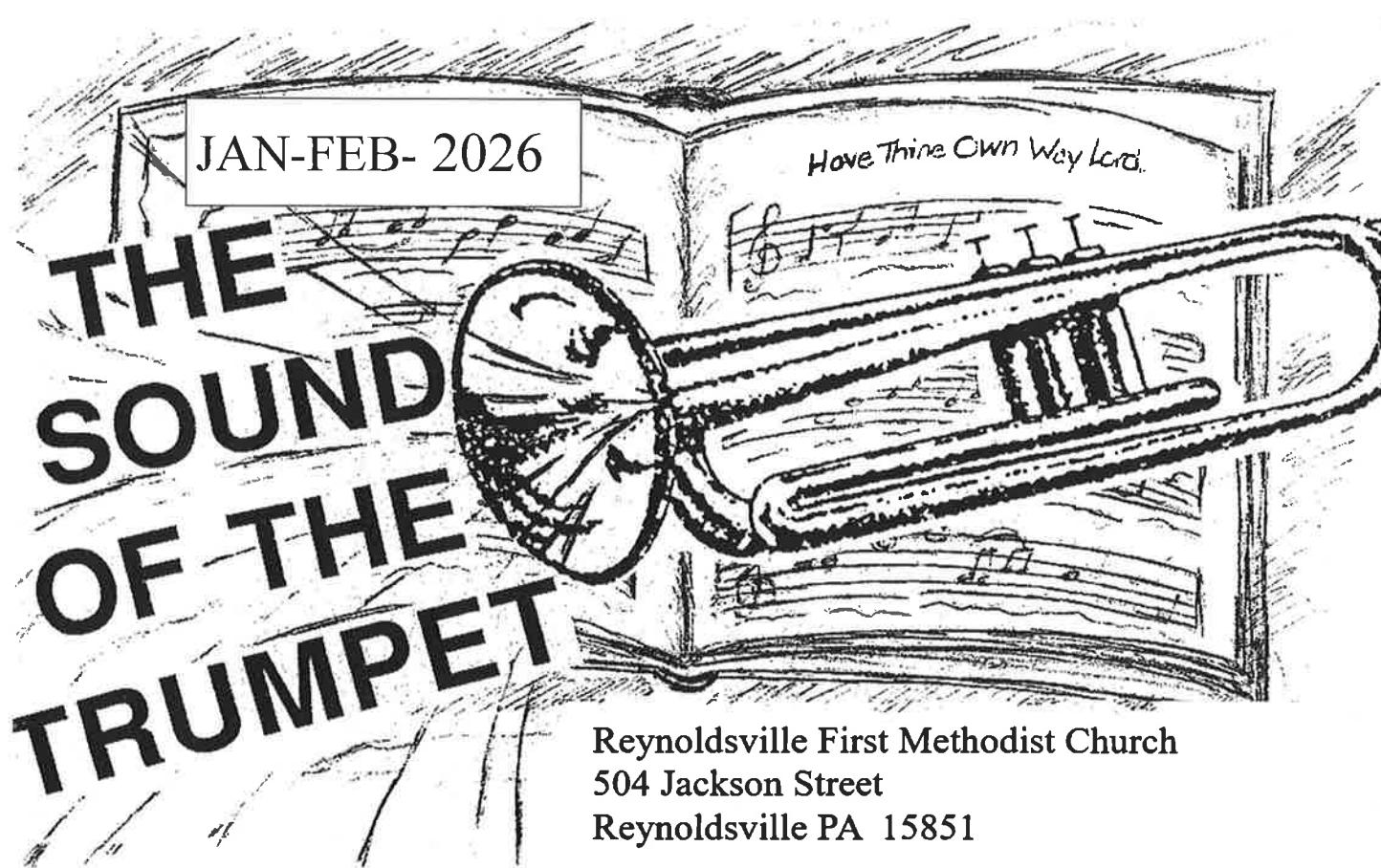
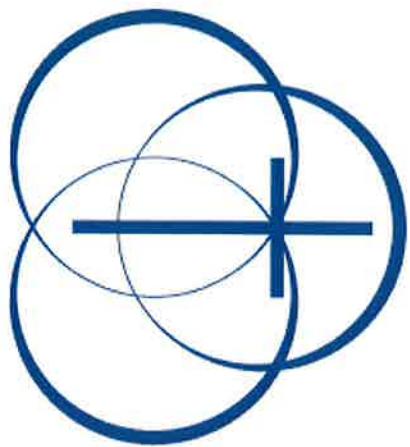


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# Winter Cryptograph

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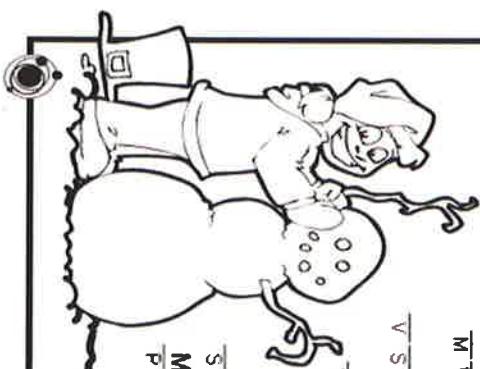
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## Missions Treasurer's Report:

Jackie Walls Nov 2025 \$16721.44

Expenses \$536.00

Income \$2751.90

### Current Balance

### Designated funds

\$18937.34

NHN Missions \$9549.93

RADA Pancake Breakfast \$5778.75

NHN Shoes Prayer Shawl \$233.45

Prayer Shawl Treasure for Children \$2038.56

Prayer Shawl Total \$242.94

Prayer Shawl \$515.00

Total \$18937.34

**FROM THE PASTORS DESK**  
*Matthew 2:9-12 "After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route." NIV*

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it is 2026. From Thanksgiving through New Years, the days seemed to have passed by extremely fast. We are now out of the Advent season and in a new season in the church calendar. We are in a season of Epiphany. What exactly is Epiphany?

Epiphany, a term derived from the Greek word "epiphaneia," meaning "appearance" or "manifestation," holds significant importance within the Christian tradition. It is celebrated predominantly on January 6 and marks the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, symbolized by the visit of the Magi, or Wise Men, to the infant Jesus. This event carries profound implications in both a theological and cultural context, emphasizing themes of revelation, inclusion, and the divinity of Christ.

When we think of the season of Epiphany, we usually only think of the Wise Men making their way to visit baby Jesus. But the season of Epiphany is so much more: it also includes the baptism of Jesus and the wedding at Cana. Epiphany ends the Christmas season as being the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas.

One of the most compelling narratives associated with the Epiphany is the journey of the Magi, as depicted in the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 2:1-12). According to the passage, these celestial scholars observed an extraordinary star signaling the birth of a new king. Their pilgrimage from the East illustrates a search for truth that transcends cultural and geographical boundaries. The Magi's recognition of Jesus as the prophesied king signifies that the message of Christ was not limited to the Jewish community but extended to all nations.

Theologically, the Epiphany serves as a crucial moment in recognizing Jesus' divine identity. By presenting gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the Magi acknowledge not only Jesus' kingship but also his divinity and impending suffering. Gold signifies Jesus' royal status, frankincense represents his divine nature, and myrrh, often associated with embalming, foreshadows his death and resurrection. These three gifts capture the core of Christ's mission—he is the King, the God incarnate, and the suffering servant who will ultimately redeem humanity.

As I mention earlier, the significance of Epiphany extends beyond the arrival of the Magi. In many traditions, it also encompasses the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, another critical event that reveals his identity. As Jesus is baptized, the heavens open, and the Spirit of God descends like a dove, while a voice proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). This moment signifies the public revelation of Jesus as the Son of God and marks the beginning of his ministry. The Epiphany thus symbolizes not only the recognition of Jesus' divinity but also the affirmation of his mission on Earth.

The Epiphany is more than just a day on the liturgical calendar; it represents a profound theological foundation for understanding who Jesus is and his significance in the world. Through the visit of the Magi and the baptism of Christ, the Epiphany emphasizes themes of revelation and inclusivity, showcasing that the message of Jesus transcends cultural, racial, and national barriers.

The significance of the Epiphany continues to resonate with believers, inviting them to reflect on the nature of Christ and the expansive reach of his love and grace. As we commemorate this pivotal moment, we are reminded of the enduring message that Christ is a light for all nations, calling each of us to seek, recognize, and share in his divine love.

May we seek, recognize, and share the love of Jesus even more this year. May the New Year bring you joy, peace, and abundant blessings.

*Prayer for the New Year: Dear Lord, as the new year begins, we look to You for our hope, joy, and peace. Give us the courage to do all that You ask of us. Please also make us brave to not do what isn't from You. Show us how to walk in grace and embrace Your love for us even more. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

## MEMORIALS

### Undesignated

For Ron Doane given by Mr & Mrs Dennis Clowser

For Ron Doane given by Sheri Price

For Ron Doane given by his family

### Organ Fund

For Jane & Robert Laird given by Roberta Laird

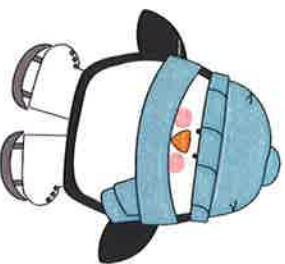
### Congratulations and Welcome to Our Church Family

On November 30th, Aliza Emma Brady was baptized into the Christian faith and became a baptized member of RFMC.

Aliza is the daughter of Matthew & Erica Brady; granddaughter of Bill & Linda Brady and Mike & Sharon Lyons; great-granddaughter of Nancy Stover; and niece of Ryan & Kristen Benson.

On December 14th, Ron and Ruth Smith became members of RFMC, transferring their membership from Grace UMC in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Please take a moment to welcome Aliza (and her mom & dad) and Ron & Ruth to our church family.



Happy New Year!  
Pastor Becky

## *Milestones*

January birthdays (all Reynoldsville area unless designated):

- 4 Ty August, 3345 Church St.
- 8 Jackie Stitt, 540 Hill St.
- 15 Bob Clontz, 615 Jackson St.
- 18 Jenna Stitt, 320 Grant St.
- 21 John Himes, 139 Grant St., Sykesville, PA 15865
- 24 Matt Watt, 3383 Church St.
- 27 Maxine McMillen, 532 Hill St.

February birthdays:

- 12 Grace Plummer, 416 VoTech Rd.

(If you want a birthday or anniversary put in the newsletter, please call the church office.)



## LIBRARY RESOURCES

*Vanished, A Novel*, by Dr. David Jeremiah  
given by Susan Moore

Balance beginning of October 2025	\$22914.70
Transfers In (Missions, Trustees)	4697.50
Receipts for the month of October 2025	6742.50
Transfers Out (Missions, Trustees)	4697.50
Expenses for the month of October 2025	8931.09
Actual Balance end of October 2025	20726.11

## Less Designated Funds:

Education	-2358.13
Men's Ministry	-252.81
Youth Ministry	-1349.05
Choir Fund	-2561.19
TLC	-3184.11
Funeral Dinners	-4398.53
Pastors Moving Fund	-600.00
Camp Fund Scholarships	-1246.52
Reynoldsville Ministerium	-4500.00
Balance available end of October 2025	275.77

## EXPENSES:

623 EBC Flex HAS October Church's share	83.33
602 Rev Rebecca Edwards (Salary)	1423.97
611 Rev Rebecca Edwards reimbursement	128.78
201 The Upper Room	18.60
603 Dennis C. Depello (Salary)	459.98
604 Susan L Burkett (Salary)	394.37
617/620 Guidestone ( pension)	735.00
615/622 Guidestone Nov insurance	966.96
621 EBC Flex Pastor's share October 2025	40.00
602 Rev Rebecca Edwards (Salary)	1423.95
208 CM Almy	234.26
611 Rev Rebecca Edwards reimbursement	466.67
603 Dennis C. Depello (Salary)	459.98
604 Susan L Burkett (Salary)	394.37
403 DuBois Restaurant Supply	120.75
208 One License Streaming License	300.00
613 My Path Aug State Tax	180.66
613 EFTPS( Fed Tax October 2025)	1099.46

# UP COMING EVENTS

## RFMC Council Monthly Report Nov 2025

Treasurer: Mrs. Carol A Curry

<b>January</b>		
1	Office is closed	Balance beginning of Nov 2025
5	Boy Scouts 6pm	Transfers In (Missions, Trustees)
6	Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Grill Scouts 6pm	Receipts for the month of Nov 2025
7	Sharing Group 10am, Education Committee 6pm	Transfers Out (Missions, Trustees)
8	Homecoming Committee 6:30pm	Expenses for the month of Nov 2025
10	Pancake Breakfast 7am-11am	Actual Balance end of Nov 2025
12:	Boy Scouts 6pm, Trustees 7pm	
13	Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Grill Scouts 6pm, Missions 6:30pm	
14	Finance Committee 5:30pm	
19	Boy Scouts 6pm, Council 7pm	
20	Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Grill Scouts 6pm	
21	Sharing group 10 am, SPRC 6pm	
26:	Boy Scouts 6pm, Worship Committee 6pm	
27	Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Grill Scouts 6pm	

EXPENSES:	
623	EBC-Church share 83.33
602	Rev Rebecca Edwards Salary 1423.97
209	Cokesbury 118.93
201	CVLI 344.04
603	Dennis C. Depello (Salary) 459.98
604	Susan L Burkett (Salary) 394.38
111	Susan L Burkett petty cash 102.65
617/620	Guidestone- Oct pension 735.00
615/620	Guidestone- Dec 2025 insurance 966.96
621	EBC Pastor Share 40.00
602	Rev Rebecca Edwards Pastor (Salary) 1423.95
208	The Courier Express church page 35.00
612	Common Roots FCU 68.45
603	Dennis C. Depello (Salary) 459.98
604	Susan L Burkett (Salary) 394.37
103	Helping Hands Food Pantry 1500.00
613	My Path (State Tax Nov 2025) 180.66
613	EFTPS Fed'I tax 1099.46

## RFMC Trustees Report for Month November 2025

Treasurer: Kim Tagliaferre

Trustees Checkbook Balance beginning of Nov 2025	\$ 1641.72
Total Receipts for Month Nov 2025	5529.00
Transfer from Money Market Acct	2988.25
Total Expenses for Month	-5165.07
Less Designated Funds:	
Improvement Fund	
Stone Maintenance fund	
Undesignated Memorials Fund	
Stained Glass Windows Fund	
Organ Fund	
Safety Committee Fund	
Furnace Fund	
Trustees Checkbook Balance, end of Nov 2025	
Trustees Money Market Account Beginning balance	
Total Receipts for Nov 2025	477935.27
Total Expenses for Nov 2025	724.48
Transfer	0.00
Balance Trustees MM Account Nov 2025	\$2988.25
Designated Funds:	
Furnace Fund	
Stained Glass Window Fund	
Trustees Fund	
Disaffiliation Fund	
Perpetual loan Fund	
CDs From Common Roots FCU	
Operating Expense Ada Redin Estate	
Robert Harris Estate	
Total Designated end of Nov 2025	475671.50
EXPENSES	
711    Peneloc—Church	301.31
712    Peneloc—Parsonage	73.28
711    Reynoldsville Water Auth -church	96.00
712    Reynoldsville Water Authority—Parsonage	84.00
716    2Krew Security	72.00
711    Hugill Sanitation	50.00
711    National Fuel—Church	623.00
712    National Fuel—Parsonage	123.00
716    Eastern Elevator	196.04
711    Comcast – phone & internet	382.54
713    Common Roots battery	128.49
716    Erie Insurance	679.00
716    Erie Insurance secure business #1	2309.25
713    CWP-rock salt	47.16

## RFMC Trustees Report for Month October 2025

Treasurer: Kim Tagliaferre

Trustees Checkbook Balance beginning Oct 2025	\$ 13747.91
Total Receipts for Month Oct 2025	2685.00
Transfer from Money Market Acct	0.00
Total Expenses for Month	-4791.19
Less Designated Funds:	0.00
Improvement Fund	
Stone Maintenance fund	
Undesignated Memorials Fund	
Stained Glass Windows Fund	
Organ Fund	
Safety Committee Fund	
Furnace Fund	
Trustees Checkbook Balance, end of Oct 2025	
Trustees Money Market Account Beginning balance	
Total Receipts for Oct 2025	300,558.67
Total Expenses for Oct 2025	0.00
Transfer	0.00
Balance Trustees MM Account end of Oct 2025	477,935.27
Designated Funds:	
Furnace Fund	
Stained Glass Window Fund	
Trustee Fund	
Disaffiliation Fund	
Perpetual loan Fund	
CDs From Common Roots FCU	
Operating Expense Ada Redin Estate	
Robert Harris Estate	
Total Designated end of Oct 2025	300,000.00
EXPENSES	
713    JAWCO	474.00
711    Peneloc—Church	321.09
712    Peneloc—Parsonage	85.77
716    Comm. Tech Elevator annual inspection	103.00
713    A&R Tree Removal	750.00
711    Reynoldsville Water Auth -church	108.00
712    Reynoldsville Water Authority—Parsonage	96.00
713    L&L Plumbing	135.00
713    Carpet Spa	660.00
711    Hugill Sanitation	50.00
711    National Fuel—Church	542.00
712    National Fuel—Parsonage	109.00
713    Reyn Hardware	30.96
712    Comcast-parsonage cable	46.19
711    Comcast phone & Internet	382.24
713    CWP	897.94
715    BMP Copier copies	

## Also from Pastor Becky

### What is Sabbath?

Sabbath is a day set aside for rest and worship; a 24-hour period of prayer, Scripture reading, no work, and being in the presence of God. Genesis 2:2-3 says, "By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."

And Exodus 20:8-11 says, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

This is a command from God, to take time for rest and worship. I'll admit, I have a hard time with Sabbath rest and maybe you have difficulty resting too. Our Sabbath is traditionally on Sunday, the day we meet together to worship. And we are to rest, but how many of us really rest on Sundays? There's always something to do.

For pastors, although we are in worship and are worshiping, it's a little different for us; but we too are called to set aside time for Sabbath. The Global Methodist Church have said that pastors should have a Sabbath day and a regular day off.

Because of the way I am wired, I feel like I have to be doing things the majority of the time and I go, and go, and go. This isn't spiritually healthy for me; although I spend time praying, studying, reading, visiting, preparing, I'm not doing a very good job at resting.

When I was at the clergy retreat in October, one of the things that was emphasized was the importance of resting, of having a Sabbath. During the retreat, God really spoke to my heart about the importance of resting, spending time with Him not because I'm working on getting a sermon done, but to truly spend time with Him.

I've talked with the SPRC and have shared with them the importance of having a Sabbath day. And after looking at my schedule and what is on the calendar (sad that this is what I did, right?) I will be setting aside at time for Sabbath weekly. Beginning in January, my Sabbath will be Thursday 7 pm to Friday 7 pm. During this time, I will be spending time praying, worshiping, resting, reading Scripture, and enjoying the presence of God. And Saturdays will be my day off.

I wanted to share this with you because I feel this is something that ALL of us should do and can do. We live in a hectic, always on the go, busy, chaotic

world. We need time to take a deep breath and be in the presence of God. I'm not big into make New Years resolutions; but I pray that we all make a commitment to spend intentional time in the presence of God in 2026.

### *The Class Meeting*

One of the core principles of the Global Methodist Church is a return to our Wesleyan theology, roots, and traditions. One of those traditions started was something called a class meeting. The class meeting was a key piece of early Methodist vitality and it still has something to offer us today.

The Wesleyan Class Meeting is a transformative small group setting that fosters spiritual growth and discipleship within the Methodist Church. It serves as a catalyst for implementing Wesleyan accountability structures, leading to the transformation of local congregations. Originally instituted by John Wesley in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, these small groups provided a safe space for accountability, prayer, encouragement, and offering support for the formation of holy habits.

The class meeting is where people are inspired and equipped to live as witnesses to Jesus Christ in the world and follows His teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion.

I will be leading a class meeting beginning January 28<sup>th</sup>. Each meeting will be held on a Wednesday evening 6 – 7:30 pm. This will be an introduction to the practice and importance of small groups within a faith community.

This will be a small group of 6-8 people including myself. It will be an 8-week commitment with some flexibility; however, there is a commitment to attend each session. There will be a book titled, "*The Class Meeting*" by Kevin M. Watson that we will read and discuss questions. The questions could be uncomfortable at times; however, in times of discomfort, there is growth.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome table in the Large Sunday school room. If you are interested, please sign your name. The deadline to sign-up is January 21<sup>st</sup>, in order for me to purchase the books.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see me and talk about the importance of small groups.

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Jan 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

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