

BREADBASKET *November 2023* NEWS

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Gratitude

In November, we self-consciously focus on gratitude – more than in any other month. Highlighted on every fourth Thursday in November on every American calendar is the star of the month, “Thanksgiving”. But then, also, the month begins with All Saints Day, when we express our gratitude for all those people who have passed into heaven. And there is Veterans Day – when we express our gratitude for those who served in our military forces.

Gratitude is good for us. Psychological studies have found that if you have a grateful personality, “you tend to have increased life satisfaction, happiness, optimism, hope, positive emotion and...less anxiety and depression.” (per Jo-Ann Tsang, a psychologist at Baylor University). Intentional reflection on what we’re thankful for – through diaries, daily reminders or any other means – helps boost a positive sense of meaning in all aspects of our lives.

And so, here’s something to reflect on (per another psychologist, Robert Emmons, from the University of California): “We all begin life dependent on others, and most of us end life dependent on others. If we are lucky, in between we have roughly 60 years or so of unacknowledged dependency. The human condition is such that throughout life, not just at the beginning and end, we are profoundly dependent on other people...

Gratitude is the truest approach to life. We did not create or fashion ourselves. We did not birth ourselves. Life is about giving, receiving, and repaying. We are receptive beings, dependent on the help of others, on their gifts and their kindness.”

The letter to the Colossians tells us, “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, *abounding in thanksgiving.*” (Col. 2:6-7)

Abraham Lincoln was a great leader because he opposed what divided us – slavery – and he fought to unite us. He established our national holiday of Thanksgiving in 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, in order to help restore, “the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union”.

In doing so, he prayed “with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience” that God would “commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation.”

Accordingly, we are grateful for all those who resist that which would divide us and grateful for that which and those who would unify us in abundant thanksgiving for all the good that God can provide.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Pastor Ken

**In Sanctuary Worship
Sundays at 11AM**

**Nov. 5 Combined worship @
HUMC WITH COMMUNION
10 followed by Pittsburgh Strip
District tour & meal**

**Nov. 11 11AM —1PM
Meatball Madness
Free to Veterans**

**Nov. 22
Community Thanksgiving Eve
Service 7PM
Harmony Presbyterian Church**

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving

**Sat. Dec. 2
Decorating the church
for Christmas 10AM -2PM**

**Dec 3rd
1st Sunday of Advent**

October 2023 Treasurer's Report *

Designated Money

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| Closing Balance Mercer County Bank, September 2023 | \$9.46 |
| Designated Money | |
| Local Missions | \$807.00 |
| Outreach—Bike Ministry | \$578.00 |
| Care Team | \$421.58 |
| Spirit of Hope | \$1,000.00 |
| Youth | \$1,103.88 |
| Shields Foundation | \$1,500.00 |
| Snyder Fund 2021 | \$1,000.00 |
| Snyder Fund 2022 | \$1000.00 |
| Property Tax | \$33.88 |
| Bake Sale | \$746.00 |
| Total Designated Money | \$8,966.65 |
| Working Balance General Fund for October 2023 | \$8,180.88 |
| Total Income to General Fund for October 2023 | \$9,280.79 |
| Total Expenditure from General Fund in October 2023 | \$10,678.96 |

Thank you

Once again a heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the recent bake sale. Our bakers outdid themselves with a bounty of goodies. For those who helped set-up, worked the tables, & take down, we couldn't have done it without you. (An extra shoutout to Rick who got it all there!) To all who came by and purchased a treat or two & those who supported us in prayer, you are appreciated. Our total was \$746. Thank you HUMC, we are the church together.

A special thank you to Denise & Tanya for a great Trick-or-Treat time for Halloween. Over 300 bags of popcorn & 300 cups of hot chocolate were given out, plus hundreds of candy bags for the tots, teens & adults to enjoy. To all of the volunteers who donated candy, you are a blessing to HUMC.

Loan to General Fund

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| From Building Fund — For 2022 | 11,500.00 |
| From Building Fund— Jan. 2023 | \$1,000.00 |
| From Building Fund Feb. 14, 2023 | \$2,000.00 |
| From Building Fund Feb. 16, 2023 | \$1,000.00 |
| From Building Fund Mar. 1, 2023 | \$1,500.00 |
| From Building Fund May 31, 2023 | \$2,000.00 |
| From Building Fund June 27, 2023 | \$2,100.00 |
| From Boiler Fund Sept. 27 | \$3,000 |
| From Boiler Fund October 31 | \$3,000 |
| Total | \$28,100 |

**FINANCE
REPORT***

| | THRU SEPT | OCT | YTD |
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| GENERAL FUND INCOME | \$86,329.23 | \$9,280.79 | \$95,610.02 |
| SPENDING FROM GENERAL FUND | \$93,988.50 | \$10,678.96 | \$104,667.46 |
| NET SURPLUS / (Deficit) | \$7,659.27 | \$1,398.17 | \$9,057.44 |

OFFERING COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE OCT & NOV

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| NOV 5 | Sondra Buchanan | Martha Jones |
| NOV 12 | Connie Rider | Lutie Clausen |
| NOV 19 | Lutie Clausen | Bill Hagan |
| NOV 26 | Denise Conrad | Tana Manz |
| DEC 3 | Sondra Buchanan | Martha Jones |
| DEC 10 | Connie Rider | Lutie Clausen |
| DEC 17 | Lutie Clausen | Bill Hagan |
| DEC 24 | Denise Conrad | Tana Manz |
| DEC 31 | Sondra Buchanan | Martha Jones |

FEED MY SHEEP FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 2023

Total Members: 253 Slippy Rock Area: 67

Families: 126 Slippy Rock Boro 40

Seniors 80 Harrisville: 19

Adults: 118 New 8

Children 55

**For those in need,
contact:
724-421-5274**

Emergency out of area 1

**Deliveries can be made for those unable or
fearful of going out**

Present hours:

Tues & Thurs 2:00 to 3:00 Sat: by appointment

Women of Hope,

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket you gave me when I was having all the back pain. It really lifts my spirits when I see it. Blessings to all.

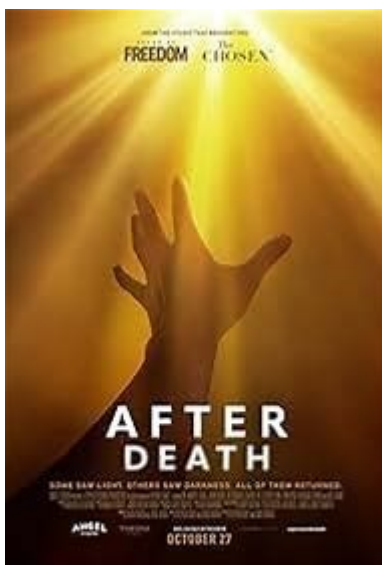
Thanks again!
Gladys Hoffman

Feed My Sheep October Request

Popcorn, Hot Chocolate Mix, Marshmallows



**LET'S FLOOD THE PANTRY WITH ITEMS.
PLEASE BRING INTO CHURCH
A CANNED GOOD EACH WEEK IN NOV.!**



At the Guthrie Theatre
Nov 3 - 8PM
Nov. 5 - 2PM

A movie from the producers
"Sound of Freedom" & "The Chosen"
This movie chronicles several
peoples near death experiences.

The Harrisville Free Library is popular and needs to restock books on a continual basis. We are asking people to consider donating children's books to this library. Hughes Penn Gold is generously offering a free ice cream cone for every donation of 3 or more books for the library.



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.

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| Dee Thompson* | Linda Faller* | Kathy Barnes* | Nevada Kelly* |
| Marcia Carnahan | The Gunniers family* | Carol Codisport | Tony Kearney* |
| Audrey Clark* | Gary & Gladys Hoffman* | 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* | Mike Welshonce | First Responders | |
| Our Police | HUMC* | Our Military* | Our Country* |

CELEBRATE!

November Birthdays

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| 11/6 | Rick Bixler |
| 11/9 | Nevada Kelly Jeff Knox |
| 11/21 | Larry Stalker |
| 11/25 | James Graham |
| 11/28 | Chris Rider |

November Anniversaries

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| 11/22 | Bill & Neva Johnston |
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December Birthdays

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| 12/4 | Robert Tarr |
| 12/9 | Jennie McKee |
| 12/15 | Tracey Knox |
| 12/18 | Renee Boozel |
| 12/24 | Bruce Rider E J Webb |
| 12/26 | Kip Buchanan |
| 12/31 | Tina Webb |

December Anniversaries

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| 12/17 | Keith & Linda Reddinger |
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Thanksgiving

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayers."
Maya Angelou

"America without her soldiers would be like God without His angels."
Claudia Pimberton



"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.

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
- Ron Guinniers
100 Felicity Drive Apt. 218
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

*Please
Send
Them
a Card*



The Eastbrook Mission Barn is seeking monetary donations to help defray the cost of the mortgage. It has moved to a new location in Shenango Township. To make a donation, send check to Eastbrook Mission Barn, 181 Columbus Drive, New Castle, PA 16101.

I come from a family where
gravy is considered a beverage.

Erma Bombeck

"Gratitude helps us to see what there instead of what isn't."

Annette Bridges



The Mission Barn is requesting donations of large (size) reusable "rubber" cleaning gloves. Denise Conrad will be collecting them and taking them to the MB. Whether you contribute a little or a lot of your time, money or effort to this task, you'll be helping our national United Methodist mission to help people in distress.



Pray for HUMC Every Day

- ▶ Grow in the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Grow in Our Outreach
- ▶ Grow in Disciple-Making
- ▶ Grow in Our Financial Support

