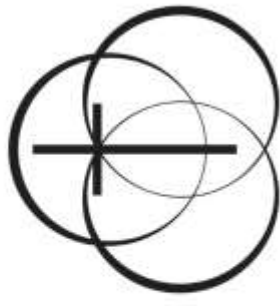


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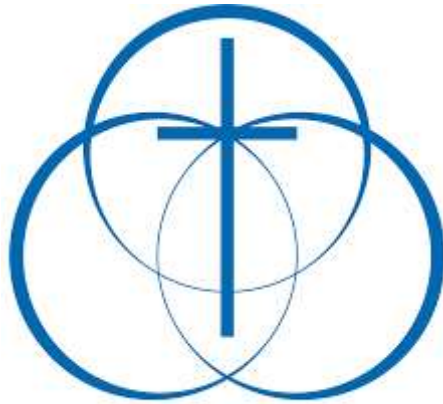
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Please contact the church office if you:
Are planning to move? Update your address.



UP COMING EVENTS

September

2 nd	Sharing Group	10:00 am
	Safety Committee	5:00 pm
7 th	Office Closed (Labor Day)	
8 th	Bible Study	2:00 pm
	Missions Comm.	5:30 pm
	Trustees	7:00 pm
9 th	SPRC	6:00 pm
14 th	Bible Study	2:00 pm
	Directory Mtg.	6:00 pm
16 th	Sharing Group	10:00 am
17 th	Pastor Becky's Birthday	
21 st	Finance Comm.	6:00 pm
	Council	7:00 pm
22 nd	Bible Study	2:00 pm
23 rd	Safety Training	
28 th -30 th	Rummage sale set up	
29 th	Bible Study	2:00 pm
30 th	Sharing Group	10:00 am

October

1 st	Rummage sale set-up	
2 nd - 3 rd	Rummage Sale	9 am -3 pm
5 th - 7 th	Pastor Becky at Clergy Retreat	
12 th	Nominations Comm.	6:00 pm
13 th	Bible Study	2:00 pm
	Missions Comm	5:30 pm
	Trustees	7:00 pm
14 th	Sharing Group	10:00 am
	Safety Comm.	5:00 pm
19 th	Council	7:00 pm.
20 th	Bible Study	2:00 pm
22 nd	Circuit meeting with Rev. Dan Gildner,	
	Clergy at	3:00 pm
	Laity at	7:00 pm
24 th	Project Warm up	9 am -2 pm
27 th	Bible Study	2:00 pm
	Directory Pictures	
28 th	Sharing Group	10:00 am
	Directory Pictures	



FROM THE Pastor's Desk

Hebrews 10:19-25 “Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” NIV.

Summer is over. Although, summer isn't “over” until September 22nd, for most people, summer is over; vacations are over and children are back to school. Church leaders know that summer is over because attendance picks back up.

We will have 9 people join the church on September 13th, National Back to Church Sunday is September 20th, and there will be a baptism on September 27th. As I am preparing for these special things that will be happening, I'm also thinking about church attendance...in particular, the importance of church attendance.

Attending church is more than a social or cultural habit — it is a central part of the Christian faith, rooted in Scripture and supported by historical practice. For believers, church is God's plan for His people and the place where His work on earth is carried out.

The Bible teaches that the church is “**the body of Christ**” (1 Corinthians 12:12), a community of believers united in worship, teaching, and service. Hebrews 10:25 commands believers not to give up meeting together, but to encourage one another, especially as the end times approach. Early Christians devoted themselves to “the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread

** Calendar is subject to change.

and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). Church gatherings allow believers to hear God’s Word, receive the sacraments, and strengthen the whole Body of Christ.

What are the Spiritual benefits of regular church attendance? It helps us to: **Glorify** God through worship, prayer, and Scripture reading together; **grow** in faith and maturity through teaching, correction, and encouragement; **develop** Christlike virtues such as love, patience, and kindness, which are in short supply in today’s culture; and to **use** spiritual gifts to serve others and build up the community.

The Church is also a **community hub**. It fosters fellowship, mutual support, and shared purpose. As Matthew 18:20 says, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them” - meaning that gathering with other believers is essential to being “the church.” This community provides encouragement, accountability, and opportunities for service that can transform both individuals and neighborhoods.

While weekly attendance is ideal, occasional absences for valid reasons (like illness or family/work obligations) are acceptable. The key is to make church a priority in your life. If you make church a priority in your life, not just attending, but participating, the reward you receive will be out of this world!

So, attending church is a biblical mandate, a spiritual necessity, and a source of community and growth. It connects believers to God, to each other, and to the mission of the church, making it one of the most important aspects of a Christian life.

I’ll see you in worship!

Pastor Becky

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I come before You with gratitude, acknowledging You as the sovereign Lord. Thank You for the gift of the Church, where we gather to glorify Your name, receive Your Word, and encourage one another in faith. Lord, I lift up my commitment to attend church and ask that You remove any barriers—



Memorials

In Memory of Nicole Cramer
given by Jim & Carol Beck.

In Memory of Rose Ward
given by Karen & Rob Bussard.

Save The Date:

Please join us in our new Church Directory!

You will get to know each other & be able to put a name to a face! Photo dates will be in October; you will be called about a time and day. (Please call the office by Monday, September 14th if you wish to participate, and haven’t been called yet.)

You will get a free directory and 8x10 portrait just for participating. And you will have the opportunity to buy additional family portraits – delivered before Christmas.

Don’t miss out on making a new treasured memory





CONGRATULATIONS!

On July 7th at 8:42 am, Luke & Hailey Hinderliter welcomed Miss Rhyan Collins to their family. Rhyan was 9 lbs. 2 oz and measured 21.5 inches. Rhyan joins her big brothers Enzo and Otto.

*A baby girl is
like a flower that blooms with grace
and fills your
world with beauty*

busyness, discouragement, or complacency—that keep me from worshiping together with fellow believers. Ignite a renewed passion in my heart and in the hearts of others to gather in Your house, to grow spiritually, and to support one another in faith. May our church be a place of healing, encouragement, and spiritual growth, where Your presence is felt and Your name is glorified. Amen.



Administrative Assistant

“Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower.” — *Albert Camus*

Books-Do you like to read? I sure do! Are you aware that the Church has a library of books for you to borrow and read? Check it out on Sunday mornings or come in during office hours and browse. Sharon Bobal takes great care in keeping up to date on reading material, if you have questions, please contact Sharon, I’m pretty sure she would be happy to help you. Keep on reading!!



Mary

RFMC Council Monthly Report June 2026
Treasurer: Mrs. Carol A Curry

Balance beginning of June 2026	\$24,314.46
Transfers In (Missions, Trustees)	\$3,905.25
Receipts for the month of June 2026	\$7,053.75
Transfers Out (Missions, Trustees)	\$3,905.25
Expenses for the month of June 2026	\$9,738.23
Actual Balance end of June 2026	\$21,629.98

Less Designated Funds:

Choir Fund	\$2,561.19
Library	\$250.00
Education	\$1,522.83
Camp Fund Scholarships	\$1,246.52
Men's Ministry	\$252.81
Youth Ministry	\$1,949.05
TLC	\$3,120.61
Funeral Dinners	\$4,398.53
Pastors Moving Fund	\$600.00
Reynoldsville Ministerium	\$4,500.00
Balance available end of June 2026	\$1,228.44

EXPENSES:

623 EBC Flex HAS June Church's share	\$87.08
602- Rev. Rebecca Edwards (Salary)	\$1,505.39
614/801 Common Roots FCU (Credit	\$145.58
201 The Upper Room (Cust # 1084249)	\$18.60
603 Dennis C. Depello (Salary)	\$476.89
604 Mary L Smith (Salary)	\$361.28
209 Cokesbury (Acct#11950730)	\$213.00
617/620 Guidestone (Pension)	\$793.74
615/622 Guidestone (July Insurance)	\$1,016.81
621 EBC Flex (HAS for June 2026- Pastor's Share)	\$40.00
602 Rev Rebecca Edwards (Salary)	\$1505.38
403 PA Restaurant Supply LLC (Inv #108208)	\$32.25
618 Church Mutual (Worker's Comp 7/26-7/27)	\$504.00
603 Dennis C. Depello (Salary)	\$476.91
604 Mary L Smith	\$361.28
103 Allegheny West Annual Conference (Miracle Offering)	\$463.00
614 Common Roots FCU (Credit Card Bill)	\$137.79
613 EFTPS (Federal Tax June 2026)	\$1,203.39
613 My Path (State Tax for June 2026)	\$188.30
613 Keystone Collections Group (Local/LST Tax for 2 nd Q)	\$207.56

Total: \$9,738.23

Milestone

September birthdays

(all Reynoldsville area unless designated):

4 Dana Siple, 134 Daffodil Rd.
5 Nancy Stover, 306 Grant St.
Iola Faber, 427 Hill St.
Sally Wells, 709 Worth St..
9 Jessie August, 922 Jackson St.
12 Jacob Getch, 231 Hidden View Farm Rd.
15 Brandon Reiter, 10063 Route 322, Reynoldsville, PA 158511
17 Pastor Rebecca Edwards- 506 Jackson Street



October birthdays

(all Reynoldsville area unless designated):

2 Ray Cunningham, 255 Overlook Rd.
5 David August, 3345 Church St.
6 Lee Anne Watt, 3345 Church St.
10 Dan Stitt, 320 Grant St.
13 Wesley Tagliaferre, 479 Fiesta Road, Rochester, NY 14626
16 Sharon Bobal, 397 Bobal Rd.
30 Sandy Yeane, 21 E. Long Ave., Apt. 202, DuBois, PA 15801



Missions Treasurer's Report: June, July 2026

Jackie Walls \$16,771.24

Expenses	\$0.00
Income	\$1,193.50
Current Balance	\$17,964.74

Designated funds

NHN	\$6,928.10
Missions	\$5,425.49
Connectional Giving	\$4,164.50
NHN Shoes	\$578.71
Prayer Shawl	\$252.94
Treasure for Children	\$515.00
Christmas for Seniors	\$100.00
Total	\$17,964.74

Council Monthly Report July 2026

Treasurer: Mrs. Carol A Curry

Balance beginning of July 2026	\$21,629.98
Transfers In (Missions, Trustees)	\$3,560.75
Receipts for the month of July 2026	\$6,846.25
Transfers Out (Missions, Trustees)	\$3,560.75
Expenses for the month of July 2026	\$8,394.10
Actual Balance end of July 2026	\$20,082.13

Less Designated Funds:

Choir Fund	\$2,561.19
Library	\$250.00
Education	\$1,435.89
Camp Fund Scholarships	\$1,246.52
Men's Ministry	\$252.81
Youth Ministry	\$1,949.05
TLC	\$3,032.86
Funeral Dinners	\$4,398.53
Pastors Moving Fund	\$600.00
Reynoldsville Ministerium	\$4,500.00
Balance available end of July 2026	\$144.72

EXPENSES:

623 EBC-/HAS for July 2026 Church share	\$87.08
602 Rev Rebecca Edwards (Salary)	\$1505.39
603 Dennis C Depello (Salary)	\$476.90
604 Mary L Smith (Salary)	\$361.28
208 Concordia Supply Co. (Inv. # 51236449	\$89.00
209 Cokesbury (Acct # 11950730)	\$97.94
403 PA Restaurant Supply LLC (Inv #108427	\$87.75
617/620 Guidestone (Pension, June)	\$793.74
615/622 Guidestone (Insurance August 2026)	\$1,016.81
621 EBC Flex Pastor's Share HAS for July 2026)	\$40.00
602 Rev. Rebecca Edwards (Salary)	\$1,505.38
603Dennis C Depello (Salary)	\$476.89
604 Mary L Smith (Salary)	\$361.28
611 Christian Family Credit Union (Credit Card Bill)	\$60.00
613 EFTPS (Federal Taxes for July 2026)	\$1,203.39
613 My Path (State Taxes for July 2026)	\$188.30

Total: \$8,394.10



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RFMC Trustees Report for Month June 2026

Treasurer: Kim Tagliaferre

Trustees Checkbook Balance beginning of June 2026	\$12,438.96
Total Receipts for Month June 2026	\$3,283.50
Transfer from Money Market Acct	\$0.00
Total Expenses for Month	\$-1,805.12
Balance Checking Account	\$13,917.34
Less Designated Funds:	
Trustees Fund	-2,457.57
Improvement Fund	\$2,419.65
Stone Maintenance fund	\$11,461.31
Undesignated Memorials Fund	\$1,814.95
Stained Glass Windows Fund	\$0.00
Organ Fund	\$100.00
Safety Committee Fund	\$579.00
Furnace Fund	\$0.00
Trustees Checkbook Balance, end of June 2026	\$13,917.34

Trustees Money Market Account Beginning balance	\$211,623.98
Total Receipts for June 2026	\$367.36
Total Expenses for June 2026	\$0.00
Transfer	\$0.00
Balance Trustees MM Account June 2026	\$211,991.34

Designated Funds:	
Furnace Fund	\$32,433.75
Stained Glass Window Fund	\$9,683.00
Trustees Fund	\$8,180.11
Perpetual loan Fund	\$12,525.00
CDs From Common Roots FCU	\$49,482.66
Operating Expense Ada Redin Estate	\$62,513.53
Robert Harris Estate	\$37,173.29
Total Designated end of June 2026	\$211,991.34

EXPENSES

713 Commonroots FCU credit card- gas for mower	\$10.78
711 Penelec—Church	\$219.75
712 Penelec—Parsonage	\$61.52
711 Reynoldsville Water Auth -church	\$84.00
712 Reynoldsville Water Authority—Parsonage	\$96.00
713 Reynoldsville Hardware – Janitor Supplies	\$21.93
713 Debbie Kougher- reimburse Janitor Supplies	\$18.79
711 Hugill Sanitation- 2yd dumpster	\$50.00
711 National Fuel—Church	\$602.00
712 National Fuel—Parsonage	\$114.00
711 Comcast – phone & internet	\$403.27
713 Commonroots FCU credit card -Janitor supplies	\$94.13
713 Clearfield Wholesale Paper Towels	\$28.95

A Note from Monty Kunes:

Allegheny West Superintendent Circuit Visits SAVE THE DATE

This fall, Rev. Dr. Dan Gildner, who will be appointed as our new Conference Superintendent, will visit each circuit across the Allegheny West Conference for a time of connection, worship and prayer.

These visits are centered on two important purposes:

- To strengthen relationships among pastors, churches and the Conference, fostering greater connection within each circuit.
- To consecrate our circuits by dedicating ourselves, our churches and our communities to a renewed work of God.

Each visit will include two gatherings:

- A pastors' gathering designed to encourage fellowship, conversation and mutual support among the pastors of the circuit.
- A circuit-wide worship gathering open to everyone, providing an opportunity for churches to come together in worship, prayer and a shared commitment to Christ's mission.

You're invited! Whether you are a pastor or a member of one of our churches, we encourage you to participate as we seek God's guidance, celebrate our unity and ask Him to continue His work throughout Allegheny West. Find your circuit's gathering below and mark your calendar to join us.

DUBOIS Circuit-Wide Worship: Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026 at 7 PM

Journey Church (formerly Punxsy First) 301 W. Mahoning St., Punxsutawney, PA.

The Gift of Community

In this place of worship where love is profound,
We gather together as family unbound.;
With open hearts ready to share in His grace—
We find strength in community; a sacred space.;

The power of friendship ignites every soul—
Encouraging growth as we strive for our goal.;
Through laughter and tears shared in unity's song—
We lift one another; together we're strong.;

In times of great joy or when trials arise—
We stand side by side under God's watchful eyes.;
With arms open wide and hearts full of care—
We offer support for each burden we bear.;

As seasons keep changing and years come to pass—
We cherish these moments; they're precious like glass.;
For in this family of faith that we share—
We witness God's love in the kindness laid bare.;

So let us rejoice on this beautiful day—
For together in Christ is where we find our way.;
Happy Birthday! May your journey be blessed—
With God's light guiding you; may you find rest!



RFMC Trustees Report for Month July 2026

Treasurer: Kim Tagliaferre

Trustees Checkbook Balance beginning of July 2026	\$13,917.34
Total Receipts for Month July 2026	\$3,078.50
Transfer from Money Market Acct	\$8,987.00
Total Expenses for Month	\$-11,103.02
Balance Checking Account	\$14,879.82
Less Designated Funds:	
Trustees Fund	-1,705.09
Improvement Fund	\$2,629.65
Stone Maintenance fund	\$11,461.31
Undesignated Memorials Fund	\$1,814.95
Stained Glass Windows Fund	\$0.00
Organ Fund	\$100.00
Safety Committee Fund	\$579.00
Furnace Fund	\$0.00
Trustees Checkbook Balance, end of April 2026	\$14,879.82

Trustees Money Market Account Beginning balance	\$211,991.34
Total Receipts for July 2026	\$341.38
Total Expenses for July 2026	\$0.00
Transfer	-\$8,987.00
Balance Trustees MM Account July 2026	\$203,345.72

Designated Funds:	
Furnace Fund	\$32,433.75
Stained Glass Window Fund	\$9,633.00
Trustees Fund	\$8,521.49
Perpetual loan Fund	\$12,525.00
CDs From Common Roots FCU	\$49,482.66
Operating Expense Ada Redin Estate	\$62,513.53
Robert Harris Estate	\$28,186.29
Total Designated end of July 2026	\$203,345.72

EXPENSES	
713 Shirey Overhead Doors – Balance for Parsonage windows	\$8,987.00
711 Penelec—Church	\$213.91
712 Penelec—Parsonage	\$106.59
711 Reynoldsville Water Auth -church	\$96.00
712 Reynoldsville Water Authority—Parsonage	\$96.00
711 Hugill Sanitation- 2 yd dumpster	\$50.00
713 Denny Depello – reimbursement – paint	\$27.85
711 National Fuel—Church	\$602.00
712 National Fuel—Parsonage	\$114.00
701 BMP Systems – copier staples	\$65.00
716 Eastern Elevator Service & Sales – quarterly Maint.	\$196.04
713 Christian Family Credit Union – fuel for mower	\$18.03
711 Comcast – phone & internet	\$404.13
715 BMP Systems – copier copies (3/1/26 -5/31/26)	\$126.47



On September 13th, we will welcome 9 new members to the church. Please welcome these new members: most aren't new to the church, but new to being members:

Jeff & Janine Bryan, Bryon Harry, Terri Rhodes, Joe & Shari Smith, Ken Smith, Barb Yoder and Lori Sprankle.

Some Thoughts on Church Membership and Commitment

A relationship with a church is no different than a relationship with a person. In the same way some people cycle through relationship after relationship—others cycle through church after church. The Apostle Paul reminds Timothy:

“If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the buttress of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15)

So—how ought we behave? My experience has taught me there are five stages of church commitment—each with associated behaviors:

First, when we are new to a church, we think: “This is the perfect church! I am going to give it my all!” We know this isn't realistic. There are no perfect churches. If you ever find one—you'll ruin the whole thing the moment you show up. This sense of newness is temporary because it's based on an illusion. The perfect church doesn't exist.

Second, before long, we get confused about a church and think: “What! This church isn't perfect!?” When reality pops our honeymoon balloon at a church, we feel temporarily disoriented and stunned. That this happens is stunning in itself, but it happens all the time.



The Season of Fall

- **Cooler air:** Temperatures drop from summer heat into crisp, cool days.
- **Colorful leaves:** Leaves change from green to bright shades of orange, red, and yellow before they drop to the ground.
- **Harvest time:** Farmers gather crops and food before the cold winter arrives.

The fall season represents a time of transition, harvest, and maturity. Sitting between the warmth of summer and the chill of winter, it bridges the gap between active growth and quiet rest

- **Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.**
- **Fall is proof that change is beautiful.**
- **Crisp air, cozy sweaters, and falling leaves.**
- **Autumn skies and pumpkin pies**



Third, we become disenchanted with a church: We think, “I thought this was a perfect church...” This is the point at which people say, “I have been hurt by the church.” The church isn’t whatever that person thought it would be or should be, and they are brought to a crisis point.

Fourth, we need to make a decision about the church: Either “I am going to quit this church and look for a perfect church” or “I am going to realize that no church is perfect and serve God anyway.” I want to be very clear—some churches are toxic and getting out is the right move—which is what my church recently did denominationally. If you want to be functional—don’t stay at a church that is dysfunctional. But let me give a word of caution—if we are too quick to hit the eject button every time the plane ride gets bumpy, we are sure to crash a lot of planes on one hand and never learn to pilot in bad weather on the other.

Here is the deal: even highly effective churches consist of flawed people—flawed systems—and flawed leaders—because we live in a flawed and fallen world. Sometimes leaving is the right answer, but much more often the right play is to stay and be a part of making something better.

The final stage is maturity—when we come to the place where we say: “This is an imperfect church! But it is my church, and I am going to give it my all.” Those who grow to this point get all the benefits of loving their church, but they are now in a sustainable position to serve effectively for the long haul. They don’t expect that things will be easy—systems will be flawless—and that people will never make mistakes. They understand the church is an imperfect institution—led by imperfect people—attempting to fulfill the mission of a perfect savior.

It was with people like this that Jesus Christ built his Church! Be mature in your church membership commitments, my friends!

Bishop Jeff Greenway





Guatemala Mission Trip

Carley & Addy Armagost and Monty Kunes went on a mission trip to Guatemala with Moving Mountains Missions July 11th through July 19th. Serving in the impoverished village of Santa Maria de Jesus, the group of 40 missionaries accomplished a lot during the week, giving a hand-up to those less fortunate that have no means to provide

these things for themselves. The full group was split into teams to complete various projects, and residents of the village participated in the work as well. Here are the final numbers of what was accomplished by the volunteers funded through the very generous financial donations from the supporters of Moving Mountains Missions:

- *36 sanitary water holding tank systems in multi-generational households
- *31 bunk beds & quilts for children who previously had no bed of their own
- *117 Corrugated metal replacements for rusted, leaky roofs
- *8 homes received concrete floors over the previous dirt floors
- *125+ children attended afternoon Bible School that was held Monday – Thursday.

*450 kids came through a donation center and received a pair of new shoes and an outfit of donated clothing. Friday the work projects were completed, so the full team sorted, packaged, and distributed a 40 lb. pack of food staples to 250 of the neediest families in Santa Maria. Each family sent a representative to pick up their bundle.



During the week, Carley and Addy completed bunk bed projects in the morning and helped with Bible School in the afternoon. Monty was the leader of a water tank installation team, and got to take Carley and Addy along one half day so they could experience that as well. On Friday they all helped with sorting, packaging, and distribution of hundreds of pounds of food items (beans, corn, rice, pasta, sugar, cereal, soup, etc.).

At times it was sweaty, and physically exhausting work in less than pleasant conditions, but still was a very worthwhile and rewarding experience. The project recipients (mothers, fathers, grandparents, and children) were all very gracious and expressed deep gratitude for the help they were given. The mission team was blessed to remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25:35–40: "When you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and care for the vulnerable, you are doing it unto Me." The consensus of the team was that while they made many sacrifices to travel and serve in a developing country, the abundant spiritual blessings they received more than compensated for their efforts.

