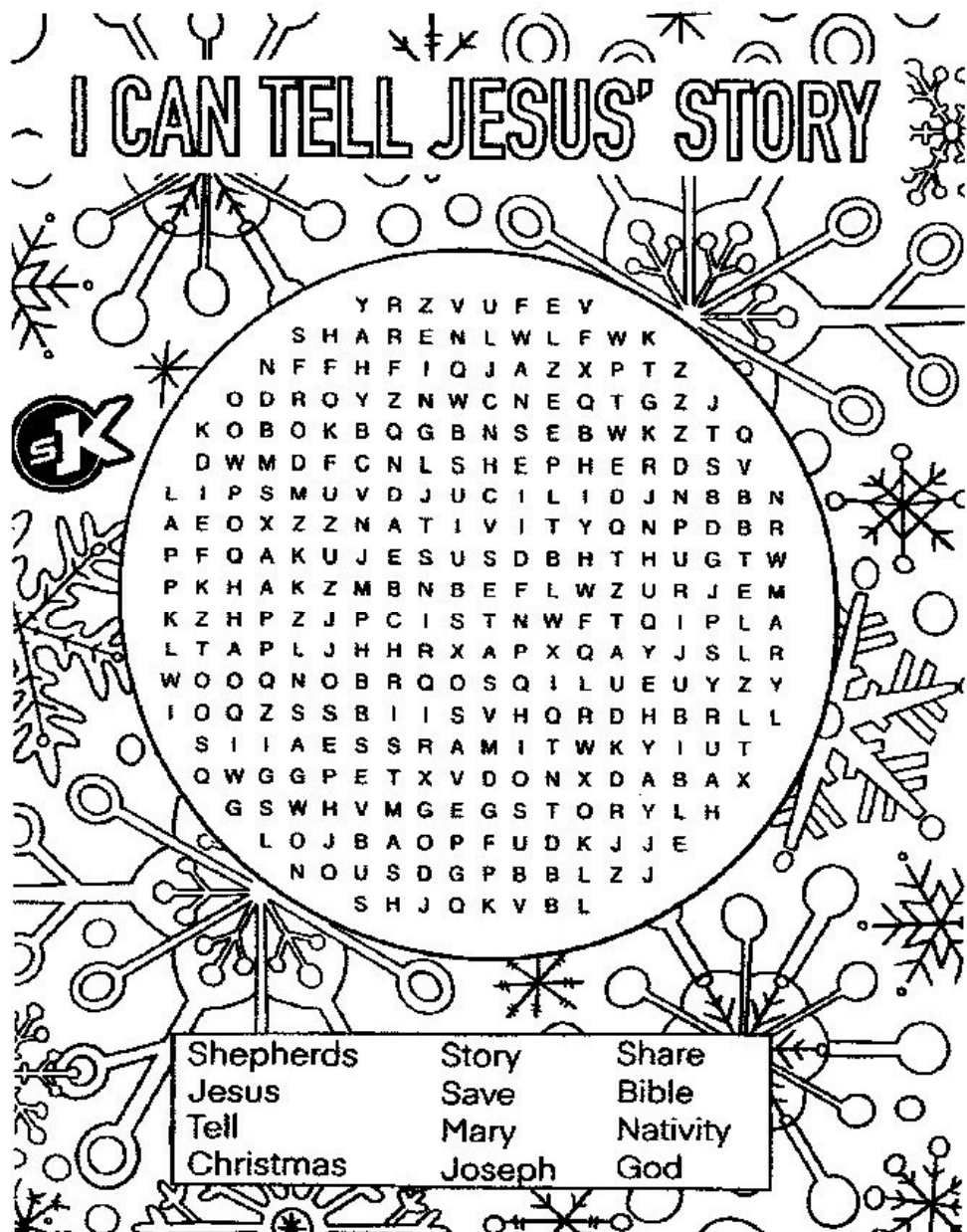
- Stephanie Cunnin-
ham
- Becky Davis
- Sue Derek
- Vince Kemerer
- Terry Selembo
- Cedric Stopansky

ITEMS FROM SESSION BY S. STOPANSKY

The session did NOT meet in December.

The next Session meeting is January 15, 2024

KIDZ KORNER SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN ED



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.**

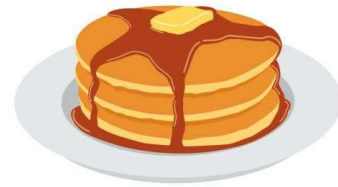
Take time to reflect on our windows and God’s word.

Shepherds	Story	Share
Jesus	Save	Bible
Tell	Mary	Nativity
Christmas	Joseph	God

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM BY PHYLLIS FRYE

Redstone Mission Team will have a meeting on Sun Jan 14, 2024 at Phyllis Frye's home to plan a spring trip and also to plan the Pancake Dinner fundraiser for Feb 13, 2024.

If interested on going on this trip, or to help with the pancake supper, contact Phyllis at 724-468-3740.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY PHYLLIS FRYE

The next meeting of the Women's Association is on Thurs Jan 11 at 10am. We will be studying chapter 3 of the book "Growing Older and Wiser."

An update on the November Redstone Presbyterian Women's fall gathering at Congruity:

These photos did not make it into the original article last month. The day was quite a success, and a big thanks to all who participated and helped out.





**ONLINE GIVING
QR CODE**



**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 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)
June	\$ 5,185.12	\$ 8,536.42	\$ (3,742.54)	\$ (14,572.36)
July	\$ 8,707.74	\$ 8,645.85	\$ (3,680.65)	\$ (14,510.47)
August*	\$ 20,280.53	\$ 7,943.60	\$ 8,656.28	\$ (2,173.54)
September	\$ 5,300.50	\$ 10,281.27	\$ 3,675.51	\$ (7,154.31)
October	\$ 8,790.49	\$ 10,830.36	\$ 1,635.64	\$ (9,194.18)
November	\$ 7,100.70	\$ 8,062.31	\$ 674.03	\$ (10,155.79)

*Includes \$8000.00 transfer from Helen Seanor Fund and \$1843.00 Spaghetti Dinner

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
June	\$ 375.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 880.00
July	\$ 185.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00
August*	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 465.00
September*	\$ 195.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 160.00
October	\$ 289.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (51.00)
November	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (226.00)

*Includes Per Capita

Special Offerings

	Previous	This Month	To Date
Cents-Ability	\$ 228.80	\$ 34.30	\$ 263.10
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 251.00	\$ -	\$ 251.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,021.00	\$ -	\$ 1,021.00
Pentecost	\$ 335.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 402.00
Peacemaking	\$ 260.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 425.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$ 187.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 362.00

Included in General Fund Balance

<u>Fund Accounts</u>	Year to Date		Year to Date	Balance
	From 2022	Income	Expense	
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,448.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,448.50
Local Mission	\$ 1,792.97	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 1,832.97
Building Maintenance	\$ 4,201.10	\$ 23,230.00	\$ 16,367.75	\$ 11,063.35

<u>Fund Raising</u>	Income	Expense	Profit
Hoagie Sales*	\$ 6,314.00	\$ 2,991.00	\$ 3,323.00
Spaghetti Dinners*	\$ 5,831.00	\$ 1,336.00	\$ 4,495.00

*Profits reflected in the General Fund balance

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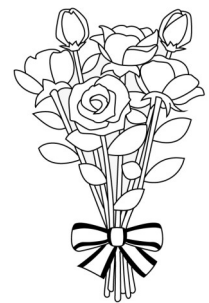
Per capita for 2023 is \$44 per member, please note this on your tithe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2024

Reports from committees and organizations are due to the church office by Sunday, January 14, 2024. Treasurer's please have your books ready for the Auditors to exam by January 14, 2024. Auditors for 2024 are Jim Kepple, George Kepple and Tom Davis.

ATTENDANCE

Nov 5, 2022:	37
Nov 12, 2022:	28
Nov 19, 2022:	36
Nov 26, 2022:	34



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The Deacons would like everyone to know that the **2024 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

CONGRUITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



Email Newsletter items to congruitynewsletter@gmail.com

Cliff is in the office most mornings.

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