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Reynoldsville PA 15851

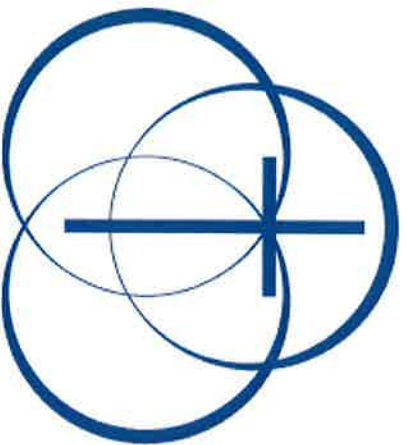
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# THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET

*Have Thine Own Way Lord.*

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 Are you planning to move? Update your address.

# Winter Cryptogram

Decode the words by finding each substitute letter!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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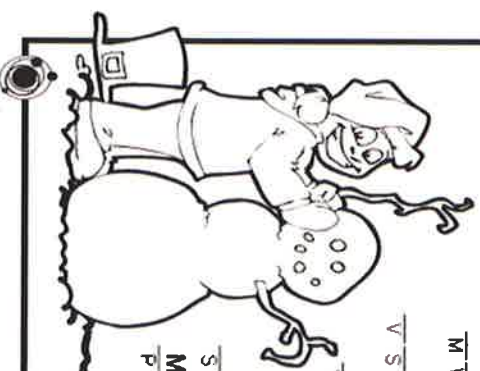
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**Missions Treasurer's Report:**

**Jackie Walls Nov 2025      \$16721.44**

Expenses	\$536.00
Income	\$2751.90
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$18937.34</b>
<b>Designated funds</b>	
NHN	\$9549.93
Missions	\$5778.75
RADA	\$233.45
NHN Shoes	\$578.71
Pancake Breakfast	\$2038.56
Prayer Shawl	\$242.94
Treasure for Children	\$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.*

*Happy New Year! Pastor Becky*

## 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.



## 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



## RFMC Council Monthly Report October 2025

Treasurer: Mrs. Carol A Curry

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

### January

- 1 Office is closed
- 5 Boy Scouts 6pm
- 6 Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Gril Scouts 6pm
- 7 Sharing Group 10am, Education Committee 6pm
- 8 Homecoming Committee 6:30pm
- 10 Pancake Breakfast 7am-11am
- 12: Boy Scouts 6pm, Trustees 7pm
- 13 Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Gril Scouts 6pm, Missions 6:30pm
- 14 Finance Committee 5:30pm
- 19 Boy Scouts 6pm, Council 7pm
- 20 Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Gril Scouts 6pm
- 21 Sharing group 10 am, SPRC 6pm
- 26: Boy Scouts 6pm, Worship Committee 6pm
- 27 Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Gril Scouts 6pm

### February

- 2 Boy Scouts 6pm
- 3 Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Gril Scouts 6pm
- 4 Sharing Group 10am, Small group 6pm
- 9: Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Gril Scouts 6pm, Missions 6:30 pm
- 11 Small group 6pm
- 12 Food Pantry 10am
- 14 Pancake breakfast 7am-11am
- 16 Boy Scouts 6pm, Council 7pm
- 17 Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Gril Scouts 6pm
- 18 Sharing group 10am, Ash Wednesday service 7pm
- 23 Boy Scouts 6pm
- 24 Yarn group 10am, Bible Study 2pm, Gril Scouts 6pm
- 25 Small group 6pm

Balance beginning of Nov 2025	\$20726.11
Transfers In (Missions, Trustees)	9312.40
Receipts for the month of Nov 2025	16214.051
Transfers Out (Missions, Trustees)	9312.40
Expenses for the month of Nov 2025	9831.12
Actual Balance end of Nov 2025	27109.040

#### Less Designated Funds:

Education	-2258.203
Men's Ministry	-252.81
Youth Ministry	-1349.05
Choir Fund	-2561.19
TLCI	-3184.116
Funeral Dinners	-4398.53
Pastors Moving Fund	-600.00
Camp Fund Scholarships	-1246.52
Reynoldsville Ministerium	-4500.00
Balance available end of Nov 2025	6508.631

#### 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'l tax	1099.46

# RFMC Trustees Report for Month November 2025

Treasurer: Kim Tagliaferre

Trustees Checkbook Balance beginning of Nov 2025	\$11641.72
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	-1714.65
Stone Maintenance fund	-11461.31
Undesignated Memorials Fund	-3284.95
Stained Glass Windows Fund	0
Organ Fund	-100.00
Safety Committee Fund	-579.00
Furnace Fund	
Trustees Checkbook Balance, end of Nov 2025	-2146.01
Trustees Money Market Account Beginning balance	477935.27
Total Receipts for Nov 2025	724.48
Total Expenses for Nov 2025	0.00
Transfer	\$-2988.25
Balance Trustees MM Account Nov 2025	475671.50
Designated Funds:	
Furnace Fund	32433.75
Stained Glass Window Fund	9633.00
Trustees Fund	4455.06
Disaffiliation Fund	0.00
Perpetual loan Fund	12525.00
CDs From Common Roots FCU	49482.66
Operating Expense Ada Redin Estate	67142.03
Robert Harris Estate	300000.00
Total Designated end of Nov 2025	475671.50
EXPENSES	
711 Penelec—Church	301.31
712 Penelec—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:	
Improvement Fund	-1278.65
Stone Maintenance fund	-11461.31
Undesignated Memorials Fund	-3234.95
Stained Glass Windows Fund	0.00
Organ Fund	-100.00
Safety Committee Fund	-579.00
Furnace Fund	0.00
Trustees Checkbook Balance, end of Oct2025	5012.19-
Trustees Money Market Account Beginning balance	177376.60
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	32433.75
Stained Glass Window Fund	9633.00
Trustee Fund	3171.91
Disaffiliation Fund	0.00
Perpetual loan Fund	12525.00
CDs From Common Roots FCU	49482.66
Operating Expense Ada Redin Estate	70130.28
Robert Harris Estate	300,000.00
Total Designated end of Oct 2025	477,376.60
EXPENSES	
713 JAWCO	474.00
711 Penelec—Church	321.09
712 Penelec—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 worshipping, 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, worshipping, 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED		
8:15am - Communion 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Traditional	4	5	6	7	8	9
	6pm - BOY SCOUTS	10am - Yarn Group 2pm - Bible Study 6pm - Girl Scouts	10am - Sharing Group 6pm - EDUCATION MTG	6:30pm - HOMECOMING		7am - PANCAKE
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:15am - Communion 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Traditional	6pm - BOY SCOUTS 7pm - Board of Trustees	10am - Yarn Group 2pm - Bible Study 6pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Mission Mtg	5:30pm - FINANCE MTG			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:15am - Communion 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Traditional	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 6pm - BOY SCOUTS 7pm - Church Council	10am - Yarn Group 2pm - Bible Study 6pm - Girl Scouts	10am - Sharing Group 6pm - SPRC MTG			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:15am - Communion 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Traditional	6pm - BOY SCOUTS 6pm - WORSHIP MTG	10am - Yarn Group 2pm - Bible Study 6pm - Girl Scouts	6pm - Small Group			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <div>8:15am - Communion</div> <div>9:30am - Adult Sunday</div> <div>10:45am - Traditional</div>	<div>2</div> <div>6pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10am - Yarn Group</div> <div>2pm - Bible Study</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10am - Sharing Group</div> <div>6pm - SMALL GROUP</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>8:15am - Communion</div> <div>9:30am - Adult Sunday</div> <div>10:45am - Traditional</div>	<div>9</div> <div>6pm - BOY SCOUTS</div> <div>7pm - Board of Trustees</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10am - Yarn Group</div> <div>2pm - Bible Study</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts</div> <div>6:30pm - Mission Mtg</div>	<div>11</div> <div>6pm - SMALL GROUP</div>	<div>12</div> <div>10am - Food Pantry Mtg</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Valentine's Day</div> <div>7am - PANCAKE</div>
<div>15</div> <div>8:15am - Communion</div> <div>9:30am - Adult Sunday</div> <div>10:45am - Traditional</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Presidents' Day</div> <div>6pm - BOY SCOUTS</div> <div>7pm - Church Council</div>	<div>17</div> <div>10am - Yarn Group</div> <div>2pm - Bible Study</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10am - Sharing Group</div> <div>7pm - ASH WEDNESDAY</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div>8:15am - Communion</div> <div>9:30am - Adult Sunday</div> <div>10:45am - Traditional</div>	<div>23</div> <div>6pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>24</div> <div>10am - Yarn Group</div> <div>2pm - Bible Study</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts</div>	<div>25</div> <div>6pm - SMALL GROUP</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>