

THE CIRCUIT WRITER



Sunday Service

Service times

8 am Worship on the 4th
Sunday of the month
9 am Adult Sunday School
10 am Worship (Children's
Church will return in the fall)

PA Route 284. Between English Center and Buttonwood, Pennsylvania. Officially, its name is Blockhouse Road but we called it "The Dead Animal Road." Every time we traveled the road, we would see at least one dead animal laying in or along the road. I'm often reminded of "The Dead Animal Road" as I travel back and forth between Waynesboro and Littlestown. It seems like every time I drive the roads between the two towns I see a dead animal. Birds, ground hogs, rabbits, skunks, possums, deer, and an occasional domestic animal. And I have to confess, I've hit a bird or two in my travels.

One day a bird came flying out of nowhere right in front of me. It almost made it, but I caught it with the corner of the car. I looked in my rearview mirror and saw it laying in the road. Then I saw something amazing yet sad happen. Another bird flew down to it, as if to see if it was ok or if it could help the bird I hit. Or to grieve its death.

One day a boy and his father were walking along and came upon a dead bird laying on the ground. They stopped to look at it and the boy asked, "Why do things have to die?" The father answered, "Things die so we appreciate how wonderful and precious life is."

Life is wonderful and precious. No matter what we are going through in our lives, our lives are wonderful and precious. And we can live without the fear of death because Jesus destroyed death so we can have everlasting life. As that well-known verse says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) And when Jesus was consoling Martha after the death of her brother Lazarus, He said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

Life is wonderful and precious. Life is a gift from God. Cherish that gift. Cherish your life, and the lives of others.

Grace, Peace, and Joy in Christ!

~ Pastor Mick

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 3:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Voices of Praise	2	3
4 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	5	6 5:30 Hungry for More	7 ZUMBA 3 pm GFWC Cub Scouts	8 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Voices of Praise	9	10
11 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	12 Boy Scouts	13 3:30 United Women of Faith	14 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	15 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Voices of Praise	16	17
18 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 6:30 pm Charge Conference	19 Boy Scouts	20 Historical Society Trivia Night	21 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	22 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Voices of Praise	23	24
25 8 am Service 9 am Sunday School 10 am Contemporary Worship	26 Boy Scouts	27 6 pm Boy Scouts Leader meeting	28 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	29 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Voices of Praise	30	31

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS 4th QUARTER					
Date	Special Dates	Greeters	Counters	Communion	Liturgists-10:00
Oct 4 2026	World Wide Communion	Ted & Amy Debnam	Carter & ?????	Taffy & Gwen	
Oct 11 2026		Lynn & Taffy Crosley	Segessenman & Bennett		Judy Young
Oct 18 2026	Charge Conference	Penny & Rob Segessenman	Davis & Carter		Gloria Gouker
Oct 25 2026	Voices of Praise Baskets of Love	Barb Herman & Gwen Updyke	Updyke & Davis		Voices of Praise
Nov 1 2026	Communion & Daylight Savings Time Ends	Sharon & Dave Lentzner	Davis & Carter	Dave & Laura	Barb Herman
Nov 8 2026		Penny & Rob Segessenman	Segessenman & Bennett		Penny Segessenman
Nov 15 2026		Joanne & John Bennett	Davis & Carter		Dave Wolf
Nov 22 2026	Voices of Praise Baskets of Love	Lynn & Taffy Crosley	Updyke & Carter		Voices of Praise
Nov 29 2026		Barb Herman & Gwen Updyke	?????		Ted Debnam
Dec 6 2026	Communion	Joanne & John Bennett	Davis & Carter	Anne & Amy	Barb Dawes
Dec 13 2026		Penny & Rob Segessenman	Segessenman & Bennett		Gloria Gouker
Dec 20 2026		Lynn & Taffy Crosley	Davis & Carter		Penny Segessenmen
Dec 24 2026	Christmas Eve		NA		
Dec 27 2026	Voices of Praise	Barb Herman & Gwen Updyke	Updyke & Carter		Voices of Praise



- 2 Donna Carlson
- 5 Elvan Fair
- 11 Grayson Happel
- 14 Beverly Carter
- 15 Randy Herman
- 18 Heather Segessenman
- 20 Lisa Wolf
- 22 Amy Debnam
- 24 Joyce Unger
- 26 Jamie Jackson
- 31 Trevor Hollie

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The Deadline for the
November newsletter is
Wednesday, October 21

RUTH'S HARVEST SCHEDULE FOR 2026/2027 school year.

Bart's Centenary helps the Ruth's Harvest group pack meals for weekends and holidays off from school from September to June every school year. We meet at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Littlestown the 2nd week of each month at 1:15 p.m. With enough volunteers we can be done in about 1/2 hour. This is an easy way to help the children in our community. Please help us out.

October 8, 2026
November 12, 2026
December 10, 2026
January 14, 2027
February 11, 2027
March 11, 2027
April 8, 2027
May 13, 2027

United Women in Faith

Operation Christmas Child

It is time once again to pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Detailed flyers about this event are available on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. There are four ways that you can help - 1) Donate items according to the directions on the flyer. Donated items can be placed in the plastic container marked "Operation Christmas Child" located near the entrance to the sanctuary. 2) Donate money. Each shoe box costs \$10.00 to ship; however, any amount will help. Mark an envelope with "Operation Christmas Child" and place it in the collection plate during the church service. 3) Help start packing shoe boxes with the United Women of Faith on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. 5) PRAY! Please pray for all those involved in the Operation Christmas Child effort. Any donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 1, 2026. Thank you very much in advance for any and all support for this effort!

Littlestown Area Historical Society Programs for the fall of 2026:

- October 20th, A 250th Trivia Night;
- November 17th, A Delta Airline Flight Attendant's story by Littlestown own, Darla (Harner) Conover. No program in December.

The Walk in Faith group will be doing a hike on Sunday, October 4th at 4 pm at the East Calvary Battlefield in Gettysburg. This walk along the road is level and can accommodate different distances based on the group's preference. Parking can be found at the end of 287-299 Calvary Road.

Join us after church on Sunday, October 18th for a slice of pizza and a chance to celebrate Pastor Appreciation month. We hope you can make it!

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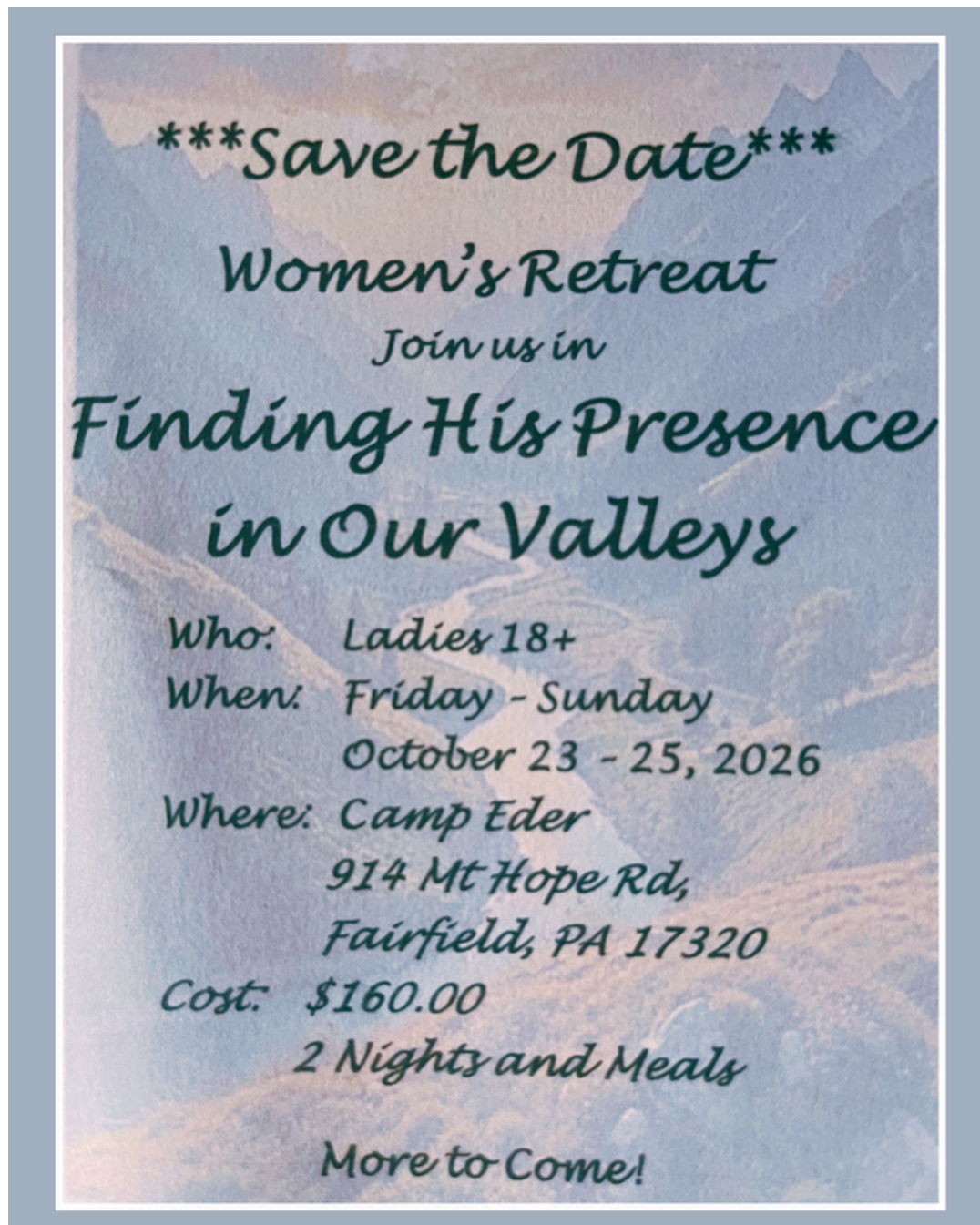
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This Month Events

**Charge Conference on Sunday,
October 18th at Gettysburg UMC**

Ben Hanna, a Scout from Troop 501 and den Chief for our own Cub Scout pack, is getting ready to do his Eagle Scout Project. He has chosen to do his project at Barts! He will be removing the privacy fence across from the garden that is falling down and installing a new fence! He is selling R&K subs as a fundraiser for the project. If you are interested, Order forms are posted outside the sanctuary.

Payments can be put in the Scouts mailbox. Any checks should be made to Troop 501. If you don't want subs but would like to donate towards the project you can put any donation in the scouts box marked for Ben's Eagle project, or see Ernie.



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