Praises and Prayer Requests

Global Outreach Partners for the Month:
AWANA
Central Pennsylvania Youth Ministries
Gideons International
Men of Iron
Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child)
Word of Life Open Air Evangelism

Homebound or in Nursing/Assisted Care: Eunice Auker, Jackie Graybill, Dorothy Leitzel, Jean Mengle, Donald and Donna Moyer, Audrey & John Renninger, Eleanor Snyder, Elaine Will

Ongoing Health Issues: Louise Apple, Judy Arnold, Mary Fogle, Esther Shaffer

Kently Stroup: recovering from knee surgery

What's Going On?

This week:

Mon.	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Women's Pickleball
Tues.	6:00am	Men's Bible Study
Wed.	9:00am	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30pm	AWANA, Youth Group, Prayer Mtg.
Thurs.	9:00am	Women's Pickleball
Fri.	9:00am	Women's Pickleball

Oct.	**11**	Men's Golf Outing
	12	M.C.C. Trip to Ephrata
	15-16	Yard Sale (Notice change of date)
Nov.	**1**	O.C.C. Packing Party
	3	O.C.C. Fundraiser Meal
	8	Holiday Coffee House
	20-22	Ladies' Retreat
Dec.	**10**	Ladies' Christmas Event
	13	Hymn Sing
	23	Christmas Eve Eve Service

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Mike Wolf

- Meetings of the Council of Elders and Administration Team are held monthly. Minutes and financial information from the previous month's meetings are approved at the next month's meetings and are available at the Welcome Center after approval.

Last Week's Sunday Morning Attendance

8:00 am: 145 10:30 am: 363

Richfield Life
MINISTRIES CHURCH

October 11, 2026

8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



Worship Service

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Praise

Scripture: Genesis 32

Message: *From Deceiver to Israel*

Speaker: Aaron Benner, Lead Pastor

Closing Song

Offering: General Fund

Offering boxes are located near the main entrances of the Sanctuary, or you can give online by going to richfieldlife.com.

Items of Interest

Study/Discipleship Groups: Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study in the office (meet.google.com/fzc-nhny-geq), Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Study in the FH, Men's & Women's Journey Groups, BUILT for women, and Men of Iron. If you are interested in more information about any of these study groups, please contact the church office at 717-694-3490.

A Men's Golf Outing is planned for today, Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Kaddy Shack Par 3 Golf Course located at 133W 11th Ave., Selinsgrove. Spots are limited to 36 players. Carts are available to those who need them, walking the course is encouraged if you are able. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided afterward. Cost is $15. Contact Jerome Kerchner at 717-513-3640 if you have questions or need more information.

A day trip to M.C.C. in Ephrata to work in their warehouse is planned for Monday, October 12. All men, women and older children/teens are invited. We will leave the church parking lot in the church van at 7:00 a.m. Bring a bag lunch and we will stop at Cracker Barrel on the way back, returning to the church at approximately 6:00 p.m. There is a wide range of opportunities to serve while there. Sign up on the sheets available at the Welcome Center or contact Bunni Newman with questions.

A class with teaching and discussion on the biblical and historical views on baptism will be held every Thursday for four weeks starting Thursday, October 15. The class will be led by Dean Martin and Pastor Aaron.

A Yard Sale will be held in the Family Life Center located at the old property on October 15-16 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **DO NOT take items to the Trek House**. Items can be placed directly in the FLC starting today, Sunday, October 11. No TVs or computer monitors are accepted as we cannot dispose of them.

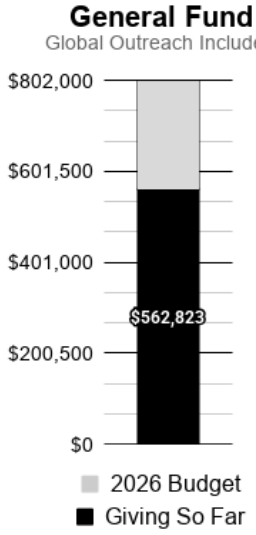
A speaker from Gideons International will be sharing on Sunday, October 18 during both worship services.

Ministry Team Appreciation: October is known as Pastor Appreciation Month. We would like to show our Ministry Team (Aaron, Ryan, Josh, Ashley, and Teresa) how much we appreciate them and all they do for RLMC. Cards of appreciation and encouragement along with gift cards or monetary gifts (if you feel led) can be placed in the card boxes located near the offering boxes. Cards and gifts will be presented on Sunday, October 25.

Financial Information

Last Week's Treasurer's Report

General Fund Offering total: $16,055
Building Fund Offering total: $ 2,064



New Elder Nominations – It is the time of year for prospective Elder nominations to begin. New Elder nominations are being accepted over the next several weeks. With the Elder qualifications in mind, members are asked to prayerfully submit names of male members to the nominating committee for consideration as prospective Elders. The nominating committee consists of Bill Troxell as chairman, Josh Thompson, Jeff Leitzel, Jim and Joyce Eichman, and Matt and Denise Hoke. Any man who aspires to be an elder, due to the calling of God, should express to the Elder Nominating Committee the desire to be considered as a prospective Elder. A full description of the Elder qualifications and the nominating process can be found in the Elder Section of our Church Constitution. Copies are available at the Welcome Center. An email can be sent to elders@richfieldlife.com.

Dr. Wess Stafford, former president of Compassion International and internationally recognized advocate for children in poverty, will be speaking during both worship services on Sunday, November 1.

B.U.I.L.T. (Building Up In Life Together) is a one-on-one mentorship program for women. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in participating. Contact Jana Snyder at 570-452-6323 for more information.

For your convenience, a room with a live stream of the second worship service is available for nursing mothers in the Nursing Mothers Room.

Childcare	Today's Volunteers	Next Week's Volunteers
Infants Ages 0-24 months	Taryn Hoffman Ali Hornberger Joanna Hess Shayne Heimbach	Erica Rhoads Emily Moyer Mallory Heimbach Aspen Hoffman Carly Lehman
Toddlers Ages 2-3 yrs.	Sara Osgood Tricia Klink Isaiah Osgood Ali Sheaffer Neveah Newell	Karen Stauffer Bob Stauffer Ashlyn Hoffman Ayden Heimbach Aaron Yakamook
Pre-K 4 yrs- Pre-K	Jamie Alderfer Aiden Aitkins	Lydia Benner Matt Hoke
Children's Church Grades K-4	Teresa Sheaffer Tom Reichenbach	Teresa Sheaffer Trish Hoffman
Sunday School Nursery	Lydia Nace Lisa Ferster	Amanda Miller Sara Osgood

The O.C.C. Fundraiser Meal is coming up on Tuesday, November 3. We are looking for monetary donations to buy the turkey. If you are willing to help in this way, donations can be dropped in the offering. Be sure to mark your envelope for O.C.C. Meal so that it gets to the right place.

***This could be the last Turkey Meal Fundraiser** for O.C.C. as the main cooks are hanging up their aprons. If you would be interested in taking on this tradition or even starting something new, please contact the church office at 717-694-3490.

Mom's Group will be held in the Garage every second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. starting October 13. Whether you are a first-time mom or have been doing this for years - you have a place here! Children play together and moms fellowship together.

Child Dedication is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 and the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, contact the church office.

Wednesday Night Attendance

AWANA: Leaders:

Youth: Leaders:

Global Outreach Card Project - Today is the first Sunday of the month! Don't forget to pick up a stamped, addressed, and ready to send card at the Welcome Center, write an encouraging note and send to a Global Outreach partner. This is a great way to get to know our Global Outreach partners and their ministries. WeGO (Women Encouraging Global Outreach) makes it easier than easy for you by providing a card with a stamped, addressed and ready-to-send envelope.

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Daily Bread Devotionals can be found on the table located in the foyer outside the Lobby under the Community Events board.

Ladies' Pickleball: All ladies are invited to play Pickleball in the Garage every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. No experience is needed. Equipment is provided. Join us for a fun time of exercise and fellowship! It is a big dill!

New members listed below will be welcomed to RLMC Sunday, August 24. According to our Church Constitution, if there is any known reason the applicants should be reconsidered before becoming members of RLMC, the Council of Elders should be contacted before Sunday, August 24.

Ladies Event: All ladies are invited to Hick's Hideaway, located at 504 Pine Grove Drive in Mifflintown, on Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship, worship, and food. Dinner is provided. Just join us and bring a friend! Sign up sheets are available at the welcome centers. If you have any questions, contact Penny at 717-994-0064.

O.C.C. Item of the Month: Notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, and markers.

Each month different items are collected to prepare for the annual O.C.C. Shoebox Packing Party held in October. Items can be placed in the boxes available in the church and FLC foyers.

AWANA will be starting on Wednesday, September 17. Please be praying about volunteering in one of the many areas of AWANA. Talk to Ashley Scholl or Oscar Strawser if you are interested or need more information. If you have volunteered before and would like to continue, reach out to Ashley or Oscar as they will be contacting volunteers in the coming weeks.

Join us at Jerry and Onie Lauver's pond this evening, Sunday, August 17. We will enjoy a time of fellowship at 5:00 p.m. Hot dogs and place settings will be provided. Bring a snack and/or drink to share and a lawn chair. You are welcome to swim, but children must be supervised by an adult. Bring your own swim gear and towels. If you would like to be baptized at the pond, contact Pastor Aaron or the church office.

Those being baptized: Aubrey Arnold, Lexi McAlister, Chance Minium, Ali Sheaffer, and Vivianna Wolf.

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Adopt-a-College Student - This is a ministry that runs parallel with the Young Adult Ministry. It is an opportunity for the church family to continue to support our college students while they are away at college. Twenty sponsors are needed. If you would be willing to pray for, reach out to, and even send small care packages to our college students, please contact Josh Thompson at 443-262-5313. You can request a specific student or allow Josh to choose for you.

The Christmas season is only a few short weeks away! Along with the many wonderful events Christmas brings, the RLMC Children's Christmas Program is always a highlight! Christmas program practice for children in grades K-6 will begin on Sunday, October 5 during the second worship service. The program will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 9:15 a.m. We are in search of adults who would like to assist in coordinating the production. If this person is you, please contact Brenda Esterline in person, at 717-694-3095, or bjesterline@gmail.com.

A speaker from Gideons International will be sharing on Sunday, October 18 during both worship services.

The O.C.C. Fundraiser Meal is coming up on Tuesday, November 4. In the past, the turkey for the meal has been donated, but we are unable to get it donated this year. We are looking for monetary donations to buy the turkey. If you are willing to help in this way, donations can be dropped in the offering. Be sure to mark your envelope for O.C.C. Meal so that it gets to the right place.

Harvest Home - For many years, RLMC has supported local food pantries through our Harvest Home project. While we once collected food items, it's now more helpful to give monetary donations so pantries can purchase what's most needed. Children will receive Harvest Home envelopes in Sunday School, and adults can pick theirs up at the welcome center. Mr. Turkey will visit children's classes on Sunday, October 26 and Sunday, November 2 to collect envelopes. Adults may place theirs in the offering boxes. Let's join together to bless our community this Harvest Home season!

Volunteers Needed for the O.C.C. Fundraiser Meal being held on Tuesday, November 4. Contact the church office at 717-694-3490 if you are able to help with any of the following needs:

- Desserts of all kinds (including gluten/dairy free).
- Electric Roasters—if you have an electric roaster to lend, mark all pieces clearly (no racks needed) and bring to FLC kitchen by Monday, Nov. 3.
- Someone to oversee making or finding someone to make gluten/dairy free options for the meal.

A Yard Sale will be held in the Family Life Center October 16-17 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Donated items can be directly placed in the Family Life Center starting Sunday, October 12. No TVs or computer monitors are accepted as we cannot dispose of them. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the yard sale on Monday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m. to noon and Wednesday, October 15 from 8:00 a.m. to finish.

Next Steps class will be held for 3-4 weeks starting next Sunday, July 6 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 5 in the basement of the Fellowship Hall. This class is for anyone who is attending RLMC for the first time or has been attending and is interested in more information. We will cover information about RLMC, our history, leadership, and ministries as well as opportunities for you to get involved.

A Worship Night will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for night of worship and praise to our great and glorious God!

Christmas Worship Night will be held on Sunday, December 7 in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. This will be a time of contemporary worship. We will also have Christmas cookie potluck. Bring your favorite cookies to share.

A Christmas Hymn Sing will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.

The O.C.C. shoebox packing party will be held next Sunday, November 2 during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 a.m. We will have three packing parties set up for different age groups to pack. Children in grades K - 6 will report to their Sunday School classrooms. They will then go together as a class to the Garage to pack shoeboxes. Grades 7-12 will pack shoeboxes in the youth room, and adults will pack in the Lobby. We have basic school supplies such as notebooks and toothbrushes for all boxes, but as always, we could use more "filler" items. So consider bringing

some fun items to add to the boxes.

Grief Share: The Richfield Life Ministries Church Grief Share group will be hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" session on Friday, November 14 at 6:00pm. This is a one-day two-hour session in the Fellowship Room (new facility) with a meal provided. This program provides help for those who have suffered loss to navigate through this difficult holiday season. To register contact Debra Nace-Metzger at 570-939-1476.

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring all military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. It marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Harvest Home - Approximately $734 was collected for the Juniata County Food Pantry. Thank you to Mr. Turkey for collecting the envelopes and to everyone who participated.

Thank you to all who donated and helped in any way with this year's shoebox project. Thanks to you 1,756 boxes, or as Samaritan's Purse calls them, 1,756 Gospel Opportunity boxes. Continue to pray for each box and the child who will receive it. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped in any way with the Turkey Fundraiser Meal. We raised over $15,000 to help with shipping costs and the cost of gospel material to be placed in the boxes.

It is time to order new offering envelopes for 2026. Please contact the church office at 717-694-3490 by Sunday, November 30 if you would like to begin or discontinue using offering envelopes. If you already use the envelope system and want to continue, there is no need to contact the office. To receive a total giving statement at the end of the year, you can use the envelope system, give online, or write a check. If you are interested in giving online or need help getting an online account started, contact the church office.

Please join us for a Christmas Eve Eve candlelight service on Tuesday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be celebrating Jesus with worship through singing and special music. An offering will be taken. All proceeds will be directed toward the Christmas Blessings distribution, except funds identified for specific church ministry funds.

Christmas Blessings - In an effort to minister to the needs of the people of our community, RLMC is taking an offering at the Christmas Eve Eve service. We encourage our church family to refer individuals or organizations to receive a Christmas Blessing. Forms are available at the welcome center.

The Annual Members meeting will be held Sunday, January 18 at 9:15 a.m. during Sunday School. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to adopt an annual General Operating Budget and to confirm prospective Elders.

Ladies Christmas Celebration - All ladies over 18 years of age are invited to the Ladies Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, December 10 in the Fellowship Room in the new church. Bring a friend, a food dish or dessert to share and a $5 wrapped gift for the exchange (optional). If you would be willing to bring a gluten-free dish or dessert, contact Kim Pellman at 717-543-3966.

A Christmas Hymn Sing will be held in the Lobby on Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to donate a dessert, contact Emily Smith at 717-435-0772.

Christmas Worship Night and Cookie Potluck will be held on Sunday, December 7 in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. This will be a time of contemporary worship. We will also have a Christmas cookie potluck. Bring your favorite cookies to share. If you would like to participate by doing anything performative such as sing, play an instrument, dance, recite, etc., contact Emily Smith at 717-435-0772.

A Worship Night will be held tonight, Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for a night of worship and praise to our great and glorious God!

Co-Ed Volleyball begins early January. Games will be held mostly Mondays and Tuesdays with an occasional Thursday. Each team plays once a week (6 games per evening). Teams consist of 3 guys and 3 girls. A girl can be replaced by either a guy under the age of 16 before 2025 or a guy over the age of 50 before 2025. Contact Oscar Strawser at 570-541-6136 or sign up on the sheets available at the welcome centers if you are interested in getting a team to play.

Schedule for Sunday, December 14 Services

8:00	First Worship Service
8:45	Ages 2 - Pre-K meet in regular classrooms
	Grades K-6 meet in the Garage
9:15	Children's Christmas Program
10:45	Second Worship Service

We are updating our church directory. If you have any changes of address, phone number/s, or email, or if you would like added or deleted from the directory, please contact the church office. If you do not contact the office with changes, we will assume your information should remain the same.

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All year-end giving should be dropped at the office or post marked by the end of the day on Wednesday, December 31.

Offering envelopes for 2026 are in church mailboxes. Please do not start using them until after January 1.

Staff hours in the office will be limited between Christmas and New Year's . Thank you for your understanding and Happy New Year!

Lost and Found coats, jackets and other items are located outside the lobby by the front entrance. Items that are not claimed by the end of this month will be donated.

An updated 2026 Global Outreach Prayer Guide is available at the Welcome Center. This guide contains all the Global Outreach partners and projects RLMC supports financially. Please take one and help support our partners through prayer.

GriefShare, a support group for those who are suffering the loss of a loved one will start today, Sunday, March 15 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the old facility. Contact Debra Nace-Metzger at 570-939-1476 if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Next Steps class will be held for 3-4 weeks (if no delays) starting today, Sunday, April 26 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary classroom. This class is for anyone who is attending RLMC for the first time or has been attending and is interested in more information. We will cover information about RLMC, our history, leadership, and ministries as well as opportunities for you to get involved.

Welcome!

Lily Jane Graybill - born on September 4, 2026, weighing 8 lbs. Parents are Jay and Riley. Big brother is Jayson. Paternal grandparents are Merv and Janessa Graybill. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Erin Czech.

Building report as of 8/31/26:

YTD Income	$1,070,039
YTD Expense	$ 384,552
YTD Balance	$1,007,354
YTD Loan Balance as of 8/31/26	$2,874,356
Steeple Fund	$ 15,960
Pavilion Fund	$ 110

Would you like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and reminders through the church phone tree? You can receive this information by email, text message, or phone call. If you would like to be added, contact the church office with your information. If you are currently receiving phone calls and prefer to receive text messages on your cell phone and avoid the intrusiveness of phone calls, text ALERT to 22300.

Pray for our college students - There are bookmarks with the names of RLMC's college students available at the Welcome Center. Please join us in praying for them during this school year.

The Coffee Station is looking for volunteers to help set up, make, and clean up the coffee station. Two volunteers are needed each week. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center.

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