

#### "How Is It With Your Soul?"

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, would open every small group meeting with this question. The meetings would consist of people taking turns answering it. Seldom did people run out of things to say.

A lot of those small groups became the core of new congregations, which became United Methodist churches, which now circle the globe.

The questions still remains, "How is it with your soul?"

When Wesley, and the Methodist group leaders who would follow him, asked this question, they were asking more than "How are ya?" They were asking about the core of one's spiritual being.

So, how is the core of your spiritual being? This should always be the core interest of our spiritual concerns. God came to save our souls – not our cars, our houses, our education, our pocketbooks, etc. All of the other things in our lives can help support and express our souls, but the concern for these particular things must never supplant the central concern for our souls themselves, and for the Spirit of God which provides them with light and life and love.

Similarly, we must ask, "How is it with the soul of our church(es)?" Just as each person has a unique soul, so does every church. How is it with these people, in these places? And what can we do to feed, nurture, exercise, challenge, etc. the souls of our churches.

Please pray – petition, meditate, contemplate – with me as we discern how it is with the souls of our churches. Please pray with me as we discern how we can best help support and express the souls of our churches in the best way.

God loves each of us. And he loves our churches. Help us discern the essence of who we are so that we may unleash the best of who we are into a world whose souls are often in desperate need of redemption and care.

The author and teacher, Stephen Covey, is known for his quote, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." Every once in a while, we need to be reminded of what the main thing is. Let us place a laser-like focus on our souls and on the souls of our churches — so that we may do everything in our power to help them thrive. That is our main thing.

Let's keep it that way.

Pastor Ken 😉

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS Sept 4 7PM Council

Sept 4	/ PIVI	Council	
Sept 8	10AM	Fashion Show & Brunch	
Sept 9	6PM	Music On Main with Tom Walker &Family	
Sept 11	7 PM	Trustees	
Set 18	6PM	Community Hayride & Bonfire	
Sept 25	7PM	Outreach	
Sept 27	4-6PM	Spaghetti Dinner @ Forestville UMC	
Sept 30	10AM Unified Worship @ Forestville UMC		
Oct 2	7PM	Council	
Oct 4	6:30PM	Bible Study: "What Does It Mean to be a United Methodist	
Oct 7	6PM	Music On Main with Life Gate	
Oct 9	7PM	Trustees	
Oct 11	6:30PM	Bible Study: "What Does It Mean to be a United Methodist	

#### **Meet Pastor Ken**



Ken has lived his entire life in western Pennsylvania – from literally a stone's throw away from northern West Virginia to just a mile away from the banks of Lake Erie and several places in between – and that has formed him. He grew up in Washington, PA, surrounded by southwestern Pennsylvania's steel industry (both of his grandfathers worked for Jessop Steel in that town and his father was an executive for a manufacturing company whose principal clients were steel companies and those who supplied them). In summers during high school and college, he labored in manufacturing plants and steel mills. He played football, basketball and baseball from the time he was 8 through high school – as just about everybody in his tightknit neighborhood did. He also did well in school. By the time he graduated from high school, he did well enough in both of

these things that he was recruited by two Ivy League schools, Yale and Penn, and by several other colleges, to play quarterback. But he passed on the passing. Instead, he chose to focus on his studies – in theology, philosophy, literature, psychology and art, among other things – as a part of his quest to find the "meaning of life" and share it with others.

Although he was interested in religion as a subject, and although he was baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, Ken seldom attended worship in any church until he had spiritual experiences which led him to that and to begin study at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (after graduating with a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University). After graduating from seminary, he worked for five years at his father's business, until he went to Duquesne Law School. It was during the beginning of his last year in law school that he received the call to ministry. After graduation, he started the track in the United Methodist Church which leads to ordination.

As a United Methodist pastor, Ken has served in Brave and Spraggs in Greene County, in Finleyville in Washington County, in Oakdale and Bethel Park in Allegheny County and in Lawrence Park in Erie County.

Ken loves cooking and eating authentic Italian food, Japanese meditation and martial arts, travel, American storytelling, depth psychology, visionary art, American football and basketball, Chicago electric blues and the all-consuming spiritual adventure which has brought him to the congregations at Harrisville and Forestville.

He aims to keep all of that moving in the same direction while traveling down the sacred road of grace (while helping others to do the same). He looks forward to the years ahead.



## on stewardship

The good man's earnings advance the cause of righteousness. The evil man squanders his on sin. Proverbs 10:16

No church ever has a money problem, only a faithfulness problem. Brian Kluth, pastor, generosity speaker and author

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.

Anonymous

Give to God what's right - not what's left over. Anonymous

FINANCE REPORT	THRU JUN	JULY	YTD
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$58,602.06	\$12,329.17	\$70,931.23
SPENDING FROM GENERAL FUND	\$70,043.71	\$12,997.64	\$83,041.35
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$11,441.65)	(\$668.47)	(\$12,110.12)

## feed my sheep

## FEED MY SHEEP STATISTICS FOR AUG. 2018

Total: Fami- ly Members:	376	Slippery Rock Area:	75
Families:	157	Slippery Rock Boro:	55
Adults:	180	New Families	11
Seniors:	74	Out/Area Emergency	1 Families
Children:	122	feed my sh	eep
Harrisville:	26	Sept. request: Chunk	

The Food cupboard is always in need of Chunky soup

JULY 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT	
4th of July food booth	\$1,797.48
Local Missions	\$1,094.28
Prayer Blankets	\$320.00
Outreach—Bike Ministry	\$563.93
Care Team Postage	\$22.59
Care Team	\$45.71
Camping	\$223.50
Branded Items	\$149.00
Golf Outing	\$2,350.00
Memorial Day Receipts	\$182.00
UMCOR	\$100.00
6/25 SRU Foundation	\$6,000.00
Total Designated Money	\$12,849.49
Working Balance General Fund	\$1,712.96
Total Income to General Fund for	\$12,329.17
Total Expenditure from General Fund in	\$12,997.64

Thank you so much for the VBS very generous donation of food, paper products and money to the Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard.

Your donation will help us to respond to the needy families in the this area.

Gratefully yours, Shirley Oshurn, Secretary



## volunteer

GREETER SCHEDULE			
Contemporary Traditional			
SEPT	Kip Buchanan	John & Rosemary Stalker	
OCT	Mary Jane Yard	Sondra Buchanan	
NOV	Joan Hogue	Shirley Burr	
DEC	Kathy Patterson	Lutie Clausen	

COF	FEE POT CLEANERS	
SEPT	Denise Conrad	
OCT Rosemary Stalker		
NOV	Bruce Rider	
DEC	Joan Hogue	

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE			
SEPT 2	Carl Baum	Ann Dyer	
SEPT 9	Sondra Buchanan	Marilyn Brinker	
SEPT 16	Connie Rider	Margie Bonetti	
SEPT 23	Jennifer Davis	Martha Stewart	
SEPT 30	Carl Baum	Ann Dyer	
OCT 7	Sondra Buchanan	Marilyn Brinker	
OCT 14	Connie Rider	Margie Bonetti	
OCT 21	Jennifer Davis	Martha Stewart	
OCT 28	Carl Baum	Ann Dyer	



## celebrate!

September Birthdays		
9/3	Karen Rider Kim Stoughton	
9/4	Braden Rider	
9/11	Ashton Rider	
9/13	Sandy Van Dyke Kathy Canter	
9/15	Kaylen Bixler	
9/16	Aaron Rager	
9/18	Arron Baker	
9/22	Daniel Knox	
9/25	Joseph Campbell	
9/27	Debbie Croup	
9/28	Glenda Eakin Ian Baker	

September Anniversaries	
9/26	Traci & David Foster

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

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 Zayden Bixler Austyn Bixler		
10/18			
10/20			
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		

## letters, thoughts and prayers

## THANK YOU

Dear friends of HUMC "Prayer & Blanket Ministry." I want to thank you and let you know how much we appreciated the blanket & prayers after my husband was in the hospital in Dec. and when I broke my hip in May.

We are both doing well. Thanks for your prayers and reminding us of God's love.

In God's everlasting love, Pat & Dick Ward John Stalker's sister

I want to thank you so much for my prayer blanket, it is beautiful. I'm going for my first treatment today and I have it with me. It is such a beautiful jester and means more to me then words can express. Thank you again.

Nicole Brinker ndumycz@gmail.com

Dear Ones.

Thank you kindly for the blanket & prayers for the loss of our dear Blain.

Your kindhearted thoughts & prayers will always be remembered and appreciated.

Thank you June & Allison.

Blanket Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful green blanket you gave me following my hospital stay in June.

Green is my favorite color and the blanket will get a lot of use this winter. I also enjoy making the blankets with everyone.

Joan Hogue

Harrisville UMC,

Thank you for the card and also the generous gifts. They will be very useful in furthering my education.

Love Jonah Foster

Thank you for the Amazon gift card you gave me for graduation. I will be sure to put it to good use.

Love Derek VanDyke

To the dear "sewers" at Harrisville UMC,

This "Thank You" is way overdue! However, the thanks is just as sincere as when we received the blanket in May 2017 for my 10 YR. old (at that time) son who had an appendectomy. He uses that blanket quite often! He loves how soft & cozy it feels & the basketball material! He often wraps himself in it. We appreciate your love & kindness in making this for him. It meant a lot to us to know that he was being prayed for by so many. He recovered

& is an active, healthy boy who is almost 12! With sincere thanks & love in Christ. Stephanie & Ken Cover (Valeria's son) & Samuel Dear Harrisville UMC,

Thanks so much for the beautiful prayer blanket in light of my husband's (Lonnie Shipton) recent death. Every time I use it to keep warm on a cold night, I will be reminded of the love strangers who show their love of Christ in this wonderful way! It is deeply appreciated!

Karen Shipton & Family

Thank you all so much for the blanket for Norah. Her eyes lit up when she saw it. Thanks Evelyn for delivering it. Norah & Grandma (Connie Hagan)

## 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

	Edna Ballard	Dennis Eakin	Gary Hoffman	Terri Richardson
	Gloria Barnes	Dick English	Kearney Family	Gladys Sankey
	Weatherly Baum	Ann Ferrazzo	Connie Knobel sister-in-law of Kristine Henley	Dee Smith
4	Vickie Beachem	Mary Margaret Fryman	Dave & Laurel Learish	Donna Smith
	Nicole Brinker	Bill Gallucci	Jill Legnosky	John Stalker
	Sandy Broad	Ray Godsave	Sister-in-law Liz	Kayla Stiglitz
	Donald Carnahan	Brian Gunniers	Maddy, Christian's friend	Emily Sybert
	Noah Carthen	Darlene Gunniers	Our Military	Melissa Thompson
	Ron Churchill	Richard Gunniers	Lois Miller	Lisa Upton
	Audrey Clark	Richard Hagerich	Brian Montez	Freedom Fighters VMC
	Phil & Carol Codispot	Bonnie Hayes & Family	Scott Nash	Mark Vogan
	Dee Connelly	lan Harris	Our Nation	Norma & Earl Webb (Tina's In Laws)
	Debbie Cooper	Sydney Hawk a Young girl with	Lindsay & Ryan Nowakowski	Dale Wilkin
	Walter Coyer	Mary Hendrickson	Jane Paladino	Ralph Williams
	Deb Cummings	Frank Hernandez	Brian Patterson	Velma Wissen,
	David Davis	Jeff Herold	William Paterson (Bob's brother)	The family of Laurie Yard
	Bernie Eakin	Kathryn Hockenberry	Philip a 3 1/2 year old	HUMC
	Bob Eakin	Virginia Hockenberry		

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Nevada Kelly, Burton Kelly and Debbie Croup on the passing of Nevada's son, and Burton & Debbie's brother, Jim

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bob & Kathy Patterson on the passing of Bob's brother William.



Fashion Show Brunch
Saturday, September 8th
10 AM to Noon
Cost \$2
Harrisville UMC

#### LET'S GO ON R HRYRIDE



Community Hayride & Bonfire September 15 5PM

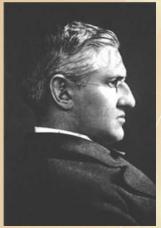
Rain date September 16

## September 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 Acts 1-2
2 Hebrews 1-4	<b>3</b> Numbers 29-32	II Chronicles 11-15	<b>5</b> Psalms 117-118	6 Proverbs 28	7 Jonah	8 Acts 3-4
9 Hebrews 5-7	10 Numbers 33-36	11 II Chronicles 16-20	<b>12</b> Psalms 119	<b>13</b> Proverbs 29-30	14 Micah	15 Acts 5-6
<b>16</b> Hebrews 8-10	17 Deuteronomy 1-3	18 II Chronicles 21-24	<b>19</b> Psalms 120-121	20 Proverbs 31	21 Nahum	22 Acts 7-8
23 Hebrews 11-13	24 Deuteronomy 4-6	25 Il Chronicles 25-28	<b>26</b> Psalms 122-124	27 Ecclesiastes 1-2	28 Habakkuk	<b>29</b> Acts 9-10
<b>30</b> James 1-3	1 Deuteronomy 7-9	2 II Chronicles 29- 32	<b>3</b> Psalms 125-127	Ecclesiastes 3-4	5 Zephaniah	6 Acts 11-12

#### "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"



Horatio Spafford

This hymn was written after traumatic events in Spafford's life. The first was the death of his son at the age of two and the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which ruined him financially (he had been a successful lawyer and had invested significantly in property in the area of Chicago that was extensively damaged by the great fire). His business interests were further hit by the economic downturn of 1873, at which time he had planned to travel to Europe with his family on the SS Ville du Havre. In a late change of plan, he sent the family ahead while he was delayed on business concerning zoning problems following the Great Chicago Fire. While crossing the Atlantic Ocean, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with a sea vessel, the Loch Earn, and all four of Spafford's daughters died. His wife Anna survived and sent him the now famous telegram, "Saved alone ...". Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write these words as his ship passed near where his daughters had died. Bliss called his tune Ville du Havre, from the name of the stricken vessel.

#### It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul.

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blessed assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well, with my soul,

soul, It is well, with my soul, My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
O my soul!

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well

It is well, it is well, with my soul

#### A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much, It enriches those who receive, Without making poorer those who give, It takes but a moment, yet the memory may last forever.

A smile creates happiness in the home, Fosters goodwill in business And is the sign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary,

Cheer to the discouraged,
Sunshine to the sad.

antidote
to trouble.
Yet a smile
cannot be bought,
Begged, borrowed,
or stolen;
For it is no value to
anyone else
Unless it is given
away,

And is nature's best

Some people are too tired
To give you a smile.
Give them one of yours.
No one needs a smile as much
As those who have none to give.



## 2018 Concert Schedule

Month	Date	Group
January		No concert
February		No concert
March	4	One In Spirit
April	8	SLIM Brothers
May	6	Dan Schall
June	3	Allegheny Boys
July		No Concert
August	5	Dan Schall
September	9	Tom Walker & Family
October	7	Life Gate
November	4	Ken Metrick
December		No Concert



# IN CONCERT TOM WALKER & FAMILY



FREE ADMISSION

A LOVE OFFERING WILL
BE RECEIVED

# September 9 6PM

### Reception Immediately Following Concert





**Harrisville United Methodist Church** 

Harrisville, Pennsylvania

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





## team corner

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## "Love one another as I have loved you"

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.

Matthew 7:24

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 military while they are away.

#### **OUR SHUT-INS**

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

   435 N. Broad Street
   Grove City, PA 1612



## ways to give to HUMC



ONLINE @HARRISVILLEUMC.ORG



**SMARTPHONE OR TABLET** 

My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. --2 Corinthians 12:9



**TITHE ENVELOPES** 

## September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Contemporary 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	3 1PM Blanket Ministry	4 7PM Council	5 Noon Agape Prayer Lunch Group 7PM Choir Rehearsal	6 7PM Praise Team Rehearsal	7	8 10AM Fashion Show & Brunch
9 8:00 Contemporary 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 6PM Music On Main featuring: Tom Walker Family	10 1PM Blanket Ministry 6:30PM Boy Scouts	11 7PM Trustees	12 Noon Agape Prayer/ Lunch Group 7PM Choir Rehearsal	13 7PM Praise Team Rehearsal	14	15 5PM Community Hayride & Bonfire
16 8:00 Contemporary 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Rain date for Hayride	17 1PM Blanket Ministry 6:30PM Boy Scouts	18	19 Noon Agape Prayer/ Lunch Group 7PM Choir Rehearsal 8PM Worship Com- mittee	20 7PM Praise Team Rehearsal	21	22
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