

BREAD BASKET NEWS

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Passing Through

269 years ago, George Washington passed through what is now Harrisville and Forestville on Christmas Day. I'm sure some of you remember this. ;) Washington was only 21 at the time and a major in the Virginia militia. He was returning from his mission to deliver a letter to the French commander at Fort LeBoeuf (near what is Waterford, PA today). It was a dangerous mission through what was primarily Indian territory. The letter demanded that the French vacate the "Ohio Country" because "the Lands upon the River Ohio in the Western Parts of the Colony of Virginia are so notoriously known to be the Property of the Crown of Great Britain."

How important was this mission? Well, tensions continued to rise between the French and the British until, less than a year later, troops led by then Colonel Washington, along with several Mingo Indians, ambushed French Canadian troops led by Joseph Coulon de Villiers de Jumonville. Jumonville was killed. This began the French and Indian War, which lasted 9 years. This incident took place at what is now called Jumonville Glen, in Fayette County, PA, only a stone's throw away from our United Methodist Camp Jumonville (named for the fallen officer).

Why do I mention any of this? To remind us how things constantly change – and to remind us to make the most of things while we can. I'm reminded of the 70s hit, "We May Never Pass This Way (Again)", by the musical duo, Seals & Crofts. George Washington never passed this way again. The Seneca tribe, who used this area for growing corn during the time Washington passed through, was edged out and have never passed this way again. The trail upon which Washington trod was paved over and became Route 8. It will never be seen again. Things change, things change, things change.

This is always crucial to remember, especially at this time of year when we conspicuously note the passage of time from one year to the next. Tempus fugit! Time flies!

And, in the context of this awareness, it's essential to prioritize. In the words of the English poet and mystic, William Blake:

He who binds to himself a joy
Does the winged life destroy
He who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity's sunrise

In other words, we can't live in the past. We have to make the most of things while we can and then move on. What do you need to let go of? What do you need to do before the opportunity to do it is gone? How will you seize the day, the week, the month, the year, your life?!

Carpe diem! Seize the day! We may never pass this way again!

Happy NEW Year!

Pastor Ken

**In Sanctuary Worship
Sundays at 11AM**

**Next Council meeting
February 7 @ 7PM
NO COUNCIL IN JANUARY**

**Blanket Ministry on hiatus
until Spring**

FEED MY SHEEP FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2022

Total: Family Members:	157 6	Slippery Rock Area:	46
Families:	88	Slippery Rock Boro:	29
Seniors	56	Harrisville:	13
Adults:	72	New	5
Children	29	For those in need, contact: 724-421-5274	

103 Families received Christmas Fixings

**If you know someone in need of food,
please call:
724-421-5274**

**Deliveries can be made for those unable or
fearful of going out Present hours: Tues &
Thurs 2:00 to 3:00
Sat: by appointment**

**Feed My Sheep January Request
Chunky Soup**



NOVEMBER 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT *

Designated Money

Closing Balance Mercer County Bank	\$1,886.97
Designated Money	
Local Missions	\$807.00
Outreach—Bike Ministry	\$478.00
Care Team	\$481.58
Spirit of Hope	\$1,000.00
Youth	\$1,003.88
Property Tax	\$50.72
Shields Foundation	\$1,500.00
Snyder Fund 2021	\$1,000.00
Prayer Blankets	\$70.00
Flowers	\$11.50
Total Designated Money	\$6,451.87
Working Balance General Fund	\$4,564.90
Total Income to General Fund for September 2022	\$10,339.80
Total Expenditure from General Fund in September	\$10,643.27

* Ratified by Church Council*

FINANCE REPORT*

	THRU OCT	NOV	YTD
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$91,260.56	\$10,339.80	\$101,600.36
SPENDING FROM GENERAL FUND	\$101,870.08	\$13,202.03	\$115,072.11
NET SURPLUS / (Deficit)	(\$10,609.52)	(\$2,862.23)	(\$13,471.75)

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Loan to General Fund

From Building Fund— April	\$3,000.00
From Building Fund— April	\$4,000.00
From Building Fund— July	\$1,000.00
From Building Fund— Nov.	3,500.00
Total	\$11,500.00

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 Ken at 724-986-3486 or kenmiller_20@hotmail.com. You may also contact Mae Lynn Edwards @ Mae Lynn Edwards @ 724-991-8364 or schweety920@gmail.com. An * beside a name indicates that the name will be kept on the list indefinitely. If you want to keep or add a name on the list, please indicate it on the back of your Connect Card, call the church office & leave a message (724-735-4671) or email at secretary@harrisvilleumc.org.

Dee Thompson*	Linda Faller*	James Patton*	Nevada Kelly*
Marcia Carnahan	The Gunniers family*	Marilyn Brinker*	Tony Kearney*
Audrey Clark*	Douglas Gradisar, nephew of John & Jennie McKee who needs a heart transplant	Jenny Gannon Guilliland*	Velma Wissen, Ron Gunniers Sister*
Virginia Hockenberry*	John Stalker*	Bryce Bennett*	Connie Rider*
Matthew Croup*	Shirley Burr*	Zachory Boozel*	Helen Long, SRU Student
Connie Thompson*	Gary Hoffman*	Kathy Barnes*	First Responders
Our Police	HUMC*	Our Military*	Our Country*

CELEBRATE!

January Birthdays

1/2	Ellie Upton
1/3	Clayton Tarr Jon Manz
1/4	Rosemary Stalker
1/8	Evelyn Baum
1/16	Connie Rider John P. Stalker
1/19	Valeria Coyer
1/20	Carol Codispot Robert Patton
1/23	Pastor Ken Miller
1/27	Paul Stalker
1/30	Jeff Canter Dottie Van Dyke

January Anniversaries

1/3	Carl & Evelyn Baum
1/5	Bruce & Connie Rider

February Anniversaries

2/14	Troy & Amy Van Dyke
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February Birthdays

2/5	Kathy Barnes
2/10	Martha Jones
2/15	Norah Hagan
2/23	Jacob Patton
2/28	Declan Hagan



Care

"Love one another as I have loved"

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

- Kathy Barnes
Quality Life Services
8221 Lamar Road
Mercer, PA 16137
- Betty Donaldson
The Lakes at Jefferson
Rm BE 118
7271 W. Market Street
Mercer, Pa 16137
- Connie Emmett
Shenango On The Green
Room 233
238 S. Market Street
New Wilmington, PA 16142
- Marilyn Brinker
234 Amsterdam Road
Grove City, PA 16127
724-748-6226

Please
Send
Them
a Card



Mary Jane Long's home address is:
214 Ten Rod Road
Rochester, NH 03967

Dear friends,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful blanket. I never expected to be a recipient of such a precious gift.

Not only will I enjoy the warmth and coziness provided by the soft fleecy fabric, but at the blanket enfolds me, I'll remember the prayers of blessing from the kind people of HUMC.

With gratitude,

Helen Long, SRU Student

Daughter of Mary Jane who played organ for HUMC

OFFERING COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

JAN 1	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
JAN 8	Connie Rider	Martha Jones
JAN 15	Lutie Clausen	Bill Hagan
JAN 22	Denise Conrad	Tana Manz
JAN 29	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
FEB 5	Connie Rider	Martha Jones
FEB 12	Lutie Clausen	Bill Hagan
FEB 19	Denise Conrad	Tana Manz
FEB 26	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones

Harrisville UMC

Thank you so much for the beautiful hand made blankets, and for your prayers and support to our family during this difficult time. We are blessed that you have done hi for us.

Blessings,

Wendy, Abbie, Lara and
The family of Gary Turner

Prayer Blast!

The church will be starting a prayer blast for prayer requests. There are 3 ways that you can get this blast: phone message, text message or email. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church to list your preference (phone, text or email). You can also call Mae Lynn Edwards at 724-991-8364 or the church office (724-734-4671) and leave a message with your preference.

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JERUSALEM — The Israel Antiquities Authority, the Israel National Parks Authority and the City of David Foundation announced days before the new year that the Pool of Siloam, a biblical site cherished by Christians and Jews, will be open to the public for the first time in 2,000 years in the near future.

"The Pool of Siloam's excavation is highly significant to Christians around the world," American Pastor John Hagee, the founder and chairman of [Christians United for Israel](#), told Fox News Digital. "It was at this site that Jesus healed the blind man (John:9), and it is at this site that, 2,000 years ago, Jewish pilgrims cleansed themselves prior to entering the Second Temple.

"The Pool of Siloam and the Pilgrimage Road, both located within the City of David, are among the most inspiring archeological affirmations of the Bible. A small section of the pool, which has been fully excavated, has been accessible to the public for several years. The vast majority of the pool is being excavated and will either be opened piecemeal or once the entire site is unearthed.

The pool was first built roughly 2,700 years ago as part of Jerusalem's water system in the eighth century B.C. The construction unfolded during the reign of King Hezekiah as cited in the Bible in the Book of Kings II, 20:20, according to the two Israeli agencies and the City of David Foundation. The pool was revealed the pool in 2004 when infrastructure work carried out by the Hagihon water company uncovered some of the pool's steps. The Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA), under supervision of professors Roni Reich and Eli Shukron, launched a survey. As a result, the northern perimeter, as well as a small section of the eastern perimeter of the Pool of Siloam, were uncovered. "The perimeter of the pool was built as a series of steps, allowing the bathers to sit and immerse themselves in the waters of the pool," according to the IAA.

Mayor of Jerusalem Moshe Lion, said, "The Pool of Siloam in the City of David National Park in Jerusalem is a site of historic, national and international significance. After many years of anticipation, we will soon merit being able to uncover this important site and make it accessible to the millions of visitors visiting Jerusalem each year."

Some Facts About Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

- * Pope Benedict XVI's full name is Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger, and he was born on April 16, 1927, in Germany.
- * He was born in the German state of Bavaria in the town of Marktl.
- * His father worked as a cop, and his mother's family was originally from South Tyrol.
- * Joseph grew up in Traunstein and was drafted into the auxiliary anti-aircraft service at the age of 16 near the end of WWII.
- * He studied philosophy and religion at the University of Munich
- * On June 29, 1951, he was ordained as a priest, and in 1953, he was awarded a Doctorate of Theology.
- * He was chosen by Pope Paul VI in 1977 to serve as Archbishop of Munich and Freising.
- * In that same year, he received a position in the College of Cardinals.
- * In 1981, Cardinal Ratzinger was appointed head of the Pontifical Biblical Commission
- * After Pope Paul II's passing on April 2, 2005, the hunt for his successor began.
- * On the fourth ballot, he was swiftly elected during the pope conclave's second day.
- * On April 19, 2005, he assumed his official role as pope of the Catholic Church.
- * Pope Benedict XVI was the oldest person to be elected pope since 1730.
- * He described himself as "a simple, humble laborer in the vineyard of the Lord" in his statement delivered from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.
- * He chose his name. Benedict, which means "the blessed," was chosen as a tribute to both Pope Benedict XV and Saint Benedict of Nursia.
- * Pope Benedict XV actively promoted peace while serving as pope during World War I.
- * He brought back several papal accessories, like the traditional red hat and shoes worn in the winter.
- * He was the Pope until he resigned in 2013, at which point he was made pope emeritus.
- * He spoke fluent English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Latin.
- * He liked Beethoven and Mozart in particular and played the piano.
- * He was a licensed pilot and occasionally piloted the papal chopper to the vacation home.
- * He never acquired driving skills.

Taken from various sources.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you
when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

