



# BREAD BASKET NEWS

## *February 2024*

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*Think Sun, Think Spring, Think Spirit, Think Resurrection*

*"Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo*

*Here comes the sun*

*And I say, it's alright"*

Those, of course, are the words of George Harrison, beginning the song, *Here Comes the Sun*, which he wrote in an English garden during a tough time in his life. I'm intentionally bringing them to your attention to invite you to think of the days of sun that are certainly coming with the advent of Spring. I am writing them at the end of January, when there is little sun to speak of -- because I know the astronomical and meteorological fact that, despite the reality that there is little sun to be seen now, much more sun will certainly be seen soon. I know this. You know this. But sometimes we forget. So we need to be reminded. Similarly, we sometimes need to be reminded of the facts of faith.

We need to be reminded of words like this: "In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger -- something better, pushing back." -- Albert Camus

And this: "...we may boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." -- the Apostle Paul, Romans 5:3-5

Our faith tradition provides us with a beautiful repository of faith that can lift us any time we need to be lifted. And there is always the living Spirit of God in our midst which can do the same -- even through the words of a Beatitude.

Sun is coming, Spring is coming, Spirit is coming, Resurrection is coming. Always.

Get out your sun blocker and your shorts. Get out your welcome mat for new people, new practices, new teachings which will warm your heart and get you going.

You are a child of God. You are the people of God. The sun may not always shine on you, but the Son will. You are in the Light. Take it in and move forward.

Praise God from whom all Sonshine flows,

*Pastor Ken*



**In Sanctuary Worship  
Sundays at 11AM**

**Council  
Tuesday, Feb 6  
7PM**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Meatball Madness  
Saturday, March 16  
11AM-1PM**

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

### Loan to General Fund

From Building Fund — For 2022	11,500.00
From Building Fund — . 2023	\$10,600.00
From Boiler Fund - 2023	\$6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,100</b>



Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

*Jude 1:21*

## November 2023 Treasurer's Report \*

### Designated Money

Closing Balance Mercer County Bank,  
November 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
<b>Total Designated Money</b>	<b>\$7,469.34</b>

**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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OCT

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)	<b>\$9,057.44</b>	<b>\$1,594.79</b>	<b>\$7,462.65</b>





## OFFERING COUNTING FEB & MAR

FEB 4	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
FEB 11	Lutie Clausen	Martha Jones
FEB 18	Denise Conrad	Tana Manz
FEB 25	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
MAR 3	Lutie Clausen	Martha Jones
MAR 10	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
MAR 17	Denise Conrad	Tana Manz
MAR 24	Lutie Clausen	Martha Jones
MAR 31	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones



## FEED MY SHEEP FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2023

Total Members:	209	Slippery Rock Area:	66
Families:	118	Slippery Rock Boro	35
Seniors	65	Harrisville:	17
Adults:	94	New	9

Children 50 **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*



"As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to be doers of the Word, not merely hearers. However, listening is an important part of following Jesus - in fact, listening can mean both focusing on what is being said and obeying something we are asked to do. Our willingness to serve to God alongside others should be a result of listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and saying, "Here I am, Lord. I will Go" whether that means crossing the room, crossing the street, or crossing the ocean. Our offer of assistance comes after listening to the stories of others, learning from them what is happening in their lives and community and being invited to help.

And our ultimate task is always to witness to the perfect love of Jesus, in word, in deed, in giving, and in receiving. We listen to the commands to love, to make disciples, and to serve. We show our love by listening to the stories of others and learning from them. We show our love by telling our stories of God's grace and allowing others to listen to what our actions of service and presence say about who God is and how deeply and widely God loves. "

**Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

1 John 3:18

*From The Western PA Conference United Methodist news online page*

## Feed My Sheep February Request Cake Mix, Icing & Chunky Soup



# *prayers & petitions*

PRAYER LIST: To be added to the prayer requests, email the church at [secretary@harrisvilleumc.org](mailto:secretary@harrisvilleumc.org). If you have an urgent request, please contact Pastor Ken at 724-986-3486 or [kenmiller\\_20@hotmail.com](mailto:kenmiller_20@hotmail.com). You may also contact Mae Lynn Edwards @ Mae Lynn Edwards @ 724-991-8364 or [schweety920@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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*	HUMC*	First Responders	Our Military*

## ***CELEBRATE!***

### **February Birthdays**

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

### **March Birthdays**

3/4	Destiny Kearney
3/7	Earl Webb
3/11	Neva Johnston
3/25	John McKee
3/27	Wayne Zellman

### **February Anniversaries**

2/14	Troy & Amy Van Dyke
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### **March Anniversaries**

3/8	Jon & Tanya Manz
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## "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.



January Meatball  
Madness total: \$920

