

BREAD BASKET

January 2024

NEWS

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Cowabunga, Dude!

“On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.” – from the hymn, “My Hope is Built”

“And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn...” – from “On Eagle’s Wings”

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” -- Matthew 7:24

“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” – John 3:8

When I have faith, it is like I’m standing on rock – which is like an eagle soaring on air? When I have faith it’s like building my house on rock – which is why those who are born of the Spirit are like the wind. Huh?

Metaphors have limits – especially when they’re talking about spiritual things.

You may find these apparent contradictions about the life of faith on the way to reconciliation if you look at the eagle. To the eagle, being on the air is being on something solid – whereas we would drop like a rock on that same air (and then we could stand on that rock very solidly – like someone with faith ;))

Our spiritual lives are more like flying or surfing than merely standing. Our lives are fluid, like finding our way in the wind or water. And we must find our solidity in motion – like flyers or surfers do. It takes some getting familiar with the wind and the waves. It takes some skill. It takes some wipeouts. It takes some sweet rides.

But there’s always the promise that if we put in the time, we’ll learn the skills. We’ll be like the wind. We’ll be raised up like an eagle.

We’ll find our joy – in the midst of the shifting currents of sea and air.

“Cowabunga!” is a term that was popularized by American surfing culture. It was originally coined (as “Kowa-Bunga”) by a character named Chief Thunderthud on the American children’s program *Howdy Doody* in the late 1940s and early 1950s. It meant that something was really good, really amazing. Surfers latched onto the term. They used it to describe anything that was way out there wonderful.

And then the cartoon show, the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, and, later, Bart Simpson on *The Simpsons* further popularized the term – and usually added another surfer term, “dude” to the phrase. In all these instances, it’s a term that’s meant to be an exclamation of appreciative joy.

So it’s a fundamentally suitable term for finding and appreciating joy in the midst of our fluid shifting spiritual lives – especially with the onset of a certain-to-be fluid new year.

Cowabunga, dudes!

May it ever be so.

Pastor Ken



**In Sanctuary Worship
Sundays at 11AM**

No Council in January

**Meatball Madness
Saturday, Jan 20
11AM-1PM**

**Council
Tuesday, Feb 6
7PM**

**Bake Sale
Saturday, April 20
Harrisville VFD**

Loan to General Fund

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. 27, 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 14, 2023	\$1,000.00
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

November 2023 Treasurer's Report *

Designated Money

Closing Balance Mercer County Bank,
September 2023 \$3,249.31

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
Christmas Flowers	\$25.50
Total Designated Money	\$7,469.34

**Working Balance General Fund for
November 2023** **\$4,220.03**

**Total Income to General Fund for
November 2023** **\$11,071.36**

**Total Expenditure from General Fund
in November 2023** **\$9,476.57**

FINANCE REPORT*

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NOV

YTD

GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$95,610.02	\$11,071.36	\$106,681.38
SPENDING FROM GENERAL FUND	\$104,667.46	\$9,476.57	\$114,144.03
NET SURPLUS / (Deficit)	\$9,057.44	\$1,594.79	\$7,462.65



**"It was a lot more fun takin' them
OUT of their box 'stead of
putting them back IN."**

**Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
who walk in obedience to him.
2 You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.
*Psalm 128:1-2***

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS AND HONORS

Given By:

Linda Packard **In memory of**
my mother and her loving family
And to the glory of God

Kip & Sondra Buchanan **In memory of our parents**
In honor of:
Our grandchildren and
Great grandson

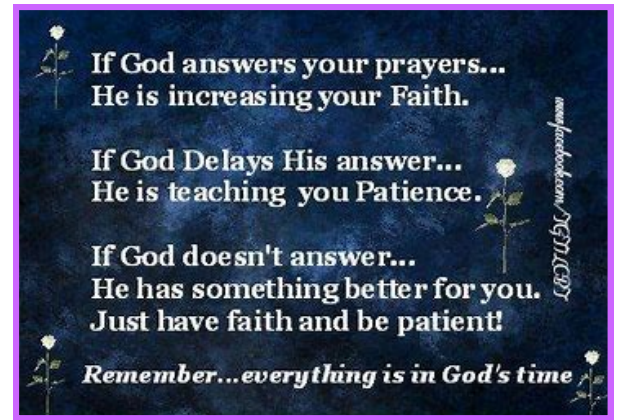
Andrea Dunkle **In memory of:**
Husband, Ken
Parents, Pauline & Andrew Sotak
Mother-in-law, Elizabeth Evans
In honor of:
Children, Mathew & family
Samantha & family
Friends

James David Stoops **In memory of:**
Lois & Jim Stoops

Gary & Gladys Hoffman **In memory of:**
Vance & Jana Hoffman
Woody & Mary Rose

Dorothy VanDyke **In memory of:**
Shirl Van Dyke

Denise, Rick & Carl
Conrad **In memory of:**
Larry Neiman
In honor of:
Jean Cignetti



OFFERING COUNTING JAN & FEB

JAN 7	Lutie Clausen	Martha Jones
JAN 14	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
JAN 21	Denise Conrad	Tana Manz
JAN 28	Lutie Clausen	Martha Jones
FEB 4	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
FEB 11	Lutie Clausen	Martha Jones
FEB 18	Denise Conrad	Tana Manz
FEB 25	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones

133 families received ham, a gift card and
"fixins" for Christmas dinner.

Feed My Sheep January Request

Chunky Soup



FEED MY SHEEP FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Total Members:	199	Slippery Rock Area:	58
Families:	108	Slippery Rock Boro	33
Seniors	67	Harrisville:	17
Adults:	89	New	12

Children 43 **For those in need,
contact:
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

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*	Kathy Barnes*	Nevada Kelly*
Marcia Carnahan	The Gunniers family*	Carol Codispot	Tony Kearney*
Audrey Clark*	Gary & Gladys Hoffman*	Jenny Gannon Guilliland*	Velma Wissen, Ron Gunniers Sister*
Burton Kelly	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!

January Birthdays

1/2	Ellie Upton
1/3	Clayton Tarr Jon Manz
1/19	Valeria Coyer
1/20	Carol Codispot J J Graham
1/23	Rev. Ken Miller
1/30	Jeff Canter Dottie Van Dyke

February Birthdays

2/2	Bentley Graham
2/5	Kathy Barnes
2/7	Bernie Eakin
2/9	Josh Graham
2/10	Martha Jones

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE NEW
YEAR!

January Anniversaries

No Anniversaries

February Anniversaries

2/14 Troy & Amy Van Dyke



"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

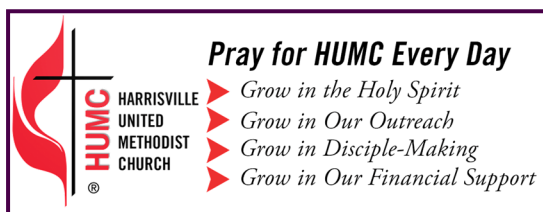
- Kathy Barnes
Quality Life Services
8221 Lamar Road
Mercer, PA 16137
- Betty Donaldson
The Lakes at Jefferson
Rm BE 118
7271 W. Market Street
Mercer, Pa 16137
- Connie Emmett
Shenango On The Green
Room 233
238 S. Market Street
New Wilmington, PA 16142
- Ron Guinniers
100 Felicity Drive Apt. 218
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

*Please
Send
Them
a Card*



The 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.

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.



December Meatball madness total: \$1,000
150 sandwiches were sold