

THE PASTOR'S VOICE

The ancient Roman satirist Juvenal first coined the phrase "bread and circuses" (well, approximate translation thereof) to describe a self-indulgent populace controlling them is a simple matter of government providing food mindless distractions. If we keep 'em busy eating free bread and watching reality shows on TV, they'll never see how powerless they have truly become. Case in point: Kathy and I were in a store last week and they were already in the process of setting up Christmas merchandise displays! Have we allowed ourselves to be so materialistic, inwardly focused and, frankly, desperate to escape from our momentary worries, that retailers need only offer their brand of bread & circuses and we'll stop all our boo-hooing and accept whatever the status quo may be? Apparently, the answer is "yes".

I'd love to be able to lay blame somewhere. but we all share accountability for this devolution of priorities, common sense and maturity. Our false gods of materialism "me first" and have made

commercially attractive to retailers to have them open at the stroke of midnight on "Black Friday". This year, as before, many of them are opening on Thanksgiving night! So much for family togetherness and grateful reflection on all that your Creator has provided you. We have all contributed to the economic sideshow of stores open around the clock—encampments, long lines, short-tempers and bargain hunting that makes Filene's Basement seem like a great place for a quiet weekend.

I think the greater question (and, really, our only bottom-line) is where God is in our lives through all this self-obsession. How are we prioritizing the Truth of the Gospel in our personal value system? What else can we offer the weak and downtrodden besides sympathy? How are we working toward the cessation of random violence against the most vulnerable? What form does our practice of Christ-like love really take (is it unconditional)? To have only Christ in me I must push to the background everything that smacks of superiority, judgement or scorn. This is the essence of being a Christian—self-sacrifice, unconditional compassion and the tireless, selfless pursuit of the wellbeing of others.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS			
Oct 8	6PM	Music On Main featuring HUMC Music Ministry	
Oct 8	6PM	Youth	
Oct 10	7PM	Trustees	
Oct. 18	8PM	Worship	
Oct 19	7PM	PPR	
Oct 22	6PM	Youth	
Oct 24	7PM	Outreach	
Oct 25	8PM	Worship	
Oct 28	4-6PM	Candy @the Church (People need to be at church by 3 for set up)	
Oct. 30	7PM	Charge Conference	
Nov 5		Operation Christmas Child Boxes due	
Nov 5	6PM	Music On Main featuring One in Spirit	
Nov 7	7PM	Council	
Nov 12	6PM	Youth	
Nov 14	7PM	Trustees	

God does not trade in bread & circuses. That is a purely human construct. So, watch out for the elephants, the circus is in town.

ON STEWARDSHIP

There are no pockets in a shroud and no U-hauls behind a hearse.

God looks at the heart, not the hand — the giver, not the gift.

FEED MY SHEEP STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017			
Families:	158	New:	8
Total:	399	Slippery Rock Area:	80
Adults:	204	Slippery Rock Boro:	51
Seniors:	67	ITEMS NEED OCTOR	
Children:	128	EVAPORATED MILK, CRANBERRY SAUCE, PUMP KIN PIE FILLING FLOUR & SUGAR	
Harrisville:	27		

October 2017 Treasurer's Report

UMCOR	\$482.00
4th of July food booth	\$500.00
Local Missions	\$1594.28
Operation Christmas Child	\$15.00
Prayer Blankets	\$50.00
Outreach—Bike Ministry	\$909.73
Care Team Postage	\$22.59
Care Team	\$446.01
Feed My Sheep	\$90.00
Camping	\$120.00
From Building Fund	\$1737.50
Memorial	\$125.00
Youth	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$210.00
Branded Items	\$30.00
Total Designated Money	\$6,432.11
Working Balance General Fund	\$7,275.93
Total Income to General Fund for September 2017	\$13,607.94
Total Spending from General Fund in August	\$9,803.45

FINANCE REPORT	THRU AUG	SEPT	YEAR-TO- DATE
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$79,871.83	\$13,607.94	\$93,479.77
SPENDING FROM GENERAL FUND	\$81,512.87	\$9,803.45	\$91,316.32
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$1,641.04)	\$3,804.49	\$2,163.45

Financial Insight

The chart on the right tells the tale of the proverbial double-edged sword. In comparing 2016 Jan-Jun total giving with 2017 Jan-Jun total giving, overall we are down by almost 4%. Looking behind the numbers, we see that giving which supports operational expenses of the church (non-designated monies) has gone done by 9.7%. While it is a true blessing to have your strong support for the many varied ministries of HUMC, we also need to continue to meet our operational expenses.

Giving Comparison	2016	2017	Change
General Fund Giving	\$64,202.00	\$57,974.00	-9.70%
Designated Giving	\$13,208.00	\$16,478.00	24.76%
Total	\$77,410.00	\$74,452.00	-3.82%

correspondence, thoughts and prayers

Dear Friends at HUMC,

Thank you so much for the Pae Patrol blanket for Philip. Paw Patrol is his favorite. We will take it with us to CH during his treatments. We appreciate your prayers. Philip has a prayer page on Facebook to keep everyone updated. It is called Philip's Fighters Prayer Page.

God Bless you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Jeff & Wendy Steigerwald (And Family)

I want to thank each of the ladies of the United Methodist Church for the thoughtful and unexpected gift of a prayer blanket.

Your work & caring shows in the sewing & pattern you chose for me.

Again Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Barbara Baker

HUMC,

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket. I love it! It is so nice and warm and comfortable. I will treasure it always. With the holidays coming up, I am starting to miss my mom & dad so much. Thank you for your love & support (prayers).

God Bless,

Ron Guinnier's niece,

Sylvia Barkley & family.

To the Blanket Ministry,

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket and for a the prayers that go with the blanket.

Every time I use it, I will say a prayer for your ministry and for all who are sick.

Thank you for thinking of me.

God Bless you,

Susie Braham



The church extends its sympathy to the families of Shirl Van Dyke

ઇ David Faith



Do you have a camera, either on your cell phone or digital camera? Please take pictures of any church activities and email them to Pastor Jeff @ pastor@harrisvilleumc.org.



Administrative Council Minutes Sept 5, 2017

- I. Jennifer Davis called the meeting to order 7:00 pm
- II. Pastor Jeff opened in prayer & devotions
- III. Attendees were: Tony & Beth Baker, Jim Graham, Bruce Rider, John Stalker, Rosemary Stalker, Jennifer Davis, Pastor Jeff, John McKee, Julie Davis, Sandra Buchanan, Kip Buchanan, & David Stoops.
- IV. August minutes were reviewed by everyone, Motion to accept made and seconded.

Treasurers Report:

We will be able to make a connectional apportionment payment, received \$3000 out of building fund, which is to be spent on building. (Elevator is in need of maintenance)

Building fund Total: \$29422.57, Building: \$8774.95, Boiler: \$20647.42, Pavilion \$85.00

Went over 2018 Connectional Apportionment Estimate, which is \$15913.00 for 2018. [2017 not paid as of yet]

Health Insurance also discussed, which we must pay even if Pastor does not want or need, its supplied.

VI. Care Team: No Report

Trustees:

Putting a sign in Road between church & parsonage: Church Traffic Only.

Water: Final Inspection Wed. the 6th, but got permit & ok to use water.

Outreach:

Hayride 16th of Sept.

Concert Sun. the 10th

Finance: Prepared budget- in New Business.

PPR:

Set pay rates for paid employees, evaluation of Pastor Jeff, approved merit salary increase, Pastor Jeff declined at this time.

Education:

No Sunday School Kick off.

VBS: Wanting to try something new to get kids involved, ideas in the works.

XII. UMM: No report

Youth Group:

Schedule through June of 2018 shared.

Worship:

Two charts shared, showing participation in both services, declining in both service, but especially summer, thoughts of having only 1 service in summer, no plans, just discussion.

Pastor's Report:

2 weddings, 1 funeral, 2 counseling's, and much more, report handed out to all.

Old Business:

Charge conference here on Monday night, October 30 at 7PM.

New Business:

We went over the Budget for 2018, Expenses are needed for our church to operate. Total estimated expenses: \$140,770.32, weekly \$2707.12 to make it work.

Tony Baker offered a proposal for the planning of an "active shooter" training event, having the PA State Police share with church members (and the community) what to do if you ever find yourself in this situation.

Motioned by Jennifer to authorize committee and move forward with program, the church members and community, seconded by Jim, all in favor.

XVIII.Oct. 1st is Pastor Appreciation Day.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:30.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes are due at the church by Sunday, November 5th



Toothpaste, candy, war related items, liquids, lotions, breakable items or aerosol cans are not accepted.



The Care Team is collecting nonperishable items for college students & \$25 gift cards for military members. Deadline is November 7th. See Evelyn Baum for more information.











Candy at the Church
Saturday, October 28th
@ 5:30
Candy can be brought
to the church office
at anytime.

Hannah Fryman will be in Kenya through November teaching in a Missionary compound. Please send her a card. Hannah Fryman Rift Valley Academy Box 80 Kijabe 00220 Kenya EXTRA POSTAGE WILL BE REQUIRED

HUMC Music Ministry

Contemporary Christian & Traditional Sacred Music

October 8, 2017 @6pm Reception Immediately Following Free Admission (Love Offering)

ALL CONCERTS BEGIN AT 8PM HARRISVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 301 S. MAIN ST. HARRISVILLE, PA 1808

PRAYERS & PETITIONS

PRAYER LIST: To be added to the prayer requests email the church at secretary@harrisvilleumc.org. If you have an urgent request, please contact Pastor Jeff at 412-216-0842. You may also contact Connie Emmett for the prayer chain at 724-735-2675 or ce68@zoominternet.net

Kathryn Hockenberry	Margaret Kaltenbaught	Ralph Erb	Rensel Family
Susie Braham	Jill Legnosky	Matt & Lindsay	Margie Bonetti
Bernie Eakin	Janet & Ken Sibble	Vickie Beachem	Gloria Barnes
Linda Sollinger	Crystal Williams	The Family of Shirl Van Dyke	Stacy Janeda
Bruce Campbell	Ralph Williams	Matthew Croup	Susan Laigaie
Bob Eakin	Sister-in-Law Liz	Virginia Hockenberry	Joss Witzel
Maddy, Christian's friend	Dave & Laurel Learish	Bob Cunningham	Mary Jo Skruck
Gladys Sankey	Bob Yant	Dee Donnelly	Debbie Cooper
Deb Cummings	Mark Vogan	Angie Glaser	Libby Patterson
Edna Ballard	Dale Wilkin	Alice Boozel	Ray Godsave
Marcia Carnahan	Cindy Barret	Carrie Grossman	Kim Kelly & Family
Blain Patterson	Melissa Harris	Scott Nash	Jordan Simmins
Bill Gallucci	Josh Witzel	Sandy Broad	Nathan Carthen
Hannah Fryman	Bryce Bennett a 9 Yr. old boy	Ann Ferrazzo	Audrey Clark
Velma Wissner	Donna Scott	Dee Smith	Phil & Carol Codispot
Mindy & Ben Carbaugh	Mary Hendrickson	Herb Carlson	Emily Sybert
Kaylen & Rick Bixler	Jenny Guilliland	Jane Paladino	Philip a 3 1/2 year old
The United Methodist Church	Our Nation	HUMC	Victims of Las Vegas Shooting
Freedom Fighters VMC	Ron Litzinger	First Responders	Our Military & Our Nation

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

CARE TEAM CORNER

Matthew 7:24

OUR SHUT-INS

- Gladys Sankey
 Trinity Living Center
 400 Hillcrest Ave.
 Grove City, PA 16128
- Katherine Hockenberry
 Orchard Manor
 20 Orchard Road
 Grove City, PA 16127
- Bernie Eakin
 Grove Manor
 435 N. Broad Street
 Grove City, PA 16127

Love one another as I have loved you

Many of our longtime members are no longer able to attend services or get around like they used to. The Care team helps with visitation, care packages, and small acts of kindness on holidays. This committee is also responsible for sending care packages to our college students and mili-





The Church's One Foundation is a Christian hymn written in the 1860s by Samuel John Stone.

The song was written as a direct response to the schism within the Church of South Africa caused by John William Colenso, first Bishop of Natal, who denounced much of the Bible as fictitious.^[1] This topic is alluded to within the fourth verse of the text "Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed." When Bishop Colenso was deposed for his teachings, he appealed to the higher ecclesiastical authorities in England.

It was then that Samuel Stone became involved in the debate. It inspired him to write a set of hymns based on the Apostles' Creed in 1866. He titled it, Lyra Fidelium; Twelve Hymns on the Twelve Articles of the Apostles' Creed. "The Church's One Foundation" is based on the ninth article, The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints.

The song also served as inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's 1896 poem, Hymn Before Action.

It is typically set to the tune "Aurelia" by Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

In the 1941 film *One Foot in Heaven*, the song is featured in the final emotional scene.

Science Fiction author David Weber has used portions of *The Church's One Foundation* as book titles for his Safehold series.

In 2013, a line from the hymn was given prominence in the landmark publication from Crossway: "From Heaven He Came and Sought Her: Definite Atonement in Historical, Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Perspective" (eds. David Gibson & Jonathan Gibson), a multi-authored volume which defends the Christian doctrine of definite atonement.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came
and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee: There, past the border mountains, Where in sweet vales the Bride



celebrate!

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October Birthdays		
10/3	Larry Eakin	
10/4	Patrick Kearney	
10/5	Mitch Stoughton	
10/6	Martha Stewart	
10/10	Richard Conrad	
10/14	Beth Baker	
10/15	Zachary Boozell	
10/16	Connie Thompson	
10/18	Zayden Bixler	
10/20	Austyn Bixler	
10/23	Shawn Rider	
10/25	Josh Kearney	
10/27	Gary Hoffman	
10/28	Tony Baker	
10/29	Doug Upton Jr.	
10/30	Rose Kastriba	

October Anniversaries		
10/2	Jeff & Tracey Knox	
10/15	Rick & Kaylen Bixler	
10/18	Kip & Sondra Buchanan Jeff and Kathy Canter Earl & Tina Webb	
10/22	Brooks and Michelle Mace	
10/24	Richard & Denise Conrad	

November Birthdays		
11/6	Rick Bixler	
11/7	George McQuiston	
11/9	Jeff Knox	
11/12	Sam Bratschie, Jr.	
11/19	Ashley Jeannerat	
11/21	Larry Stalker	
11/25	James Graham	
11/28	Chris Rider	
11/29	Tricia Pollard	
11/30	Kelli Covert	

November Anniversaries		
11/3	Tony & Joanie Kearney	
11/11	Scott & Tricia Pollard	
11/22	Bill & Neva Johnston	



fall hayride & bonfire























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volunteer



COFFEE POT CLEANERS		
OCT	Kaylen Bixler	
NOV	Rosemary Stalker	
DEC Bruce Rider		

	COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE			
OCT 1	Carl Baum	Ann Bratschie		
OCT 8	Sondra Buchanan	Marilyn Brinker		
OCT 15	Connie Rider	Margie Bonetti		
OCT 22	Jennifer Davis	Martha Stewart		
OCT 29	Carl Baum	Ann Bratschie		
NOV 5	Sondra Buchanan	Marilyn Brinker		
NOV 12	Connie Rider	Margie Bonetti		
NOV 19	Jennifer Davis	Martha Stewart		
NOV 26	Carl Baum	Ann Bratschie		

	GREETER SCHEDULE						
	CONTEMPORARY	TRADITIONAL					
OCT	Julie Davis	Marilyn Brinker					
NOV	Traci Foster	Connie Emmett					
DEC	Volunteer Needed	John & Rosemary Stalker					



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12 NIV

REGULAR MEETING TIME — 6 TO 7:30PM MEETING DATES

October 8 October 22 November 12 November 26

SPARK Registrations due by October 31st!



October Bible Readings

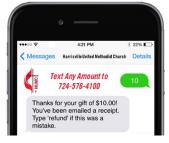


	Sunday The Epistles	Monday The Books of the Law	Tuesday The Books of History	Wednesday The Psalms	Thursday The Books of Poetry	Friday Prophecy & Revelation	Saturday The Gospels & Early History
1	James 1-3	Deuteronomy 7-9	3 II Chronicles 29- 32	Psalms 125-127	5 Ecclesiastes 3-4	6 Zephaniah	7 Acts 11-12
8	James 4-5	9 Deuteronomy 10-12	10 II Chronicles 33- 36	11 Psalms 128-130	12 Ecclesiastes 5-6	13 Haggai	14 Acts 13-14
15	l Peter 1-3	16 Deuteronomy 13-15	17 Ezra 1-5	Psalms 131-133	19 Ecclesiastes 7-8	20 Zechariah 1-7	21 Acts 15-16
22	l Peter 4-5	Deuteronomy 16-19	24 Ezra 6-10	25 Psalms 134-136	26 Ecclesiastes 9-10	27 Zechariah 8-14	28 Acts 17-18
29	II Peter	30 Deuteronomy 20-22	31 Nehemiah 1-4	Psalms 137-139	Ecclesiastes 11-	3 Malachi	4 Acts 19-20
5	I John 1-3	6 Deuteronomy 23-25	7 Nehemiah 5-9	8 Psalms 140-142	9 Song of Solomon 1-2	10 Revelation 1-6	11 Acts 21-22
12	I John 4-5	13 Deuteronomy 26-28	14 Nehemiah 10-13	15 Psalms 143-145	Song of Solomon 3-4	17 Revelation 7-11	18 Acts 23-24



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MOBILE PHONE

TITHE ENVELOPES

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:28 Contemporary 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 3PM Safe Gathering Place for Veterans	2 1PM Blanket Ministry 4PM Pastor's Study Group 6:30PM Boy Scouts	3 7PM Council	4 6-7:30PM Girl Scouts	5 7 PM Worship Team Rehearsal	6	7 7PM A.A. Beginners
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