



# THE BREADBASKET

October 2024

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## *In Season and Out of Season*

October is beautiful. Some say it's the most beautiful month of the year.



So let's enjoy the goodness of God's creation in it. Let's appreciate the color and the crispness.

And then for five months we'll have an opportunity to appreciate the stark, monochromatic grandeur of trees without leaves.



We'll have an opportunity to appreciate the bark, the trunks, the branches. Maybe not as fun? Maybe – but just as important. But for the Sun, which is the energy source for everything on Earth, what remains when the leaves fall are the power sources for every single, beautiful leaf that we eventually see. Without

the plain, “ugly” trunks and branches doing their jobs, there would be no explosion of color we see every October.

Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches...Without me you can do nothing.” (Jn 15) He might just as easily have said, “I am the branches, you are the leaves...”

He also said, “Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.” (Jn 15) In this time of the natural “pruning” of leaves, let us be reminded that it is not the part of us that stretches daintily into the atmosphere that provides our enduring strength and support. It's the part of us that is as steady as a tree trunk and the part that is rooted deeply into the ground.

It is our radical, cross-carrying faith meeting the goodness of the Son that provides us with every meaningful, spiritual thing that we have. Even as we appreciate each flighty, beautiful leaf of life, let us appreciate where it came from and prepare for more.

Praise God from whom all abundance flows,

Pastor Ken

## *Looking Ahead...*

- **October 3, 2024**  
at 6:30pm at HUMC  
Annual Church Conference
- **October 6, 2024**  
Communion Sunday
- **October 12, 2024, 10-5**  
Bake Sale at Harrisville Firehall
- **October 26, 2024, 4-6**  
Candy at the church
- **November 2, 2024, 11-1**  
Meatball Madness!!
- **November 9, 2024, 9 - noon**  
Mission Barn trip

## **HUMC** *in action...*



*Here's part of The Meatball Crew -- coming for YOU!*

# prayers & petitions

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).

Ron Gunniers & his family	Linda Faller	Carol Codispot	Nevada Kelly
Marcia Carnahan	Dee Thompson	Jenny Gannon Guilliland	Tony Kearney
Audrey Clark	Gary & Gladys Hoffman	Bryce Bennett	Velma Wissen
Burton Kelly	John Stalker	Zachary Boozel	Connie Rider
Matthew Croup	Shirley Burr	Connie Thompson	HUMC
Our Military	First Responders		

## FEED MY SHEEP FOOD BANK

### STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Total Members:	240	Slippery Rock Area families:	62
Families:	117	Slippery Rock Boro families	36
Seniors	67	Harrisville families:	19
Adults:	114	New families	5
Children	59	For those in need, contact: <b>724-421-5274</b>	

***Wish List: pumpkin pie filling, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, sugar, flour***

**Thank you all for your generous support! We could not help our friends and neighbors without you!**  
Deliveries can be made for those unable or fearful of going out.

*Present hours:  
Tues & Thurs 2:00 to 3:00 Sat: by appointment*

Please consider donating baked goods for our **bake sale** on **Saturday, October 12, 2024** at the Harrisville Firehall.

**Candy at the Church** is during Harrisville's Trick or Treat on **Saturday, October 26, 2024** from 4-6pm. Please help us by donating bags of candy to be handed out to the children. We usually have @ 300 children pass through our church!!

Please consider sending a card to our shut-ins, our friends outside the area and those serving in the United States military.

#### **Betty Donaldson**

The Lakes at Jefferson  
Room BE 118  
7271 W Market St  
Mercer, PA 16137

#### **Glenda Eakin**

111 Pines  
Grove Manor  
435 N Broad St  
Grove City, PA 16127

#### **Connie Emmett**

Shenango on the Green  
Room 233  
238 S Market St  
New Wilmington, PA 16142

#### **Ron Gunniers**

100 Felicity Dr  
Apt 218  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

In service to our country:

#### **Zachory Boozel**

1174 Holly Ave.  
Shady Side, MD 20764

#### **Zachary VanDyke**

PSC 1300 Box 731  
APO, AA 34042-0008

## Bible Word Search: CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL

### Bonhoeffer: A Man for Our Times

will continue to meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm until November 13. Check for location — as that will change each week.



N C O Q B T X D T P S U J L S  
 O E O O F F N U B A J C J N T  
 I C A M S U O E L U E L O S R  
 T N O L P V Q V M G L I R I E  
 A E V O L A A P A G S D W N S  
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#### October Birthdays

10/10	Rick Conrad
10/16	Connie Thompson
10/27	Gary Hoffman

#### November Birthdays

11/9	Nevada Kelly
11/26	Elizabeth Manz

#### October Anniversaries

10/9	Robert & Lynsi Tarr
10/15	Kip & Sondra Buchanan
10/18	Earl & Tina Webb Jeff & Kathy Canter
10/24	Rick & Denise Conrad

#### November Anniversaries

No November Anniversaries

#### OFFERING COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER

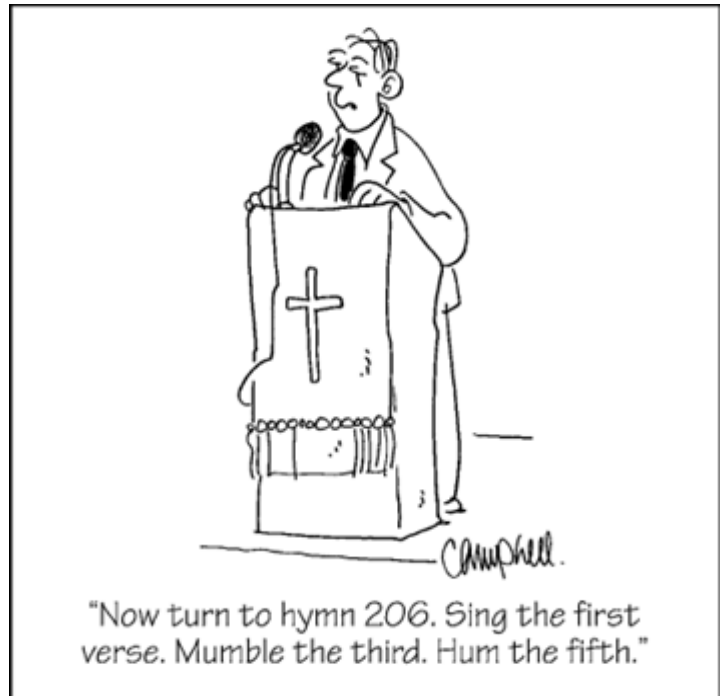
OCT 6	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
OCT 13	Lutie Clausen	Martha Jones
OCT 20	Sondra Buchanan	Martha Jones
OCT 27	Denise Conrad	Tanya Manz
NOV 3	Lutie Clausen	Martha Jones

BRETHREN	COURAGE	COMPASSION
ENEMIES	FORGIVENESS	JUDGMENT
LOVE	MERCY	PATIENCE
RECONCILIATION	REVENGE	SALVATION
SINNERS	TRANSGRESSIONS	TRESPASSES

See answer key on page 5...

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Dear HUMC,

Thank you for the lovely blanket and all your prayers and cards. All the prayers were definitely answered. I am so thankful for everything.

With deepest thanks,

Bud

## Samaritan's Purse

This year Council decide that we will aid this very special ministry, not by filling shoeboxes but by contributing money to help ship them throughout the world. Samaritan's Purse suggests a \$10.00 donation to cover shipping per each box. We have already received a donation of \$100.00 to get us started!

Let's try to match this as we collect donations throughout October. There will be a shoebox on the altar for those who wish to contribute. Any amount given is a blessing. On November 3, we will have a final, special collection to pass onto to Samaritan's Purse as they surprise children around the world this Christmas season.

We are the church together!

### August 2024 Treasurer's Report

#### Designated Money

Closing Balance Mercer County Bank, August 2024	\$1,354.91
<b>Designated Money</b>	
Local Missions	\$807.00
Outreach—Bike Ministry	\$578.00
Care Team	\$421.58
Spirit of Hope	\$2,000.00
Youth	\$1,103.88
Shields Foundation	\$1,500.00
Snyder Fund 2021	\$1,000.00
Snyder Fund 2022	\$1,000.00
Property Tax	\$8.33
<b>Total Designated Money</b>	<b>\$8,418.79</b>
<b>Working Balance General Fund for August 2024</b>	<b>(\$7,063.88)</b>
<b>Total Income to General Fund for August 2024</b>	<b>\$10,143.64</b>
<b>Total Expenditure from General Fund For August 2024</b>	<b>\$7,785.80</b>

## HELENE RELIEF

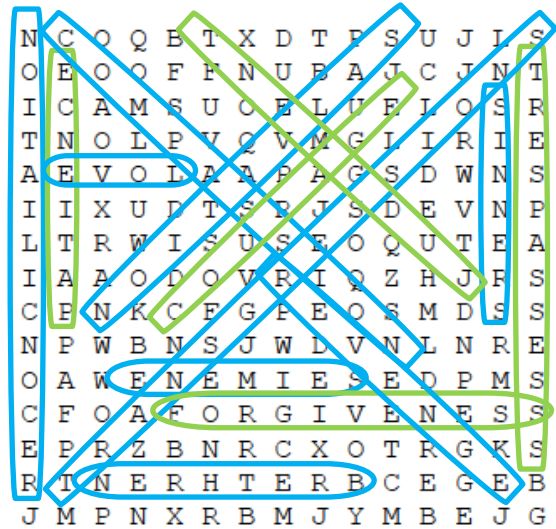
Hey! If you are interested in donating to Helene Relief, link with our United Methodist brothers and sisters in western North Carolina at [wnccumc.org](http://wnccumc.org) or with our general relief organization, UMCOR, at [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org). (100% of your donations will go directly to relief, and not to administrative costs) Plus, our local Mission Barn, which helps supply this relief, is in need of household cleaners and air fresheners, if you'd like to provide those. Any questions, text or call Pastor Ken -724-986-3486. A lot of people are in need. It will help.

*The Mission Barn requests the following types of products:*

- Household cleaners must be 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate (no spray cleaners)
- Air fresheners must be 4-8 oz. pump bottle NOT spray

FINANCE REPORT	THRU JULY	AUGUST	YTD
<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	\$12,592.51	\$10,143.64	\$22,736.15
<b>SPENDING FROM GENERAL FUND</b>	\$13,671.31	\$7,785.80	\$21,457.11
<b>NET SURPLUS / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,078.80)</b>	<b>\$2,357.84</b>	<b>\$1,279.04</b>

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