



The Lighthouse in the Wilderness

The History of the Hironimus Union Church

by Jane (Ely) Foster

When we think of lighthouses, many of us are inclined to think of a tall cylindrical building situated along the seacoast. Atop the lighthouse is a beacon light capable of



This photograph was taken after the vestibule and belfry were added by John Barnett, John Prowant, Roy Ott, and John Sholter. It is reported that following the completion of work Barnett, Prowant, and Sholter, the three John's, formed a circle by joining hands at which time they proceeded to dance and sing in the middle of the highway in front of the church. Each one of these men was 70 years of age or older at the time.

warning seafaring vessels of unseen hazards and dangers. While there is no beacon light in the bell tower of the Hironimus Union Church, the light that emanates from there each Sunday morning is just as compelling.

On September 18th of this year members and friends of this historic church celebrated a special anniversary during their regular Sunday morning service. With few interruptions over the last 125 years, the doors of this little country church have been open to generations of west end residents and summertime visitors as a house of worship.

The surnames of those who built and struggled to maintain the Hironimus Union Church through the years are well known in the annals of the "Tight End." Those names include Barnett, Bettilyon, Boop, Dorman, Eisenhuth, Galer, Goodlander, Hironimus, Johnson, Jolly, Libby,

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

Everyone is getting ready for another busy holiday season at home and here at the Post Office. I am going to offer some holiday mailing tips. Mail your cards and packages as early as possible and always put your return address on the envelope or parcel. This is a great time to let people that you only contact once a year know your 911 address if they aren't aware of it. It's also a great time to send your college student or military loved one a "taste of home." Home baked cookies, cakes, and other snacks are a special treat. Make sure to use a container that is strong enough to protect the contents during handling. Free Priority mailing boxes and other retail packing supplies are available at the Post Office. Do not use wrapping paper or string on packages as they can get caught in mail processing equipment and may damage the package. The deadline for mailing APO/FPO packages by Priority mail is December 10, in order to arrive by Christmas. If mailing a package to US destinations, remember that First class delivery is 1-3 days, Priority Mail is 2-3 days and Parcel Post is 2-9 days. If you have a last minute gift to send, Express mail is available with guaranteed delivery for many locations overnight, even on Christmas!

As most of you know, there will be a postage increase of about 5.4% on all classes of mail. First class letters will increase to 39 cents and postcards will be 24 cents. This is the first increase in stamps since 2002! Even with all the increases in gas prices, we would not have raised postage except for the fact that a 2003 Federal law required the Postal service to establish a \$3.1 billion escrow account- the use of which will be determined by congress! It's basically a stamp tax! Enough of the unpleasant stuff. Everyone at the Millmont Post Office: Tom, Randy, Tony, myself, our new rural carrier; Sherri Benjo, and truck drivers Steve and Bob, would like to wish you all Happy Holidays!

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In the distance is the Hironimus Schoolhouse. The school was located west of the cemetery, and was the meetinghouse of the congregation before they built the current church in 1880.

Pursley, Shaffer, Sholter, and Specht. The commitment and dedication of the descendants of these and other families create optimism for the future of the little country church situated on the hill just west of the village of Weikert.

Details surrounding the history of the church are contained in a booklet published in 1970 by the late Helen Bauer entitled, "The Story of the Hironimus Union Church." According to Bauer, in 1876, prior to construction of the present day church, Sunday services were held in a nearby schoolhouse. During that time the church was associated with the Evangelical Central Conference and was part of the Mifflinburg Circuit. However, since its inception, church leaders have always maintained an open door policy, where people of all faiths are welcome to attend worship services.

The late Asa Sholter owned and operated a store in Weikert for many years. He was also an avid historian of the Tight End. He related to Bauer some of the events surrounding the history and

the founding of the Hironimus Church. Sholter noted that Jacob and Jonas Barnett (brothers), along with Andrew Hironimus, donated property for the purpose of building a church. An adjacent parcel was donated for use as a cemetery. In addition to donating land, Barnett's also owned tracts of forestlands, from which they provided the lumber used in construction of the church. Donations, along with volunteer labor and materials were solicited to get the church built and ready for occupancy. The response by the Tight End community was noteworthy, and before long the congregation had a new sanctuary.

Sholter noted that construction was completed in the autumn of 1880 and the new church was dedicated shortly thereafter. The final hurdle in preparing the church for Sunday use was to organize the five denominations that planned to use the sanctuary. The land upon which the church stands was deeded to trustees representing five faiths: Lutheran, United Evangelical, Methodist, German Baptist (Brethren), and Reformed. A trustee from each faith was appointed to the board. This body subsequently enacted rules and regulations governing the use of the church. The relationship between the different denominations proved successful for a number of years.

The Evangelical pastors kept the church open throughout the year and held services on a regular basis, usually semi-monthly. In 1884 the Hironimus Union Church became affiliated with the Millmont Circuit. Following the reorganization of the Central Conference in 1928 the church was transferred to the Penns Creek Charge. In 1939 it joined the Union Circuit where it remained until becoming inactive in 1968.

Early congregations at the church were large, and church social events were often well attended. Parishioners worked diligently in support of the church. Services were held each year to celebrate particular holidays or special events such as Christmas, Easter, Children's Day, and Harvest Home, or Homecoming as it was referred to. Festivals and suppers were organized in an effort to raise money for the needs of the church. In addition to serving the congregation, these events contributed to the social life of Tight End residents.

During the depression years, the condition of the church began to deteriorate. It was about that time that a sum of money came into the hands of a trustee that made a donation to refurbish the church. The sizable gift came from an unexpected source. According to Bauer, twenty years earlier, an itinerant peddler visited the area on a regular basis selling trinkets and notions. Not only did local residents purchase wares from this gentleman, they also welcomed him with their hospitality. Although the man was of a different faith, he attended Sunday services each time he visited the area.

Upon his return to the area some years later, he was disturbed by the condition of the church. The former peddler, who had prospered greatly during the intervening years, decided to share some of his good fortune with the church. He advised members of the congregation that if the church ever had need of anything they should contact him. Bauer noted that Tight End residents recalled the generosity of this individual and were appreciative of the financial support he provided to their church.

The church was electrified around 1940. The entry vestibule was added to the building in 1946. The one-room schoolhouse that served as a sanctuary prior to the construction of the church was closed by consolidation in 1942. The bell from the schoolhouse was hung in the belfry of the Hironimus Union Church.

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

“Expect the unexpected and you won’t be disappointed.” This has been an unusual fall. The Juncos came down from the mountains the last weekend of October, signaling the coming of winter. The following weekend we had our first killer-frost of the season in my little garden. That day all the maple leaves came falling down like rain. Winter came howling in with wind and snow on Thanksgiving Day. The snow didn’t last, but the cold did. In fact, Penns Creek has already started to freeze over. The loss of the leaf cover, however, has made bird watching much easier. It’s as if the summer curtain has been

pulled aside. Let’s look inside.

On a sunny November morning as I approached the concrete bridge on Penns Creek, I noticed the familiar flight of a Red-bellied Woodpecker. I followed its flight into a hickory and watched as it moved to a small branch holding a left-over hickory-nut. The hickory-nut was conspicuous by it being the last remaining nut on the tree. It’s hard to believe the resident squirrel had failed to see it there; his nest was in the same tree. Perhaps the squirrel was waiting for it to mature and ripen like fruit or a good bottle of wine. Then, along comes Mr. Red-belly, bobbing upside-down as he methodically pecked away the outer casing of the nut, pulled the nut out, and flew to a larger branch to have a hickory-nut breakfast. Nuts are not major components of the woodpecker’s diet, but, maybe, as the jingle goes: “Sometimes you feel like a nut!” Later, in my walk along Shirk Road, I heard a faint din in the distance. The farther I walked the louder it became. I recognized the sound as that of a large flock of birds. I saw several trees about a hundred yards away with many black birds filling its branches. As I focused on one of the birds, the bright morning sun revealed the familiar purple-green, iridescent coloring of the Common Grackle. Still, the volume of the chatter couldn’t be explained by what I was seeing. Suddenly, a huge black cloud of birds rose from the field behind the line of trees. It rose briefly, made several turns then returned to its feeding in the open field. That’s what I had been hearing. I noticed several small bands leave the flock and fly closer to where I was standing. They were several groups of male, female and immature Red-winged Blackbirds. It appeared they needed some ‘private time’ away from the main traveling flock. They maintain their individual groups within the larger group. Reaching Davis Road, I saw a flurry of activity at the far end of a corn-field. There was something happening with a small group of Mockingbirds. I looked along the ridge and saw a tree with something happening at the crown--a Mockingbird and a Blue Jay were scolding an American Kestrel, a small colorful falcon. The two birds were alternately flying close to the Kestrel, calling loudly. The Kestrel remained completely calm, stoically moving its head from side to side; perhaps this is just part of being a Kestrel. It’s not easy being a predator. A small band of House Finches flew to the opposite side of the tree, appearing like little dots on the branches. They were seemingly very interested in the plight of their lethal predator. One of the male finches, emboldened by the larger tormentors, flew right up to the Kestrel adding its voice to the squabble. The Blue Jay grew tired of the confrontation and flew away. The finches, also lost interest and moved on. I left the Mockingbird and the Kestrel to their private argument. Perhaps the Kestrel had killed or attacked one of the Mockingbirds I had seen nearby. All these events occurred on one walk on a cold but sunny Sunday morning. So ***“expect the unexpected and you won’t be disappointed.”*** These wonderfully interesting scenes are happening almost daily, not more than a short walk from *your* house, too; so grab your binoculars and take it all in.



Long time resident Eugene Hackenberg (pictured to the left), of Second Street Millmont, bagged his first bear during the recent season that was held from Monday November 21 through Wednesday November 23. Having spent his entire hunting career in search of a bruin, this was the first time he was able to shoot one. He spotted the bear while hunting Penns Creek Mountain. Hackenberg shot the male bear near Coral Run . Since he was hunting by himself, Hackenberg was unable to drag the bear up the steep ravine to his vehicle. Rather than attempting to get the bear to his vehicle unassisted he decided to make his way to Weikert Road to seek assistance from other hunters who might be in the area. After a period of time his brother Richard Hackenberg of Snyder County drove by. The brothers had no idea they were both hunting in the same area. Richard Hackenberg and his hunting companion were happy to assist Eugene retrieve his once in a lifetime trophy.

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A long series of improvements soon followed. Members of the congregation and local residents donated many hours of labor to paint the exterior and refurbish the interior. The walls were papered, painted, and polished. New carpet was placed on the chancel and aisles, and curtains were installed so the Sunday school classes could be partitioned. A communion rail was placed at the front of the chancel and a baptismal bowl, new clock, pulpit, and altar scarves were subsequently donated. The renovations and improvements gave the old church a bright new appearance. On June 24, 1951, the conference Superintendent, Dr. R. O. Sheeley, preached at a rededication service held at the church.

At a special service on December 9, 1951, Barbara Barnett (Mrs. Harold Cronin) presented the altar painting of Christ in Gethsemane to the church. This painting was the work of the late Katherine (Lomison) Dorman. Barnett presented the painting to the church in memory of her father, Jonas William Barnett, and her great - great uncle, Jonas John Barnett, who gave a portion of the land on which the church stands.

In 1959 the community of Weikert cooperated to repaint the church, courtesy of Asa and Verna (Erdley) Sholter who donated thirteen gallons of paint. The men gathered early in the day to do the painting while the ladies served a hearty and bountiful meal. Joseph Sholter, one of the church trustees at the time, installed a new oil burner in the church in the autumn of 1960.

During the first half of the 20th century, the church drew a large congregation for the relatively small number of people living in the community. For a period of time the congregation was one of the strongest on the circuit, made up primarily of residents living between Pardee and Cherry Run. Many of the early members of the church were drawn to the area because of the lumbering industry. As the lumbering trade waned, so did church attendance. Summertime attendance was often higher due to the influx of campers who filled the pews. From the 1950's throughout the 1960's, records show a declining congregation as young people left the area. By 1965 membership, attendance, and financial support for the church had dwindled.

In 1968 the struggle to keep open suffered a severe blow. Total membership dropped to twenty individuals. Of those, several lived outside the area while others were more or less inactive. When the Central Conference withdrew the minister in May of that year, services at the Hironimus Union Church were suspended. The Sunday school continued throughout the summer, kept open for vacationing visitors by the Superintendent, Mr. Jacob Barnett, and two teachers, Mrs. James Bilger, Jr. and Mrs. Leona Wirt. As the summer drew to a close attendance fell once again. Reluctantly, in October 1968 Jacob Barnett closed the Sunday school.

Because of the proud history of the church, a few members of the congregation would not allow the church to deteriorate, or its doors to be shuttered. No one wanted to believe that the life of the church was over and its service to the community had come to an end. Throughout the 1970's the piano was quiet, the pews were empty, and the church's future was in doubt.

On February 23, 1980 a meeting was held in the home of Edward Barnett to explore the possibility of breathing new life into the Hironimus Union Church. By March a non-profit corporation was formed with August Barnett, Mildred



Hironimus Union Church 1993

Teichman, Virginia Martin, James Bilger, and Minnie Schreck serving on the board. Harold Klauger, Jacob Barnett, James Diehl, and George Sholter were responsible for overseeing the interior renovations to the church. Residents of the Tight End were anxious to see "light" emanating from the small country church once again.

Rev. Lisa J. Hoefner served as pastor of the church from 1981 until 1983. Rev. Robert Ely began serving the Hironimus congregation in 1995, and continued his pastoral duties until his death in 2001. Rev. Earl Robb served briefly as the pastor until his untimely death. Rev. Ralph Unroe first ministered as a guest pastor sometime in September 2003. His first sermon as interim pastor was December 28th of 2003. Unroe became full-time pastor in September of 2004.

In July 1998 the Hironimus Union Church was granted independence from the Central Pennsylvania Conference of

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the United Methodist Church in Harrisburg. Through a quit-claim deed, ownership of the church was granted to the non-profit corporation located in Weikert.

Those who attend the church today owe a debt of gratitude to the founders and builders of the small church affectionately referred to as the “Lighthouse in the Wilderness.” While the church may be situated in the extreme western end of Union County, far from the main highways, it is open and accessible to all who wish to come. Pastor Ralph Unroe, and the congregation of the church extend open arms to anyone wishing to attend Sunday morning services that begin at 9 a.m.

The beacon of light that emanates from the Hironimus Union Church cannot be seen from the outside. In order to experience the light of hope, the light of encouragement, the light of love, you must first enter the doors. The greeting on the church bulletin perhaps says it best – “Welcome to worship at our little country church. Our prayer is that you will receive strength for your soul, hope for your heart, and joy for your spirit.”

Although the future of the church seemed bleak and uncertain for a period of time, the light from this lighthouse in the wilderness could not be extinguished. Those who have an interest in the Hironimus Union Church, whether they live near or far, are determined to keep that light shining brightly for many years to come.

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Pastor Ralph T. Unroe and his wife, Jo, welcome you to the Hironimus Union Church near Weikert.

A Message From Pastor Ralph Unroe

On a Sunday morning in October of 1976, in the early morning hours, Jesus Christ came into my life and I began a journey with Him that eventually led to becoming the Pastor of the Hironimus Union Church of Weikert. Life has not been the same since.

After attending several Bible schools, my wife, Jo, and I spent the next 20+ years ministering at The Rockwell Center and The Milton Towers on a weekly/monthly basis to those unable to get out and attend church.

These mission churches were on a volunteer basis as no money is available to take care of these in house spiritual needs, but somehow God has managed to meet our needs.

I originally came from the mountains of Virginia, while my wife Jo and children Beth and Robert were born in Lancaster. Our home has been in Milton since 1972 and we continue to reside there.

Several years ago, I received a call from Ben Rooke and Bill Gamber, members of Hironimus Church, asking if I could help them until they found a minister, since they had recently lost 2 pastors to cancer.

Coming to fill in for several weeks (reluctantly), I received a call asking me to consider becoming pastor on an interim basis. After having some “deep intense fellowship” with God, I agreed to answer the call, providing that He would fill me and give me what was needed to make this venture work. Thus far He has not failed me.

My job, along with the able help and support of my wife and a caring church, is to plant the seeds of Salvation to all and then get out of the way and allow Him to bring these seeds to a successful harvest.

I have become so excited about the church and the people who attend, that each day, week, month, etc., is just as exciting as when I first came. Our people care for each other as well as those throughout the community.

Each call that comes in for prayer or visitation, mattering not what church they belong to, is never ignored.

Hironimus Union Church is a Lighthouse in the Wilderness, offering refuge to all in need of salvation and seeking a spiritual home.

Since my arrival here at Hironimus, “I Wouldn’t Take Nothin’ for my Journey Now.”



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Oh! For the Life of a Nurse

If you are like me it's hard to tell who is a Registered Nurse, who is one of the other seemingly endless classes of professional helpers. They all seem to wear scrubs or flowery smocks or smocks with those cute Disney characters. I sort of liked when they wore white and if they wore caps you might even be able to know from which school of nursing they graduated. A lot of them don't even wear nametags.

I know many colleges and schools of higher learning now give degrees in nursing and I'm sure they all have some specialty designated for their students. I don't think there are any schools of nursing at hospitals any longer. I know Geisinger closed theirs some ten years ago. How do nurses learn any bedside manners? Maybe it just takes nice people to be nurses and the niceness just comes naturally. I don't know what kind of salary a nurse makes but I think they must feel that some of the patients they deal with make them wish they were paid more. Let's all try to be better patients.

What brought on these thoughts about nurses was an article from a magazine about what was expected of a nurse in 1887. The job description went like this: In addition to caring for your 50 patients each nurse will follow these regulations.

1. Daily sweep and mop the floors on your ward, dust the patient's furniture and windowsills.
2. Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business.
3. Light is important to observe the patient's condi-

tion. Therefore, each day fill kerosene lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash the windows once a week.

4. The nurse's notes are important in aiding the physician's work. Make your pens carefully, you may whittle nibs to your individual taste.

5. Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7 a.m. and leave at 8 p.m., except on the Sabbath on which day you will be off from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

6. Graduate nurses in good standing with the director of nurses will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if you go regularly to church.

7. Each nurse should lay aside from each payday a goodly sum of her earnings for her benefits during the declining years, so that she will not become a burden. For example, if you earn \$30 a month you should set aside \$15.

8. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop, or frequents dance halls will give the director of nurses good reason to suspect her worth, intentions, and integrity.

One has to wonder how a nurse found time to care for patients after dusting, mopping, tending fires, seeing that lamps were cared for. I can remember washing lamp globes, trimming wicks and filling lamps with kerosene. Seldom did I get the job done without needing a good hand washing. How did a nurse approach a patient without smelling like kerosene? I looked twice at the one about trimming nibs to suit you taste. It implied that they were still using feather quills. Hadn't the metal nib been invented by then?

I wondered how the nurse had time to attend church regularly. Did churches have afternoon services on Sunday?

The one about having an evening off for courting made me think the nurse must have had the constitution of a superman (superwoman) if she had any ambition left after housekeeping chores and looking after 50 patients. And she couldn't even relax and have someone do her hair. Surely someone was a leader to change the conditions under which the nurses worked or we wouldn't have any nurses today.

Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building

- ▶ Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Lewis Township Board of Supervisors, the second Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one shows a wintertime view of Mifflinburg's Electric plant circa 1907. This was also known as Penn Mills, and was operated by Lincoln Halfpenny and Abe Grove.

You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned your money, unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

- Ruth Smeltzer

Recipe of the Month
By Janice (Dorman) Shively
**Macaroni & Cheese with
Sun Dried Tomatoes & Bacon**

Ingredients:

3 C. macaroni
3/4 lb. Extra sharp cheese, shredded
1/4 lb. Cooper sharp, shredded
1 1/2 C. milk
1/4 C. butter or margarine
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 C. sun dried tomatoes, chopped
6 - 8 slices bacon

Directions:

Cut bacon into 1/2 inch pieces and fry until slightly crisp. Remove bacon from drippings and place on paper towel to drain. While bacon is frying, cook macaroni and drain. Return macaroni to large pot and add shredded cheeses, milk, butter or margarine, and pepper. Stir over very low heat until cheeses are melted. Stir in the tomatoes and bacon.

Place macaroni & cheese in a lightly greased dish and bake at 350° for 45 minutes covered. Uncover and bake for 15 - 30 minutes longer.

*Sun dried tomatoes can be found in the deli section of your local grocery store.

*With a pastry brush, use some of the bacon fat to grease your baking dish. It adds just a bit more of the bacon taste to your recipe.

ENJOY!

Thank You!

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Thanks to everyone who renewed their subscriptions for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and is greatly appreciated!!

Thanks also to Edgar & Betty Shively of Creek Road, Millmont for donating newspaper clippings, family memorabilia, and information that will be helpful in upcoming issues of the newsletter.



The 1922 Laurelton School photograph to the left was provided to me courtesy of Edgar and Betty Shively of Creek Road, Millmont. Although they are able to identify Stewart Boop, Olan Boop, Bob Middlesworth, Bertha Boop, and William Dorman, most of the faces on this class photograph remain unidentified. If you recognize anyone on this photograph you are encouraged to get in contact with me at the address, telephone number, or email address located on page 12 of this newsletter.

Your help in putting names to the faces will be greatly appreciated.

Passage



Fred M. Kaler, 94, of 1670 Paddy Mountain Road passed away at his home on November 25, 2005. He was born February 17, 1911, in Lewis Township, Union County, a son of the late Milton and Mamie (Blyler) Kaler. On March 27, 1937, he married the former Lurietta H. Keister, who survives. He attended Lewis Township schools. He was employed at the Laurelton Foundry and later the Watertown Foundry, retiring in 1976. He also farmed on his property in Hartley Township.

Mr. Kaler attended the Glen Iron Pilgrim Holiness Church. Earlier in life he enjoyed fishing. He was an avid hunter who bagged his last deer at the age of 86. He also enjoyed gardening and was always involved in some tinkering project.

Surviving, in addition to his wife of 68 years, is one son and daughter-in-law, Carl A. and Faye Kaler of Hassenplug Road, Millmont; two grandchildren, Alan and his wife Crystal Kaler, and Karen and Anthony Sauers; six great-grandchildren, Kayla, Jessica, Megan, and Rachel Kaler and

Aaron and Katelynn Sauers; and one sister Mary Johnson of Mifflinburg.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters, Boyd, Fred, John, Oliver, and Pearl Kaler and Amelia Ely.

Burial was in Lincoln Chapel Cemetery, Millmont. Contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the Glen Iron Pilgrim Holiness Church, in care of Carl Kaler, treasurer, 1130 Hassenplug Road, Millmont, PA 17845.

Pastor Garry T. Sutley, 58, of Pennsylvania Furnace went home to be with his Lord, early Wednesday morning, November 9, 2005, at Mt. Nittany Medical Center in State College. He was born April 18, 1947, in Oil City, PA, a son of Esther Lindsey Sutley, of Fredericksburg, VA and the late Thomas Sutley. On August 26, 1966, he married Ruth E. Cranston who survives.

Pastor Sutley graduated from Rocky Grove High School in Franklin, PA and earned an Associate Degree in Religion from Adirondack Bible Institute in New York. His quest for knowledge was a lifelong pursuit. Earlier in life Pastor Sutley served as a pastor in Nebraska, New York and Pennsylvania. Sutley was the pastor at the Pilgrim Holiness Church located near Glen Iron from 1973 until 1981. For nearly twenty years, he has served as the Director of Ministries for the Central Pennsylvania Christian Institute in State College, which is the parent organization for WTLR, WQJU, Camp Kanestake and the Ezekiel Forum. He attended Nittany Bible Church. Pastor Sutley's passion was the communication of the Gospel. He enjoyed writing poetry and other articles. He enjoyed studying the lyrics of hymns and had hundreds of them committed to memory, and loved singing them. It was from the love of hymns that his radio spot "Take It Along Song" evolved. When he was healthy he liked hunting and loved fly fishing, and enjoyed golfing as long as he was able. His other passion was his family and spending time with them.

In addition to his mother and wife he is survived by a daughter, Rebecca Keeney and her husband Warren of Quarryville; one son, Allan Sutley and his wife Beverly of Tyrone; three grandchildren, Jonathan, Michael and Chelsea Lynne Keeney; one sister, Crystal Hodak of Fredericksburg, VA; and one brother Charles Sutley of Cochranton, PA.

A Story

(Our gift to you this Christmas 2005)

Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at a regional airport. Departure time was announced. Standing near security, they hugged and the mother said, "I love you. I wish you enough." The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom." They kissed goodbye.

The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I did not want to invade her privacy, but she welcomed me by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?" I responded, "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?"

I am old and she lives too far away. I have challenges ahead. The truth is, the next trip home will be for my funeral. I responded, "When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?"

The woman paused for a moment, "When we said, 'I wish you enough', we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," she continued. Then she shared the following as if reciting from memory.

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright; I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit strong. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your need. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final goodbye." She then began to weep and walk away.

God has promised that He will provide for us Enough Love, Enough Forgiveness, Enough Hope.

Editors note: This story was shared with us during the Christmas holiday of 2004 by William and Connie Bastian of Weikert. It impacted our lives and hopefully it will be as thought provoking for you. Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

October 23, 2005

Ervin & Carolyn Hoover have a farewell singing for their neighbors, Ivan & Martha Oberholtzer of Mifflinburg. They plan to move in their new home in Millmont on October 28th. Their grandson, Edwin Oberholtzer, son of Harry & Alta of Millmont, is getting married to Lori Sensenig, daughter of Alvin & Lizzie of Mifflinburg on November 17, 2005. They will move on the farm where Ivan & Martha live at the present time.

October 27

My Mom came to stay at our house for three days. We have pears to do almost every day.

October 29

A small farm in Hartleton was sold over public auction, to Menno & Elaine Zimmerman. It is right next to their farm. John & Esther Zimmerman of Millmont also bought six acres (the property was sold in three different parts).

November 1

The school parents went to school for a surprise birthday party for teacher Janette.

November 3

It sure was nice outside! 71° Curvin needed to see a specialist today. We are thankful that the lumps at his neck are benign / non-cancerous. When the nurse checked his lungs, she said that he is running on all four cylinders. I thought it was a good way to tell it, to a mechanic!

Harold Zimmerman, son of Amos & Susie of Mifflinburg, and Arlene Reiff, daughter of Isaac & Ruth of Mifflinburg, plan to be married on November 10, 2005.

James Reiff, son of John Aaron & Lydia of Millmont, and Verna Martin, daughter of George & Edna of Lewisburg, plan to be married on November 24, 2005 (Thanksgiving Day).

Our sympathy to Curvin Ebersole & children of Millmont in the loss of wife & mother.

Whatever Thy will Lord, keep me still,
Thy way is best, so let me rest.
Let come what may to me today
Sunshine or rain, pleasure or pain.
May I believe, all I receive,
Is sent in love, down from above.
So let me rest, Thou knowest best,
Whatever Thy will Lord, keep me still.

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Moving?

If you are planning to move or if your post office mailing address is about to change, please notify The Millmont Times immediately. This newsletter is distributed each month by bulk rate, and will not be forwarded to your new address by the U. S. Postal Service. Newsletters that can not be delivered are returned, which requires me to pay an additional .37 cents postage. Please call me at (570) 922.4297 or email me at: millmonttimes@dejazzd.com if there are any changes in your postal mailing address.

Looking Back

This article was originally published in The Mifflinburg Telegraph on December 8, 1905 (100 years ago). It is copied verbatim.

MARRIED AT HIGH NOON

Miss Florence Rutherford of Laurelton Becomes the Wife of Dr. William Silverwood Taylor of Lewistown.

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1905, at high noon, a pretty wedding took place at the cosy mansion of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Rutherford in Laurelton, when their daughter, Miss Florence, became the wife of Dr. William Silverwood Taylor, in the presence of several hundred invited guests.

Promptly at the stated hour, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, very beautifully rendered by Miss Helen A. Rutherford, sister of the bride, the bridal party consisting of the bride and groom, Miss Jessie E. Rudisill, of Altoona, Maid of Honor, Miss Lucille Rutherford, sister of the bride, Flower girl, and Mr. Clyde Whitter, and Mr. Spencer Taylor, brother of the groom, ushers, assembled in the spacious and beautifully decorated parlor, where they were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. E. E. Sponsler, of Laurelton, the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony being used. Hearty congratulations followed.

After partaking of the bountiful wedding feast, amid showers of rice and well wishes the happy couple departed on the evening train for an extended wedding trip through eastern cities and Washington, D.C.

The bride, as stated, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Rutherford, a handsome and talented young lady, with a large circle of acquaintances. She is a graduate of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, and Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, Mass.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor, of Mifflinburg. He is located at Lewistown, where he is engaged at dentistry, having a large and growing practice; certainly has a very promising future.

They were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

After their honeymoon they will locate in Lewistown, where the groom has his home already furnished for housekeeping.

The many friends of the young couple wish them a long, prosperous and happy journey through life, in which the TELEGRAPH heartily joins.

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November 12

Curvin & Janet Weaver of Mifflinburg have a son named Tyler Lee. He is their first child. Grandparents are Floyd & Esther Weaver of Lewisburg, and Amos & Susie Zimmerman of Mifflinburg.

November 13

We had visitors of Ohio & Virginia at Vicksburg church this forenoon. In the afternoon there was a singing at Isaac & Ruth Reiff of Vicksburg. We did not go because we had planned a picnic with our family, at sister Ada Mae's place. It is not too often that the weather is favorable enough to go on a picnic in November.

This evening there was an accident in Mifflinburg. Amos & Elizabeth Oberholzer's three daughters of Mifflinburg were on their way to the youth gathering in their buggy. Their buggy was hit, by a hit and run driver. Naomi (23) had an injury, but was able to go home. Her sisters, Lena (25) and Ellen (21) were taken to Geisinger Medical Center, where they were treated and released.

Warren Hoover of Millmont, and Louise Horning, daughter of Phares & Anna of Mifflinburg, are published to be married on December 8, 2005.

Christmas Programs

The annual Candlelight Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 17 at the Hironimus Union Church. All are welcome to attend!!

"Celebrate The King" will be presented at the Church of the Nazarene, 12 Market St., Mifflinburg, PA by the Penn View Bible Institute Chapel Choir on December 4th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information you may call 966-0852.

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GUESTS FROM A DISTANCE

Mary Seely, Jersey Shore; Jeanne Rich, Woolrich; Elizabeth Rue, Grace and Essie Bloom, Sunbury; Hon. G. C. Mohn, wife and daughter Ruth, Lewisburg; Viola McClure, Everett; Jessie Rudisill, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Rutherford, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Braucher, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed and Robert Bruce Reed, Huntingdon; Spencer Taylor, Clyde Whitter, Lewistown; Mrs. Kate Oberlin, Sara, Charles and Merrill Oberlin, Milton; Hon. C. M. Hayes and wife, Hartleton; A. E. Grove and wife, W. E. Smith and wife, Ray Grove, Oscar Rule and wife, Edna Ruhl, Lester E. Ruhl and wife, Millmont; Hon. H. P. Glover, Anna M. Lincoln, Mary Glover, B. N. Barber and wife, Edith Gutelius, Agnes Albright, T. B. Taylor, wife and daughter Isabel, H. A. Taylor and wife, Anna F. Barber, Mrs. R. V. B. Lincoln, Kreider Kurtz, Retta and Mary Barber, Mifflinburg.

Letters and Emails to the Editor

Tony & Janice, Just wanted to let you know that your efforts are appreciated. Even though we receive The Millmont Times free via the Internet we wanted to make a donation toward the Times for all of the hard work involved in putting it together. Keep up the Great Work!!
Steve & Wendy Bilger, Millmont, PA

Tony, We receive The Millmont Times via email, but we wanted to send you something in appreciation for all your hard work. Thank you for a very informational and enjoyable paper.
David & Linda Swartz, Mifflinburg, PA

Hi Tony: Just a note to let you know I appreciate the "Times" on the e-mail. I like the colors and Jim can see the pictures better in color. Just one thing! We are still getting a copy in the mail also. That is not necessary and is an extra expense for you. Thanks again for printing Jim's little articles. We went to our cabin about 66 miles from here last Sunday. There was from 4 to 6 inches of wet snow on the ground. The snow was coming down very nicely without wind. It has been snowing all week up there. Hope we get more than last year. We have had 7 years of drought and would like to see the wet years again. Jim enjoyed Hertha's trip to Montana and also the Hickernell Spring and the Colorado Elk hunt. Seems like most everything brings back good memories. He had also hunted around Montrose, Colorado years ago. Keep up the good work.
Harriet Chambers, Dillon, MT

Tony, I hope to have Black history month events lined up for DEW within the month and will get them to go so that they can appear in The Millmont Times. Hope all is well with you and Janice. I love your work and always put everything else down to read the Millmont Times when it arrives! Best always. From Maine (headed home soon) Jeannette Lasansky

Dear Tony & Janice, It seems that everywhere I look I see one or both of you on lead of another awesome story. I know I speak for your readers when I say keep up the great work. We enjoy all your columnists as well: Sam Smith, Jim McCormick, Hertha Wehr, etc. Enclosed please find a check for two subscriptions and some extra to help defray the cost. The subscriptions are for ourselves & Phyliss Hauck. If anyone should get a subscription its her. Over the years she has taught us so much about the folks and events of Snyder and Union Counties. This has been a blessing to us Mainers.

Richard and Laurie Hughes, Hartleton, PA

Lewis Township News

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF LEWIS TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held November 1, 2005, 7:30 PM at the Lewis Township Municipal Building, Millmont. The following, being members of the board of authority named in the articles of incorporation, were present: Jim Sanders, Renda Shively, Steve Bilger and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitors Ray & Melissa Lobos, Plant Mgr. Walt Scholl and HRG Rep. Rob Rowe.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance for October was \$13,759.94 and \$96,637.69 in CDs and were approved and filed for audit. Marge made a motion to pay the bills and Steve seconded it – so moved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a letter from DEP stating they inspected our plant and that we are in violation because we don't have a fence erected. Melissa will send a letter to DEP explaining why we haven't done so as yet.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: We received a report from HRG summarizing their recent activities for us – its on file.

Rob reported that in the next couple of months Brett Shemory from Lewisburg office would be attending our meetings with Rob.

Bill Seigel and Steve Siegfried are working out details of agreement for CDBG Grant.

PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE: Walt reported that the #1 and #4 marshes and meadows are harvested and the vegetation was burned.

The new grind pump will cost \$4512.91. It will cost \$2200.00 to redo the old one so we have a spare. Walt says it is a good idea to have a spare. He will ask the people repairing it to hold off till Jan. since our funds are low right now.

A senior from Bucknell is doing her thesis and would like to do testing on our marshes and meadows under Walt's supervision. Walt will pull samples, not her. It will be good data for us. Renda made a motion to let Walt do this and Steve seconded it – so moved.

OLD BUSINESS: Delinquent accounts were addressed.

Melissa went over changes to CDBG contract. All letters and correspondence are on file. Marge made a motion to sign agreement as worded and Steve seconded it – so moved.

NEW BUSINESS: We went over budget and Renda will have it ready for next month.

What's Happening at the 4-Bell Lutheran Church by Shirley Kerstetter

The annual Christkindl Market will be held on Market Street in Mifflinburg on December 8, 9, & 10. The 4-Bell Church food stand will be selling baked potatoes and Bon Bons.

Bible Quiz

Frank Printzenhoff, 83 Old Orchard Road, Milton, PA 17847, was the winner of the November Bible Quiz. As a result he won \$10. The answer to the Bible question: Ruth married Boaz following the death of her first husband, Mahlon. The anonymous benefactor responsible for the Bible Quiz would like to thank the following entrants for their participation: Kenneth Lepley, Millmont Methodist Youth Group, Mary C. Kahl, Margaret Stutzman, Judith Martin, Kathy Reiff, and Mae Sullivan.

The Bible Quiz Question for December is: On which day did God create the sun and the moon? Please include the verse from Genesis. Send your answer to: *Bible Quiz, P. O. Box 21, Millmont PA 17845*. Please have your answer submitted by the 20th of the month. Each person who submits the correct answer to the December Bible Quiz will receive a \$2 bill courtesy of the benefactor responsible for the Bible Quiz. Remember to cite the correct Bible verse.

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively (1870 - 1954), a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death:

Wednesday December 23, 1942. My 72nd birthday. 30 degrees at 9 a. m, 35 at 10 p.m. Mother was helping Florence get ready for Christmas. My grandson Billy bought me a large box of candy, and the rest of the family gave me some stockings and a cake. Some time ago Billy bought me a leather coat because I started a scholarship with Montgomery Ward. They closed the account \$260.00 in Billy's favor. Mother bought me several pair of stockings for a birthday present. Mother addressed Christmas cards this evening.

Thursday December 24, 1942. 37 degrees at 9, cloudy, 39 at 6 p.m. Repairing the weaver.

Friday December 25, 1942. Christmas - 35 degrees at 8, cloudy. Mother and I were to Jacob's. They had a turkey dinner, all of the children were home and Florence's sister Harriet, and family were there. We spent the evening at Edmunds in Mifflinburg. They intend to close the home and store for this winter and stay in Baltimore where they have rented a company house. Mr. Ernest E. Printzenhoff died at 11 p.m. at his home in Hartleton. Born October 16, 1871.

December Anniversaries

Dec 7, 1940 Orvis & Betty Wallace
Dec 23, 1943 Paul & June Boop
Dec 7, 1956 Melvin & Doris Walter
Dec 21, 1956 Donald & Betty Zechman
Dec 28, 1950 Fred & Margaret Yarger
Dec 29, 1957 Charles & Lois Feaster
Dec 5, 1959 Jacque & Julie Libby
Dec 5, 1960 Gordon & Pauline Libby
Dec 5, 1987 Perry & Brenda Klingman
Dec 31, 1992 Leon & Lydia Zimmerman

Sarah (Newman) Shirk, wife of E. Walter Shirk passed away on October 24, 2005. Some may recall when Sarah operated a beauty parlor across the street from Annie Shirk's Ice Cream Parlor in Hartleton.

E. Walter Shirk, a resident of 315 N. Oak Drive, Surfside, South Carolina, 29575, has been a longtime subscriber to this newsletter. Janice and I extend our condolences to Walter and his family. My thanks to Belva "Bep" Steese of Mifflinburg for informing me, and the readers of this newsletter, of Sarah Shirk's passing.

December Birthdays

1 – Vivian Shively	14 – Levi Martin
1 – Terry Witmer	14 – Joe Schnure
1 – Robert Katherman	15 – Terry Mensch
2 – Robert Wagner	17 – David W. Diehl
2 – Lisa Schramm	17 – Oscar Maust
2 – Alma Bingaman	17 – Anna Maria Maust
3 – Gordon Libby	18 – Leah Brubaker
4 – Shanell Failor	19 – Donna Maust
5 – Kimmy Smith	21 – Anthony Guida
5 – Perry Klingman	21 – Kathryn Wert
6 – Terry Shively	22 – Pam Pepper
6 – Sandra Wagner	23 – Kurwin Martin
6 – Doris Fultz	24 – Ernest Boney
7 – Ivan Oberholtzer	24 – Jeremy Beaver
8 – James Gross	25 – Donald L. Shively
8 – Nicole Gross	25 – LaRue Lyons
8 – Catherine Martin	27 – Colin Camp
9 – Cheryl Shively	28 – Ronald Cunningham
10 – Wilma Brubaker	28 – Etta Zimmerman
11 – Kyle Blyler	28 – Phares Zimmerman
11 – Nancy Heckman	29 – Linda Dorman
11 – Curvin Hoover	29 – Bob Wagner Jr.
13 – Dennis Susan	29 – Candy Mattern
13 – Robert Vanatta	

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